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OF

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OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

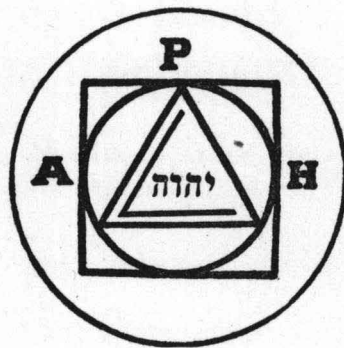
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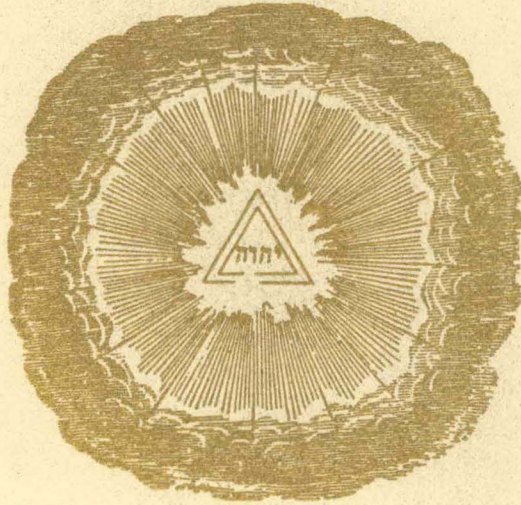
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GEORGE S. HASWELL, GRAND MASTER

**Opening Exercises**

- 1 **Prelude—Invocation**  
COMPANION GEORGE W. BAGNALL, Organist to the Grand Council
- 2 **Entrance of Grand Master and Grand Officers**  
Entrance March—  
COMPANION GEORGE W. BAGNALL
- 3 **Salutation—On behalf of City of Buffalo**  
HON. FRANK X. SCHWAB, Mayor of the City
- 4 **Welcome—On behalf of Buffalo Council, No. 17**  
ILLUSTRIOUS JAMES M. TODD, Master  
On behalf of Keystone Council, No. 20  
ILLUSTRIOUS WASHINGTON A. RUSSELL, Master
- 5 **Vocal—"The God of Abram Praise"** *Buck*  
Quartette
- 6 **Opening of the Grand Council**
- 7 **Vocal—"The Shepherd's Psalm"** *Protheroe*  
Quartette
- 8 **Prayer** GRAND CHAPLAIN
- 9 **Vocal—"Hail! Cryptic Rite"** (*Air. America*)  
*Words arranged for the Cryptic Rite by the late M. J. Ill. Frederick Kanter, P.G.M.*  
(Companions will arise and unite in singing)

Hail! Cryptic Rite Divine! Glory of ages shine Long may'st thou reign Where'er thy Councils stand. May they have great command. And always grace the land; Hail! Cryptic Rite.	Our Father's God to thee Author of Liberty To thee we sing. Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light Protect the "Cryptic Rite," Great God our King.
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- 10 **Proclamation** GRAND MARSHAL
- 11 **Dogology**  
Be Thou, O God, exalted high,  
And as thy Glory fills the sky  
So let it be on earth displayed,  
Till Thou art here as there obeyed.
- 12 **Roll Call** GRAND RECORDER



One Hundredth Annual Assembly  
OF THE  
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters  
of the State of New York

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Ancient Landmarks Temple  
Buffalo, N. Y.  
Monday, August 27, 1923

**OPENING.**

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York convened in its One Hundredth Annual Assembly, in the Temple of the Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks, No. 441, F. and A. M., Buffalo, N. Y., Monday, August 27, A. D. 1923, A. Dep. 2923 at 10 o'clock A. M.



GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL.....Grand Master  
 R. Ill. FRANK RICHARDSON..... Acting Deputy Grand Master  
 R. Ill. WILLIAM S. RISELAY.....Grand P. C. of the Work  
 M. P. GEORGE A. NEWELL.....Grand Treasurer  
 M. Ill. GEORGE EDWARD HATCH.....Grand Recorder  
 R. Ill. JOSEPH L. LOCKHART.....Grand Captain of the Guard  
 R. Ill. GEORGE R. HEMENWAY.. Grand Conductor of the Council  
 R. Ill. ALBERT S. PRICE.....Grand Lecturer  
 R. Ill. JAMES A. SMITH.....Grand Marshal  
 R. Ill. GEORGE O. LINKLETTER.....Grand Standard Bearer  
 R. Ill. CHARLES M. COLTON.....Grand Steward  
 R. Ill. and REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D. D.... Grand Chaplain  
 R. Ill. and RT. REV. DAVID LINCOLN FERRIS, D.D.. Grand Chaplain  
 M. Ill. OLIVER H. LABARRE.....Grand Trustee  
 M. Ill. ROLAND K. MASON.....Grand Trustee  
 M. Ill. JOHN P. DEAL.....Grand Trustee  
 Companion JOHN FOX.....Grand Sentinel

Together with the Representatives of the following Councils :

COLUMBIAN .....	No. 1	HORNELLSVILLE .....	No. 35
UNION .....	No. 2	ADONIRAM .....	No. 36
BROOKLYN .....	No. 4	CRYPTIC .....	No. 37
ADELPHIC .....	No. 7	BATH .....	No. 40
ROTICA .....	No. 12	TYRIAN .....	No. 43
CENTRAL CITY .....	No. 13	FULTON .....	No. 50
BLOSS .....	No. 14	WASHINGTON .....	No. 52
BRUCE .....	No. 15	CORNING .....	No. 53
SOUTHERN TIER .....	No. 16	PEEKSKILL .....	No. 55
BUFFALO .....	No. 17	HUDSON .....	No. 62
KING HIRAM .....	No. 18	PHOENIX .....	No. 70
DORIC .....	No. 19	ALPH-OMEGA .....	No. 71
KEYSTONE .....	No. 20	JOHNSTOWN .....	No. 72
ANCIENT CITY .....	No. 21	ST. GEORGE'S .....	No. 74
DEWITT CLINTON .....	No. 22	SKOI-YASE .....	No. 75
DUNKIRK .....	No. 25	ST. LAWRENCE .....	No. 77
KING SOLOMON .....	No. 31	TEMPLE .....	No. 79
JAMESTOWN .....	No. 32	FLATBUSH .....	No. 80
OLEAN .....	No. 33	JOSEPH WARREN .....	No. 81
WATERTOWN .....	No. 34	SALAMANCA .....	No. 82

And Permanent Members as follows:

GEORGE A. NEWELL.....	P. G. M.
JOHN P. DEAL.....	P. G. M.
WILLARD S. BRADT.....	P. G. M.
FRED E. OGDEN.....	P. G. M.
FRANK M. ADEE.....	P. G. M.
MARTIN Q. GOOD.....	P. G. M.
HERBERT W. GREENLAND.....	P. G. M.
GEORGE EDWARD HATCH.....	P. G. M.
OLIVER H. LABARRE.....	P. G. M.
EUGENE E. HINMAN.....	P. G. M.
JAMES CHAMBERS.....	P. G. M.
ROLAND K. MASON.....	P. G. M.
HENRY A. MACGRUER.....	P. G. M.
JOHN B. ADKINS, Columbian, No. 1.....	P. M.
OLIVER L. MENARD, Columbian, No. 1.....	P. M.
CHRISTIAN O. SCHAW, Columbian, No. 1.....	P. M.
HENRY J. HUEMMER, Union, No. 2.....	P. M.
HENRY P. STEVENS, Brooklyn, No. 4.....	P. M.
CHARLES H. HADLOCK, Brooklyn, No. 4.....	P. M.
ELIAS WHITNEY, Adelphic, No. 7.....	P. M.
CHARLES H. STODDARD, Adelphic, No. 7.....	P. M.
HARRY A. BINGHAM, Adelphic, No. 7.....	P. M.
MATTHEW S. CUMNER, Adelphic, No. 7.....	P. M.
GEORGE B. CATHERS, Central City, No. 13.....	P. M.
JEROME L. CHENEY, Central City, No. 13.....	P. M.
WALTER M. DOUGLAS, Bloss, No. 14.....	P. M.
FRANK RICHARDSON, Bloss, No. 14.....	P. M.
WILLIAM F. SEBER, Bloss, No. 14.....	P. M.
LOUIS N. ELLENBOGEN, Bloss, No. 14.....	P. M.
ROBERT E. EMERSON, Bruce, No. 15.....	P. M.
LEWIS E. MOREY, Bruce, No. 15.....	P. M.
ARTHUR C. GLOGER, Bruce, No. 15.....	P. M.
HARRY S. TIPTON, Southern Tier, No. 16.....	P. M.
EDGAR E. WEMPLE, Southern Tier, No. 16.....	P. M.
HARRY I. TONG, Southern Tier, No. 16.....	P. M.
JOHN H. CLARK, Buffalo, No. 17.....	P. M.
HENRY POST, Buffalo, No. 17.....	P. M.



WILLIAM J. KOEPF, Buffalo, No. 17.....	P. M.
WESLEY M. BACKUS, Buffalo, No. 17.....	P. M.
FRANK W. TYLER, Buffalo, No. 17.....	P. M.
ANDREW G. KOEPF, Buffalo, No. 17.....	P. M.
ARTHUR SOLOMON, Buffalo, No. 17.....	P. M.
W. PHILIP CAINE, Buffalo, No. 17.....	P. M.
HENRY D. DEGROFF, King Hiram, No. 18.....	P. M.
LEWIS E. MARTIN, King Hiram, No. 18.....	P. M.
IRVING C. KING, King Hiram, No. 18.....	P. M.
JOHN W. MERRIAM, Doric, No. 19.....	P. M.
LUTHER H. MILLER, Doric, No. 19.....	P. M.
HARRY G. GREENSMITH, Doric, No. 19.....	P. M.
EARL N. BLOOD, Keystone, No. 20.....	P. M.
PERCY EATON, Keystone, No. 20.....	P. M.
ELIAS HAFFA, Keystone, No. 20.....	P. M.
WILBUR H. FUNK, Keystone, No. 20.....	P. M.
FREDERICK A. FELL, Keystone, No. 20.....	P. M.
GEORGE W. CURTIS, Keystone, No. 20.....	P. M.
ESSLIE V. KRAFT, Keystone, No. 20.....	P. M.
VIRGIL J. ULLMAN, Keystone, No. 20.....	P. M.
J. WILLIAM PROUSE, Keystone, No. 20.....	P. M.
E. PARKER WAGGONER, Keystone, No. 20.....	P. M.
H. MORTON CURTIS, Keystone, No. 20.....	P. M.
EUGENE CRAWFORD, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....	P. M.
WILLIAM E. BAILEY, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....	P. M.
N. IRVING MARTIN, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....	P. M.
GEORGE C. VROMAN, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....	P. M.
PHILIP F. SOHNI, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....	P. M.
ERNEST C. JOHNSON, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....	P. M.
CHESTER J. MOORE, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....	P. M.
ARTHUR B. GREGG, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....	P. M.
CHARLES H. JOHNSON, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....	P. M.
HUGH M. FLEMING, Dunkirk, No. 25.....	P. M.
JOHN C. SCHWERTFAGER, Dunkirk, No. 25.....	P. M.
WILLIAM L. MYRICK, Olean, No. 33.....	P. M.
ISAAC P. COLLINS, Olean, No. 33.....	P. M.
FRANK H. NORTON, Olean, No. 33.....	P. M.
DANIEL R. BLINN, Watertown, No. 34.....	P. M.
PHILIP M. NAST, JR., Hornellsville, No. 35.....	P. M.
JOHN B. HAGADORN, Hornellsville, No. 35.....	P. M.
WALTER S. PRESCOTT, Cryptic, No. 37.....	P. M.
GEORGE B. WRIGHT, Cryptic, No. 37.....	P. M.

ELMER KLECKLER, Bath, No. 40.....	P..M..
GEORGE H. RYMERS, Tyrian, No. 43.....	P..M..
HERMON E. SULLIVAN, Washington, No. 52.....	P..M..
GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Peekskill, No. 55.....	P..M..
CHARLES A. MACK, Alph-Omega, No. 71.....	P..M..
ARTHUR B. WASSUNG, Johnstown, No. 72.....	P..M..
JOHN E. BECKER, Skoi-Yase, No. 75.....	P..M..
CHARLES F. CUSHING, Temple, No. 79.....	P..M..
JOHN A. DERTHICK, Flatbush, No. 80.....	P..M..
A. EDWARD KRIEGER, Salamanca, No. 82.....	P..M..

With Representatives from the following Grand Councils:

ALABAMA .....	R..III..	PERCY EATON
ARKANSAS .....	R..III..	EDGAR E. WEMPLE
CALIFORNIA .....	R..III..	HERMON E. SULLIVAN
CONNECTICUT .....	R..III..	ELIAS WHITNEY
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....	R..III..	WALTER M. DOUGLAS
ENGLAND AND WALES.....	M..III..	H. W. GREENLAND
GEORGIA .....	R..III..	HENRY D. DEGROFF
ILLINOIS .....	R..III..	JOHN E. BECKER
KENTUCKY .....	R..III..	ARTHUR B. WASSUNG
MAINE .....	R..III..	HENRY P. STEVENS
MARITIME PROVINCES .....	R..III..	WESLEY M. BACKUS
MASSACHUSETTS .....	R..III..	FRANK RICHARDSON
MICHIGAN .....	R..III..	WILLIAM F. SEBER
MINNESOTA .....	R..III..	JOHN B. ADKINS
MONTANA .....	R..III..	HENRY J. HUEMMER
NEW HAMPSHIRE .....	R..III..	CHARLES F. CUSHING
NORTH CAROLINA .....	R..III..	HARRY A. BINGHAM
OHIO .....	R..III..	WILLIAM J. KOEPF
OKLAHOMA .....	R..III..	ELMER KLECKLER
PENNSYLVANIA .....	R..III..	E. PARKER WAGGONER
RHODE ISLAND .....	R..III..	GEORGE H. RYMERS
SOUTH DAKOTA .....	R..III..	WILLIAM E. BAILEY
TENNESSEE .....	R..III..	ERNEST C. JOHNSON
WISCONSIN .....	R..III..	CHESTER J. MOORE

## Welcomed by the City of Buffalo

Ill. FRANK W. TYLER, Past Master of Buffalo Council, No. 17, escorted the Mayor of the City of Buffalo before the Grand Council and presented him with these words:

M. Ill. Grand Master: The Local Committee arranging for this Centennial Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York has asked me to perform a very pleasant duty, and I take a great deal of pride in complying with that request. I have the personal pleasure and honor this morning of presenting to you the Chief Executive of the Queen City of the Lakes, the Honorable FRANK X. SCHWAB, Mayor of the City of Buffalo.

HON. FRANK SCHWAB, Mayor:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I assure you that I deem this an honor and a pleasure to welcome you to our city. We are proud to have you with us, knowing the object you have in mind. Your organization, I am proud to say—I know from the connections I have had with your members—is one hundred per cent American. In these days the Government needs organizations of your type. We need leaders. We need men who will do something for humanity. Being a member of a great many fraternal organizations myself, I know the aims and objects of your organization. You can do much to bring about better conditions for men and women and children in the world, especially in this glorious country.

I hope and pray that God will bless your convention.

I assure you that while you are amongst us, the City of Buffalo is at your disposal. All I ask is that when you leave you kindly return the key to the City Clerk.

The Mayor's office, my arms, my heart are open to you. We hope you will leave our City better men and better qualified to perform the tasks that are your aims. We trust that your sojourn here will be so pleasant and satisfactory that you will wish to return.

We bid you a most hearty and cordial welcome to our City.

Good luck to you, gentlemen.

M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master:

Mr. Mayor, I know you are in a hurry, so I will not detain you with any extended remarks. I will simply thank you most heartily for your warm and cordial greeting and welcome to the City. We will not lose the key, but will return it when we leave for our homes.

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## Greetings from Buffalo and Keystone Councils

Ill. JAMES M. TODD, Master of Buffalo Council, No. 17, speaking for his Council, welcomed the Grand Council with these words:



Most Illustrious Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Council, in behalf of Buffalo Council, No. 17, of Buffalo, N. Y., it gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your associates this morning. Although I cannot present the key of the City of Buffalo, I will present the key of Niagara River and Harbor. I trust that you will have a most pleasant and profitable Assembly and that you will retain fond recollections of this memorable occasion. We most cordially greet and welcome you.

III. WASHINGTON A. RUSSELL, Master of Keystone Council, No. 20, extended the greetings of the Council as follows:

Most Illustrious Sir and Companions, in order to make this welcome unanimous, I wish to say a word in behalf of Keystone Council, No. 20.

We are glad to welcome you within the walls of our Secret Vault.

Keystone Council in the last few years has taken on a new lease of life. Many of us have become actively interested in the work of the Cryptic Rite. We find this work fills in, rounds out and completes the work of the Symbolic and Capitular Degrees. That interest has led to activity and activity finally to a deep and sincere love for the work of this organization. Having become interested in the work of our own Council, it is natural that we become interested in the Grand Body. We have learned to know the Officers and the men who control the destinies of that Grand Body. We have met you. We have enjoyed your hospitality and we now take great pleasure in extending to you ours.

This is a celebrated occasion in the history of this Grand Body, an important anniversary or birthday in its history. We like birthday parties. What little we have to offer, we give freely. Tomorrow at the election we may have something more to offer. We hope that what we have will be received, but, whatever the verdict may be, we wish to assure you Companions, that we are all loyal Companions of the Cryptic Rite.

Companions, we of Keystone Council are at your service.

M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master, in replying to these words of welcome said:

Companions, we have been given the key of the harbor and the Mayor has given us the key to the City. I do not know whether the Barge Canal is included, but, if it is, we ought to have water enough.

We thank you, Companions, for your kindly welcome. I am sure we are all very grateful to you.

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master, presiding, and R. Ill. and REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D. D., Grand Chaplain, offered the following

#### PRAYER

Lord of our Fathers, from whose hands the centuries drop like grains of sand, with whom a thousand years are as yesterday, have passed as a watch in the night, we bring to Thee our grateful thanks for the

privilege of being permitted to attend this Centennial Assembly of our Grand Council, so great to us and so much to Thee, our Father, who is interested, as are true fathers in the past times of their children. So, we beseech Thee, accept our weak attempt to praise Thee and to glorify Thee. We are of yesterday and know nothing. We hope, Heavenly Father, to live in Thee tomorrow. Our little stars have their days and cease to be; they are broken, but, Thou, O Lord, art more than they. We bless Thee for the patrimony of our fathers. We thank Thee for the treasures transmitted to us from the hands now turned to dust, the years lived to restore us. We bless Thee for this Centennial. We thank Thee for the treasures we have received. We thank Thee for the administrations gone before us. Bless, we pray Thee, those who stand here now in reverence to Thee, in reverence to the past. We thank and praise Thee for our fraternal growth. We thank Thee for the brotherly atmosphere that prevails in this upper room. Help us to feel conscious of Thy nearness to us. May all our deliberations and decisions be done in the thought of the goodness and gladness of the Father of each of us, interested in His many sons who stand here, and in the interest of this Grand Council and the interest of all our subordinate Councils. Help us to build permanently, that we may transfer to those who come after us all the good and glory which we now possess. Guide us by Thy counsel, bless us, and afterward receive us in Thy Holy Temple. For Thy Name's sake. Amen.

R. .III. .JAMES A. SMITH, Grand Marshal, escorted the Past Grand Masters before the Grand Council, and said:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I have the pleasure of presenting to you the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Council.

M. .III. .GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master:

Most Illustrious Companions, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I welcome so many of those who have worked so earnestly and ardently in our Grand Council in the past. We bid you a most hearty and cordial welcome to this our Centennial Celebration. We trust you will continue to attend these Grand Council meetings for a great many years to come.

R. .III. .JAMES A. SMITH, Grand Marshal, introducing the Grand Representatives of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of New York, said:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to you the Representatives of other Jurisdictions near the Grand Council of New York.

M. .III. .GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master, greeted the Grand Representatives as follows:

Right Illustrious Companions, you who have been given Commissions as Grand Representatives have received them as a recognition of the work which you have done either in your own Council or for the Grand Council. We introduce you at this time so that you may appear be-





## **Minutes of Last Assembly**

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, they having been printed and the members furnished with copies of the same.

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### **Select Masters Invited to Remain as Visitors**

On motion, all Companion Select Masters in good standing were invited to remain as visitors during this Grand Assembly except at such time as prohibited by the Constitution.

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### **Visitors.**

R. Ill. JOHN F. BIRMINGHAM, introducing the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, said:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I esteem it a personal privilege and also a distinction to be permitted today to present to you, and through you to the Members of this Grand Council, a Companion who has achieved distinction not only in the Cryptic Rite but who has won renown in other fields of Masonic activities. I have the honor to present Most Excellent Companion GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York.

M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master, greeted the Grand High Priest as follows:

Most Excellent Companion BRIGGS, we heartily welcome you to our One Hundredth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of the State of New York. It was only a few months ago that I had the honor and pleasure of being received as the head of this Grand Body in our Grand Chapter at Albany and I am now glad to receive you with all the honor and dignity of the Grand Council. The Grand Council is faithful to the Grand Chapter, because, obviously, we are one step in Masonry above you and naturally we get from the different Chapters our working material. Your increase means our increase, and we are just as anxious as you are for this increase in membership.

Companions of the Grand Council, Most Excellent GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York.

