

Treasures of the Medical Society of the County of Kings

The oldest scientific organization in Brooklyn

Donald E. Moore MD,MPH
Directing Librarian

Commemorative Bicentennial Meeting
March 2, 2022

Flatbush and Church Avenues



1822

Home of Dr. Adrian Vanderveer, Flatbush, where Medical Society of County of Kings was organized. 9 members

Minutes of the First Meeting

March 2, 1822

President- Corneilus Low

Vice President- Matthew
Wendell

Secretary- Adrian
Vanderveer

Treasurer- John
Carpenter

Censors- Charles Ball,
Joseph G.T. Hunt and
Thomas W. Henry

**Delegate to the State
Medical Society-**
Matthew Wendell

Minutes of the Kings County Medical
Society. organised March 2nd 1822.-----

A number of the Physicians of the County of
Kings, met in the village of Flatbush, on Monday
the 25th of February, 1822 pursuant to previous
notice. present. Drs. Charles Ball, Matthew
Wendell, John Carpenter, William D. Creed,
Francis H. Dubois & Adrian Vanderveer.-----

Dr. Ball was called to the Chair & Adrian Van-
derveer chosen Secretary.-----
On Motion,

Committee
to draft
By-Laws.

Resolved; That a Committee be appointed
to draft By-Laws, for the Regulations of a Medical
Society, & that they report at the next meeting of the
Physicians; of which due notice will be given.-----
On Motion,

Resolved, That Drs. Wendell, Dubois
& Vanderveer constitute the Committee.-----
On Motion,

Adjourn
to
March 2nd

Resolved, That an adjourned meeting
be held, at the House of William Flaherman, in
Brooklyn, on Saturday, March 2nd at 2 O'Clock P.M.
for the purpose of organising a Society & electing
officers.-----
On Motion,

Resolved, That this Meeting adjourn, to
meet again, at the next place next shall meet
Charles Ball Secy
Adrian Vanderveer, Secy

ORGANIZATION
And
BY-LAWS
Of The
Kings County Medical
Association.

Kings County Medical Society

In 1906 the New York State Legislature passed **“An Act to Incorporate Medical Societies for the Purpose of Regulating Physic and Surgery in the State”**. The first license granted by Kings County Medical Society was to Dr. John Carpenter in 1822. The first physician proposed for membership in 1823 was Dr. Nelson L. Hurd, a graduate of Yale Medical College

MSCK SEAL

In God is
knowledge
and
welfare



*Scientia Salusque Deo
In God is knowledge and welfare*

*Societas Medica Comitatus Regis
Instituta, A.D. - 1822.*

*The Medical Society of the County
of Kings Established, A.D. - 1822.*

THE SEAL AS WE KNOW IT TODAY



Call to
Meeting
Friday,
October
11, 1859
at 8:30 PM

THE KINGS COUNTY MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION.

BROOKLYN, Oct. 9, 1859.
The twenty-second regular meeting of the Association will be held
in Wurzler's Building, No. 315 Washington street, third floor, over
the Post Office, on Friday evening, October 11th, at half-past eight
o'clock.

Members and guests will please observe the change to a more central
place of meeting, and also the change from the first Tuesday of each
month, to the second Friday.

The first order of business will be the report of the delegation to
the late meeting of The American Medical Association.
At 9 o'clock Dr. A. H. Buckmaster will present a paper "On the
Use of Electricity in Extra Uterine Pregnancy." Then, should there
be time, guests and members will be invited to give their experience
upon this accidental complication of gestation.

At the last meeting the following physicians were elected to mem-
bership in the Association:

DR. J. SCOTT WOOD, of No. 113 Berkeley place.
DR. PHILIP J. GENTNER, of No. 384 Court street.

All regular practitioners of medicine and medical students are
invited to attend the meetings and participate in the discussions, and
to remain as guests of the Association after the meetings.

Copies of the By-Laws, and blank applications for membership will
be found with the Registry book, at the door of entrance.

