

COLORED ODD FELLOWS
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DEDICATE NEW BUILDING
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**Ceremonies Held at Structure on
 Cranston Street.**

The new three-story lodge building of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows at 314 Cranston street was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies yesterday afternoon. The dedication marks the culmination of 30 years of effort by the members of this lodge of colored people to obtain a permanent home of their own.

The building is of brick, with a store on the ground floor and a small hall in the rear, a large hall on the second floor and other rooms for various activities of the lodge on the third floor. The building was authorized on April 30, 1914, when \$20,000 was appropriated for the purpose. Ground was broken on Aug. 16, 1915, the cornerstone was laid July 16, 1916, and the structure was completed in December.

F. I. Johnson was master of ceremonies at the dedication. Rev. L. W. Boynton, D. D., gave the opening prayer. Dr. W. H. Higgins thanked the people of Providence and the members of the order for their assistance in making the structure a reality, in his address of dedication. J. G. LeCount gave a history of the organization and its attempts to secure a home of its own. Other addresses were made by W. A. Heathman, who spoke on the benefits of fraternalism; M. R. Armstrong, who urged the members to show what they could do as a race in an organization for fraternal purposes, and W. H. Gross, who presented the original charter of the society to the lodge.

F. A. Brown recited a poem, and Miss Ethel Warwick, Miss Olive L. Williams and Asa Mars sang solos. Several ex-presidents of the order, visiting members, and members of the two Households, the woman's auxiliary of the order, gave brief addresses. Several hymns were sung by the audience, which filled the hall.