M. E. GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Grand High Priest, responded as follows:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I thank you for this opportunity of being received as the highest representative of Capitular Masonry in this

State at your One Hundredth Anniversary Assembly. My situation and my feelings here remind me of a little story that is told about a minister or missionary who was going to a foreign country. The ship was wrecked. He managed to keep afloat and soon came in sight of land. While drifting towards shore, however, he had some misgivings. He was wondering what kind of a reception he would have on reaching there; whether some cannibals might eat him alive or some enormous beast devour him. After he landed on the beach he walked cautiously along for a while, and, finally, he thought he heard voices. He listened and heard some one say in his own language, "Where did you get those four kings?" He raised both hands and exclaimed, Thank goodness, I am among friends. Now, I feel that I am among friends today. I am glad to say that I am a member of this Grand Council, a permanent member, having wrought in the Secret Vault some twenty-six years ago. When I look over this gathering of Companions I can almost imagine myself in the Grand Chapter. It seems to me as though a sector had been taken out of the February meeting in Albany and transferred to this Buffalo convention.

I believe, Companions, that we are all engaged in the same work. I had the pleasure of stopping off yesterday at Cedar Point, Ohio. Many probably have been there. There were hundreds of gulls on the breakwaters and shore. Suddenly some noise started two or three birds; one went up, then five, ten, dozens and in a minute the entire flock, all colors, all in the air—just through one bird. Now we are all together—Symbolic, Capitular, Cryptic, Chivalric and other rites; we are all in one flock. If one starts, we are all affected and our hearts beat in unison.

Doubtless, reference will be made to a matter by those better qualified than I, but there should be sitting on this platform today a dear friend of mine, the late R. Ill. JOHN C. WELCH of Poughkeepsie. From the time he entered the Grand Line down to the last visit he made to my house just before he passed on, one of his ambitions was that I would be received by him in this Grand Council (he made a slight miscalculation) and the next year I, as Grand High Priest, would receive him as Grand Master. We lost in him a good man, a hard worker, a true, upright, honest Christian gentleman. Today as I stand here and miss his kindly face and pleasant smile I feel a tinge of sadness, notwithstanding the joy and pleasure of meeting the Companions here.

I understand you have other visitors to receive, and I do not want to be like that lecturer who was rather long winded. Several times he used the expression: "Did you ever stop to think?" Then he would branch off again and ramble on. Again he would ask the question: "Did you ever stop to think?" In this way he talked on and on. Finally some one in the audience replied to him when he again repeated his question: "Say, my friend did you ever think to stop?"

I just want to express my sincere thanks to you for this cordial greeting; for this generous hospitality and fraternal welcome on the part of this Grand Council to the representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York. I bring to you the greetings of 223 Constituent Chapters and 67,000 Royal Arch Masons of this imperial Jurisdiction. Companions, that is quite a field for you. You should get busy and try to increase your membership. If there is anything that the Grand High Priest can unofficially do for you (he is one of those who believes in Cryptic Rite Masonry), you can count on me.

R. Ill. GEORGE O. LINKLETTER escorted the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, before the Grand Council and said:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, it is my honor and great pleasure to introduce my superior in one of our coordinate branches of Masonry, SIR ALLEN J. HASTINGS, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York.

M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master:

Right Eminent Sir, you will find that in our Grand Council we have a great many Companions who are members of your particular branch of Masonry, the Chivalric. Most of our members and nearly all of our most active members are Knights Templar. While we do not all achieve the highest offices in the same Bodies, still we endeavor sometime at some place to do something in the line of Masonry for the good of Masonry. We welcome you very heartily to this our One Hundredth Annual Assembly and trust your stay among us will be a pleasant one.

SIR ALLEN J. HASTINGS, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, responded as follows:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York: It is a sincere pleasure and I esteem it a great privilege to be present with you upon this occasion of the Centennial Assembly of the Cryptic Rite. I appreciate the fact that the honor accorded to me at this time is not due to me personally, but, rather, it is an appreciation and a mark of honor extended by your Grand Body to the Grand Fraternal Order of Christian Knighthood of which I happen temporarily to be the chief representative in this great State of New York. I bring to you, Companions, the cordial greetings of nearly forty thousand Knights Templar of the State of New York. It is true, as the Grand High Priest who has just preceded me has said, we are all working together in a common cause. I also feel, as he said he did, that I have many friends in this Grand Council, as I have seen and met here many who belong to the Order of Knighthood and other Masonic Bodies with which I am affiliated. We are all working to one end.

A hundred years is beyond the ordinary span of human life. A hundred years is more than a great many ordinary societies have lasted. In this Country, if you will recall, there are but few, outside of Masonic, of a fraternal character that have existed for more than one hundred years. But in the life of a nation and in the history of the world it is but a short time. The men who founded our Order, the men who founded the Order of Knights Templar, the men who made Masonry one of the foremost organizations of this Country have passed away. They were the men who built our Republic on the rocks, who framed our Constitution, who obtained for us the civil and religious liberties which we now enjoy and who founded this great democratic form of government, and it is up to us to perpetuate those principles established by our



forefathers, and to hold fast to the anchors and landmarks which they made, and not forget the great principles and the great teachings which were inculcated in us and of which we are the exponents and the leading representatives in the respective vicinities in which we are located.

I sincerely appreciate the honor which you have extended to me. I trust and know that your Assembly will be a prosperous one, and not only those in attendance but the Rite generally will be largely benefited by your deliberations at this time.

M. Ill. GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, introducing the Deputy for New York, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, spoke as follows:

Most Illustrious Grand Master: I am grateful for the privilege of being permitted to present—and I say present rather than introduce for he needs no introduction here—my very good friend Illustrious JEROME L. CHENEY, 33°, Active, Deputy for New York for the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master, greeted Companion CHENEY as follows:

Companions: There stands before you Illustrious JEROME L. CHENEY, Active Thirty-third, the Deputy of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the State of New York, a man who has attended—I was going to say all the Assemblies of this Grand Body ever since I have been connected with it, or heard of it. He needs absolutely no introduction. We are all more than pleased to see him here.

R. Ill. JEROME L. CHENEY, responded as follows:

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions: The Grand Master has been pleased to refer to my attendance at the Grand Council. It is true that ever since I have had the right to attend the Grand Council I have been present every year. I enjoy the meetings of the Grand Council. It has one advantage over the other Grand Bodies of Masonry in this State and that is that its numbers are not so large but that we have a personal touch with every Companion in it. I think that I know intimately almost every man here; they are all friends of mine and I am glad to see them. When I have come here I have not had any responsibility, nothing to do but shake hands. Of course, my hand is getting a little weak from the exercise it had this morning but I am going to continue.

I am very much pleased to be here as the representative of another Body of Masonry in this Grand Council. It is a pleasant thing that all the Bodies of Masonry in the State of New York are working together in harmony. We are all working toward the same end and there is no reason why we should not work together. There is no contention between the different Bodies of Masonry; there is no strife. There is not any such thing as a higher body, we are just other Bodies of Masonry and we are developing along different lines in the same work.

I am very much pleased to be with you this morning and to be so cordially received, and I hope I may be permitted to continue to attend the Assemblies of the Grand Council of the State of New York as I have in the past.

R. Ill. JAMES A. SMITH, Grand Marshal, presented the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, speaking as follows:

Most Illustrious Grand Master: To me has been assigned the pleasant duty of presenting the distinguished Craftsman who represents the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, and I now take great pleasure in introducing Right Worshipful CHARLES H. JOHNSON, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge.

M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master:

Right Worshipful Sir: We have taken pleasure in receiving the representatives of the various branches of Masonry and we are now very happy to receive and honor you as the representative of that Body which takes precedence over all of the others—the Grand Lodge. We are very glad to have you with us and extend to you a hearty welcome.

R. W. CHARLES H. JOHNSON, Junior Grand Warden, responded with the following words:

Companions, I assure you that it is a great privilege to be presented to this Grand Council in the capacity of the representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. I only regret that our Grand Master could not be present and represent the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York in person but he is actively engaged in the performance of his duties. He is attempting to visit every district in the State. During the first year of his term of office he visited something like twenty-eight different districts. It is his plan before his present term of office expires to visit all of them.

There is much talk among certain people about the higher Bodies and the higher degrees in Masonry. As my esteemed colleague Judge CHENEY has expressed it, there are no higher degrees of Masonry. If there is anything in the acceptance of one degree after another, it is the greater responsibility which the succeeding degrees bring to the individual. When there are gatherings of Bodies of this sort we hear people say that the high Masons are going to meet today. They seem to have the idea when they refer to a Mason as being a member of this or that Body and whom they are pleased to term a high degree Mason that for some reason he is more distinguished and stands out more prominently from his brother Masons by reason of the fact that he has taken these additional degrees. We all realize that the fundamentals of Masonry are in the Blue Lodge and we owe our allegiance to the Blue Lodge, and if we grow in Masonic degrees there should be a corresponding growth in Masonic knowledge and Masonic efficiency of life. So as we gather together in this Grand Council we commune perhaps as high Masons, but in this sense, that we have received additional light in Masonry. I need not tell you of the attempts of the Grand Lodge to meet the questions and the problems of

the day and to provide suitable accommodations and suitable methods for the care of our dependent members. Only this I wish to say that Masonry must attempt to accommodate itself to the modern problems of the age. It has been said that we love to glory in our ancestors. But we cannot get along by what Washington and all the rest of the Revolutionary heroes did and do nothing ourselves. It has been said that nobody should take any credit for his ancestors. It is a question whether our ancestors are particularly proud of us, or whether we are proud of our ancestors. A great ancestor lays a correspondingly great responsibility upon us. They met the problems of their day and generation in the Masonic spirit. Now we have new questions. What we have to do is to meet these new problems of the twentieth century as our forefathers met theirs. That which we in our various Masonic Bodies today should lay stress upon is the spirit of Masonry—not the ritual which may change and be revised. I doubt if George Washington could work his way into a lodge today on account of the changes in the forms and ceremonies. He knew nothing of Webb and the other writers of rituals. But it is Washington's spirit we want, not his ritual. It is the spirit of Masonry which should permeate every Mason and every Body of Masonry. In the British Navy there is in use a rope which contains a thin red line or thread, so that you can take a piece of rope and know that it is a portion of the rope that has been designed or used by the navy as evidenced by that characteristic red line which appears in it. We need to have a thin red line of Masonic spirit in all of us, whether as members of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council or Scottish Rite, so that there will be found somewhere in our makeup the true spirit of Masonry which has designated us in the past and by which we will be known and distinguished in the future.

On behalf of Most Worshipful ARTHUR S. TOMPKINS, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, I thank you for this cordial reception, and also wish for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York many, many years of increasing usefulness and increasing strength, not only in size but in the efficiency of its work throughout the breadth and length of this great State and Nation.

R. .III. .GEORGE H. RYMERS, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Rhode Island, in introducing the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Rhode Island, said:

Most Illustrious Grand Master: I deem it a distinguished honor and it gives me great pleasure to have the privilege of introducing to you the representative of the Grand Council of the smallest State in the Union. Nevertheless, it is very active in Cryptic Rite Masonry, as evidenced by the large number of Council members and the enthusiasm manifested in Masonic matters. I present to you Right Illustrious EDWARD M. WHEELER, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Rhode Island.

M. .III. .GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master, greeted the representative from Rhode Island as follows:

Right Illustrious Companion WHEELER we welcome you to our Grand Council at its One Hundredth Assembly. While we know that you are from the smallest State in the Union, you surely have, as your escort



has said, a great many Cryptic Rite Masons, in fact, more in proportion than we have in New York, more in proportion to the Chapter Masons in your territory. We welcome you here and trust that your stay will be a very pleasant one.

R. III. EDWARD M. WHEELER, Deputy Grand Master of Rhode Island, replied as follows:

Most Illustrious Sir and Companions of New York: I fully appreciate the cordial words of welcome from the Grand Master. As he has stated, geographically and in acreage, we are the smallest Grand Jurisdiction in the United States, yet we have some big things there Masonically. We have one of the largest Chapters in the world, the second largest Council in the world, of which we are very proud, and we have ancient things, although not as ancient as yours. While we have old Lodges and Councils, dating back to 1818, yet we need twenty-seven years more to equal you. Your Grand Master has alluded to the fact that our proportions average up to the other Grand Jurisdictions and perhaps a little more. We have 16,000 in our Blue Lodges, 8,880 in our Chapters, 5,300 in the Cryptic Rite and 4,400 Knights Templar. So, you will see, we are not bothered by that bugbear prerequisite; we have no fear of it in Rhode Island.

I wish our Grand Master could have found it convenient to be present, but I can assure you that his greetings and mine are most hearty. I know something of your hospitality, for I have met your Companions in the Grand Chapter and I assure you that I shall go away from Buffalo with a full realization of your hospitality and with most pleasant memories of this Centennial occasion.

The Grand Representatives of the Grand Council of New York near the Grand Councils of Maine and Pennsylvania were escorted before the Grand Council by the Grand Representatives of those Grand Councils near the Grand Council of New York and introduced as follows:

R. III. HENRY P. STEVENS, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Maine: It is my honor and pleasure to present to the Grand Council of the State of New York, Right Illustrious EDWIN F. HILLMAN, Grand Conductor of the Council of the Grand Council of Maine and our Grand Representative near that Grand Council.

R. III. E. PARKER WAGGONER, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania: It gives me great pleasure to present to this Grand Council the distinguished Companion who represents the Grand Council of the State of New York near the Grand Council of the State of Pennsylvania. I have the honor to introduce Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Past Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania.

M. III. GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master:

Most Puissant Companion and Right Illustrious Companion: It is not often that we have Grand Representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions visit our own Grand Jurisdiction, but we are happy to have it occur. We

like the exchange of fraternal courtesies. It is very pleasant and makes a better feeling between the various Grand Bodies to have the members of the different Jurisdictions mingle and become personally acquainted with each other and know that they are their friends.

We extend to you a very hearty welcome to this our One Hundredth Assembly and ask that you convey to your own Jurisdictions our fraternal regards. We only wish that more of our Grand Representatives from the various Grand Jurisdictions could be present on such occasions.

R. III. A. G. CRISWELL SMITH :

As a quiet, innocent intrusive Companion, after this cordial reception I scarcely know what to do or what to say, as you say you are not accustomed to such visitations. Another matter, my name is SMITH. It seems there are a good many things done by SMITH. I am permitted to call to mind that eleven or twelve years ago I took occasion to visit the Grand Chapter of New York in session at Albany. It seems to me that this State is quite Companionable. On that occasion on the train to Albany I received a degree which I had never received before. I want to refer to the fact that I am never in such companionship as this that I do not think of the "broken triangle." That was referred to in the missing of some one by the Grand High Priest. We are always missing some one—in the home, in the Lodge, in the Chapter, in the Council; it is broken. In this great nation it was severely broken during the last few months, when a nation went upon its knees in the hopes and prayers to save her wise executive, a Companion, whose last message, publicly rendered by proxy, was to a body of Masons and was an expression of that beautiful Christian spirit, giving a Christian example, which, my dear Companions, ought to be an admonition to each one of us that the triangle will be broken and that our life should be so spent, even though its end should come as suddenly as it did to our beloved President, that we may each be prepared to meet it.

R. III. EDWIN F. HILLMAN :

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of the State of New York: After the extended and beautiful remarks of my distinguished Companion from the Grand Council of Pennsylvania it will only be necessary for me to say to you that I bring to you the warm and fraternal greetings of the 9,000 Cryptic Rite Masons of the State of Maine. I shall go back to them with the report that the Grand Council of New York is doing everything necessary, as I observe it, for Cryptic Rite Masonry. I shall not neglect to bear testimony for the cordial and hearty greeting accorded to me. I thank you.

R. III. FRANK RICHARDSON, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, introducing the Grand Master of that Jurisdiction, said:

Most Illustrious Grand Master: It is with a great deal of pleasure that I repeat the annual ceremony of introducing the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts. The annual visitation of the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Massachusetts has come to be an event that we all look forward to and we have become so well acquainted with those Companions that we look

upon them as our own. I have the honor to present Most Illustrious DEAN K. WEBSTER, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts.

M. .III. .GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master :

Most Illustrious Companion WEBSTER: I have been received by you in the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts, and now it is my great pleasure to receive you in the Grand Council of the State of New York at this, our One Hundredth Annual Assembly. As has been said, we have come to know one another quite well. We have become acquainted with the Grand Officers of Massachusetts and you of Massachusetts have become acquainted with the Grand Officers of the State of New York. The fraternal courtesies which bring the two Grand Bodies into closer relationship make us feel that we are at home when we visit. We are pleased to receive you here.

M. .III. .DEAN K. WEBSTER, Grand Master of Massachusetts, responded as follows:

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of the State of New York: I thank you sincerely for the warmth of this reception. It is not the first courtesy that I have received from this Annual Assembly and other Annual Assemblies. For three years now it has been my privilege to meet with the Companions of New York, and it has been an honor on my part on different occasions to receive several of the distinguished Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction in the State of Massachusetts. As the Grand Master has well stated, warm fraternal friendships have been established between us and I assure you I appreciate friendships of that sort. For the last time, as you probably know, I appear before you as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Massachusetts. It is the custom there to permit the Grand Master to remain for three years, but there is a prohibition against remaining in such office longer and so this is the third and last time that I will appear before you officially. You are now celebrating your One Hundredth Anniversary and I bring to you our warmest felicitations on your glorious history of the past, upon this day's very evident manifestations of your present prosperity, and our hope and expectations that your future may be still more successful and glorious and continue so for many centuries to come.

M. .P. .GEORGE A. NEWELL, presenting the representatives of the General Grand Council, said:

Most Illustrious Grand Master: I consider it a very high privilege and I deem an honor has been accorded to me to present to this Grand Council the chief executive of the General Grand Council, Most Puissant FAY HEMPSTEAD, General Grand Master, who is accompanied by Right Puissant WALLACE C. KEITH, General Grand Conductor of the Council of the General Grand Council.

M. .III. .GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master :

Companions of the Grand Council of the State of New York: There stand before you Most Puissant FAY HEMPSTEAD, General Grand Master

of the General Grand Council, and Right Puissant WALLACE C. KEITH, General Grand Conductor of the Council of the General Grand Council.

Most Puissant Sir: It is not strange for the Grand Council of the State of New York to receive the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council at our Assemblies because we have had one who has grown up in our Grand Council. I believe he has been with us almost ever since our Grand Council started. He is at the present time our Grand Treasurer and has held that office for a number of years.

We welcome you to this, our One Hundredth Annual Assembly. We are pleased to see you, together with your General Grand Conductor of the Council who has been good enough to visit us on many occasions. We are very glad you were able to come so far at this time to honor us with your presence. I present you the gavel that you may continue the further ceremonies.

Most Puissant FAY HEMPSTEAD, General Grand Master, spoke as follows:

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of the State of New York: I assure you that it is with a great deal of pride and a very deep pleasure that I am here with you today. I wish to thank you, sir, for your kind remarks, and assure you, Companions, that I certainly and fully appreciate the warmth of your most cordial and hearty welcome.

It has been my good fortune to have been frequently associated with that distinguished and honored Companion of whom you spoke, who has so often visited you, and I aver he has a deep measure of my affection.

Companions, as soon as I became aware that this Annual Assembly was to be your One Hundredth Anniversary, I resolved to be with you, God willing, to clasp hands with you. It is, indeed, a notable occasion, vouchsafed to but few mortals and not to every organization. It is well that you befittingly celebrate so great an incident; that you have come together here, that you have laid aside for the time being the cares of life; that you have shaken off the dust of trade and office and have assembled here in this manner at this time, clustering around the Altar of our beloved Order, of which it may be said all its paths are peace. If my mind were permitted to rest upon the incidents which have transpired during the century, what a wonderful vista it would bring forth; what a wonderful change and improvement. But I do not consider that the present moment is the time to speak of those things. Later in your session, should time suffice and opportunity present itself, I would be very glad to bring to you a few suggestions of the same. Therefore, for the present I will simply thank you again for your most cordial welcome and render back to you this gavel in order that you may preside over the further proceedings of this Grand Council.

### **Regrets.**

Letters and telegrams were received from the following distinguished Craftsmen, regretting their inability to be present at this Annual Assembly:

M. W. ARTHUR S. TOMPKINS, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

- R. .P. .BERT S. LEE, General Grand Deputy Master, General Grand Council.
- R. .P. .O. FRANK HART, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, General Grand Council.
- R. .P. .CHARLES N. FOWLER, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Council.
- R. .P. .HENRY W. MORDHURST, General Grand Recorder, General Grand Council.
- R. .P. .WALTER L. STOCKWELL, General Grand Marshal, General Grand Council.
- M. .Ill. .EDWARD C. RECTOR, Grand Master, Grand Council of Ohio.
- M. .Ill. .W. T. S. O'HARA, Past Grand Master and present Grand Recorder, Grand Council of Ohio.
- M. .P. .AZOR R. HUNT, Grand Master, Grand Council of Pennsylvania.
- M. .Ill. .HARRY A. DINSMORE, Grand Master, Grand Council of Maine.
- M. .Ill. .RALPH W. JUNKINS, Grand Master, Grand Council of New Hampshire.
- M. .Ill. .T. STEWART LITTLE, Grand Master, Grand Council of Rhode Island.
- M. .P. .GEORGE G. BEERS, Grand Master, Grand Council of Connecticut.
- M. .Ill. .CHARLES STEWART, Past Grand Master, Grand Council of New York.
- R. .Ill. .M. S. WOODCOCK, Grand Representative, Grand Council of New York near the Grand Council of Oregon.
- R. .Ill. .WILLIAM L. CUMMINGS, Grand Representative, Grand Council of Maryland.
- R. .Ill. .GEORGE J. VETTER, Grand Representative, Grand Council of New Jersey.
- R. .Ill. .FRED H. ANDERSON, Grand Representative, Grand Council of Washington,
- R. .Ill. .OSSIAN LANG, Grand Representative, Grand Council of Iowa.
- R. .Ill. .EDWARD FEIH, Member of Ritual Committee.
- M. .Ill. .GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master, read the following:

## ADDRESS

### *Companions:*

I welcome you all to this, the One Hundreth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of the State of New York. Some of you have been coming regularly to these Assemblies for many years; others for several years and for some this is the first time. To the younger members I want to say that they will find it a pleasure to continue visiting this Grand Body and will love the atmosphere of these meetings which are much like a family reunion,—something to look forward to each year.