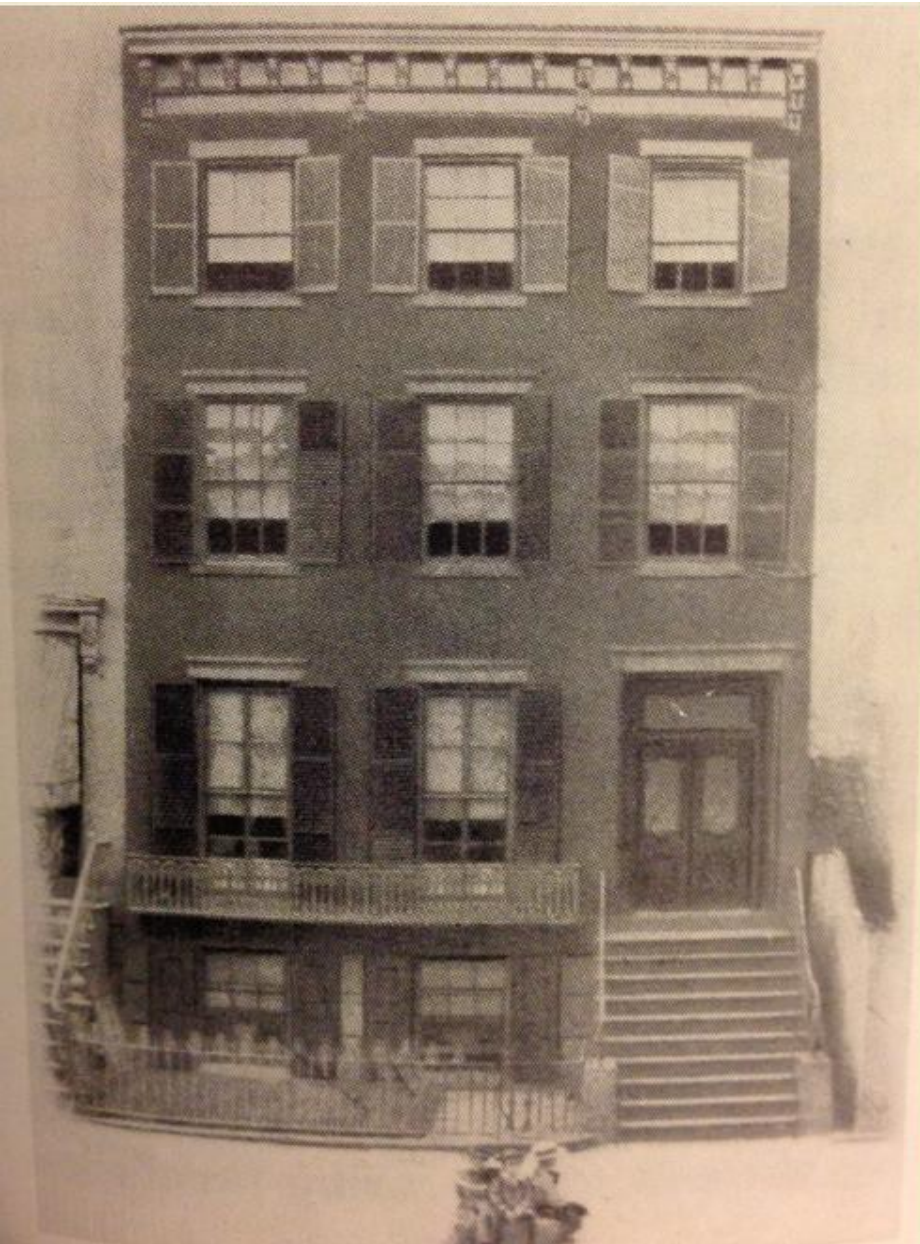
All who attend, whether members or guests, are invited to register
their names, that they may receive notice of the meetings.

By order of the Executive Committee,

J. C. BIERWIRTH,
Secretary.

J. B. Van
E. H. Quibb
E. R. Quibb
S. H. Benton
J. M. Cotton
J. M. C. Burpitt
J. M. Burpitt
E. P. M. Burpitt

The first building owned by MSCK



Located at 356 Bridge Street, a modest gas illuminated brownstone, bought in 1887 for \$7,600, of which \$5,050 was raised from dues from the 268 members. It was sold in 1898.

New members elected to the Society in 1887

The following physicians were elected to membership at the meeting of April 5th, 1887.

DRS. CHAUNCEY L. MITCHELL,
GEORGE EVERSON,
WILLIAM WATTERWORTH,
H. D. BLISS,

JOHN C. VANDERVEER,
E. J. CAROLAN,
JAMES WATT,
JOHN A. RAY.

The following are recommended by the Executive Committee for election to membership, and they will be balloted for at the meeting of May 3d, 1887.

DR. ALBERT BRINCKMAN, of 150 Wyckoff street, Brooklyn.
DR. JOHN E. RICHARDSON, of 125 South Oxford street, Brooklyn.
DR. F. D. BAILEY, of No. 214 Madison street, Brooklyn.
DR. FREDERICK EDMISTER, of 299½ Twelfth street, Brooklyn.
DR. JOHN H. TRENT, of 202 Seventeenth street, Brooklyn.
DR. GEORGE A. OSTRANDER, of 61 Greene avenue, Brooklyn.
~~DR. LOUIS BARKAN, of 162 Union street, Brooklyn.~~
DR. EDWARD S. BOGERT, U. S. Navy, U. S. Navy Yard, Brooklyn.

By order of the Executive Committee.

R. M. WYCKOFF,
Recording Secretary.

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| ✓ R. M. Wyckoff | ✓ G. M. Lloyd |
| ✓ W. G. Russell | ✓ Julius C. Bierwith |
| ✓ R. H. Orms | ✓ J. G. Knefflin |
| ✓ E. H. Squibb | ✓ John C. Vanderveer |
| ✓ H. S. May | ✓ Gilliland P. Beach |
| ✓ E. R. Squibb | ✓ W. E. Deener |
| ✓ A. M. Bell | ✓ A. Fleighton |
| ✓ Geo. H. Ostrander | ✓ J. J. Conway |
| ✓ B. J. Fitzmaurice | ✓ J. J. Keane |
| ✓ M. Williams | ✓ C. D. Minton |
| ✓ G. C. W. Hinke | ✓ M. R. Winchell |
| ✓ Eugene Colton | ✓ W. G. Gardiner |
| ✓ Veranus Moore | ✓ L. G. Laroche |
| ✓ John A. Corkeron | ✓ W. M. Develer |
| ✓ James Watt | ✓ E. H. Beaton |
| ✓ Avery Segus | ✓ H. K. Bell |
| ✓ David Humber | |

