

The Kansas City Club
Kansas City, Mo.

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Offices of the Executive Secretary and Treasurer located in present Club Building, Twelfth and Wyandotte Streets.

Kansas City's Need

Kansas City, with a population of 500,000, with rapidly developing manufacturing and distributing enterprises and its situation as a gateway to the Great West and Southwest, presents a more urgent demand for a broadly planned and completely equipped modern social club than other cities. With public buildings, manufacturing plants, magnificent parks and boulevards, the peer and envy of many of its rivals, yet in the respect of a modern club building Kansas City has lagged behind contemporary progressive cities. St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh and many others have built or are now building one or more big clubs.

Such a social and commercial center in Kansas City will serve as an exchange where men may meet and by contact and better acquaintance effect an interchange of ideas increasing the development of their own business and rendering a more important service to the city at large.

New Club Building

Under the leadership of the Kansas City Club, the foremost organization of its kind in the city, a new club building complete and commodious in every respect, and surpassing anything of its kind attempted in the city, will be erected.

The building, as planned, will be nine or more stories high and will contain all features and departments essential to an up to date club. Among other accommodations there will be seventy-five to one hundred sleeping rooms, which will provide not only for the bachelor, or the man whose family may be away, but will be especially attractive to the out-of-town business man visiting Kansas City.

Manufacturers, wholesalers and business men generally have long recognized the need for such a center, where men may meet on common ground and become better acquainted with each other.

Location

The present location at Twelfth and Wyandotte Streets, owned by the club has been sold, the club having purchased outright the Northwest corner of 13th Street at Baltimore Avenue, with a frontage of seventy-five feet on Baltimore Avenue, and a depth of one hundred and

forty-two feet on 13th Street, which will give ample space for the erection of a commodious, modern club house—complete in every respect with unimpeded light and air on three sides.

Design of Building

The building will be so designed that it will be an ornament to the city, worthy of the institution it is to house. All the expert advice that can be had will be secured in laying out each department and the very best features conducive to all that is good in club life will be adopted.

Executive Secretary

W. D. Jenkins, Executive Secretary, Organizer and Secretary of the St. Paul Athletic Club, has been secured to develop the Kansas City Club. The St. Paul Athletic Club with which he achieved a notable success is now building a million dollar club house. He has also been responsible for the up-building of the membership of the Real Estate Board of New York City, and completing the membership of the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Pittsburgh, Pa., where they have a club house costing over a million and one-half dollars and a membership of over three thousand.

Features of Club

The club building will be owned and occupied by the Kansas City Club and will contain among other appointments a spacious lobby, large dining room, ladies' dining room, private dining rooms, billiard room, lounging room, grill room, library, barber shop, Turkish bath, gymnasium, handball courts, swimming pool and seventy-five to one hundred bed rooms.

Swimming Pool

The swimming pool, to be located on one of the upper floors, will be one of the important departments, offering as it does an opportunity to participate in one of the most enjoyable exercises. A competent instructor will be in charge. Swimming is one of the most beneficial forms of exercise, calling into play every muscle of the body, and at the same time furnishing a health giving relaxation.

Gymnasium

A fully equipped gymnasium located on one of the upper floors will be of ample size to meet all demands. This department will be in the charge of experts, who will see that special provision is made for physical activities suitable to all ages of men and women. It is now generally recognized that intelligent and proper exercise is as essential to health and the highest physical wellbeing as food and sleep.

Bath Department

This department will contain the most perfect equipment and facilities for both bath and massaging and will include Turkish bath, Russian bath, needle bath, etc.

Ladies

The ladies of Kansas City have long experienced the need of a down town club, in close reach of the shopping, hotel and theatrical district, where appointments may be made and filled, letters written, luncheons partaken and meetings held of various charitable, civic or other organizations in which they may be interested.

These demands and others will be met in the new club house.

Liberal provision will be made for the ladies of a member's household, entitling him to several exclusive privileges such as reception, special dining and banquet rooms at all times and the use of the gymnasium, Turkish bath and swimming pool on certain days of each week at such hours as may be set apart for their use by the House Committee.

Maids will be in constant attendance and the service and equipment of the club will be at

their disposal.

For private entertainments, the club offers exceptional features in its cuisine and the building plans contemplate accommodations for dancing, card and swimming parties with a consequent saving of trouble and annoyance for the hostess.

The needs of the ladies have had the first attention of the club in connection with its new quarters and it is hoped that this department will be used habitually by them.

Objects

The object of the club shall be the development of friendly democracy and the fostering of a spirit of social intercourse. Such an institution will do more to unify and bring Kansas City business men into closer touch with each other than any other one thing. The objects men seek by joining various organizations may all be accomplished in this one big club at a much less cost.

Personnel of Members

The utmost endeavors will be exercised to bring into the membership the best class of citizens of Kansas City, so it will be representative of the best type of business, professional and social citizenship. In addition to the general benefits and privileges set forth accruing to a membership—the splendid facilities and services of the club offers a means of extending the finest hospitality to visitors, the entertainment of customers and business associates and providing a center from which the welcome and hospitality of the city may be extended to the visitors within our gates.

Investment

The club complete, including land, building and furnishings, will cost approximately One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), and will stand in the front ranks with the very best clubs of other cities.

Membership Limit Requirements

RESIDENT MEMBERS.

The membership will be limited to One Thousand (1,000) resident members, who shall pay \$25.00 initiation fee, and \$250.00 for a membership certificate, participating in the assets and transferable to an acceptable applicant to the club.

The resident members shall own the property, hold office and vote.

DUES—RESIDENT MEMBERS.

Full privileges of club given without charge for dues until January 1st, 1918; thereafter, Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per annum, payable quarterly in advance.

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS.

The non-resident members, which is unlimited, shall pay an initiation fee of \$25.00 and \$100.00 for a membership certificate, which is also transferable.

DUES—NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS.

During the occupancy of the present club house no dues required; thereafter, in the new club house, dues will be Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.