I would suggest that all the Councils send their Deputy Masters and Principal Conductors of the Work to these Assemblies to become acquainted with the members and proceedings prior to their being Masters.

This is our Centennial. One hundred years ago the first Grand Council of the State of New York was convened. It was a small beginning, but it has grown to be a sturdy, healthy child.

I have often wondered what the founders of this Grand Body expected their posterity would do by way of development and if their expectations have been realized. It is hardly possible that they gave much thought to the happenings of a century, for the happenings of the then present moment were sufficient to occupy most of their attention. Luxury as we now see it was far off and the thing at hand kept the mind from much speculation.

As we enter upon the new century what do we expect of our posterity in the coming one hundred years? With the steady growth which has marked the past few years continued and with the increasing interest in Cryptic Masonry assured, we can hope for almost any growth in the next few years.



The past year has been a very pleasant one and it is to be regretted that it has passed so soon, and as we lay down the work of the year and come to look upon the summary we have no regrets, not that we are completely satisfied, but that we must be content.

#### NECROLOGY

While we are celebrating this Centennial of our beloved Rite and are in convention we must not forget those who have ended their labors here and entered into rest.

During the year we have lost one of our Grand Officers, JOHN C. WELCH, our Deputy Grand Master, who died at Poughkeepsie December 11, 1922. His greatest desire was to be the head of Cryptic Masonry in this State and that desire would have been fulfilled at this Assembly had he lived.

Many well known and faithful workers of the craft are included among the following:

#### *Of Our Own Grand Council*

R. .III. .JOHN CARRINGTON WELCH, Deputy Grand Master. Past Grand Representative Grand Council of Rhode Island. Past Master King Solomon Council, No. 31. Died Dec. 11, 1922.

R. .III. .EDMUND C. NATION, Past Grand Representative Grand Council of Illinois. Past Master Peekskill Council, No. 55. Died Feb. 10, 1923.

R. .III. .GEORGE E. W. STIVERS, Past Grand Representative Grand Council of Tennessee. Past Master Adelpic Council, No. 7. Died Feb. 17, 1923.

R. .III. .ERNEST T. HORTON, Past Grand Representative Grand Council of Michigan. Past Master Washington Council, No. 52. Died March 16, 1923.

III. .WILLIAM L. MEEK, Past Master King Hiram Council, No. 18. Died June 12, 1922.

III. .ARWOOD J. RUTTENBER, Past Master Jamestown Council, No. 32. Died Dec. 15, 1922.

III. .EDWARD EDWARDS, Past Master Doric Council, No. 19. Died Dec. 27, 1922.

Ill. .GEORGE W. COOPER, Past Master Doric Council, No. 19.  
Died Dec. 30, 1922.

Ill. .ALEXANDER W. NELSON, Past Master Olean Council, No.  
33. Died Jan. 28, 1923.

Ill. .WILLIAM A. RODGERS, Past Master Hornellsville Council,  
No. 35. Died Feb. 23, 1923.

Ill. .MILES HEBER CLARK, Past Master Brooklyn Council, No.  
4. Died March 5, 1923.

Ill. .EDWIN B. ANDERSON, Past Master Palmyra Council, No.  
26. Died May 2, 1923.

### *Of Other Jurisdictions*

Other Jurisdictions have also had the misfortune to lose by death prominent members of the Cryptic Rite among whom are the following:

Arkansas—M. .Ill. .GEORGE THORNTON, Past Grand Master, died March 9, 1923.

California—M. .Ill. .WILLIAM HENRY GAYNOR, Past Grand Master, died Sept. 22, 1922.

M. .Ill. .Abner Courter, Past Grand Master, died Nov. 22, 1922.

Colorado—M. .Ill. .LAWRENCE NICHOLS GREENLEAF, Past Grand Master, died Oct. 25, 1922.

Florida—R. .Ill. .JOHN MADISON CALDWELL, Grand Chaplain, died Feb. 26, 1923.

Georgia—M. .Ill. .MAX MEYERHARDT, Past Grand Master, died March 2, 1923.

R. .Ill. .and REV. JAMES M. RUSHIN, Grand Chaplain, died March 9, 1923.

Illinois—M. .Ill. .CHARLES F. GEISE, Past Grand Master, died Oct. 24, 1922.

M. .Ill. .RAWSON BENNETT, Past Grand Master, died Nov. 12, 1922.

M. .Ill. .CHARLES W. HOLLANDSWORTH, Past Grand Master, died Dec. 20, 1922.

M. .Ill. .FREDERICK E. HOBERG, Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, died March 28, 1923.

Iowa—M.·Ill.·WILLIAM HENRY NORRIS, Past Grand Master, died Aug. 20, 1922.

M.·Ill.·CROMWELL BOWEN, Past Grand Master, died Feb. 2, 1923.

Kansas—M.·Ill.·AARON H. CONNETT, Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, died July 16, 1922.

M.·Ill.·ALVA J. APPLGATE, Past Grand Master, died Feb. 21, 1923.

Maine—M.·Ill.·FRANK EUGENE SLEEPER, Past Grand Master, died May 2, 1923.

Michigan—M.·Ill.·OLIVER LYMAN SPAULDING, Past Grand Master, died July 30, 1922.

M.·Ill.·CLARENCE ALBERT HOWARD, Past Grand Master, died Nov. 27, 1922.

Nebraska—M.·Ill.·EBEN KNAPP LONG, Past Grand Master, died June 27, 1922.

M.·Ill.·JAMES A. GRIMISON, Past Grand Master, died March 5, 1923.

New Jersey—R.·Ill.·HAROLD HOYT TILTON, Grand Conductor of the Council, died July 2, 1922.

Ohio—M.·Ill.·CHARLES H. GIESSEN, Past Grand Master, died Dec. 7, 1922.

Oklahoma—Ill.·MAHLON ASBROOK KELSO, Deputy Grand Master, died June 13, 1923.

Oregon—M.·Ill.·ORLANDO O. HODSON, Past Grand Master, died Jan. 9, 1923.

Pennsylvania—S. E. BURKE KINSLÖE, Past Most Puissant Grand Master, died Nov. 25, 1922.

South Carolina—M.·Ill.·WILLIAM EDWARD GANDT, Past Grand Master, died March 2, 1923.

South Dakota—R.·Ill.·HARVEY JAMES RICE, Grand Treasurer, died April 3, 1923.

Tennessee—M.·Ill.·JOSEPH W. McDANNEL, SR., Past Grand Master, died Nov. 16, 1922.

M.·Ill.·NATHAN S. WOODWARD, Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, died Feb. 27, 1923.

M. Ill. HENRY MARTYN AIKEN, Past Grand Master, died March 22, 1923.

Texas—M. Ill. FRANK J. NUSOM, Past Grand Master, died

M. Ill. FELIX WOOD FITZPATRICK, Past Grand Master, died ———, 1922.

M. Ill. PHILIP MELANCTHON RILEY, Past Grand Master, died June 15, 1922.

R. Ill. JAMES J. DAVIS, Grand Representative Grand Council of New York and Director Aged Mason's Home, died Aug. 31, 1922.

Wisconsin—Ill. JAMES ROY, Grand Lecturer, died June 21, 1922.

#### COUNCILS CONSTITUTED

The Charters granted at the last Assembly of the Grand Council to Rotica Council, No. 12, at Rome, Temple Council, No. 79, at Niagara Falls, Flatbush Council, No. 80, at Brooklyn, Joseph Warren Council, No. 81, at Glens Falls, and Salamanca Council, No. 82, at Salamanca, were presented and the several Councils duly constituted by me on the following dates:

Rotica Council, No. 12, on October 2, 1922,

Temple Council, No. 79, on October 3, 1922,

Salamanca Council, No. 82, on October 4, 1922,

Flatbush Council, No. 80, on October 27, 1922, and

Joseph Warren Council, No. 81, on October 30, 1922.

On each of these occasions the attendance was good, the interest of the Companions was evident and the entertainment tendered the Grand Master and the Grand Officers accompanying him was most generous and hospitable.

#### DISPENSATIONS

The usual requests for dispensations for Special Assemblies at which petitions might be received and balloted upon and degrees conferred have been received and following established precedent have been granted by me. Dispensations have also

been granted in a number of cases for Councils to confer degrees in towns where no Councils were located, the Assemblies being held in a Masonic Lodge room in each case. As these dispensations differ in no particular from those granted by preceding Grand Masters and approved by the Grand Council I have not taken space to include them in this report.

#### LOST CHARTERS

During the year the value of the inspection of the Councils by the Grand Officers has been once more clearly shown. In two cases Charters were reported as having been mislaid or lost. Upon the facts being reported to me I issued dispensations covering the cases as follows: On March 28, 1923, to Johnstown Council, No. 72, at Johnstown, N. Y., empowering it to meet, confer degrees and transact all business as a Council until this Assembly of the Grand Council. The Charter not having been found I recommend that a duplicate Charter be issued to Johnstown Council, No. 72.

On May 11, 1923, to Hudson Council, No. 62, at Hudson, N. Y., empowering it to meet, confer degrees and transact all business as a Council until this Assembly of the Grand Council. I am pleased to report that this Charter was shortly afterwards located in the safe in the Masonic Temple and the dispensation returned.

#### A NEW COUNCIL

On March 22, 1923, assisted by R. Ill. JAMES A. SMITH, Grand Marshal, I instituted a Council at Ilion, New York, under the name of Zarthan Council, U. D., with the following officers: HERBERT H. WILLIAMS, Master; BERNHARD F. LIND, Deputy Master, and CLYDE L. WILCOX, Principal Conductor of the Work. This Council will cover a fertile field not now occupied and ought to and no doubt will be a successful and prosperous addition to our Cryptic family. The Grand Lecturer being unable, on account of illness, to make the inspection, upon his request I appointed M. Ill. EUGENE E. HINMAN to act in his stead. His report follows:

Albany, N. Y., June 29, 1923.

M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL,  
Grand Master, R. & S. M.  
State of New York.

MY DEAR GRAND MASTER:

Pursuant to your instructions, and at the request of R. Ill. ALBERT S. PRICE, Grand Lecturer, I did on the evening of June 28th visit Zarthan Council, U. D, at Ilion and there witnessed the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Master in full form.

The Council was opened in full form by the regular officers and after exemplifying the degrees they again closed in full form.

The work was done in a very creditable manner and all of the officers seem to have developed a spirit of real appreciation of the value and beauty of our Cryptic degrees.

This Council is located well for its mission as a member of our big family and I feel sure that it is destined to assume a place of importance among us.

It therefore gives me great pleasure to certify to you to the ability of the officers of Zarthan Council to confer the degrees of the Cryptic Rite.

Fraternally yours,

EUGENE E. HINMAN,

*Past Grand Master.*

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

*Appointed*

July 12, 1923. At the request of the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Mississippi, I was pleased to appoint R. Ill. CLYDE J. VAN ARSDALL as our Representative near that Grand Council.

*Accredited*

There is no more suitable way to reward the faithful workers in the respective Councils than by the presentation of a commis-



sion as Grand Representative, and I have had the pleasure of recommending the appointment of and accrediting the following Companions:

January 29, 1923. R. Ill. GEORGE J. VETTER, Past Master of Doric Council, No. 19, as the Representative of the Grand Council of New Jersey, in place of R. Ill. EDWARD FEIH, resigned.

February 14, 1923. R. Ill. CHARLES F. CUSHING, Master of Temple Council, No. 79, as the Representative of the Grand Council of New Hampshire, in place of R. Ill. DANIEL JONES, resigned.

March 30, 1923. R. Ill. WESLEY M. BACKUS, Past Master of Buffalo Council, No. 17, as the Representative of the Grand Council of the Maritime Provinces, in place of R. Ill. LUTHER H. MILLER, resigned.

March 30, 1923. R. Ill. HENRY P. DAIN, Past Master of Peekskill Council, No. 55, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Vermont, in place of R. Ill. HENRY M. LUND, resigned.

March 30, 1923. R. Ill. E. PARKER WAGGONER, Past Master of Keystone Council, No. 20, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, in place of R. Ill. J. R. NEWMAN, resigned.

April 5, 1923. R. Ill. WALTER M. DOUGLAS, Past Master of Bloss Council, No. 14, as the Representative of the Grand Council of the District of Columbia, in place of R. Ill. J. R. ROGERS, resigned.

April 12, 1923. R. Ill. FRED H. ANDERSON, Past Master of Jamestown Council, No. 32, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Washington, in place of R. Ill. H. S. TIPTON, resigned.

May 10, 1923. R. Ill. EDGAR E. WEMPLE, Past Master of Southern Tier Council, No. 16, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Arkansas, in place of R. Ill. R. H. Heppell, resigned.

May 13, 1923. R. Ill. JOHN B. ADKINS, Past Master of Columbian Council, No. 1, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Minnesota, in place of R. Ill. F. H. SPENCER, resigned.

May 25, 1923. R. Ill. HARRY B. LYON, Past Master of Dunkirk Council, No. 25, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Colorado, in place of R. Ill. C. E. GOODRICH, resigned.

#### FRATERNAL REQUESTS

As in former years there have been a number of requests made for the conferring of degrees both for some of our own Councils and for Councils of other Jurisdictions. There have also been requests made for waiver of jurisdiction in a number of cases. I am pleased to report that all of the requests made and waivers asked have been granted, as follows:

#### *Asked*

October 7, 1922. Upon request, jurisdiction was waived by Adoniram Council, No. 9, of Elizabeth, N. J., over Companion THOMAS H. WIGHT, of Westfield, N. J., in favor of Adelpic Council, No. 7, of New York City.

January 31, 1923. Upon request, jurisdiction was waived by Kane Council, No. 2, of Newark, N. J., over Companion FREDERICK WILLIAM TURNEY, of Montclair, N. J., in favor of Brooklyn Council, No. 4, of Brooklyn.

December 26, 1922. On behalf of Flatbush Council, No. 80, I requested M. P. FAY HEMPSTEAD, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, to cause the Cryptic degrees to be conferred upon Companion ALVIN WESLEY HAYNES, of Flatbush Council, by Canal Zone Council, of Ancon, Canal Zone. I am informed that Canal Zone Council was pleased to comply with the request and that the degrees of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master were conferred upon Companion HAYNES.

April 25, 1923. On behalf of Brooklyn Council, No. 4, I requested M. Ill. MORRIS L. SLUGG, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Maine, to cause the degree of Super-Excellent Master to be conferred upon Companion NELSON B. GILDERSLEEVE, of Brooklyn Council, No. 4. I am informed that the degree was conferred upon Companion GILDERSLEEVE by Portland Council, No. 4, of Portland, April 26, 1923.

### *Granted*

October 16, 1922. A request was received from M. Ill. HORACE P. MCINTOSH, Grand Master of the Grand Council of the District of Columbia, that a Council in New York City confer the Cryptic degrees upon Companion GILBERT R. BYRNE, as a courtesy to Washington Council, No. 1, of Washington, D. C. Adelpic Council, No. 7, was pleased to comply with the request and on November 4, 1922, the degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred upon Companion BYRNE.

December 13, 1922. A request was received from M. Ill. HOWARD E. SLOCUM, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Michigan, that Doric Council, No. 19, of Rochester, confer the Council degrees upon Companion BENTON JESSE SAUPPEE, as a courtesy to Ann Arbor Council, No. 86, of Ann Arbor, Mich. Doric Council was pleased to comply with the request, and on December 25, 1922, the degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred and on May 28, 1923, the degree of Super-Excellent Master was conferred upon Companion SAUPPEE.

March 17, 1923. A request was received from M. Ill. EDWARD C. RECTOR, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio, that DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, of Albany, confer the Super-Excellent Master degree upon Companion A. J. PALMER, as a courtesy to Reese Council, No. 9, of Dayton, O. I am informed that DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, will be pleased to comply with the request at the first opportunity offered, probably in October or November of this year.

### INSTALLATION OF GRAND SENTINEL

As requested by me, R. Ill. WILLIAM S. RISELAY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, installed Companion JOHN FOX as Grand Sentinel, in Keystone Council, No. 20, on April 18, 1923.

### GRAND RECORDER

Only those who have held positions as presiding officers of a body know and appreciate the work of an efficient Recorder or

Secretary. In the present Grand Recorder, GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, I have found a very efficient, cordial and obliging official. His work is complete to the most minute detail. I hereby wish to let him know my appreciation of his work and my indebtedness to him.

#### BONDS

The renewal of the bonds of M. P. GEORGE A. NEWELL, Grand Treasurer, and of M. Ill. GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, Grand Recorder, are in the hands of the Grand Trustees, having been approved by me as required by our Constitution.

#### VISITATIONS

Many invitations to attend Assemblies of our constituent Councils have been received by me and also invitations to attend the Assemblies of a number of Grand Councils of neighboring Jurisdictions. Whenever possible I have been glad to accept the hospitality offered but in many instances have been regretfully compelled to decline. I have most pleasant recollections of visits made to the Grand Council of Massachusetts in Boston on December 11, 1922, and to the Grand Council of Connecticut in Stamford on June 5, 1923.

Upon the occasion of my visit to Southern Tier Council, No. 16, at Elmira, I was accompanied by the Grand Recorder and we were each presented by R. Ill. GEORGE R. HEMENWAY, Grand Conductor of the Council, on behalf of the Council, with a beautiful gavel, mounted in silver and suitably inscribed.

I accompanied M. Ill. GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, Grand Recorder, upon the occasion of his official visit to Washington Council, No. 52, at Whitehall. During the evening we were both made honorary members of the Council, an honor which we greatly appreciated.

I was also pleased to accept invitations to attend the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M, the Grand Commandery, K. T., and the Council of Deliberation, A. A. S. R, and was officially received in each of these Bodies as the representative of our Rite.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

Complying with our Constitution, I apportioned the several Councils among the Grand Officers for official visitation. Owing to the death of our Deputy Grand Master and on account of illness and other reasons, a number of the visits could not be made by those assigned. All but two of the Councils, however, were visited, the officers called upon to assist in the emergency responding gladly. Following are the Official Circular of apportionment and the reports of the visits made:

GRAND COUNCIL  
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER  
1415 FIRST AVENUE  
OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 1

WATERVLIET, N. Y., October 31, 1922.

*To the Officers of the Grand Council and to the Officers and Companions of all Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York:*

GREETING:

In compliance with the General Regulations of the Grand Council, the Councils of this Jurisdiction are hereby apportioned for Official Visitations, as follows:

R. . Ill. . JOHN C. WELCH  
*Deputy Grand Master*  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

- Southern Tier, No. 16..... Elmira
- Bath, No. 40..... Bath
- Rotica, No. 12..... Rome
- Temple, No. 79..... Niagara Falls
- Catskill, No. 78..... Catskill

R. Ill. WILLIAM S. RISELAY

*Grand P. C. of the Work*

Buffalo, N. Y.

Phoenix, No. 70.....	Mt. Vernon
Union, No. 2.....	New York City
Buffalo, No. 17.....	Buffalo
DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....	Albany
Joseph Warren, No. 81.....	Glens Falls

M. Ill. GEORGE EDWARD HATCH

*Grand Recorder*

Rochester, N. Y.

Brooklyn, No. 4.....	Brooklyn
Keystone, No. 20.....	Buffalo
Washington, No. 52.....	Whitehall

R. Ill. JOSEPH L. LOCKHART

*Grand Captain of the Guard*

New York City

Doric, No. 19.....	Rochester
Palmyra, No. 26.....	Palmyra
Alph-Omega, No. 71.....	Medina
Huntington, No. 76.....	Huntington
Peekskill, No. 55.....	Peekskill

R. Ill. GEORGE R. HEMENWAY

*Grand Conductor of the Council*

Elmira, N. Y.

Hornellsville, No. 35.....	Hornell
Jamestown, No. 32.....	Jamestown
Ancient City, No. 21.....	Kingston
Columbian, No. 1.....	New York City
Watertown, No. 34.....	Watertown



R. Ill. JAMES A. SMITH

*Grand Marshal*

Schenectady, N. Y.

Adelphic, No. 7.....	New York City
King Solomon, No. 31.....	Poughkeepsie
St. Lawrence, No. 77.....	Potsdam
Tyrian, No. 43.....	Plattsburg
Johnstown, No. 72.....	Johnstown

R. Ill. GEORGE O. LINKLETTER

*Grand Standard Bearer*

New York City

Salamanca, No. 82.....	Salamanca
Central City, No. 13.....	Syracuse
Skoi-Yase, No. 75.....	Waterloo
King Hiram, No. 18.....	Auburn
Hudson, No. 62.....	Hudson

R. Ill. CHARLES M. COLTON

*Grand Steward*

Rochester, N. Y.