Framed Photograph of MSCK Building Committee (Executive) 1894-1900

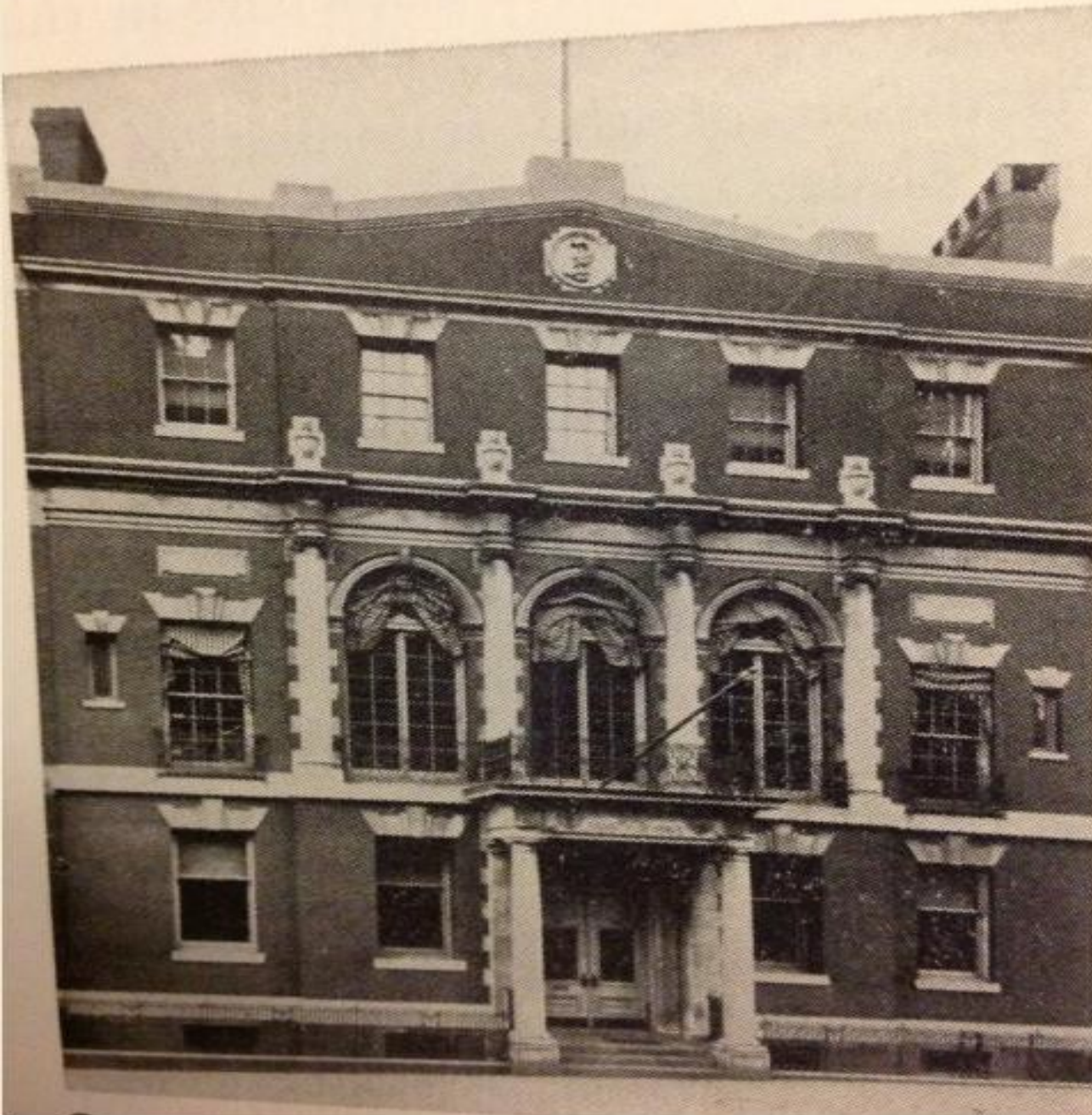
William Maddren, MD
William Bowning, MD (Secretary)
Frank E West, MD (Chairman)
Charles Jewett, MD
George McNaughton, MD



1313

Bedford Avenue

The geographical center of Brooklyn, the cornerstone was laid in on 11/10/1898 and was opened to the membership on 5/19/1900. It cost \$87,000 (2.6M today's dollars) : \$17,500 for land, \$50,000 for construction of the building and \$20,000 for furnishings.



The First Meeting of Kings County Medical Society in the Society's new building

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January 16, 1900



The first meeting of the Medical Society of the County of Kings,
held in the Society Building 1313-1315 Bedford Avenue,
on the evening of January 16th, 1900

Centennial 1922



MacNaughton Auditorium

Centennial 1922



1. Hon. Luke D. Stapleton
2. Nicholas Murray Butler
3. Hon. Royal S. Copeland
4. Rev. John F. Carson
5. Rev. Alexander Lyons

