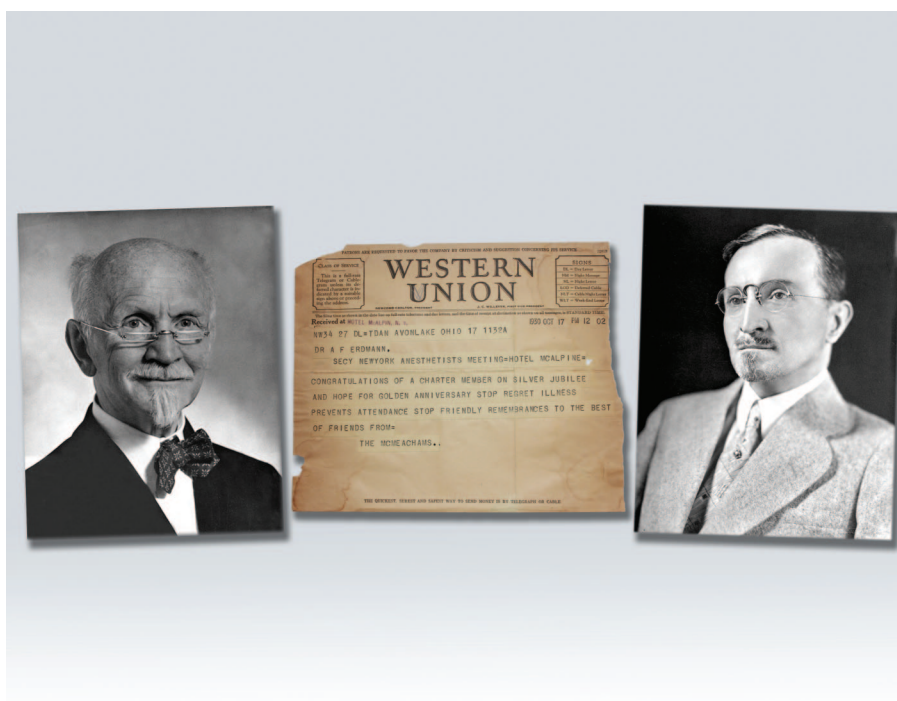


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## ANESTHESIOLOGY REFLECTIONS

### The McMechans Telegram Erdmann on October 17, 1930



Severely crippled by rheumatoid arthritis, Dr. Francis H. McMechan (*right*) and his wife Laurette sent a Western Union Telegram at 11:32 on the morning of October 17, 1930. Addressed to “Dr A F Erdmann, Secy NewYork Anesthetists Meeting,” the communication relayed the “Congratulations of a Charter Member on Silver Jubilee and hope for Golden Anniversary STOP Regret illness prevents attendance STOP Friendly remembrances to the best of friends from The McMechans” [*sic*]. Founded by Dr. Adolph F. “Fred” Erdmann (*left*) in 1905, the Long Island Society of Anesthetists had changed its name to the New York Society of Anesthetists in 1911 and by 1930 was celebrating its 25th anniversary. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image also appears in the *Anesthesiology Reflections* online collection available at [www.anesthesiology.org](http://www.anesthesiology.org).)

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