Flatbush, No. 80.....	Brooklyn
Corning, No. 53.....	Corning
Cryptic, No. 37.....	Saratoga Springs
Fulton, No. 50.....	Fulton
Bloss, No. 14.....	Troy

R. Ill. ALBERT S. PRICE

*Grand Lecturer*

Jamestown, N. Y.

Bruce, No. 15.....	Lockport
Dunkirk, No. 25.....	Dunkirk
Olean, No. 33.....	Olean
Adoniram, No. 36.....	Elmhurst
St. George's, No. 74.....	Schenectady

The Grand Officers and Masters of Councils are requested to complete arrangements for the visitations at an early date. Recorders will fill out the inspection blank as far as possible prior to the date of the visit.

Reports of visits should be immediately forwarded to the Grand Master together with a copy of the inspection blank. Two copies of the inspection blank should also be immediately forwarded to the office of the Grand Recorder with a statement of the amount expended for railroad fare.

Zealously yours,

Attest:

GEORGE S. HASWELL,

*Grand Master.*

GEORGE EDWARD HATCH,

*Grand Recorder.*

REPORT OF M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL

*Grand Master*

CATSKILL COUNCIL, No. 78

Catskill Council, which had been assigned to R. Ill. Companion WELCH, our Deputy Grand Master, who died since his appointment, was visited by me officially on Monday evening, December 18, 1922. On receiving notice from Catskill that they were to have a meeting on that evening, accompanied by Ill. LOUIS N. ELLENBOGEN, Master of Bloss Council, No. 14, I went to Catskill Council, where I was introduced by R. Ill. LEON L. PARKER, received with grand honors, and addressed the Council briefly. The Council had a large class of candidates and about one hundred very enthusiastic Select Masters present. The work was carried on with the same snap for which Catskill Council is noted.

After the dinner, which followed the work of the evening, a social hour was held in which every one present joined in singing the good old airs which are familiar to all. It is always a pleasure to visit this prosperous and flourishing Council.

REPORT OF R. Ill. WILLIAM S. RISELAY  
*Grand Principal Conductor of the Work*

PHOENIX COUNCIL, No. 70

December 8th, after a pleasant trip across the State I arrived in the Big City and in due time was taken in charge by Ill. ROBERT CLARKE, the Master, who with Companions LABARRE, CHAMBERS and WHITNEY, escorted me to the hotel where a fine dinner was served. The Companions of Phoenix Council certainly are clever entertainers, everything that was possible being done for my pleasure and comfort.

I was introduced into the Council by M. Ill. Companion CHAMBERS and was most heartily and cordially received by the Master.

After addressing the Council, the Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred on a class of six candidates in a beautiful and impressive manner.

Distinguished Companions present were:

M. Ill. OLIVER H. LABARRE and M. Ill. JAMES CHAMBERS, Past Grand Masters; R. Ill. F. T. DAVIS, R. Ill. J. C. FISHER, R. Ill. H. P. HOLLISTER, Ill. DWIGHT O. PALMER, Ill. GEORGE HERRING, Ill. R. S. HOUCK, Ill. STEPHEN PRESTON, JR., Ill. R. D. FERRIS, Ill. C. D. BABCOCK.

UNION COUNCIL, No. 2

Saturday evening, December 9, 1923, I was taken in charge by Ill. DWIGHT O. PALMER, the Master, and with several other Companions escorting us we were driven to the Schnorer Club, known far and wide for the pleasure it can give its members, and being a guest I was given "yet more." After enjoying a splendid banquet we went to the Council Chamber and in due time I was presented by my colleague R. Ill. J. L. LOCKHART and most graciously received by the Master. It gave me pleasure to address the members, after which the Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred.

Many well-known Craftsmen were present, among them being:

M. Ill. OLIVER H. LABARRE and M. Ill. JAMES CHAMBERS, Past Grand Masters; R. Ill. JOSEPH L. LOCKHART, Grand Cap-

tain of the Guard; R. Ill. E. LOEWENSTEIN, R. Ill. ELIAS WHITNEY, R. Ill. J. CALEB FISHER, R. Ill. HENRY J. HUEMER, R. Ill. FRANK A. SPENCER, R. Ill. EDWARD FEIH, Ill. ROBERT CLARKE, Ill. STEPHEN PRESTON, JR., Ill. EDWIN L. BROOKS, Ill. C. O. SCHAW, Ill. N. B. K. HOFFMAN, Ill. ARTHUR A. BARR, Ill. HARRY AERY, Ill. ROY L. HOUCK, Ill. MATTHEW S. CUMNER.

#### BUFFALO COUNCIL, No. 17

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write my report of the distinguished privilege I experienced March 8th, in visiting officially our sister Council. I found a goodly number of the Companions present and was most cordially received by Ill. W. PHILIP CAINE, the Master, after which I addressed the Companions.

The Royal and Select Master degrees were then conferred.

It gave me great pleasure to find the following distinguished Companions present: M. Ill. FRED E. OGDEN, R. Ill. GEORGE W. CURTIS, R. Ill. PERCY EATON, R. Ill. JOHN H. CLARKE, R. Ill. W. J. KOEFF, Ill. HENRY POST, Ill. WESLEY M. BACKUS, Ill. FRANK W. TYLER, Ill. PETER POST, Ill. E. PARKER WAGGONER.

#### DEWITT CLINTON COUNCIL, No. 22

March 15, 1923, I left Buffalo at 9:15 A. M. for Albany. As I came into the station I saw two distinguished looking gentlemen waiting and found they were Ill. Companion CHARLES H. JOHNSON and Brother THEODORE ROOSEVELT. After greeting Companion JOHNSON he presented me to Brother ROOSEVELT, who greeted me very cordially. After a few moments conversation we separated and Companion JOHNSON escorted me to the hotel where I was nicely cared for. We then went to the Albany Club where a splendid dinner was served. I was then conducted to the Council Chamber, introduced by M. Ill. EUGENE E. HINMAN and most eloquently received by the Master. I then addressed the Companions.

The Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred upon four candidates in a splendid manner.

I was very much pleased at the large number of Companions present (150). Our Grand Master also honored me by his pres-

ence and was pleased to address the Companions. After the ceremonies of the evening came a pleasant hour with refreshments and cigars.

The official visitor was honored by the presence of many distinguished Companions, among them being M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master; M. Ill. JOHN P. DEAL and M. Ill. E. E. HINMAN, Past Grand Masters; R. Ill. Companions G. R. HODGKINS, P. F. SOHNI, E. CRAWFORD, C. L. MEYERS, PETER SCHUMACHER, N. I. MARTIN, E. C. JOHNSON, C. J. MOORE and ZINA C. LEWIS, and Ill. Companions L. N. ELLENBOGEN, A. J. SELLECK, L. C. VANDERHEYDEN, H. WATSON, W. R. MARDEN, E. B. SANFORD and A. B. GREGG.

#### JOSEPH WARREN COUNCIL, No. 81

On March 16th, I visited Joseph Warren Council, No. 81. On my arrival at the station in Glens Falls I was greeted by Ill. Companion ADELBERT J. SELLECK, the Master, and escorted to the hotel where I was cared for. Companion SELLECK then showed me some of the beauties of Glens Falls but could not do much owing to the great banks of snow and ice. He then took me over the Temple which I found in splendid condition. This is a new Council and I was its first official visitor. The conditions were rather against the Master. The Recorder was ill and had been so for several months. Several of the other officers had been ill or out of town so that he had not been able to do any work at all but assured me that he would see that some work would be done and I believe he will.

At 6.30 P. M. a very fine dinner was served. We then went into the Council where I was cordially received by the Master and addressed the Companions. There being no work the time was taken up in rehearsal and counsel with the officers and Companions.

REPORT OF M. ILL. GEORGE EDWARD HATCH  
*Grand Recorder*

#### BROOKLYN COUNCIL, No. 4

The first of my official visits was made to Brooklyn Council, No. 4, on Saturday, December 16th. Ill. Companion HADLOCK,

Master of the Council and R. Ill. Companion STEVENS, Grand Representative of Maine, entertained me at dinner prior to the Assembly and escorted me to the Brooklyn Masonic Temple where the Council holds its Assemblies.

R. Ill. Companion STEVENS introduced me in his always happy manner and Ill. Companion HADLOCK greeted me officially both graciously and cordially. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred upon a number of candidates in a manner which held the attention of all who were privileged to be present. As Grand Recorder, I am happy to say that almost without exception the Recorders of our constituent Councils are prompt, accurate and willing to assist in every way. Companion SCHNITZSPAN, Recorder of Brooklyn Council, is one whose work is beyond criticism, his books and records being almost perfection itself. It is unnecessary for me to state that Brooklyn Council is in a most prosperous condition doing splendid work for our Rite—work which I am sure is appreciated by the Grand Council.

A buffet supper brought to a close a most enjoyable evening, made particularly so by the opportunity it afforded me to meet so many friends—old and new. Among the many distinguished members of our Rite present were:

R. Ill. Companions JOSEPH L. LOCKHART, Grand Captain of the Guard, WILLIAM BAMBER, EMANUEL LOEWENSTEIN, HARRY A. BINGHAM and HENRY P. STEVENS, and Ill. Companions GEORGE HERRING, O. L. MENARD, J. HUNTER, M. S. CUMNER, R. CLARKE, J. A. DERTHICK, M. H. CLARK, H. M. RYNEHART and R. SALTER.

#### KEYSTONE COUNCIL, No. 20

On Tuesday, December 19th, I visited Keystone Council, No. 20, at Buffalo. A delightful dinner, at which were present the officers of the Council, preceded the Assembly. Keystone Council is privileged to meet in Landmarks Temple, the Lodge room being beautifully furnished and complete in every particular. R. Ill. Companion RISELAY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, presented me in the Council and my greeting by Ill. Companion CURTIS, the Master, was one which made me feel my



visit was a welcome one. After I had addressed the Companions Ill. E. PARKER WAGGONER, Secretary of our Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite, on behalf of the Council presented me a beautiful certificate of Honorary Membership for which I expressed my deep appreciation.

The degrees of Royal and Select Master were admirably conferred upon a class of candidates and in a manner which I am confident deeply impressed them. All of the books of records both of the Treasurer and Recorder are in excellent condition and the Council is one of which the Grand Council may well be proud. After the Council was closed a delightful musical entertainment was given and later all enjoyed a social hour at the banquet table. During the evening the following distinguished Companions honored me by their presence: R. Ill. WILLIAM S. RISELAY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; M. Ill. FRED E. OGDEN, Past Grand Master; R. Ill. Companions G. W. CURTIS and PERCY EATON, and Ill. Companions A. C. GLOGER, F. A. FELL and E. P. WAGGONER.

#### WASHINGTON COUNCIL, No. 52

On Friday, May 25th, the Grand Master met me in Troy and took me by automobile to Whitehall where I visited Washington Council, No. 52, officially, that evening. After a very pleasant ride we arrived in time to partake of an excellent dinner with the officers of the Council and later repaired to the Masonic Temple. After witnessing the opening ceremonies we retired and were officially received. R. Ill. Companion H. E. SULLIVAN, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of California, honored me by introducing me, and Ill. Companion WOOD, the Master, gave me a cordial and hearty welcome. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were impressively conferred, the work of the officers being of a high order of excellence. One of the very pleasant incidents of the evening was the conferring of Honorary Membership in the Council upon both Grand Master HASWELL and myself, an honor greatly appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

The evening was most happily brought to a close by a splendid supper served by the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter.

In addition to M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master, and R. Ill. HERMON E. SULLIVAN, all of the other living Past Masters of Washington Council were present, as follows: Ill. Companions O. A. DENNIS, C. E. PARKER, A. D. BARTHOLOMEW and W. J. WILLIAMS.

REPORT OF R. Ill. JOSEPH L. LOCKHART  
*Grand Captain of the Guard*

DORIC COUNCIL, No. 19

On March 26th, I made an official visit to Doric Council, No. 19, located at Rochester, N. Y.

On account of my close association with some of its members, I had anticipated this visit with much pleasure. Upon my arrival at the city of Rochester in the afternoon, I was met at the station by my associate in the Grand Council, R. Ill. CHARLES M. COLTON, Grand Steward, and R. Ill. LUTHER H. MILLER, Recorder of the Council. They accompanied me to the apartment of Most Ill. GEORGE EDWARD HATCH at the Sagamore Hotel, where I spent several pleasant hours visiting with him. We had dinner at the hotel with several other distinguished Companions of Doric Council, after which we repaired to the Council Room.

I was introduced in the Secret Vault by Most Ill. WILLARD S. BRADT, Past Grand Master, and was cordially received by the Master, Ill. JAMES R. KIMBER. The Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred by the officers in costume, and with complete accessories, which added interest and dignity to the work. The officers are to be congratulated on the orderly and efficient manner in which they confer the degrees.

Doric Council is particularly fortunate in having the benefit of the active work of several distinguished Companions, who, by the experience obtained by long and faithful service in the Grand Council, as well as in their home Council, are eminently qualified to render much valuable service to the Council.

Among those present were: M. Ill. WILLARD S. BRADT, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, State of New York; M. Ill. GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, Past Grand Master and present Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, State of New York;

R.'.Ill.'.CHARLES M. COLTON, Grand Steward of the Grand Council, State of New York; R.'.Ill.'.LUTHER H. MILLER, R.'.Ill.'.GEORGE J. VETTER, and Ill.'.FRANK DONAHUE of Hornellsville Council, No. 35.

#### PALMYRA COUNCIL, No. 26

My official visit was made to Palmyra Council, No. 26, on April 10th. Boarding the Empire State Express at New York early on the morning of April 10th, and arriving at Rochester in the afternoon at 4:05 o'clock, to my surprise and delight I was met at the station by M.'.Ill.'.GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, Grand Recorder, and R.'.Ill.'.LUTHER H. MILLER, Recorder of Doric Council, No. 19, who accompanied me to the Powers Hotel, where the Master of Palmyra Council, No. 26, had engaged a room for me.

Accompanied by R.'.Ill.'.LUTHER H. MILLER, I boarded the electric car and reached Palmyra about 6 o'clock P. M. I was met by the Master, Ill.'.HARRY H. HUNT, and R.'.Ill.'.J. H. L. GALLAGHER, who conducted me to the Council Chamber, where a dinner was served to all the Companions present.

After witnessing the opening of the Council I retired, and was conducted into the Council and introduced by R.'.Ill.'.S. NELSON SAWYER, who, in addition to being a Past Master of the Council, is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of New York. After my reception I witnessed the conferring of the Super-Excellent Master degree by the officers of the Council. The degree was worked in a very dignified and impressive manner, and the Companions gave testimony of their interest and pleasure in the work.

Among the Companions present were the following: R.'.Ill.'.A. C. HOPKINS, R.'.Ill.'.J. H. L. GALLAGHER, R.'.Ill.'.LUTHER H. MILLER, R.'.Ill.'.S. NELSON SAWYER, and Ill.'.ARTHUR D. BECKER.

#### ALPH-OMEGA COUNCIL, No. 71

My official visit to Alph-Omega Council, No. 71, at Medina was made on April 11th.

Arriving at Medina, I was met by M. .P. .GEORGE A. NEWELL, Grand Treasurer, and escorted to his home, where I had a most delightful visit with him and his interesting family. We went to the hotel where we had dinner, and from there to the Council Assembly.

M. .P. .GEORGE A. NEWELL introduced me to the Ill. .Master and Companions, and I was cordially received.

The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred on one candidate, the work being well done, in costume, and with complete equipment.

This Council has all the signs of becoming more active. The field is large, though somewhat scattered, and it requires effort to reach the candidates. The Master informed me that he would have several candidates for the May Assembly.

Among those present were M. .P. .GEORGE A. NEWELL, and Ill. .M. L. LIDDELL, Master of Bruce Council, No. 15.

#### PEEKSKILL COUNCIL, No. 55

On Monday evening, May 14th, I made an official visit to Peekskill Council, No. 55.

I was accompanied by M. .Ill. .OLIVER H. LABARRE, R. .Ill. . EDWARD FEIH, R. .Ill. .HENRY J. HUEMMER, Ill. .DWIGHT O. PALMER, and seven other Companions from Union Council, No. 2.

On arriving in Peekskill we went to the Assembly Room, reaching there in time to witness the opening of the Council.

I was presented to the Council by M. .Ill. .O. H. LABARRE, and cordially received by the Master.

The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred on one candidate. The officers of the Council conferred the Royal Master Degree, and the officers of Union Council conferred the Select Master Degree, which aroused some interest and enthusiasm.

A luncheon and social hour were enjoyed by the Companions after the Council was closed. This Council is suffering from a lack of interest, but I think this condition will be gradually overcome.

## HUNTINGTON COUNCIL, No. 76

On May 18th, I made an official visit to Huntington Council, No. 76.

I was accompanied by M. Ill. O. H. LABARRE, Ill. DWIGHT O. PALMER, Master of Union Council, No. 2; Companion N. PECORA, Deputy Master, and twelve others, Companions of Union Council.

I was introduced in the Secret Vault by Ill. Companion HENRY L. CARR, and was cordially received by the Master.

The Master, Ill. Companion HAWKINS, planned to have a social session on the evening of my visit, and I did not have an opportunity to see the degrees conferred. There were a number of talks given on the subject of Council Masonry, which were both interesting and instructive.

After the meeting a collation was served to all the Companions present, amid pleasant social surroundings.

Among those present were M. Ill. O. H. LABARRE, Ill. DWIGHT O. PALMER, R. Ill. ALLISON E. LOWNDES, and Ill. H. L. CARR, of Huntington Council.

REPORT OF R. Ill. GEORGE R. HEMENWAY

*Grand Conductor of the Council*

## COLUMBIAN COUNCIL, No. 1

To be permitted to visit the birthplace of Cryptic Masonry in the State of New York and examine the records of over a century of work and labor in the Cryptic Rite is indeed a privilege, a pleasure and an inspiration.

On February 1st, I had the honor of being received as the official visitor of Columbian Council, No. 1. On my arrival in New York City I was met by M. Ill. MARTIN Q. GOOD and Ill. CHRISTIAN O. SCHAW, the Master of the Council, and was escorted to the Fifth Avenue Restaurant where a delightful luncheon was served to the officers, Past Masters and guests of the Council, after which we repaired to the Masonic Temple, where I was graciously introduced in the Secret Vault by my

good friend, M. Ill. MARTIN Q. GOOD, and was most cordially received by the Master, Ill. CHRISTIAN O. SCHAW. The Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred on a class of nine candidates in a very impressive manner by the efficient officers of Columbian Council. I found the officers and Companions full of enthusiasm, as was evidenced by the fact that fifty-eight candidates have been greeted as Royal and Select Masters in this Council during the present Cryptic year.

The occasion of my official visit was also the Centennial Anniversary of the granting of the Charter to Columbian Council, No. 1. Although a century has rolled on beyond recall, with its changing conditions and events, I believe the same spirit which prompted those pioneer Companions to build and found, not only Columbian Council, but also the enduring structure of Cryptic Masonry in the State of New York, still survives and is guiding the destinies of Columbian Council at the present time.

Columbian Council is to be congratulated upon having a complete set of records for the past one hundred and thirteen years, although its Charter dates back to only one hundred years, it having been granted on February 1, 1823.

In the evening Columbian Council entertained its ladies, Companions and guests at a dinner at the Fifth Avenue Restaurant in honor of its Centennial Anniversary, at which dinner talks were given by many Companions and guests, and I am sure that all who were privileged to attend this Centennial celebration will agree that it was a fitting climax for a perfect day.

Columbian Council on this occasion was particularly honored by the presence of M. P. W. W. WILLIAMSON, Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Maritime Provinces, together with the following distinguished Companions: M. Ill. MARTIN Q. GOOD, M. Ill. OLIVER H. LABARRE, M. Ill. JAMES CHAMBERS, R. Ill. JOSEPH L. LOCKHART, R. Ill. GEORGE O. LINKLETTER, R. Ill. CHAUNCEY E. GOODRICH, R. Ill. J. CALEB FISHER, R. Ill. JAMES STEWART, and Ill. Companions DWIGHT O. PALMER, MATTHEW S. CUMNER, CHARLES H. HADLOCK, EDWIN L. BROOKS, CARL G. PFEIFFER, WALTER C. FRANZ, STEPHEN PRESTON, JR., PAUL AMERMAN, WILLIAM B. TINDLE, CHARLES PEPPER, W. KNIGHT VERNON, CHARLES N. HULBURT, JOHN B. ADKINS, OLIVER L. MENARD and GEORGE HERRING.

## HORNELLVILLE COUNCIL, No. 35

Both pleasure and profit were combined in my visit to Hornellsville Council, No. 35, on the evening of April 6th,—pleasure, to be again permitted to mingle and greet my good old friends in Hornell and profit to be permitted to witness not only a splendid rendition of the ritual, but also to view the new life and activities which is self-evident to any visitor to this Council. Hornellsville Council can justly be proud of the steady and healthy growth which it has enjoyed for several years past.