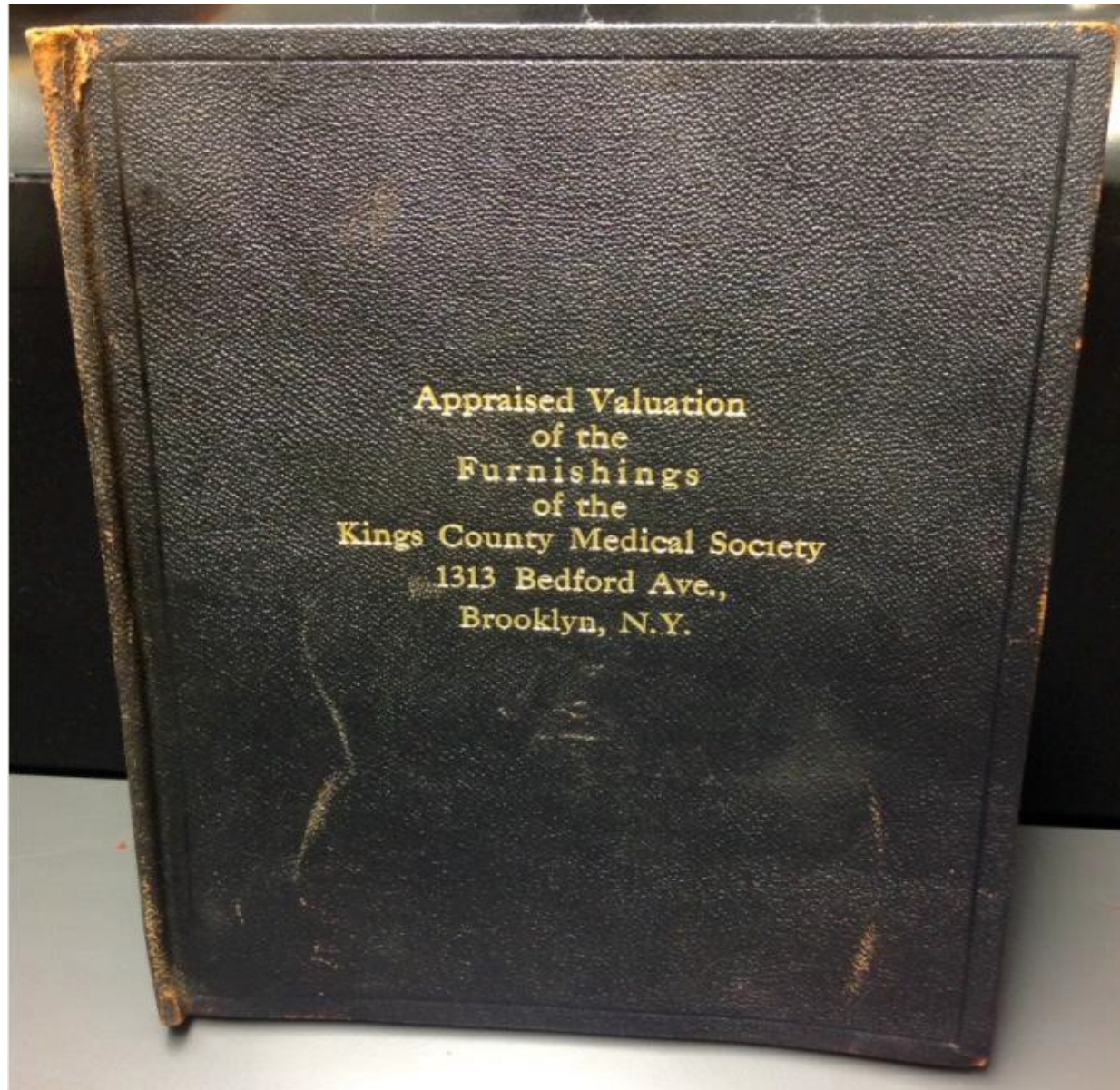
Our Anniversary
Kings County Medical Society
1822-1922

Foundation Day Exercises
Commemorating the founding of the
Medical Society of the County of Kings
Mac Naughton Auditorium
October 7th 1922



Appraisal 1927

Executed by the Continental Appraisal Company March 31, 1927



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SUMMARY					
		Pages	Rep. Value	Ins. Value	
Basement		1	491 50	440 50	
First Floor	Entrance Hall	2	1866 50	1760 50	
	Reception Room	5	2968 50	2851 00	
	Society Office	8	1713 50	1577 00	
	Auditorium	10	1156 25	897 25	
	Store Room	12	202 50	195 50	
	Ladies' Room	12	19 50	12 50	
	Stairs to Second Floor and Hall	13	54 00	54 00	
Second Floor	Store Room Off Hall	13	10 00	8 00	
	Library Reading Room	14	4519 50	4015 00	
	Smoking Room	19	518 50	447 00	
	Librarian's Office	20	1217 70	1001 70	
	Foreign Periodicals	23	882 00	716 00	
Third Floor	Office of Secretary and Treasurer	25	617 75	583 75	
	Large Section Room	26	1491 00	1152 00	
	Addressograph Department	28	1051 00	922 00	
	Store Room	30	155 00	119 00	
	Total		18934 70	16752 70	

Note:-Rep. Value means Reproductive Value or what it would cost to reproduce the object today, new.

Ins. Value means Insurable Value or the actual value in its present condition.

**Total
furnishings
\$18,934
worth
\$284,000
in today's
dollars**

The Reading Room



The Reading Room of the Library of the Medical Society of the County of Kings as it looked in the 1920's. The Massive Carved Table in the Foreground is One of the Two Tables Moved to the Rare Book Room at Downstate.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

	Total	Society	Other Income & Expenses
<i>GENERAL FUND</i>			
Operating Expenses for year 1951.....	\$ 52,027.00	\$ 33,932.00	\$18,095.00
Salaries of Employees for year 1951.....	86,224.00	70,414.00	15,810.00
Total Expenses for year 1951.....	\$138,251.00	\$104,346.00	\$33,905.00
Income for year 1951.....	136,966.00	100,120.00	36,846.00
Deficit	\$ 1,285.00	\$ 4,226.00	
Income over Expenses.....			\$ 2,941.00
Operating Expenses for year 1952 (Partly Estimated)	\$ 57,870.00	\$ 40,733.00	\$17,137.00
Salaries for Employees for year 1952.....	93,582.00	75,347.00	18,235.00
Total Expenses for year 1952.....	\$151,452.00	\$116,080.00	\$35,372.00
Income for year 1952.....	157,825.00	122,410.00	35,415.00
Income over Expenses for year 1952.....	\$ 6,373.00	\$ 6,330.00	\$ 43.00

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY MANDELBAUM, M.D.,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

