

1939

In 1939 the Gild "Oscar" was designed. This Oscar is a bronze of the Gas House Terrier seated on a bench with his shovel and tamp rod beside him. He was immortalized in Walton Clark's poem and symbolizes the grit, reliability and "never let 'em down" spirit of the gas business through the years. It is the first serious contribution of the Gild toward its first object "to increase the use of gas".

It was decided by the Great Council to present this Oscar to R. M. Conner in recognition of his outstanding work of the A.G.A. Laboratories and the improvement of gas appliances which resulted.

In a poll of the membership, carried on by mail, from June 26, 1939 to August 24, 1939, the membership overwhelmingly voted in favor of inviting Herman Russell to honorary Supplershship, and to attend our feast.

By October of this year the membership of the Gild had risen to about 150.

At the business session on October 10 the following slate of officers was elected.

Mayor - William S. Guitteau

Senior Warden - C. Edwin Bartlett

Clerk - James H. Moore

Keeper-of-the-treasure - Joseph A. Mulcare

Aldermen - W. Griffin Gribbel
Joseph A. Messenger
Carl Sorby

Our award of the Oscar to Ray Conner in General Session was well received and definitely placed our Gild as an earnest and serious co-operating factor in the Industry.

The feast was a success - from the sound effects, a howling success. Corrigan was not on the Committee, but he might have been.

If any of the plans worked the right way the Committee would have been pleased to know of it. Nobody seemed to mind, however, and joy was unconfined.

The Ritual was possibly the worst done ever, but, again, the gang seemed to like it. Strangely enough it got strict attention and had a soothing effect on the crowd so that our serious moments were respected.

For Christmas for 1939 the Gild was fortunate in being able to send to the membership the first of a series of Gild Christmas cards that have been so successfully designed by Mrs. Edith Bartlett Tucker.