On the evening of my visit, the guests, officers and Companions were delightfully entertained at a happy dinner, held in their beautiful temple at 6:30 o'clock, after which we repaired to the Secret Vault, where I had the honor of being graciously introduced by R. Ill. P. M. NAST, JR., and was most cordially received by the Master, Ill. JOHN B. HAGADORN.

I found the officers and Companions filled with pep and enthusiasm, and it is self-evident that great strides have been made by this Council and I believe that a bright future is in store for it. A class of thirteen candidates were greeted as Royal and Select Masters by the efficient Officers of this Council in a superb manner.

Hornellsville Council owes much of its success to the untiring efforts of its distinguished Craftsman R. Ill. PHILIP M. NAST, JR., who has justly been termed the "Patriarch of Masonry" in Hornell. R. Ill. Companion NAST has recently completed a half century of labor of love in Cryptic Masonry, and is still active in the affairs of his Council and I trust he may be spared for many years to continue the work which I know is dear to him and which he has performed so well and faithfully.

Few Councils realize the importance and necessity of having a real active Recorder. Hornellsville Council is to be congratulated on having an active energetic Recorder who is always working for the interests of his Council. On the evening of my visitation the officers of the Council in the conferring of their degrees used their new costumes and paraphernalia. I am informed that the paraphernalia used in the Select Masters degree was made by the Recorder of this Council, GEORGE H. GROSVENOR, and the Council can justly be proud of the contribution made to it by this distinguished Craftsman.

Among those who honored the Council with their presence on this occasion were the following distinguished Companions: R. Ill. P. M. NAST, JR., R. Ill. JOHN COMOSH, R. Ill. WILLIAM H. PRANGEN, Ill. HARRY I. TONG, Ill. EDGAR E. WEMPLE, Ill. HENRY MANDER, Ill. WILLIAM S. BARNES, Ill. I. P. COLLINS, Ill. H. E. HALL, Ill. FRANK H. NORTON.

#### ANCIENT CITY COUNCIL, No. 21

On Friday, May 18th, I made an official visit to Ancient City Council, No. 21, at Kingston, New York. I was met at the hotel by a committee of Companions and was escorted to the Masonic Temple, where I was introduced in the Secret Vault and was cordially received by Companion W. FRANK DAVIS, the Deputy Master of the Council.

There were present on this occasion, twelve of the select and faithful Companions of the Council. No degrees were conferred at this Assembly and I am informed that very little work has been done in the Council during the past year.

This Council has a rich territory to draw its candidates from and I believe that with a little united effort on the part of the Companions of this Council, a strong Council would result.

At this meeting each man of the twelve present promised to secure at least one petition for the succeeding Assembly and all pledged their united efforts to build up this Council.

#### WATERTOWN COUNCIL, No. 34

Among the younger Councils in this State, Watertown, No. 34, stands out very prominent as one of the bright spots for future development.

After a delightful motor trip across the State, I arrived at Watertown and was met by Ill. DANIEL R. BLINN, the Master of Watertown Council. At 6 o'clock, a delightful dinner was enjoyed by the officers and guests of the Council, after which we repaired to the Masonic Temple, where I was graciously introduced in the Secret Vault and most graciously received and welcomed by the Master. Although on the evening of my official visit, a heavy storm was in progress, over twenty-five per cent of



the Companions of Watertown Council were present. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred by the officers of this Council in a very creditable manner.

This Council is fortunate in having an efficient set of officers and I believe that with very little exertion it should be developed into a strong Council.

After the degree work we repaired to the banquet room where a social hour was enjoyed by all present.

#### JAMESTOWN COUNCIL, No. 32

Jamestown Council, one of the strong pillars of Cryptic Masonry in this State, maintained its reputation for receiving an official visitor on May 31st, the date of my visitation to it.

On my arrival at Jamestown, I was met at the station by that ardent worker in Cryptic Masonry, M. Ill. ROLAND K. MASON, and after being escorted to the hotel, was taken for an enjoyable ride in and about the fair City of Jamestown, after which we repaired to the Masonic Temple and witnessed the conferring of the Royal and Select Master degrees in superb form by the efficient officers of Jamestown Council. We were then conducted to the banquet hall, where a delightful supper was enjoyed by the Companions and guests of the Council. There were present on this occasion many distinguished guests from Dunkirk, Salamanca, Olean and other nearby places.

At 8 o'clock I had the honor of being graciously introduced in the Secret Vault by M. Ill. ROLAND K. MASON, Past Grand Master, and was warmly and fraternally greeted by the Master, Ill. JAMES H. MASON.

The occasion of my official visit to this Council was also the first Assembly of the Council in the magnificent new Masonic Temple just erected in their City. The Masonic Bodies of Jamestown can justly be proud of their new home. It is indeed a work of art, and with perfect harmony prevailing, not only in the design and construction of their building, but also among the brethren and Companions, a bright future should be in store for the Masonic Bodies of Jamestown.

On this occasion I also had the pleasure of witnessing the conferring of the Super-Excellent degree in a very impressive manner by the degree team of Jamestown Council. The fact that

our Grand Lecturer, R. Ill. ALBERT S. PRICE, was in charge of the degree work, was sufficient to warrant a perfect rendition of the Ritual. Forty-three candidates were initiated as Super-Excellent Masters on this occasion. The records of the Council are in a perfect condition and the officers are maintaining the high standard set by their predecessors for many years past.

I desire to express my deep appreciation to M. Ill. ROLAND K. MASON and R. Ill. ALBERT S. PRICE for the many courtesies extended to me on this occasion.

Among the distinguished guests who honored us at this Assembly were: M. Ill. ROLAND K. MASON, Past Grand Master; R. Ill. ALBERT S. PRICE, Grand Lecturer; Ill. F. H. NORTON, Master of Olean Council, No. 33; Ill. JOHN C. SCHWERTFAGER, Master of Dunkirk Council, No. 25; Ill. A. EDWARD KRIEGER, Master of Salamanca Council, No. 82, and R. Ill. JOSEPH R. ROGERS, R. Ill. F. H. ANDERSON, R. Ill. HENRY M. LUND, Ill. O. NELSON RUSHWORTH, Ill. CLAYTON O. JOHNSON, Past Masters of Jamestown Council, No. 32.

#### BATH COUNCIL, No. 40

On Tuesday evening, June 19th, I visited Bath Council, No. 40.

I was presented to the Council by R. Ill. E. A. MESSERSCHMITT and was cordially received by the Master, Ill. JOHN R. GRISWOLD. At this Assembly the degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred on one candidate. I am informed that this is the only work done by said Council during the past Cryptic year.

Bath Council has been dormant for some time past and the officers and Companions claim that the raising of the initiation fee has precluded this Council having regular work.

At this Assembly the election of officers was held and the new officers promised to use their best endeavors to secure candidates and to put on the Ritual in full form this Fall. I believe that Bath Council has a capable and efficient set of officers and that with a little united effort on their part, this Council can and will be put back on the active list again.

Among those present on this occasion were: R. Ill. E. A. MESSERSCHMITT, R. Ill. ELMER KLECKLER, Ill. HENRY J. DONNELLY.

### CORNING COUNCIL, No. 53

On Thursday evening, June 21st, I visited Corning Council, No. 53, at Corning.

There were thirteen Companions present. No work. I was informed that the Ill. Master had been in ill health during the past year and had been unable to hold regular Assemblies. At this Assembly the election of officers for the coming year was held and the new officers promised to use their best endeavors to secure candidates and put Corning back on the active list again.

This Council has on her list many active, energetic workers and I believe it is simply a case of perfecting an organization in this Council and giving them a helping hand.

After the meeting a lunch was enjoyed by the Companions present and a very pleasant half-hour spent.

### REPORT OF R. Ill. ALBERT S. PRICE

#### *Grand Lecturer*

### BRUCE COUNCIL, No. 15

On March 26th, Bruce Council, No. 15, of Lockport, was visited. In spite of disagreeable weather there was an attendance of sixty. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred, without robes, but with the use of accessory paraphernalia. The officers showed a thorough conception of the work and rendered it well. The Past Masters seem to be interested and loyal in their support of the present efficient Master. The visitor was honored by the presence of Ill. JOHN A. McLAUGHLIN, JR., R. Ill. WILLIAM C. SHAPLEIGH, R. Ill. BURTON A. PREISH, Ill. HOWARD E. LONG, Ill. LEWIS E. MOREY, R. Ill. ARTHUR A. DAVENPORT, and Ill. ELGIE G. KNOWLES, Past Masters of Bruce Council; Ill. CHARLES F. CUSHING, Master of Temple Council, No. 79, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Ill. H. MORTON CURTIS, Master of Keystone Council, No. 20, of Buffalo. Following the Assembly a lunch was served, after which the visiting Masters and others discussed Council matters. Bruce Council seems to be healthy and well officered. This Council confers the Super-Excellent Master Degree.

### OLEAN COUNCIL, No. 33

Olean Council, No. 33, was visited on April 11th. Although the evening contained a competing meeting there were thirty Companions present. The visitor was pleasantly accompanied by Ill. JAMES H. MASON, Master of Jamestown Council, No. 32, and was honored by the presence of Ill. WILLIAM L. MYRICK, Ill. ISAAC P. COLLINS, and Ill. HENRY E. HALL, Past Masters of Olean Council, and of Ill. A. EDWARD KRIEGER, Master of Salamanca Council, No. 82, with other Companions from Salamanca. The degree of Royal Master was well conferred, with good accessory equipment. Lack of time made it advisable to omit the Select Master Degree. At a lunch, following the work, there were present by invitation of Ill. Master NORTON and as guests of the Council, several Royal Arch Companions. Several Companions Select Masters told very interestingly and profitably what benefit they had received from Council membership. This Council has a good basis on which steady work will build a strong organization. This Council last year contributed several members to the charter membership of Salamanca Council, No. 82.

### DUNKIRK COUNCIL, No. 25

Dunkirk Council, No. 25, was visited May 2d. Accompanying the visitor were M. Ill. ROLAND K. MASON, Past Grand Master, and eight Companions from Jamestown Council, No. 32. Past Masters from Dunkirk Council who were present were Ill. H. A. MATTESON, Ill. HARRY B. LYON, Ill. ALBERT E. NUGENT, Ill. THOMAS W. PENTECOST, Ill. OSCAR C. SEGEBARTH, and Ill. J. M. CHAMPLAIN. Dinner was served at 6:30 to a large number of Companions of whom thirty-six were present at the Assembly. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred on six candidates. The degrees were conferred without robes but with accessory equipment. After the degree work officers were elected, and these new officers installed by M. Ill. ROLAND K. MASON,—a fitting close to a very pleasant evening.

There is a splendid social atmosphere in this Council. The Master is an earnest worker and has the active support of a corps of interested Past Masters. This Council is fortunately

housed in a splendid and commodious Temple with a beautiful Lodge Room equipped with an organ. The surroundings are an inspiration.

#### ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 36

Adoniram Council, No. 36, was visited May 14th. The visitor was honored by the presence of R. Ill. George O. LINKLETTER, Grand Marshal; Ill. JOHN E. WEIER, Past Master of Adoniram Council; Ill. C. O. SCHAW, Master, and Ill. OLIVER L. MENARD, Past Master of Columbian Council, No. 1. There was a splendid attendance of Companions who enjoyed a supper at 6:30. The Assembly was one of delightful informality, the Royal and Select Master degrees being conferred with intelligence and impressiveness. Music is used effectively, especially by the Principal Conductor of the Work, Companion KRAPP. Accessory equipment is used, but no robes. There is an impression of excellent quality of membership, of earnest work, and of cordial hospitality. This Council is sure to be a success, and is loyally supporting in every way its representative in the Grand Council.

#### REPORT OF R. Ill. JAMES A. SMITH *Grand Marshal*

#### ADELPHIC COUNCIL, No. 7

On Saturday evening, January 6th, I visited Adelpic Council, No. 7, New York City, and upon my arrival at the hotel I was met by the Master, Ill. M. S. CUMNER, and found that quarters had been arranged for me, as well as a very fine dinner, at which were present about twenty of the distinguished Companions of Adelpic Council and practically every other Council in the Metropolitan District.

After dinner we adjourned to the Masonic Temple, where the Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred in a very excellent manner. There were upwards of one hundred Companions present, and I was introduced by M. Ill. JAMES CHAMBERS, Past Grand Master, in his usual pleasing manner, after which I addressed the Companions. At the conclusion of the work we repaired to the banquet room of the Temple, where a buffet lunch had been prepared.

Adelphic Council is apparently in a very flourishing condition and the work that was put on was of a very high order.

I believe a pleasant and profitable time was enjoyed by every one, and my personal thanks are due to the Master, Illustrious Companion M. S. CUMNER, for his very excellent arrangements and to R. Ill. Companion ELIAS WHITNEY, and in fact to all of the Companions present for what was to me a most delightful occasion.

#### JOHNSTOWN COUNCIL, No. 72

On January 10th, I visited Johnstown Council, No. 72, and in spite of the fact that the recent severe snow storms had left the roads in very bad condition and rendered transportation extremely difficult I found the usual good sized and enthusiastic gathering.

I was met on my arrival at the Masonic Temple by Right Illustrious Companion MAYLENDER, Master of Johnstown Council, No. 72, and immediately sat down with the Companions at one of those banquets for which the ladies of Johnstown have become famous.

We then proceeded to the Lodge Rooms, where I was introduced by R. Ill. Companion WASSUNG and addressed the Companions, after which the Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred in a very creditable manner.

The Master and other Companions advised me that Johnstown Council is in a flourishing condition, and from all appearances this unquestionably is a very moderate statement.

A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was had and I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the kindness of Illustrious Companion MAYLENDER, as well as R. Ill. Companion WASSUNG and others who took care of me on my visit to Johnstown Council.

#### KING SOLOMON COUNCIL, No. 31

On January 26th, I visited King Solomon Council, No. 31, Poughkeepsie, and while through the fact that both of us were looking for a much older man I did not make connection with Companion SCHWARTZ at the station. However, I arrived at the

Temple in good season and was tendered a dinner, which was attended by practically all of the Companions of King Solomon Council.

After dinner I witnessed a conferring of the Royal and Select Master degrees which were put on in a very creditable manner indeed, the work of R. Ill. Companion BUTLER, Grand Chaplain, being particularly noteworthy.

The Council seems to be in good shape and I passed a very pleasant evening, leaving somewhat early in order to get back the same night.

Thanks are due to the Companions of King Solomon Council for a most pleasant and profitable occasion.

#### ST. GEORGE'S COUNCIL, No. 74

On Wednesday, April 25th, at the request of the Grand Master, I made an official visit to St. George's Council, No. 74, Royal and Select Masters, in place of the Grand Lecturer, who was detained by a death in his family, and I am accordingly submitting this report.

Owing to the uncertainty as to whether the Council would be officially visited or otherwise, no special steps had been taken to arrange for such a visit, but I was very agreeably welcomed by the Master, Ill. Companion ASHMAN, and witnessed the conferring of the Super-Excellent Master degree in a splendid manner by the degree team of Johnstown Council, No. 72, who were present for that purpose.

A very pleasant and satisfactory occasion was enjoyed by everybody. The following were present: R. Ill. ARTHUR B. WASSUNG, R. Ill. FRANK H. SARGENT, R. Ill. L. K. MAYLENDER, JR., Ill. J. H. DEAL, Ill. G. W. AXTELL, Ill. C. E. MCARDLE, Ill. ABRAM BAIRD, Ill. FRANK HANSON.

#### TYRIAN COUNCIL, No. 43

On Saturday evening, May 26th, I visited Tyrian Council, No. 43, Royal and Select Masters, at Plattsburg, N. Y.

I was met at the train by R. Ill. Companions McILWAINE, and RYMERS and Ill. Companion GAGE, and after an inspection

of some of the Public Buildings in Plattsburg I was ushered to the Masonic Temple, where the Assembly was held.

This Assembly was attended by twenty-seven of the Companions of Tyrian Council, and in view of the fact that it was an Assembly called for the sole purpose of receiving the official visitor there was no work done, and possibly the attendance would have been larger had the circumstances been different. After the reception of the official visitor a buffet lunch was served and all those present expressed themselves as having had a very satisfactory evening.

Tyrian Council seems to be doing good work and is enjoying a prosperous and successful year.

My grateful appreciation is hereby tendered to Companions McILWAINE, RYMERS and GAGE, as well as to the other Companions of Tyrian Council.

REPORT OF R. Ill. GEORGE O. LINKLETTER  
*Grand Standard Bearer*

HUDSON COUNCIL, No. 62

On January 8th, I arrived in Hudson toward evening, just as a severe snow storm departed. From later developments I believe I was the only one from out of town who did arrive. Had dinner with the Master Ill. RAYMOND M. PRIEST, and later, upon arrival at the Assembly Chamber, it was found that although there were candidates, due to the storm only one was available and several officers were snow bound so no work was done and the seventeen of us present had a rather informal but very pleasant evening which wound up with a banquet of no mean proportion. An unpleasant feature was that the Charter was not on hand, and upon inquiry it came to light that no one present had ever seen it—not even the Recorder who has held that office for fifteen years. The Master and Recorder, however, agreed to cause an exhaustive search for it. Doubtless it will be found as I tried to impress upon the Master that it must be found or a duplicate obtained.



### CENTRAL CITY COUNCIL, No. 13

Arriving in Syracuse January 10th, in a snow storm, I was delightfully entertained at a dinner attended by the officers and Past Masters. The visit was especially pleasant on account of the presence of two Past Grand Masters, M. Ill. H. W. GREENLAND and M. Ill. H. A. MACGRUER, also the ever present and highly honored and variously titled JEROME L. CHENEY. On account of the storm the attendance was very small. Work in the Super-Excellent Master degree had been planned but unexpected events made this impossible, and absence of others precluded the work of Royal and Select Master degrees. After several speeches the Council closed and the super entertainer M. Ill. (Doc) MACGRUER took charge. This Council is of course prosperous and doing well and an official visit is a mere formality and a pleasant one.

### KING HIRAM COUNCIL, No. 18

The snow storm to which I became attached Monday at Hudson pursued me so that within an hour of my arrival in Auburn on Wednesday, January 11th, it was snowing furiously. Ill. Companion KING met me and after getting settled at the hotel we went to the Temple where about thirty sat down to a pleasant supper. As the storm had snow-bound nearly every one, and as my colleague in the Grand Commandery Line, Em. BENN KENYON, Grand Warder, who had agreed to be a candidate, was ill no work was attempted. The Select Master degree, however was exemplified most creditably.

### SKOI-YASE COUNCIL, No. 75

The visit to this thriving little Council on Thursday, January 12th, was one of the most pleasant I have yet made, the whole-souled welcome was delightful—under the leadership of Ill. C. H. PINCKNEY, Geneva's favorite (Masonic) son. Prosperity is within the walls of this Council. A cordial reception awaited me and I had a most pleasant afternoon. After dinner at Geneva with the Council officers we went by trolley to Waterloo and after my formal reception the Royal and Select Master degrees were

conferred with all the officers unusually proficient. In order to get back home I had to leave early. This Council is doing good work.

#### ROTICA COUNCIL, No. 12

This was the first of three successive visits to newly chartered Councils, being made on Monday, April 2d. After being entertained at my hotel at dinner with the staff of officers, we hastened to the Temple where the Royal Master degree was most creditably conferred. This Council reports thirty members and twenty-one were present, a very nice proportion. The interest seems keen and I look for a slow but steady progress in this Council. The records are extremely well kept and the paraphernalia and general condition is good. This visit was made more pleasant by the presence of the three Council officers of Zarthan Council, U. D. of Ilion. On account of my connection with the Grand Commandery Line a pleasant incident was that I was introduced by the Deputy Master, Companion WILLIAM F. HARRIS, Commander of Utica Commandery, No. 3, and Companion PERRY MILLER, Commander of Rome Commandery, No. 45. At the close of the Assembly the Eastern Star ladies served a supper.

#### TEMPLE COUNCIL, No. 79

I arrived at Niagara Falls Tuesday, April 3d, in a hard rain storm which continued all the evening, which doubtless accounted for the absence of some of the members. However, there were about twenty present, and the Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred on several candidates. This Council is working under most auspicious conditions, practically all of the officers having held presiding positions in some of the co-ordinate Bodies, and an especial proficiency in the work is noticeable. Temple Council has a bright future before it. I was delightfully surprised on this occasion when R. Ill. WILLIAM S. RISELAY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, arrived, accompanied by Ill. E. P. WAGGONER, and Ill. H. M. CURTIS of Keystone Council, No. 20, of Buffalo. Ill. Companion LIDDELL, of Bruce Council, No. 15, of Lockport, was also present. On this occasion, acting under instructions of the Grand Master, I presented to the Master a commission as Grand Representative of the

Grand Council of the State of New Hampshire, near the Grand Council of the State of New York. This was a complete surprise to the recipient and I know this honor is greatly appreciated not only by R. Ill. CHARLES F. CUSHING but also by the Council. According to the usual custom supper was served at the close.

#### SALAMANCA COUNCIL, No. 82

This visit on Thursday, April 4th, closed my visitations for the season. The rain of the previous night still pursued me and as a result there was a rather small attendance. The Master met me, and after dinner at the hotel we went to the Temple where the Royal Master degree was exemplified and the Select Master degree conferred on one candidate. I was introduced by Companion L. J. CHENEY, the old standby of all the Bodies in Salamanca. Ill. FRANK H. NORTON, Master of Olean Council, No. 33, notwithstanding the rain, was present. The work was extremely well done, as one would expect in such a locality of earnest Masons. There has been a little friction between some of the other Bodies but I think that this will soon be ironed out, and I feel that a better spirit will soon prevail among all the Bodies.