December 31st, 1951

Total Active Members January 1st, 1951		3581
GAINS:		
New Members	74	
Former Members re-elected & reinstated	34	108
		3689
LOSSES:		
Resignations Accepted	50	
Deaths	35	
Transfers to other Societies	46	
Dropped for non-payment of dues	63	194
Total Active Members Dec. 31st, 1951		3495
(Including 57 Retired and 22 Honorary Members)		
Corresponding Members		36
Intern Members		35
Hospital Resident Members		62
Associate Members		5
Student Members		7
Total Membership (all classes) Dec. 31st, 1951		3640
Pending election to membership Dec. 31st, 1951		36

Membership and
Revenues in 1952

The Society
had **3610**
members in
1951 and 74
were new
members that
year.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS
and ACADEMY OF MEDICINE OF BROOKLYN
1313 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn 16, N. Y.
COMITIA MINORA FROM JULY 1, 1952 TO JULY 1, 1953

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
Loth Berger, 821 Prospect Place
PRESIDENT-ELECT AND FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
Alfred P. Ingegno, 119-6th Avenue
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT
Harry Mandelbaum, 371 Ocean Avenue
SECRETARY
Abraham D. Segal, 3420 Avenue J

ASSOCIATE SECRETARY
Warren A. Lapp, 2104 Foster Avenue
TREASURER
Nicholas H. Ryan, 142 Joralemon Street
ASSOCIATE TREASURER
James L. O'Leary, 417 Ocean Avenue
DIRECTING LIBRARIAN
Harold R. Merwarth, 30-8th Avenue
ASSOCIATE DIRECTING LIBRARIAN AND CURATOR
George E. Anderson, 43 Clinton Avenue

TRUSTEES

John J. Masterson, Chairman *Thurman B. Givan, Vice-Chairman* *Benjamin M. Bernstein, Secretary*
One Year

Benjamin M. Bernstein
80 Plaza Street
Abraham Kopolowitz
61 Eastern Parkway
Thomas A. McGoldrick
294 Clinton Avenue

Three Years

Thomas M. Brennan
39-8th Avenue
Edwin A. Griffin
18 Prospect Park West
Edwin J. Grace
121 Ft. Greene Place

Two Years

Charles A. Anderson
32-8th Avenue
A. W. Martin Marino
80 Hanson Place
John J. Masterson
401-76th Street

Four Years

Samuel Lubin
1 Nevins Street
Irving J. Sands
202 New York Avenue
Solomon Schusheim
3051 Ocean Avenue

Five Years

Thurman B. Givan
115 Remsen Street
Charles H. Loughran
277 Park Place
Charles W. Mueller
2104 Foster Avenue

CENSORS

Two Years

Aaron Kottler, 8404 Bay Parkway
Isaac Levine, 1219-49th Street
Rosario P. San Filippo, 7714-16th Avenue

One Year

J. Flynn, 8302 Ridge Blvd. (Secretary)
et F. Warren, 200 Hicks Street
and Rascoff, 891 Eastern Parkway
Weintrob, 1703 Ave. H (Senior Censor)

MEMBERS AT LARGE OF THE COMITIA MINORA

David Farber, Wm. Fusaro, Harry A. Mackler, Leroy A. Payne, Louis S. Specter

DELEGATES FOR 1953

Arthur P. Kane
David Kershner
Samuel Lubin
Irving M. Pallin

Solomon Schusheim
Abraham D. Segal
Morris Weintrob

DELEGATES FOR 1953 - 1954

Aaron Kottler
Isaac Levine
Charles H. Loughran
A. W. Martin Marino

Charles F. McCarty
David B. Monheit
Charles W. Mueller
Irving J. Sands

LIBRARIAN

Mr. Wesley Draper
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN
Mr. John Ische

COUNSEL

Edmund A. Whalen, Esq.

STAFF
MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS
AND ACADEMY OF MEDICINE OF BROOKLYN

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Dr. Charles F. McCarty
Assistant Director
Miss Hazel Spadolora

Assistant Secretaries

Mrs. Helen Phillips, Miss Irene Ruzanaky

Registrar, Post Graduate Education - In Charge of Information Bureau
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Assistant to Miss Hamburg
Miss Joyce Eldredge

Publication Manager, "Bulletin"

Assistant Secretary, Board of Censors, Membership and Mediation Committees
Miss Emily Wightman

Accountant

Mr. Theodore Holman

Assistant Accountant

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Mrs. Muriel Dennis

Milk Commission Veterinarian and Sanitation

Leland J. Tompkins, D.V.M.

Milk Commission Technician; Laboratory and Clerical Work

Miss Nia Chase

Receptionist

Mrs. Sally Bartram
Addressograph Operator
Mr. Warren Garrison

Custodian

Mr. Daniel B. Bartram
Assistant Custodian
Mr. Walter Moore

LIBRARY

Librarian

Mr. Wesley Draper

Assistant Librarian

Mr. John Ische

Secretary to Librarian

Mrs. John F. Struso

Library Assistants

Miss E. L. Menhinick, Miss Anita Kiodish, Mrs. Adelaide Johnson, Miss Marguerite Parker

