

## ALEXANDER MEN'S CLUB

A gentlemen's club was organized on March 26, 1908 with twenty-five members. The first officers elected were James H. Hume as president, Jesse Hawkins as secretary and David Thomas as treasurer. Rooms were taken up over Walt Whitney's barber shop. There was a reading room, card room and pool and billiard room. The Men's club held its first annual ball and reception in May 1908 and continued for a number there after. Several times the Ball was held at Burt's Opera House with music being provided by area groups such as Bey's Orchestra of Attica and Professor Legg's orchestra of Buffalo.

In June 1910, the Men's Club bought property of their own, south of Zwetsch store on Alexander road. After some time, a change in their finances led them to sell the property to George Zwetsch in September 1918. The Men's Club which now had nearly one hundred members, moved into the second floor of the new Liberty building in March of 1919. The rooms were heated by steam and had electric lights. The walls were wainscoted in dark oak with steel ceiling painted white and cream colored walls. There was a large room with pool and billiard tables as well as small oak tables for playing cards. In the side rooms were tables with leather bottom seats. The ladies made a generous gift to the club of a large wall clock that struck the hour and half hour. The reception room had a blue velvet rug and heavy blue curtains on the windows. The reception room also contained a library table and large oak rockers. There was also a kitchen. The members were endeavoring to make their rooms a social center where all could feel at home. The Club would hold Ladies Night on the second and fourth Friday of the month.

Through the years, the Club would regularly have banquets, dances and oyster suppers and smokers.

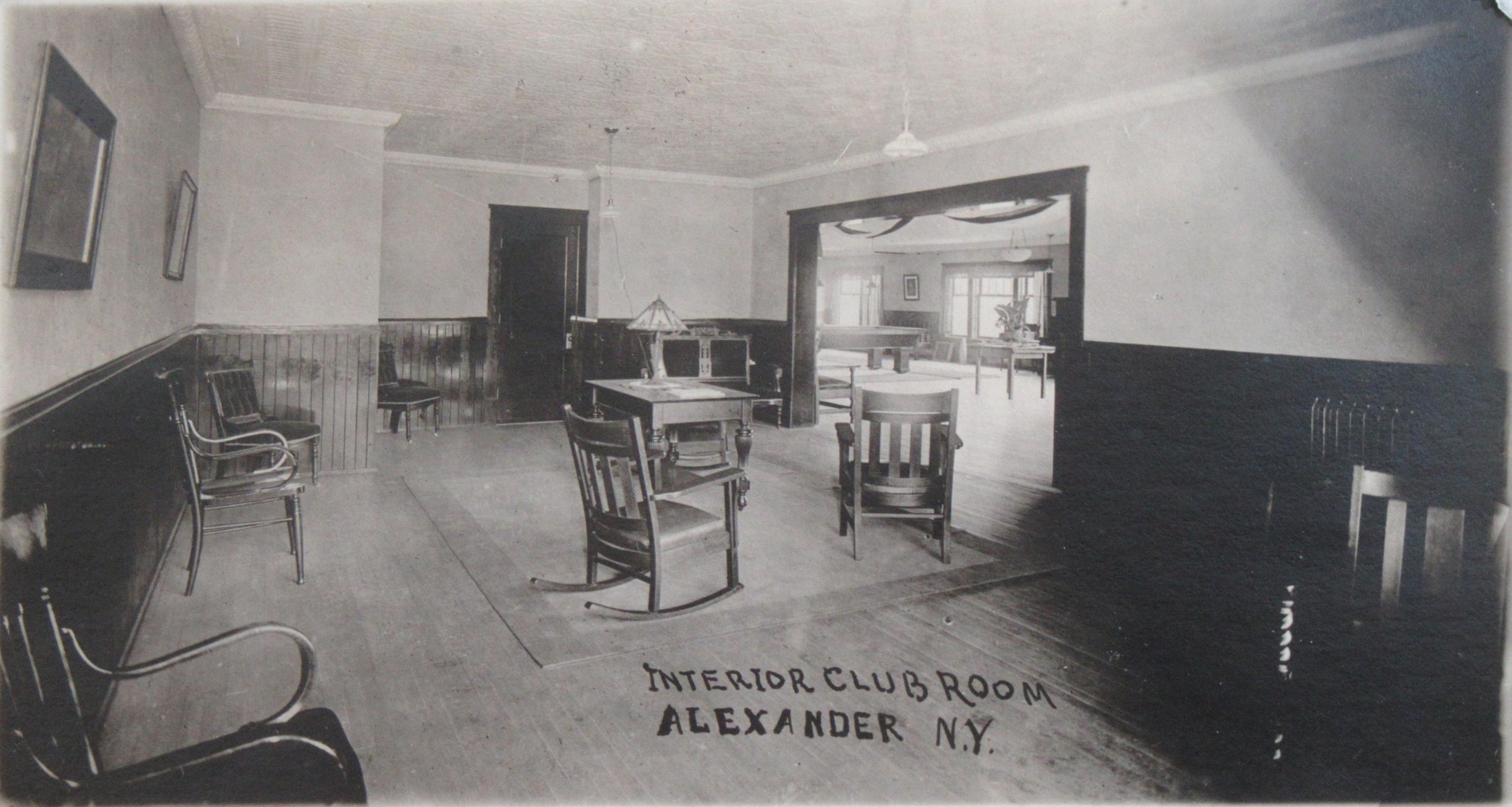
As membership dwindled, the Club moved to smaller quarters in the Perry H. Kidder building, first occupying the lower floor and in 1930 moved to the upper floor. Due to lack of new members the club would be forced to disband. An auction would be held April 1, 1931 to sell off their furnishing. Howard Geer was the auctioneer. Tonawanda Valley Grange purchased the piano and other things. Elliot Moulton's son bought the pool table. So ended the Alexander Men's Club.

List of some of the Members throughout the life of the organization as collected from various sources.

Dr. Joseph B. Miller, George Zwetsch, John Van de Bogart, James H. Hume, Carl A. Nye, Otis W. Lincoln, Jesse Hawkins, David Thomas, Byram Moulton, Jasper B. Lewis, Charles F. Lewis, Frank M. Richards, George Rehorn, Albert Moulton, Warren Moulton, Andrew Harrington, C. E. Newton, Charles Baldwin, Earl Kidder, Merrill Lincoln, Luther Gardner, George Mentzien, John Barnes.



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