#### REPORT OF R. Ill. CHARLES M. COLTON *Grand Steward*

#### BLOSS COUNCIL, No. 14

On Friday evening, April 6th, I made an official visit to Bloss Council, No. 14, of Troy. I was met at the station in Albany by the Grand Master and after an automobile ride was taken to Troy where I had the pleasure of meeting the officers and many of the Companions of Bloss Council at a dinner given in my honor before the Assembly of the Council.

It is an inspiration to visit Bloss Council, and this occasion was no exception to the rule, for the Council Chamber was crowded with the enthusiastic Companions of Bloss Council to see the conferring of the degree of Super-Excellent Master, and to show their loyalty to the Grand Council by the cordial manner in which they received the official visitor.

To any one who has witnessed the conferring of this impressive degree by the officers of Bloss Council it is sufficient to say that the work was fully up to the high standard that has been set in years gone by by the Companions who have taken part in the conferring of this degree.

I was honored on this occasion by the presence of the Grand Master, M. Ill. Companion GEORGE S. HASWELL, and R. Ill. Companion JAMES A. SMITH, the Grand Marshal, as well as all the Past Masters of Bloss Council who were in the city.

#### CRYPTIC COUNCIL, No. 37

On the evening of Thursday, April 26, it was my pleasure to pay an official visit to Cryptic Council at Saratoga Springs. I was met at the station by M. Ill. Companion FRANK M. ADEE, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, and taken for an automobile ride about Saratoga Springs and to the many points of interest which were pointed out to me by M. Ill. Companion ADEE.

I had the pleasure of meeting the officers and many of the Companions of Cryptic Council at a dinner which was served in the Masonic Temple prior to the Assembly of the Council.

Although disappointed in the arrival of expected candidates, at my request the officers exemplified the conferring of the degree of Royal Master, and although it was only an exemplification I never saw the work more correctly and impressively rendered. The candidates who are greeted in Cryptic Council must certainly have a very high conception of the Cryptic Rite.

While Cryptic Council has a most efficient corps of officers, I cannot refrain from particularly commending the records of the Recorder, and the most efficient manner in which he performs the duties of his office, not the least of which is that when he reads the minutes every one in the Council Chamber can hear him.

REPORT OF REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D. D.

*Grand Chaplain*

SOUTHERN TIER COUNCIL, No. 16

By consent of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, I was privileged to substitute for our lamented late Deputy Grand Master,

JOHN C. WELCH, as official visitor to Southern Tier Council, No. 16, at Elmira, N. Y.

What was anticipated as a "visit of inspection" on May 16th became an occasion of inspiration and eclat, as well.

One hundred and seventy-five Companions, under leadership of their inimitable Illustrious Master, HARRY I. LONG, assisted by his efficient aide, R. Ill. GEORGE R. HEMENWAY, and the entire Official Staff of the Council, partook of an unforgettable banquet at 6:30 o'clock in Masonic Temple Drill Room.

Adorning and emphasizing the elaborate dinner was the presence of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and a galaxy of two Past Grand Masters, the Grand Recorder, Grand Conductor of the Grand Council, the Grand Chaplain and numerous official representatives of subordinate Councils.

Unreportably delightful "post prandial" addresses, conveying the well wishes of the Grand officials, gave food, spice and seasoning to the "feast of reason and flow of soul" for an hour following the repast.

Adjourned to the Council's Assembly rooms, the dignified ritual, upon resumption of labor, in the Secret Vault, restored equilibrium—and eleven candidates were greeted as Select Masters within the Ninth Arch, following an impressive initiation by the efficient officials of the Council.

To abbreviate the extended session the official visitor combined his official address with the "Charge to the Candidates." The Council closed, visitors and dwellers parting, with mutual assurances of an unforgettable occasion enjoyed.

REPORT OF M. Ill. OLIVER H. LABARRE

*Past Grand Master*

FLATBUSH COUNCIL, No. 80

On the evening of May 22d, I visited Flatbush Council, No. 80, accompanied by Ill. Companion CUMNER, of Adelpic Council, No. 7; Ill. Companions SCHAW and MENARD, of Columbian Council, No. 1, and a large delegation of Companions from various Councils in the Metropolitan District.

I was warmly greeted by the Master, Ill. Companion DER-THICK, and after addressing the Council I witnessed the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Master, the work being done in a very impressive manner. This Council is doing excellent work and the prospect is good for a large increase in its membership in the Fall.

#### CONCLUSION

And now Companions the work of the year is before you. I might say the work of one hundred years is before you, for the Chairman of the Centennial Committee, M. Ill. HERBERT W. GREENLAND, has compiled a History of this Grand Council which you will find very complete, interesting and useful. I wish to compliment him and thank him for the splendid work that he has done for this Grand Council. Companions what is your pleasure?

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On motion, the Grand Master's Address was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address for subdivision and reference.

## Report of Grand Treasurer

The Grand Treasurer presented the following as his Annual Report, which, on motion, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 27, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Your Grand Treasurer presents the following as his Annual Report:

### RECEIPTS

1922			
Aug. 28	Balance on hand per last report.....		\$7,367.38
1923			
Jan. 29	Received from Grand Trustees.....		434.40
June 1	“ “ “ Recorder.....		1,000.00
July 3	“ “ “ “ .....		4,000.00
23	“ “ “ “ .....		2,000.00
Aug. 25	“ “ Bank Interest.....		40.03
27	“ “ Grand Recorder.....		1,331.30
			\$16,173.11

### DISBURSEMENTS

1922			
Aug. 29.	Paid Warrant 616. Pay of Officers and Representatives .....		\$1,617.14
31.	“ “ 610. Grand Recorder's Salary ....		125.00
Sept. 2.	“ “ 611. Expenses organizing Councils. ....		16.75
6.	“ “ 609. Printing .....		113.75
7.	“ “ 613. Expenses of Grand Master... ..		18.62
11.	“ “ 615. Expenses of Grand Treasurer .....		10.00
13.	“ “ 608. Office rent .....		39.00
29.	“ “ 614. Grand Treasurer's bond.....		5.00
Oct. 4.	“ “ 607. Expenses constituting Councils .....		80.62
5.	“ “ 612. Grand Recorder's bond.....		12.50
11.	“ “ 619. Grand Recorder's salary.....		125.00
18.	“ “ 618. Jewel and Apron for Grand Master .....		134.49
19.	“ “ 621. Entertainment of guests.....		88.95
	“ “ 622. Appropriation for office expenses of Grand Recorder.....		150.00
	“ “ 620. Committee on Foreign Correspondence .....		150.00
	“ “ 626. Grand Recorder's salary.....		125.00
	“ “ 624. Stenographer at Annual Assembly .....		30.00

Nov.	2.	"	"	623.	Rituals .....	20.00
		"	"	625.	General Grand Council dues.	229.48
	17.	"	"	627.	Grand Recorder's salary.....	125.00
	22.	"	"	628.	Printing .....	383.10
	28.	"	"	629.	Expense constituting Councils	91.59
Dec.	5.	"	"	630.	Office rent .....	39.00
	19.	"	"	632.	Grand Recorder's salary.....	125.00
	28.	"	"	631.	Rituals .....	40.00
1923						
Jan.	2.	"	"	633.	Storage .....	30.00
	8.	"	"	634.	Flowers .....	25.00
	19.	"	"	635.	Grand Recorder's salary.....	125.00
Feb.	24.	"	"	636.	Grand Recorder's salary.....	125.00
Mch.	6.	"	"	637.	Expenses of Centennial Com- mittee .....	15.64
	8.	"	"	638.	Printing Proceedings .....	903.43
	19.	"	"	644.	Grand Recorder's salary.....	125.00
	21.	"	"	642.	Expenses of Centennial Com- mittee .....	38.58
		"	"	643.	Printing .....	37.25
	26.	"	"	640.	Stationery .....	112.98
		"	"	641.	Expenses of Centennial Com- mittee .....	12.98
	27.	"	"	645.	Furniture for Grand Record- er's office .....	73.75
	28.	"	"	639.	Expenses of Centennial Com- mittee .....	13.83
Apr.	2.	"	"	646.	Expenses of instituting Zar- than Council .....	4.62
	6.	"	"	647.	Expenses of Centennial and Extension Committees ....	42.10
		"	"	648.	Office rent .....	39.00
	11.	"	"	649.	Storage .....	15.00
		"	"	650.	Printing .....	9.85
		"	"	651.	Crating safe, etc., for shipment from Troy .....	28.10
May	19.	"	"	656.	Grand Recorder's salary.....	125.00
	22.	"	"	652.	George O. Linkletter, Expens- es of Official Visits.....	84.05
		"	"	653.	Grand Recorder's salary.....	125.00
		"	"	654.	Freight and Cartage.....	17.54
	25.	"	"	657.	Expenses of Ritual Committee	30.15
June	4.	"	"	658.	George Edward Hatch, Expens- es of Official Visits.....	53.70
	5.	"	"	659.	William S. Riselay, Expenses of Official Visits.....	57.42
	8.	"	"	661.	Typewriter for Grand Record- er's Office .....	50.00
	12.	"	"	660.	Joseph L. Lockhart, Expenses of Official Visits .....	62.42
	25.	"	"	662.	Grand Recorder's salary.....	125.00
July	8.	"	"	663.	S. Wright Butler, Expenses of Official Visits .....	19.42
		"	"	664.	Albert S. Price, Expenses of Official Visits .....	43.16



23.	"	"	666. Expenses of inspecting Zar- than Council .....	7.75
25.	"	"	667. Grand Recorder's salary.....	125.00
28.	"	"	668. James A. Smith, Expenses of Official Visits .....	31.64
31.	"	"	669. Halftones for History.....	15.00
Aug. 1.	"	"	665. George R. Hemenway, Expen- ses of Official Visits.....	69.94
16.	"	"	673. Grand Recorder's salary.....	125.00
17.	"	"	670. Charles M. Colton, Expenses of Official Visits .....	35.68
18.	"	"	671. Grand Recorder's Bond .....	12.50
20.	"	"	672. Printing and Stationery .....	43.00
24.	"	"	674. Expenses of Grand Master...	193.11
27.	Balance on hand .....			8,979.53
				\$16,173.11

I further certify that I have in my possession the following bank books, No. 153,812 of the East River Savings Institution of New York City; No. 360,056 of the Erie County Savings Bank of Buffalo, and No. 100,611 of the National Savings Bank of Albany, showing balances standing to the credit of the Grand Council of \$3,279.62, \$1,246.96 and \$3,061.87 respectively.

I also report that I have in my possession \$2,500.00 of the U. S. Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds registered in the name of the Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. NEWELL,

*Grand Treasurer.*

### Report of Grand Recorder

The Grand Recorder presented the following as his annual report, which, on motion, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 27, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

In Compliance with Section II of the Constitution I hereby submit my report as Grand Recorder:

Cash receipts for the year have been as follows:

For Grand Council dues.....	\$8,261.80
Sale of Rituals.....	9.00
Affixing Grand Council Seal.....	2.50
Dispensation fees for Special Assemblies.....	14.00
Dispensation fee for Zarthan Council.....	20.00
Charter fee for Zarthan Council.....	10.00
Sale of History and Reprint of old Proceedings.....	14.00
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Total receipts from all sources.....	\$8,331.30

All of this amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer and for which I have his receipts.

The 43 Chartered Councils and the Council under Dispensation have all made Returns and paid the amounts due the Grand Council.

Thirty-one Councils report a gain in membership, two neither gained nor lost and ten report losses, all small except in one case where the Council lost twenty-five by the formation of a new Council. All Councils but three conferred degrees. There is a gain over last year in the number greeted but our losses by death, dimit and suspension are all larger and our net gain is correspondingly smaller.

The fund for the incidental expenses of the Grand Recorder's office stands as follows:

On hand August 29, 1922.....	\$23.42
Appropriation 1922 .....	150.00
Interest on bank balance.....	4.97
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Total .....	\$178.39
Disbursements during the year.....	\$153.35
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Amount on hand August 27, 1923.....	\$25.04

### STATISTICS

Registered members May 31, 1922.....	11,468
Companions greeted during the year.....	912
Companions affiliated during the year.....	13
Companions restored during the year.....	19
Charter members new Councils.....	59
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Total .....	12,471

Companions died during the year.....	195	
Companions dimitted during the year.....	76	
Companions suspended during the year.....	113	
Companions dropped at own request.....	19	
Companions expelled during the year.....	1	404
Registered members May 31, 1923.....		12,067
Net gain for the year.....		599

Fraternally submitted,  
**GEORGE EDWARD HATCH,**  
*Grand Recorder.*

### Report of Grand Trustees

Buffalo, N. Y., August 27, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

The Trustees of the Permanent Fund report as follows:

Total assets as reported, August 28, 1922.....		\$10,086.59
Received:		
October 28, 1922—Six months interest on Liberty Bonds....	53.13	
June 4, 1923—Six months interest on Liberty Bonds.....	53.12	
July 1, 1923—Interest on Savings Bank Accounts		
Irving Savings Bank .....	\$5.61	
Erie County Savings Bank .....	51.34	
East River Savings Institution .....	142.71	
National Savings Bank .....	130.35	330.01
Total .....		\$10,522.85

Disbursed:

January 31, 1923—To George A. Newell, Grand Treasurer, interest accumulations for the year 1922 ending July 1st, as per resolution of the Grand Council.....	434.40
Balance on hand .....	\$10,088.45

The above funds are invested as follows:

Erie County Savings Bank, Buffalo, N. Y.....	\$1,246.96
East River Savings Institution, New York City.....	3,279.62
National Savings Bank, Albany, N. Y.....	3,061.87
United States Government Fourth Liberty Bonds.....	2,500.00
Total assets .....	\$10,088.45

The account reported last year in the Irving Savings Bank, was withdrawn, January 31, 1923, to pay interest accumulations to the Grand Treasurer. The Savings Bank Books and Liberty Bonds are in the custody of the Grand Treasurer. Bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder have been renewed and approved by the Grand Master.

JOHN P. DEAL,  
O. H. LA BARRE,  
ROLAND K. MASON,  
*Grand Trustees.*

### Report of Committee on Credentials and Returns

The Committee on Credentials and Returns presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 27, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns respectfully reports that in addition to the Grand Officers and Permanent Members of the Grand Council, the following Councils have made Returns, paid their dues, and their Representatives, as designated below, are entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

Columbian, No. 1.....	William J. Morgan.....	Master
	W. W. Grimes.....	Proxy for Deputy Master
	Albert C. Markard.....	P. C. of the W.
Union, No. 2.....	Nicholas Pecora.....	Master
	C. Linwood Morrell.....	Deputy Master
	George E. Goldsmith.....	
	.....	Proxy for P. C. of the W.
Brooklyn, No. 4.....	Axel J. Hallbeck.....	Master
	Henry P. Stevens.....	Proxy for Deputy Master
	Charles H. Hadlock.....	
	.....	Proxy for P. C. of the W.
Adelphic, No. 7.....	John F. Birmingham.....	Master
	Henry Heller.....	Deputy Master
	S. Ormond Goldan.....	P. C. of the W.
Rotica, No. 12.....	William F. Harris.....	Master
Central City, No. 13.....	Chester D. Crowell.....	Master
	John Giles.....	Proxy for Deputy Master
	George B. Cathers.....	
	.....	Proxy for P. C. of the W.

Bloss, No. 14.....	Louis N. Ellenbogen.....	Proxy for Master
	Frank P. Lotz.....	Deputy Master
	Frank M. Ames.....	P. C. of the W.
Bruce, No. 15.....	Joseph E. Baker.....	Master
	F. Randall Thompson.....	Deputy Master
	Howard C. Townsend.....	
	.....	Proxy for P. C. of the W.
Southern Tier, No. 16.....	A. William Yungstrom.....	Master
	Louis A. Northrop.....	Deputy Master
	Harry I. Tong.....	Proxy for P. C. of the W.
Buffalo, No. 17.....	James M. Todd.....	Master
	Esbon B. Rew.....	Deputy Master
	Samuel F. Hamilton.....	P. C. of the W.
King Hiram, No. 18.....	Joseph W. Douglas.....	Master
	Irving C. King.....	Proxy for Deputy Master
	Lewis E. Martin.....	
	.....	Proxy for P. C. of the W.
Doric, No. 19.....	Charles M. Buck.....	Master
	Howard G. Nobles.....	Deputy Master
	Luther H. Miller.....	
	.....	Proxy for P. C. of the W.
Keystone, No. 20.....	Washington A. Russell.....	Master
	George A. Davis, Jr.....	Deputy Master
	Charles H. Wilson.....	P. C. of the W.
Ancient City, No. 21.....	W. Frank Davis.....	Master
DeWitt Clinton, No. 22....	William T. Fletcher.....	Master
	Edward C. Eaton, Jr.....	Deputy Master
	Philip F. Sohni.....	
	.....	Proxy for P. C. of the W.
Dunkirk, No. 25.....	John C. Schwertfager.....	Master
	Hugh M. Fleming.....	Proxy for Deputy Master
Palmyra, No. 26.....	.....	
King Solomon, No. 31.....	Harry Bayer.....	Master
	S. Wright Butler.....	P. C. of the W.
Jamestown, No. 32.....	Edwin C. Gustafson.....	Master
	Roland K. Mason.....	Proxy for Deputy Master
	Albert S. Price.....	
	.....	Proxy for P. C. of the W.
Olean, No. 33.....	Frank H. Norton.....	Master
	Charles H. Derby.....	Deputy Master
	Russell M. McQuay.....	P. C. of the W.
Watertown, No. 34.....	Daniel R. Blinn.....	Master
Hornellsville, No. 35.....	John B. Hagadorn.....	Master
	Guy L. Loper.....	Proxy for Deputy Master
	Philip M. Nast, Jr.....	
	.....	Proxy for P. C. of the W.
Adoniram, No. 36.....	Clare E. Burtis.....	Master
	George O. Linkletter.....	Proxy for Deputy Master
Cryptic, No. 37.....	George B. Wright.....	Master
	Frank M. Adee.....	Proxy for Deputy Master
	Walter S. Prescott.....	
	.....	Proxy for P. C. of the W.

Bath, No. 40.....	Charles L. Davison.....	Master
	Ernest V. Case.....	Deputy Master
	Elmer Kleckler.....	Proxy for P.C. of the W.
Tyrian, No. 43.....	George H. Rymers.....	Proxy for Master
Fulton, No. 50.....	Roy E. Reynolds.....	Master
	Claude W. Knight.....	Deputy Master
Washington, No. 52.....	Willis G. C. Wood.....	Master
	Hermon E. Sullivan.....	Proxy for Deputy Master
Corning, No. 53.....	Anthony M. Haischer.....	Master
Peekskill, No. 55.....	Lewis Allport .....	Master
	George E. Briggs.....	Proxy for Deputy Master
Hudson, No. 62.....	Bruce C. Risley.....	Master
	William P. Boright.....	Deputy Master
Phoenix, No. 70.....	George Thompson .....	Master
	John Burden.....	Proxy for Deputy Master
Alph-Omega, No. 71.....	Alonzo L. Waters.....	Master
	Daniel F. H. Allen.....	Deputy Master
	Charles A. Mack.....	.....
	.....	Proxy for P.C. of the W.
Johnstown, No. 72.....	Herbert T. Clemans.....	Master
	Arthur B. Wassung.....	.....
	.....	Proxy for P.C. of the W.
St. George's, No. 74.....	Henry V. Burger.....	Master
	James A. Smith.....	Proxy for Deputy Master
Skoi-Yase, No. 75.....	Robert M. Holcomb.....	Master
	John E. Becker.....	Proxy for Deputy Master
Huntington, No. 76.....	.....	.....
St. Lawrence, No. 77.....	Frank F. Williams.....	Master
Catskill, No. 78.....	.....	.....
Temple, No. 79.....	Charles F. Cushing.....	Proxy for Master
	Solomon Kimpel.....	Deputy Master
	Thomas W. Aitken.....	P.C. of the W.
Flatbush, No. 80.....	Henry G. Story.....	Master
	David M. Boe.....	Deputy Master
	John A. Derthick.....	.....
	.....	Proxy for P.C. of the W.
Joseph Warren, No. 81.....	William Lee .....	Master
Salamanca, No. 82.....	A. Edward Krieger.....	Master
	Elbert L. Fish.....	Proxy for Deputy Master

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE EDWARD HATCH,

HERMON E. SULLIVAN,

LOUIS N. ELLENBOGEN,

*Committee*

### **Time Fixed for Election**

On motion, the election of officers was made a special order of business immediately after the reading of the journal, Tuesday morning, August 28th.

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### **Report of Foreign Correspondent**

The Grand Recorder: I have a report which I have been requested to submit in behalf of the Foreign Correspondent, R. Ill. Companion OSSIAN LANG, who is in Europe on a Masonic mission for the Grand Lodge. Prior to his going he sent on the report to me, asking that I explain his absence and express his regret that he could not be here; and also requesting that the report as submitted be received and printed in the Proceedings as usual. On motion, it was so ordered.