Cataloger

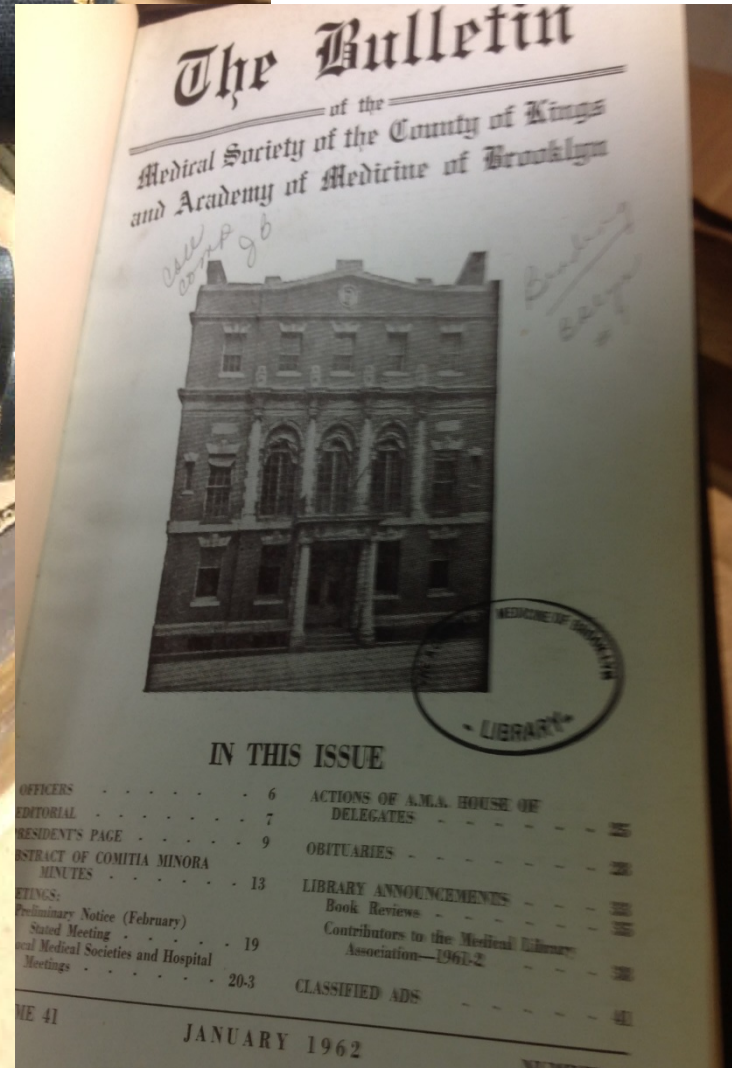
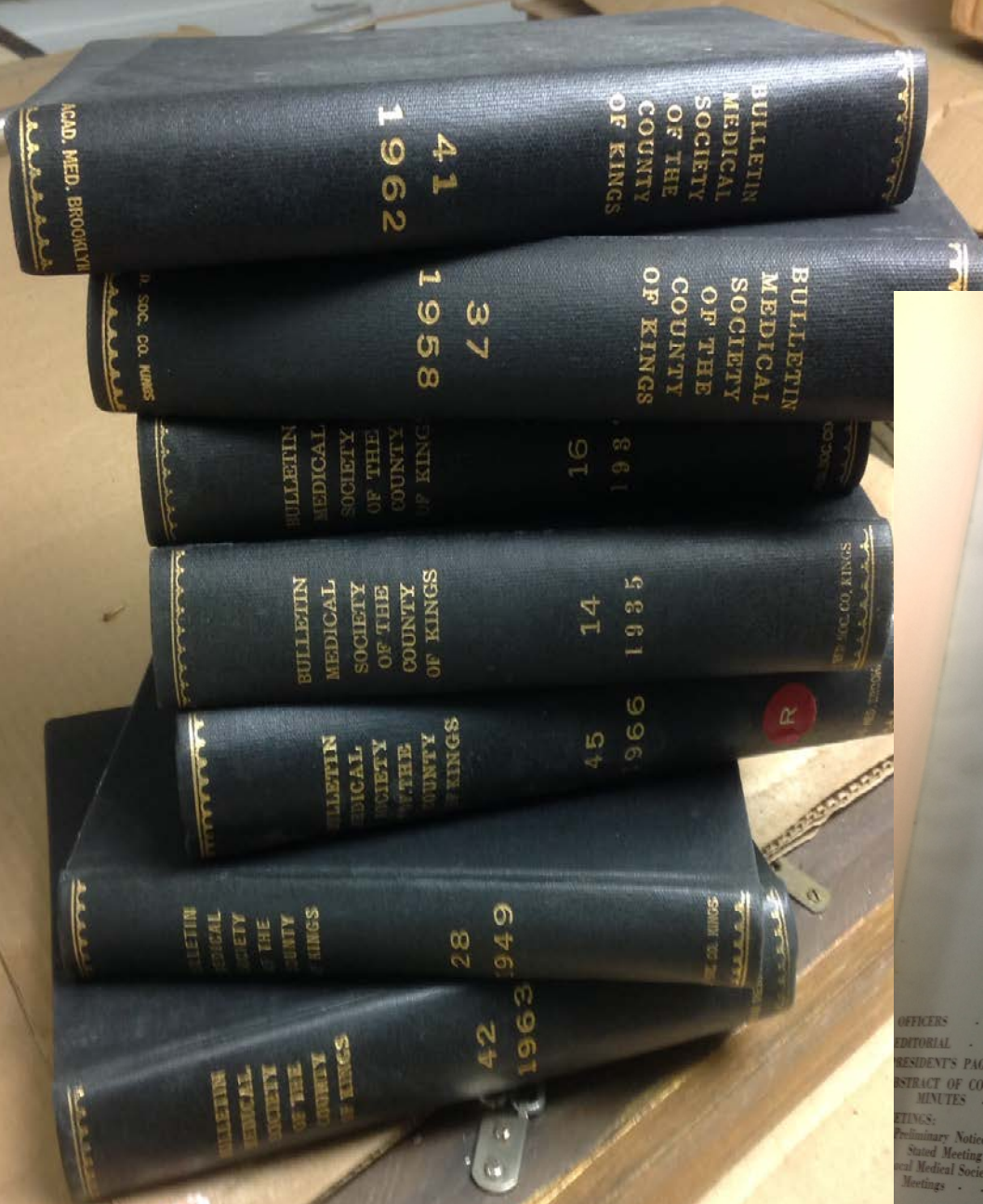
Miss Marcia VanderVoort

Pages


Mr. Maurice Lotter, Mr. Albert Grotell

The staff of
MSCK in
1953:
Total was
26,
including 10
librarians.

The official
MSCK
Publication



The
University of the
Education



State of New York
Department

Absolute Charter of
Medical Library Association of Brooklyn

This instrument witnesseth *That the Board of Regents for and on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York has granted this absolute charter*

1. Incorporating George E. Anderson, Morris Ad. Henry, Robert Ad. Hillman, Harold R. Merwarth and Adesley Draper and their associates and successors as an educational corporation under the corporate name of Medical Library Association of Brooklyn to be located in the borough of Brooklyn, county of Kings, city and State of New York.
2. The purposes for which the corporation is formed are to operate and maintain a medical library with technical and non-technical books, manuscripts, magazines, newspapers and other publications necessary, useful or convenient to members of the medical profession.
3. The persons named as incorporators shall constitute the first board of trustees. The board shall have power to adopt by-laws, including therein provisions fixing the method of election and the term of office of trustees; and shall have power also, by vote of three-fourths of all the members of the board of trustees, to change the number of trustees, to be not more than 25 nor less than five.
4. The corporation hereby created shall be a nonstock corporation organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes, and no part of its earnings or net income shall inure to the benefit of any individual, and no officer, member or employee of the corporation shall receive or be entitled to receive any pecuniary profit from the operations thereof, except reasonable compensation for services.
5. The principal office of the corporation is to be located in the borough of Brooklyn, county of Kings, city and State of New York.
6. The Commissioner of Education is designated as the representative of the corporation upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served.



Edgar W. Conner
Chancellor

Granted December 15, 1961, by the Board of Regents
for and on behalf of the State Education Department,
executed under the seal of said Department
and recorded therein, Number 8239

James E. Allen
President of the University
and Commissioner of Education

The Medical
Library
Association
of Brooklyn
was
chartered by
the
University of
the State of
New York in
1961.

Merging of the Medical Libraries of the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn and the Downstate Medical Center in 1962



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A Book Stack Room in Our Library Now Located at the Downstate Medical School.



Merging of the Medical Libraries of the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn and the Downstate Medical Center occurred in 1962 during the term of Dr. Leslie H. Tisdall. Dr. Robert A. Moore was Past President of MSCK and Dean of the Downstate Medical Center. The Society's library became part of the Medical Research Library of Brooklyn under the control of a Joint Commission.

Slate of Officers in 1966

At the Meeting of the Society to be held on May 17, 1966. These names are to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting of the Society to be held on May 17, 1966.

Voting Polls Open 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. and 4 P.M. to 10 P.M.
 ONLY MEMBERS WHOSE ANNUAL DUES AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1966 ARE PAID (INCLUDES LIFE MEMBERS) OR WHOSE DUES HAVE BEEN REMITTED ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

President-Elect
 ROBERT A. MOORE*

Vice-President
 ARTHUR E. LAMB*

Secretary
 RALPH M. SCHWARTZ*

Associate Secretary
 DOMINICK J. DI MAIO*

Treasurer
 JAMES L. O'LEARY*

Associate Treasurer
 ISRAEL L. SCHMIERER*

Trustees (5 years)
 David Kershner*
 Irving M. Pallin*
 Vincent J. Tesoriero*

Censors (2 years)
 Matthew Brody*
 Philip J. Cantor*
 Robert E. Gordon*
 Louis Pellman*
 Benjamin J. Rosenthal

Delegates (1967-1968)

Irving S. Behr*
 Norman S. Blackman*
 Randall D. Bloomfield*
 Matthew Brody*
 Ernest Buffone
 Vernal G. Cave*
 Philip Cohen
 Dominick J. Di Maio*
 John J. Flynn*
 Alfred P. Ingegno*
 Adrian C. Lamos*
 Warren A. Lapp*
 Max Lerner
 Monte Malach*
 Martin Markowitz*
 Bentley J. Merrim
 Max B. Milberg*
 Milton B. Spiegel*
 Julius E. Stolfi*
 Leo J. Swirsky*
 M. Theodore Tanenhaus*
 Felix Taubman*
 Vincent J. Tesoriero*
 Leslie H. Tisdall*

Nominating Committee (3 years)

Adrian Lamos
 Harry S. Lichtman*
 Ralph M. Schwartz*
 Julius E. Stolfi*

Nominees for Office in the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn, Inc.