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### **Report of Committee on Fraternal Dead**

R. Ill. and REV S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D. D., Grand Chaplain, read the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which on motion, was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 27, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

#### **OUR FRATERNAL DEAD**

In an undiscoverable sepulchre in the Land of Moab on a lone mountain lies what is mortal of the man of the "Burning Bush" to whom was first communicated the "Great Omnific Name." On a tablet in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia, is inscribed "To the Unknown Soldier," representative of 320,000 casualties, the price America paid to rescue the world from the reign of militarism. One vacant chair on the Grand Staff of this Centennial Assembly mournfully emphasizes our sorrow for the "Fraternal Dead" in each of our con-

stituent Councils. So similar are the books of the records of those Councils and the "Book of the Records of our Fathers" we indulge a parallelism. From the book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 3, is this excerpt.

And Moses said, "I pray thee, let me go over, and see the land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon." But Jehovah said: "Let it suffice thee; get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with thine eyes; for thou shalt not go over." And Moses went up to the top of Pisgah, which is over against Jericho, and Moses died there and Jehovah buried him in a valley, in the Land of Moab, but no man knoweth his sepulchre to this day. "And there arose not a prophet like unto him whom Jehovah knew face to face as a man knoweth his friend."

The book of the record of this Grand Council is but a re-script of that ancient writing. We enjoy again, as eight years ago, the welcome hospitality of the Councils at Buffalo, but WILL ELLIS is not here. We met at Troy one year ago but MARSHALL HEMINGWAY was not there, and now standing before this Centennial Milestone, to which we have longingly looked, we meet the vacancy of the genial presence and greeting smile of our Deputy Grand Master, JOHN CARRINGTON WELCH, and other Companions, submerged by the stream that the turgid river in Syria symbolizes, the "Jordan of Death." From his exalted station as Deputy Grand Master he, as did Moses from Pisgah, visualized the summit satisfaction of his Masonic aspirations. For this Centennial Milestone meeting he and we waited to give him escort over the waiting last step to the highest honor in our Masonic gift. King Solomon's greater father, in view of life's uncertainties, said: "There is but a step between me and death." Our beloved Deputy Grand Master took that step.

"As years go by, the way grows strange with faces new, and, toward the end, milestones to headstones change, 'neath every one a friend." But Moses did go over Jordan into the Land Promised, not as he had willed but as "He who is able to do exceedingly abundantly for us, above all we can ask or even think," willed. Fifteen hundred years subsequently, as the records of our later brothers relate, Moses stood with Elijah on the "Goodly Mountain of Transfiguration" with the Super Man of Nazareth and Galilee, not clothed in frayed and ravelled



garments of the desert pilgrim age but in robes vivid "white and glistening as no fuller on earth could whiten" in an earthly reunion from the Canaan Celestial, where in the "Glory Jesus had with the Father, before the world was," they had enjoyed comradeship for a millenium and a half. "The things that are visible are temporal, but the things invisible are eternal." "Since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what He hath prepared for him that waiteth for Him." (Isaiah 64-4)

Out in the ethereal—the spiritual of the universe—the radio is ever singing; there the million prismatic rays of the sun are ever shining; the wasting weariness of labor is rested from, and the clogs of years drop off where time shall be no more.

The builder of the universe, "Our Father," has his concealed resources for the reassembling of his children. His chariots of the sky outclass the aeroplanes of Wright or Curtiss. His amplifiers for wireless exceed Edison's and Marconi's. His commands, marshaling constellations and comets, is a "Still small voice" also speaking within our souls. Out there, with Him, are the spirits of "Our just men made perfect," whose potential powers, privileges and pleasures we too must die to know.

"Ye living are the only dead,  
The dead live never more to die,  
And often when we think them far  
They never were so nigh."

Our absent but unforgotten Companions, whom in these resolutions we memorialize, we also, "Who are about to die, salute thee," Hail and Farewell!

S. WRIGHT BUTLER,  
*Grand Chaplain*

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### **Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address.**

The Committee on Grand Master's Address presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and its recommendations adopted:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 27, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your committee, to which was referred the Grand Master's Address for subdivision and reference, respectfully recommends:

That the section relating to the Fraternal Dead of our own and other Jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

That the official acts of the Grand Master, as reported by him, be approved.

That the section relating to the bonds of the Grand Treasurer and of the Grand Recorder be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That the sections relating to Dispensations and lost Charters and of the five new Councils be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

We recommend that the Committee on Charters caution the various Councils to use extreme care of Charters, as the loss of a Charter causes considerable trouble.

The Committee notes with pleasure that our Grand Master has constituted five new Councils during the past year and that he has made many visits, not only in our Jurisdiction, but in other Jurisdictions, as well as in the other Rites of Masonry.

Our Grand Master is congratulated in being the Presiding Officer at the Centennial Anniversary of the founding of our Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER H. LA BARRE

FRANK F. WILLIAMS

HARRY BAYER

*Committee.*

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### **Report of Grand Lecturer**

The Grand Lecturer, R. Ill. ALBERT S. PRICE, presented the following report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Ritual:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 27, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

I have the honor to submit the following report:

In addition to the official visits to Councils assigned by the Grand Master, I accompanied the Grand Master on his visit to Salamanca Council when, on October 4, 1922, he presented the Charter to this promising new Council.

The following questions have been submitted for advice and decision:

1. How should the candidate be dressed for the R. and S. M. degrees?

It is a definite principle that, in the absence of definite modifying legislation, we should look to the ritual itself for instruction. I can find no definite directions, either in the ritual or outside of the ritual, as to the dress of the candidate. However, the time and circumstances of the whole drama there enacted point inevitably to the conclusion that the candidate is a F. C. He should, in accordance with this view, be attired as a F. C.

2. In the R. M. degree should the candidate be advanced by the R. M. step only, or by the several steps from E. A. to R. A. M. inclusive?

The Constitution of the Grand Council of the State of New York provides that the standard work shall be that adopted by the General Grand Council with such modifications as may be made by the Grand Council of this State. In the General Grand Council ritual, eighth edition, February, 1921, page 23, the step of R. M. only is given. I believe that the correct practice is to give this step only.

The Grand Lecturer has emphasized the view that the Super-Excellent Master degree is vitally connected both in history and in symbolism with the R. and S. M. degrees. It follows, therefore, that this degree should receive the active attention of all Councils. The effort invested in its production will be very amply repaid by increased interest in Council activities and by increased interest in the contribution of Cryptic Masonry to the philosophy of Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. PRICE,

*Grand Lecturer.*

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### **Invitation from Rochester**

III. CHARLES M. BUCK, Master of Doric Council, No. 19, on behalf of the Council, extended a cordial invitation to the Grand Council to hold its next Annual Assembly in Rochester.

On motion, the invitation was referred to the Committee on Time and Place of Next Annual Assembly.

## **From Labor to Refreshment.**

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment until 9:30 o'clock, Tuesday morning, August 28th.

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### **Entertainment**

Monday afternoon the members of the Grand Council, their ladies and guests, were entertained by the Companions of Buffalo and Keystone Councils by an automobile ride through the Buffalo park system and then by ferry across the Niagara River and by the Canadian Niagara Boulevard to Niagara Falls.

Upon our arrival at the Prospect House at Niagara Falls, N. Y., a banquet and celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Council was held, Right Illustrious WILLIAM S. RISELAY, Deputy Grand Master, acting as Toast Master. All present greatly enjoyed the splendid musical program and the inspiring addresses made by our distinguished guests and by some of our own Companions, which it is regretted cannot be included in these Proceedings.

Before returning to Buffalo a special illumination of the Falls, arranged for by the Companions of Temple Council of Niagara Falls, was greatly appreciated by all.

## SECOND DAY'S SESSION

Labor was resumed by the Grand Council Tuesday morning, August 28th, at 9:30 o'clock. Officers and Representatives as at the previous session, and also M. Ill. MARTIN Q. GOOD and Ill. WILLIAM F. HARRIS, Master Rotica Council, No. 12.

R. Ill. and Rt. Rev. DAVID LINCOLN FERRIS, D. D., Grand Chaplain, offered prayer at the Altar.

The record of the session of August 27th was read and approved.

M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master:

I notice Most Illustrious Companion MARTIN Q. GOOD is present. He has been in Europe and landed in New York yesterday. We are glad to welcome him and I know you will all be glad to have a word from him.

M. Ill. MARTIN Q. GOOD:

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council, I simply want to apologize for coming in late. I have not lost my sea-legs as yet. I want to assure you that it makes me feel very much at home this morning to see all the smiling faces of the Companions of the Grand Council, and I shall take pleasure in grasping the hands of my dear Companions. I thank you.

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### Election of Officers.

The Grand Master announced that the time fixed by Special Order for the election of officers had arrived and announced the appointment of Illustrious Companions CHESTER D. CROWELL, HENRY G. STORY and GEORGE THOMPSON as Tellers.

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### Named for Grand Master

R. Ill. E. PARKER WAGGONER, Past Master of Keystone Council, No. 20, presented the name of WILLIAM S. RISELAY for the office of Grand Master, saying:

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council, it is with a great deal of pleasure and one regret that I rise to name a

Companion for this high office—a regret that Most Illustrious Companion OGDEN, who was to have had this privilege has been called out of the City, and a great deal of pleasure that I have been chosen to act in his stead.

Six years ago in the city of Corning we named one of Buffalo's favorite sons for the office of Grand Steward of the Grand Council of the State of New York. He has been advanced in office each year until today he stands next to the top. WILLIAM S. RISELAY has worked long and faithfully in the field of Masonry, not only in this but in other branches. He is a Past Master of his Lodge, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Past High Priest of his Chapter, Past Commander of his Commandery and has been active in the Scottish Rite and other branches of Masonry. Now it becomes his privilege, if this Grand Council shall see fit, to serve this Grand Body as its executive. I ask unanimous consent of this Grand Body to cast one ballot for the office of Grand Master of this Grand Council bearing the name of Right Illustrious Companion WILLIAM S. RISELAY.

M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master:

Companions, you have heard the request. Is there objection? There being no objection, the Companion has permission to cast the ballot.

Does any other Companion desire to ballot? If not I declare the ballot closed. The tellers will announce the result.

Ill. CHESTER D. CROWELL:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, we find one ballot bearing the name of WILLIAM S. RISELAY for Grand Master.

M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master:

Right Illustrious Companion RISELAY, you have been unanimously elected by this Grand Council to serve as Grand Master. Do you accept the office?

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### His Acceptance.

R. Ill. WILLIAM S. RISELAY, in accepting the office said:

Most Illustrious Sir and Companions, I am pleased to acknowledge this information. It is an honor I have looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure and a great deal of trepidation—thinking of the honor and of the work that goes with it. I am proud to say that I accept the office and I thank you cordially and heartily. All I want is support and we will bring things up and keep them up. I know I will have the support of the Line Officers and I ask that of the individual Masters. There is plenty of work in this State. We ought to have 15,000 members, and members of the best quality are what we want. I accept the office and I thank you.

The following were elected:

WILLIAM S. RISELAY..	Elected	Grand Master
JOSEPH L. LOCKHART..	"	Deputy Grand Master
GEORGE R. HEMENWAY.	"	Grand P.'C.'of the W.'.
GEORGE A. NEWELL....	"	Grand Treasurer
GEORGE EDWARD HATCH	"	Grand Recorder
JAMES A. SMITH.....	"	Grand Captain of the Guard
GEORGE O. LINKLETTER.	"	Grand Conductor of the Council
ALBERT S. PRICE.....	"	Grand Lecturer
CHARLES M. COLTON...	"	Grand Marshal
CHARLES H. JOHNSON..	"	Grand Standard Bearer
JEROME L. CHENEY....	"	Grand Steward
GEORGE S. HASWELL...	"	Grand Trustee for three years

The Tellers were discharged with the thanks of the Grand Council, and the Grand Master-elect announced the following appointments:

REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D. D.....	Grand Chaplain
RT. REV. DAVID LINCOLN FERRIS, D. D.....	Grand Chaplain
Companion WALTER B. JOSLYN.....	Grand Sentinel

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### Address by the General Grand Master

Upon the invitation of M.'Ill.'Companion HASWELL, an address was then given by M.'P.'FAY HEMPSTEAD, General Grand Master, which held the close attention of the Companions and which was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all those privileged to hear it and it is regretted that it cannot be included in full in these Proceedings. In conclusion he said:

Companions, this is the last opportunity I shall have to express my very great appreciation of the abundance of the cordiality and hospitality which you have so kindly extended to me. I assure you that this occa-

sion of my visit to the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Grand Council of the State of New York will always be a red-letter occasion in all respects. I thank you again and wish you all manner of success.

R. Ill. WILLIAM S. RISELAY, Deputy Grand Master (presiding):

Most Puissant General Grand Master, I know I express the feeling of all of my Companions when I thank you most heartily for this very learned address and the kindly sentiments you have conveyed to us.

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### **Report of Committee on Charters and Dispensations**

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and its recommendations adopted:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 28, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully reports that it has examined the books and papers submitted to it on behalf of Zarthan Council which has been working under a Dispensation granted by M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL, Grand Master, and finds that it has complied with all of the requirements of Section 23 of the Constitution of the Grand Council. Your Committee therefore recommends that a Charter be granted and issued as follows:

To Companions HERBERT H. WILLIAMS, Master, BERNHARD F. LIND, Deputy Master, CLYDE R. WILCOX, Principal Conductor of the Work, and other Companions, to form a Council in the Town of Ilion, County of Herkimer, to be known as Zarthan Council, No. 83.

The Committee also approves of the recommendation of the Grand Master that a duplicate Charter be issued to Johnstown Council, No. 72, R. and S. M., located at Johnstown, N. Y., to replace the Charter reported lost.

ROLAND K. MASON  
MATTHEW S. CUMNER  
CLARE E. BURTIS

*Committee.*



### **Report of Committee on Ritual**

The Committee on Ritual presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and its recommendations adopted:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 28, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

The Committee on Ritual reports that progress has been made in the preparation of the Super-Excellent Degree ritual but feels that the importance of the task requires further study, investigation and trial. It recommends that action by the Grand Council be deferred.

The Committee urges all Councils to carefully consider this Degree and to report in detail their suggestions and criticisms to the Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee desires to commend the excellent work of our Grand Lecturer and approves his rulings.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. HINMAN

ALBERT S. PRICE

CHARLES M. COLTON

*Committee*

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### **Report of Committee on Time and Place**

The Committee on Time and Place of next Annual Assembly presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and its recommendations adopted:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 28, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Time and Place of next Annual Assembly would respectfully report that Doric Council, No. 19, of Rochester, N. Y., has extended a cordial invitation to the Grand Council to hold its One Hundred First Annual Assembly in that city.

We recommend that the invitation be accepted, and, that the Annual Assembly be held in Rochester on August 25th and 26th, 1924.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. BUCK  
JOHN B. HAGADORN  
ANTHONY M. HAISCHER

*Committee.*

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### **Report of Committee on Constitution and Laws**

The Committee on Constitution and Laws presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and its recommendations adopted:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 28, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Constitution and Laws respectfully reports that nothing has been submitted for its consideration at this Assembly.

HARRY I. TONG  
W. FRANK DAVIS  
HENRY V. BURGER

*Committee.*

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### **Report of Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite**

The Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite submitted the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 28, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite would respectfully report that during the past year the Councils,

almost without exception, have been active and doing good work, as is evidenced by the report of the Grand Recorder. The few Councils which have done little or no work will have the immediate attention of your Committee, and plans will be made which it is trusted will result in an increase in interest and in their activities.

Following the plan outlined by M. Ill. Companion KENDALL, a new Council named "Zarthan," was instituted in Ilion, Herkimer County, which will cover a territory heretofore unoccupied, and we confidently expect this Council to become a strong and prosperous one.

Your Committee held a meeting in Albany at the time of the Grand Chapter Convocation and took up the matter of the forming of Councils with Companions from towns where no Councils exist, and we believe that during the coming year petitions for Dispensation for the forming of new Councils will be received from a number of places.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE EDWARD HATCH

E. PARKER WAGONER

*Committee.*

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### **Report of Committee on Unfinished Business**

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 28, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully reports that all the business before the last Annual Assembly of the Grand Council having been disposed of, it has nothing to bring to the attention of the Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK M. ADEE

AXEL J. HALLBECK

WILLIAM J. MORGAN

*Committee.*

### **Report of Committee on Grievances and Appeals**

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 28, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals is happy to report that harmony prevails throughout our Jurisdiction; and that no matters have been brought to its attention.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY A. MACGRUER

NICHOLAS PECORA

WILLIAM T. FLETCHER

*Committee*

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### **Report of Committee on Finance and Accounts**

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and its recommendations adopted:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 28, 1923.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts respectfully reports that it has examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and of the Grand Recorder and found them to be correct.

Your Committee has examined the bonds of the Grand Treasurer and of the Grand Recorder and found them to be in proper form and in the possession of the Grand Trustees.

Your Committee has examined the report of the Grand Trustees and found the amounts in the several banks to be as stated.

Your Committee recommends the appropriation and payment of the following amounts:

Pay of Representatives at this Annual Assembly.....	\$2,124.18
Expenses of Grand Treasurer.....	25.00
Foreign Correspondent .....	150.00
Stenographer for this Assembly to be paid by Grand Recorder upon receipt of bill.	

Your Committee further recommends:

That the Grand Recorder be authorized to have printed 700 copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Assembly, and that he be authorized to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer in payment therefor.

That the Grand Recorder be authorized to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the payment of the annual dues of this Grand Council to the General Grand Council of the United States of America.

That the Grand Recorder be authorized to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the expense of entertaining Official Guests at this Grand Assembly.

That the Grand Trustees be directed to pay into the Grand Council Treasury the interest which has accrued from July 1, 1922, to July 1, 1923, on the funds and securities in their hands.

That the sum of \$150.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the incidental expenses of the Grand Recorder for the ensuing year.

That the sum of \$1,500.00 be appropriated as the salary of the Grand Recorder, and the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the Grand Recorder for rent and stenographic work for the ensuing year, to be paid to him in monthly payments.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST C. JOHNSON

WILLIAM F. SEBER

PHILIP NAST, JR.

*Committee.*

### **Resolutions**

M. Ill. EUGENE E. HINMAN introduced the following resolution which, on motion, was adopted:

*Resolved*, that the Grand Recorder be directed and authorized to procure such new aprons and cases for the Grand Officers as may be necessary.

Ill. CHARLES H. STODDARD introduced the following resolution which, on motion, was adopted:

*Resolved*, that the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work be authorized to procure such new collar decorations for the Grand Officers as they deem proper, to replace the jewels now in use.

III. GEORGE THOMPSON, Master of Phoenix Council, No. 70, stated that Phoenix Council was originally named Nepperhan Council and was Chartered to hold its Assemblies in Yonkers. Sometime afterwards, upon its request, the name was changed to Phoenix, and proper notation to that effect was made on the Charter. Later the Council was granted permission to change its place of meeting to Mount Vernon, where it had been holding its Assemblies for some twenty-two years, but no authorization had ever been given to have the fact noted on the Charter. He therefore presented the following Resolution, which, on motion was adopted:

*Resolved*, that the Grand Recorder be authorized to make such changes and notations on the Charter of Phoenix Council as will designate Mount Vernon as the permanent meeting place of said Council.

M. III. HERBERT W. GREENLAND:

The Companions of the Grand Council will go away from Buffalo with very pleasant recollections of their stay here and of the most complete program of entertainment which has been so generously accorded to them. The work of Companion RISELAY has been great and has been completely and excellently performed by his corps of officers and committees. As far as I am concerned, and I know I can say the same for all the rest of the Companions, we will go away feeling that nothing has been left undone for us. I move that the thanks of this Grand Council be given to Companion RISELAY as the Chairman and to the Companions of Buffalo, Keystone and Temple Councils for the splendid entertainment and the many, many courtesies they have given to the Companions of the Grand Council and their guests.

Motion seconded and adopted by a rising vote.

M. III. GEORGE EDWARD HATCH:

All of us who have looked over the history which has been compiled by Most Illustrious Companion GREENLAND must realize that it represents an enormous amount of time and work. It seems to me that we ought to show him by some testimonial that we thoroughly appreciate what he has done for us. I therefore move that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of two hundred dollars as a slight testimonial or token of our appreciation of the splendid work which he has done for this Grand Council.

Motion seconded and unanimously adopted.

### **Installation of Officers.**

Upon the request of the Grand Master, the newly elected Officers, with the exception of the Grand Recorder, were install-

ed by M. Ill. GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, with M. Ill. EUGENE E. HINMAN as Grand Marshal. The Grand Recorder was then installed by M. Ill. WILLIAM S. RISELAY, Grand Master.

Grand Master RISELAY now presided.

### Presentations

R. P. WALLACE C. KEITH:

Most Illustrious Grand Master and members of the Grand Council: But a few moments ago I was asked if I would take a little shot at GEORGE HASWELL. I have known him since he had his face knocked nearly to pieces on his automobile trip to Corning some years ago. I have become better acquainted with him since and this year I enjoyed a visit with him at his camp. Now, GEORGE, on behalf of this Grand Council I can get back at you a little for all that you have done for me—I can give you, for them, a Past Grand Master's Jewel. I present you, in behalf of the Grand Council of the State of New York, this beautiful jewel and I know you will wear it with credit to yourself and to the fraternity.