Directing Librarian
 HAROLD R. MERWARTH*

Associate Directing Librarian and Curator
 GEORGE E. ANDERSON*

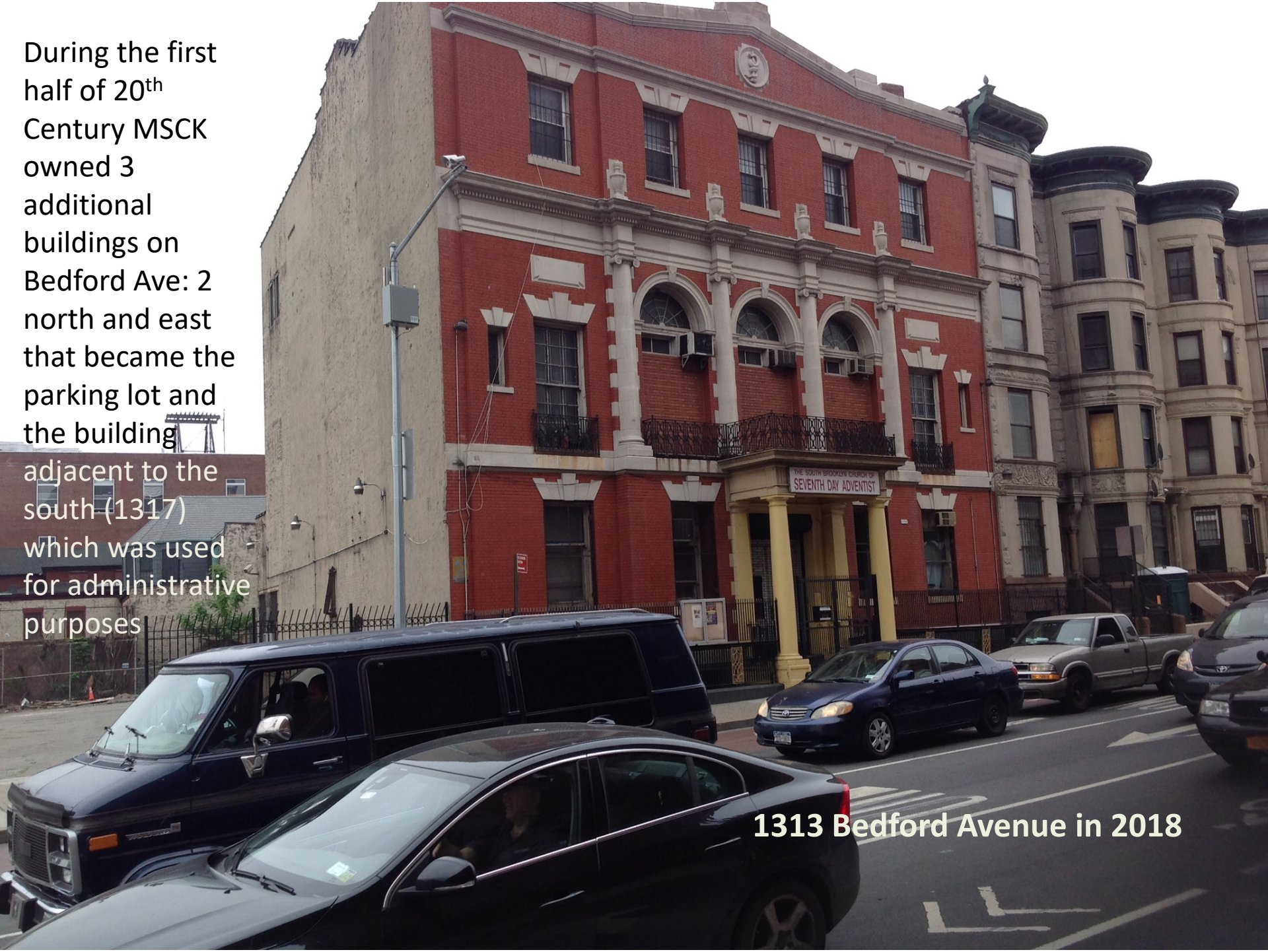
Chairman: ARTHUR LAMB*
 Vice Chairman: RALPH DEANGELO*
 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
 4:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
 BEN BORKOW
 CECIL GLOSTER
 MAURICE T. GROMET
 GLADSTONE HODGE
 BENJAMIN HOFFMAN
 ALBERT C. HAMILTON
 LEON KESSLER
 MORTIMER LEFKOWITZ
 SAMUEL K. LEVY
 STEPHEN MCCOY
 EARL PETERSON
 ROBERT RUBINSTEIN
 BERNARD SELIGMAN
 SOLOMON SLEPIAN
 MILTON STRAHL

MEN'S RECEPTION FOR THE SPONSORS
 AND PAST HONOREES VISITING MEMBERS
 ASSOCIATION OF BROOKLYN, INC.
 MARCH 31, 1966.



Morris Kirsch, President of Kinsh...

During the first half of 20th Century MSCK owned 3 additional buildings on Bedford Ave: 2 north and east that became the parking lot and the building adjacent to the south (1317) which was used for administrative purposes



1313 Bedford Avenue in 2018

Bicentennial Celebration 2022



MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS

SESQUICENTENNIAL

1822-1972



The Medical Society of the County of Kings celebrates 200 years of service and representation of Brooklyn physicians

to yellow fever. ... of physicians who had fallen victims

In 1872, a dinner celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Society went into arrears to the sum of \$30, due to the failure of several members to pay for their tickets although they attended the affair. Fortunately, the treasury was able to withstand this onslaught on it—the treasury showed a balance of \$753.67. Dues were \$5 per year at the time.

By 1884, the Society had enrolled some female members: Mrs. E. D. LaVergne, an 1855 graduate of the Hydro-pathic College; Dr. Jennie Baker; and Dr. Suzan McKen-

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ney, who was born in Brooklyn and who was graduated from the N.Y. Medical College for Women in 1870. Dr. McKenney was the first Negro female physician in the United States. Also an active member about this time was Dr. August Jacobi, a graduate of the University of Göttingen, circa 1860. Dr. Jacobi was one of the earliest thorough physicians of Jewish descent.

In 1890, the Brooklyn Gynecological Society was founded, many of its founders being leaders in the Medical Society.

On May 14, 1896, the Jenner Centennial commemorating the inauguration of smallpox vaccine was celebrated. All the guests received ... especially