M. Ill. GEORGE S. HASWELL in accepting the Jewel said:

Most Illustrious Companion KEITH, during the past several years the friendship between us has been growing closer and warmer. I thank you for your kind words of presentation. Seven years ago when I started in line in the Grand Council, some friends of mine, one of whom is now dead, MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY, said to me, "we don't think we better start you in line, we think too much of you to take the chances. There seems to be a jinx against Bloss Council having a Grand Master." I am glad I passed through the chairs and I am particularly glad that I broke the jinx that nobody from Bloss Council could be Grand Master. Companions of the Grand Council, I thank you sincerely for this beautiful Jewel.

R. Ill. E. PARKER WAGGONER:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, a very pleasant duty has been assigned to me, occasioned not only by my Masonic association with you but also because of my intimate personal friendship for you. As you know, we have a custom of properly clothing our presiding officers and it is my privilege at this time on behalf of the Grand Council to present to you this Grand Master's apron. I need not say that I hope you will wear it with credit to yourself and honor to the fraternity, because I know you will, as you have always done in the past. It is with a great deal of personal pleasure that I present this apron to you.

M. Ill. WILLIAM S. RISELAY, Grand Master:

Right Illustrious Companion WAGGONER, this is indeed a great pleasure to me. I expected an apron, yet I did not know just how it was coming to me. The fact that it comes in the way it does really gives me added

pleasure aside from the bestowal of the apron in itself. I thank you sincerely and most cordially. I will endeavor to wear it with credit and honor to the Grand Council of the State of New York.

### Standing Committees.

Grand Master RISELAY announced the following Standing Committees:

#### FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

R. .Ill. .ERNEST C. JOHNSON      R. .Ill. .WILLIAM F. SEBER  
R. .Ill. .PHILIP M. NAST, JR.

#### PRINTING

M. .Ill. .WILLIAM S. RISELAY    M. .Ill. .GEORGE EDWARD HATCH

#### FRATERNAL DEAD

R. .Ill. .and REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D. D.  
R. .Ill. .and Rt. REV. DAVID LINCOLN FERRIS, D. D.

#### RITUAL

M. .Ill. .EUGENE E. HINMAN      M. .Ill. .GEORGE MCGOWN  
R. .Ill. .CHARLES M. COLTON  
R. .Ill. .EDWARD FEIH      R. .Ill. .ALBERT S. PRICE

#### CONDITIONS AND EXTENSION OF THE RITE

M. .Ill. .GEORGE EDWARD HATCH    R. .Ill. .E. PARKER WAGGONER  
Ill. .JOHN A. DERTHICK

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

R. .Ill. .OSSIAN LANG

M. .Ill. .WILLIAM S. RISELAY, Grand Master:

Companions: I want to say just a word before the Grand Council is closed. We are about to go away and may not meet again. As a Body we will not meet for another year. As I stood here alongside Companion HATCH and looked over the line of distinguished men who stood before me who are to be my associates, to be my co-workers, I



was very proud of them. I cannot express myself just as I would like but the sentiment in my heart is, they are men who have made places for themselves in Masonry throughout the State. It is a glorious feeling that I am to work with them and I trust we will all work with the best cooperation possible.

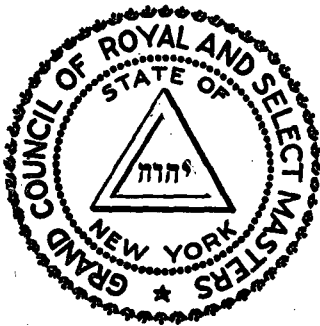
### Closing

No further business offering, the record of the day's proceedings was read and approved and after prayer by Ill. and REV. HARRY G. GREENSMITH, acting as Grand Chaplain, the Grand Council was closed in Ample Form.

WILLIAM S. RISELAY,

*Grand Master.*

ATTEST:



*George Edward Hatch*

*Grand Recorder.*

## Officers of the Grand Council

Elected and Appointed and in Office

August 28, 1923.

WILLIAM S. RISELAY, 739 Main Street, Buffalo.....	Grand Master
JOSEPH L. LOCKHART, 415 Fort Washington Ave., New York City.....	Deputy Grand Master
GEORGE R. HEMENWAY, The Realty Bldg., Elmira.....	Grand P. C. of the W. .
GEORGE A. NEWELL, Medina.....	Grand Treasurer
GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, P. O. Box 477, Rochester.....	Grand Recorder
JAMES A. SMITH, 20 Ballston Road, Schenectady .....	Grand Captain of the Guard
GEORGE O. LINKLETTER, 34 Pine St., New York City .....	Grand Conductor of the Council
ALBERT S. PRICE, 406 Fenton Building, Jamestown.....	Grand Lecturer
CHARLES M. COLTON, 223 Linden Street, Rochester.....	Grand Marshal
CHARLES H. JOHNSON, 30 South Swan St., Albany.....	Grand Standard Bearer
JEROME L. CHENEY, 400 Court House, Syracuse.....	Grand Steward
GEORGE S. HASWELL, 1415 First Ave., Watervliet.....	Grand Trustee (Term expires 1926)
OLIVER H. LA BARRE, 131 East 29th Street, New York City.....	Grand Trustee (Term expires 1925)
ROLAND K. MASON, 122 Cherry Street, Jamestown.....	Grand Trustee (Term expires 1924)
REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D. D., 141 Academy Street, Poughkeepsie .....	Grand Chaplain
RT. REV. DAVID LINCOLN FERRIS, D. D., 325 Park Avenue, Rochester .....	Grand Chaplain
WALTER B. JOSLYN, Masonic Temple, Rochester.....	Grand Sentinel
OSSIAN LANG, Masonic Hall, 46 West 24th Street, New York City.....	Foreign Correspondent

## Officers of the General Grand Council

OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

of the United States of America

1921-24

FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock, Ark.....	General Grand Master
BERT S. LEE, Springfield, Mo.....	General Grand Deputy Master
O. FRANK HART, Columbia, S. C.....	General Grand Principal Conductor
CHARLES N. FOWLER, Salina, Kan.....	General Grand Treasurer
HENRY W. MORDHURST, Fort Wayne, Ind.....	General Grand Recorder
WARREN S. SEIPP, Baltimore, Md.....	General Grand Captain of Guard
WALLACE C. KEITH, Brockton, Mass.....	General Grand Conductor of Council
WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Fargo, N. D.....	General Grand Marshal
ROBERT A. WOODS, Princeton, Ind.....	General Grand Steward

# In Memoriam

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RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS

JOHN CARRINGTON WELCH

*Deputy Grand Master, 1922*

DIED DECEMBER 11, 1922

GRAND COUNCIL  
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER

*To all Royal and Select Masters:*

It becomes my regretful duty to announce to my Companions of the Cryptic Rite the passing of the Companion who ranked next the highest in the Line of its Officials and none higher in the affections and regard of his Masonic brethren wherever known.

On Monday, December 11, 1922, the crisis of life was crossed by our beloved Companion and Deputy Grand Master

R. Ill. JOHN CARRINGTON WELCH

he having passed the Tenth Arch by death and is possessed of the secrets none living may know.

Companion WELCH was born in Nottingham, England, November 9, 1860. He came to this country in 1861 when a year old, with his parents, who settled in Schenectady County. Later in life he removed to Albany and then to Poughkeepsie, where he had lived for the past twenty-one years. After completing his education, which was obtained in the schools of Schenectady, he became connected with a large dry goods store in Albany where he remained some years. For the last twenty-three years he had been successfully engaged in the life insurance business. Companion WELCH had been prominent in the civic affairs of the City of Poughkeepsie in various ways, having been Alderman and serving as Acting Mayor for a number of months, and also at one time was Police Commissioner.

Companion WELCH served for sixteen years in the National Guard, enlisting as a private in Company B, Tenth Battalion, Al-

bany. He was promoted to Corporal, Sergeant, and later commissioned First Lieutenant, resigning before he removed to Poughkeepsie. Afterward he was elected Captain of the Separate Company in Poughkeepsie but never accepted a Commission.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and active in church work. He was for years Treasurer of the Vassar Home for Aged Men at Poughkeepsie, and had held offices and directorships in many Poughkeepsie associations and organizations.

Companion WELCH married on November 9, 1880, Miss Maggie W. Fuller of Schenectady, who survives, together with three sons, Harry L. of Poughkeepsie, John Edward of New York City, and Earl S. of Freeport, Illinois, and a daughter, Elsie, wife of Albert C. Palmer of Somerville, New Jersey.

Companion WELCH's Masonic record is a long, honorable and distinguished one. He was raised in Ancient City Lodge, No. 452, F. and A. M., Albany, June 29, 1898. He was a charter member of James Ten Eyck Lodge, No. 831, F. and A. M., Albany, when it was formed in 1901. After he removed to Poughkeepsie he affiliated in 1903 with Triune Lodge, No. 782, F. and A. M., and served as Master in 1913 and 1914. In 1916 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District and served one year, declining reappointment.

He was exalted in Poughkeepsie Chapter, No. 172, R. A. M., November 14, 1905, and was its High Priest in 1918. In 1919 he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, serving until his death.

He was greeted in King Solomon Council, No. 31, R. and S. M., March 29, 1907, and served as its Master in 1911, 1912 and 1913. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Rhode Island in 1913, resigning the office when he entered the Official Line of the Grand Council in 1916.

He was knighted in Poughkeepsie Commandery, No. 42, K. T., February 5, 1908, and served as its Commander in 1918.

He received the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the New York City Bodies in 1909, and was Chancellor of New York Consistory in 1915, 1916 and 1917.

Companion WELCH was an honorary member of a number of Masonic Bodies, and was Secretary of the Masters and Past Masters Association of the Fourteenth Masonic District from the date of its organization, February 4, 1913, until his death.

Although a zealous worker in all of the Masonic Bodies, Companion WELCH's greatest interest was, without doubt, in the Grand Council which he so anticipated to head. Elected Grand Steward in 1916 he had been regularly advanced in Line each year until in August last he was elected Deputy Grand Master, and had he lived would undoubtedly have been elected Grand Master in Buffalo next August.

The funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church Thursday afternoon, December 14, and were in charge of Triune Lodge, No. 782, F. and A. M., R. Ill. and Rev. S. Wright Butler, D. D., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council, delivering a beautiful address of eulogy, after which Companion WELCH was laid at rest in the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

Many prominent Masons from all over the State were present, the Grand Council being represented by M. Ill. George S. Haswell, Grand Master, R. Ill. William S. Riselay, Grand P. C. of the Work, M. Ill. George Edward Hatch, Grand Recorder, M. Ill. Oliver H. La Barre, Grand Trustee, R. Ill. and Rev. S. Wright Butler, D. D., Grand Chaplain, R. Ill. Walter E. Walker, Grand Representative, and R. Ill. George E. Briggs and R. Ill. Thomas Finley, Past Grand Representatives.

One who knew him long and intimately has said: "So passes from our midst—but never from our memories—one who endeared himself throughout our Jurisdiction—and beyond—by his enthusiastic devotion in endeavors for the prosperity of the Rite; one wise in counsel, dependable in administration, magnetic and inspiring in association, a Companion eminent and admirable among a thousand; one whose absence will be regretted but whose memory is an incalculable asset for, as said our 'Illustrious King Solomon,' 'The memory of the just is blessed.'"

In loving memory of our departed Companion and as a token of respect, it is ordered that this communication be read in every Council in this Jurisdiction at its first Stated Assembly after

its receipt, the Companions standing, and that a due record thereof be made, and that the Altars be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Council, in the City of Watervliet, the fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1923, Anno Dep. 2923.

GEORGE S. HASWELL,

*Grand Master*

Attest:

GEORGE EDWARD HATCH,

*Grand Recorder.*

## IN MEMORIAM

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The following Companions have been reported as having died during the year ending May 31, 1923.

Columbian, No. 1.....	Charles Tucker Taylor.....	March 14, 1923
	James Taylor Petty.....	April 18, 1923
Union, No. 2.....	Norman A. Hughes.....	Nov. 11, 1922
	Roy S. Woolsey.....	Feb. 9, 1923
	Frank L. Vela.....	March 22, 1923
	James S. Spry.....	April 11, 1923
Brooklyn, No. 4.....	Duncan S. McKerrow.....	Sept. 15, 1921
	James H. Henderson.....	July 12, 1922
	George W. Bufford.....	July 31, 1922
	Hans C. Schmidt.....	Aug. 5, 1922
	John C. Waldron.....	Sept. 26, 1922
	William P. Stott.....	Oct. 19, 1922
	Rufus L. Scott, Jr.....	Feb. 6, 1923
	Lafayette Wingate.....	Feb. 14, 1923
	Miles Heber Clark.....	March 5, 1923
	Frederick Jerome Griswold.....	April 16, 1923
Adelphic, No. 7.....	Hugh McClatchey.....	Dec. 9, 1921
	Marmaduke Chas. P. Irish.....	Jan. 21, 1922
	John H. Teaters.....	Aug. 2, 1922
	Joseph W. Firth.....	Sept. 9, 1922
	Charles A. Udell.....	Sept. 18, 1922
	Thomas McLarnon.....	Sept. 29, 1922
	John Douglas Johnson.....	Oct. 6, 1922
	Charles Hart Nichols.....	Oct. 7, 1922
	Abram L. Mullen.....	Dec. 19, 1922
	Wesley Wilson Crawford.....	Dec. 23, 1922
	George E. W. Stivers.....	Feb. 17, 1923
	Frederick L. Atwood.....	March 29, 1923
	Eugene Giroux.....	March 30, 1923
	Albert H. Higbie.....	April 13, 1923
	Frederick E. Barnes.....	April 24, 1923
Central City, No. 13....	John E. Rogers.....	Jan. 13, 1922
	George B. Ellison.....	July 1, 1922
	Eugene J. Van Deventer.....	July 12, 1922
	Frank T. Miller.....	July 12, 1922
	Floyd E. Hubbard.....	July 13, 1922
	Edmund H. Aldrich.....	Oct. 2, 1922
	Charles O. Richards.....	Oct. 8, 1922
	James F. Williams.....	Oct. 24, 1922
	Robert H. Jones.....	Nov. 10, 1922
	Robert H. C. Bard.....	Nov. 22, 1922
	George F. Easterly.....	Dec. 12, 1922
	William F. Botsford.....	April 10, 1923
	Austin R. Whipple.....	April 11, 1923
	Fred G. Millard.....	April 23, 1923
	Russell S. Carroll.....	May 5, 1923
	Horace C. L. King.....	May 19, 1923



Bloss, No. 14.....	Wendell Hess, Jr.....	June	25, 1922
	Philip S. Vanderzee.....	June	14, 1922
	Melville S. Marble.....	June	3, 1922
	Peter M. Doty.....	July	13, 1922
	Egbert E. Deavitt.....	July	10, 1922
	Clarence E. Wilson.....	Sept.	19, 1922
	James Aitken.....	Nov.	25, 1922
	George H. Kittredge.....	Jan.	23, 1923
	Peter M. DeFreest.....	April	4, 1923
	Robert W. Bilson.....	April	14, 1923
Bruce, No. 15.....	William F. Kruger.....	Oct.	5, 1922
	Jonas B. Boggs.....	Feb.	5, 1923
Southern Tier, No. 16.....	Frank Eugene Allison.....	June	24, 1922
	Albert S. Satterly.....	Nov.	4, 1922
	Charles Klapproth.....	Dec.	9, 1922
	Robert P. Bush.....	Jan.	8, 1923
	William Ross.....	Jan.	19, 1923
	Murray R. Impson.....	Feb.	2, 1923
	Richmond Smith French.....	Feb.	9, 1923
	James D. S. Reid.....	March	12, 1923
Buffalo, No. 17.....	Cornelius E. Scott.....	April	4, 1923
	Dr. George L. Brown.....	Aug.	8, 1920
	Henry Adam Roy.....	May	26, 1921
	Edward Lewis Brady.....	May	26, 1922
	Frederick Charles Paschen.....	June	9, 1922
	Stanley Cooper Peuchin.....	Sept.	10, 1922
	Albert Frank Chapin.....	Feb.	1, 1923
	John Malcolm.....	May	14, 1923
	Cornelius W. Cooper.....	May	30, 1923
	King Hiram, No. 18....	William L. Meek.....	June
Robert H. Muir.....		March	29, 1923
Doric, No. 19.....	Wilbur F. Osborn.....	Jan.	25, 1922
	George Washington Aldridge.....	June	13, 1922
	John P. Faber.....	June	14, 1922
	Horace G. Ogden.....	June	27, 1922
	Wallace M. Butler.....	July	2, 1922
	Albert M. Zimbrich.....	July	17, 1922
	Frederick D. Morgan.....	Sept.	2, 1922
	Louis K. Mezger.....	Oct.	11, 1922
	William C. Kane.....	Oct.	28, 1922
	Arthur J. Rockwood.....	Nov.	2, 1922
	Edward H. Clark.....	Nov.	3, 1922
	James Arthur Jackson.....	Nov.	15, 1922
	John A. Robertson.....	Dec.	6, 1922
	Edward Edwards.....	Dec.	27, 1922
	George W. Cooper.....	Dec.	30, 1922
	John P. Kislingbury.....	Jan.	1, 1923
Cornelius Summers.....	Jan.	10, 1923	
Jacob Howe.....	Jan.	26, 1923	
Homer F. Manley.....	May	25, 1923	
Keystone, No. 20.....	Franklin J. McCarthy.....	Nov.	11, 1922
	Samuel Ferguson.....	Nov.	17, 1922
	Norman A. Parish.....	Dec.	12, 1922
	George W. Cheney.....	Jan.	3, 1923
	Augustus H. Knoll.....	Jan.	11, 1923
	William J. Gunnell.....	Jan.	19, 1923
	Harry E. Peacey.....	Jan.	28, 1923

Ancient City, No. 21....	Sherman H. Merritt.....	Aug.	12, 1922
DeWitt Clinton, No. 22..	George H. Warner.....	Oct.	26, 1917
	Asaph B. Brown.....	Dec.	14, 1918
	Samuel B. Churchill.....	April	4, 1920
	Rexford R. Schermerhorn.....	Sept.	5, 1921
	Henry W. Lipman.....	Jan.	23, 1922
	William Seim.....	Aug.	18, 1922
	Alfred Frederick Walter.....	Aug.	31, 1922
	William James Coulson.....	Sept.	15, 1922
	Daniel D. Moore.....	Sept.	20, 1922
	Carl Adolph Schmidt.....	Oct.	31, 1922
	Franklin Douglas Moore.....	Nov.	3, 1922
	Charles J. Davis.....	Nov.	9, 1922
	George D. McDonald.....	Dec.	15, 1922
	Eugene A. Dory.....	Jan.	3, 1923
	John Martin Fischer.....	Jan.	18, 1923
	James W. Pattinson.....	Jan.	18, 1923
	William Barent Van Zandt.....	Jan.	19, 1923
	Fred D. Cherry.....	Jan.	29, 1923
	Charles Humphrey Armatage.....	Jan.	30, 1923
	William L. Greenhalgh.....	March	3, 1923
	William G. Ebel.....	March	13, 1923
Dunkirk, No. 25.....	George G. Phillipbar.....	Oct.	7, 1922
	Clark Bloss.....	March	30, 1923
	Harry James.....	May	31, 1923
Palmyra, No. 26.....	William H. Dennis.....	March	6, 1923
	Robert S. Carr.....	March	23, 1923
	Edwin B. Anderson.....	May	2, 1923
King Solomon, No. 31..	Karl Hodge.....	Sept.	16, 1922
	Edward L. Taylor.....	Oct.	19, 1922
	John C. Welch.....	Dec.	11, 1922
Jamestown, No. 32.....	Arwood James Rutenber.....	Dec.	15, 1922
	Frank Morgan Potter.....	May	2, 1923
	Darius R. Cole.....	May	13, 1923
	Charles L. Horton.....	May	23, 1923
Olean, No. 33.....	Alex W. Nelson.....	Jan.	28, 1923
Watertown, No. 34....	Merrill S. White.....	Oct.	21, 1922
Hornellsville, No. 35...	Albert B. Payne.....	Jan.	30, 1921
	Robert A. Copeland.....	Aug.	14, 1922
	John W. Tillbury.....	Oct.	15, 1922
	George W. Lemon.....	Feb.	10, 1923
	William A. Rodgers.....	Feb.	23, 1923
	John D. Howes.....	May	23, 1923
Adoniram, No. 36.....	Joseph C. Conklin.....	Oct.	9, 1922
Cryptic, No. 37.....	John S. Alexander.....		1922
	W. P. Leavens.....	Oct.	11, 1922
	George F. DeMaine.....	Nov.	12, 1922
	Harry B. Earl.....	Feb.	20, 1923
	Henri B. B. LeFerri.....	March	1, 1923
	Roy Edward Damon.....	March	13, 1923
	Mortimore L. Hadley.....	April	15, 1923
Bath, No. 40.....	Llewellyn H. Brown.....	March	25, 1923
	David J. Macartney.....	March	31, 1923

Tyrian, No. 43.....	Edwin Thomas Worman.....	June	23, 1922
	Joseph Raoul Bourdon.....	July	27, 1922
	Robert Lew Preston Mason.....	Nov.	18, 1922
	Edwin Gage Moore.....	Jan.	3, 1923
Washington, No. 52.....	George B. McAndrew.....	June	18, 1922
	Edward P. Campbell.....	June	26, 1922
	Walter C. Witherbee.....	Sept.	28, 1922
	Ernest Tiemann Horton.....	March	16, 1923
	Benjamin Evans Tinstman.....	May	28, 1923
Corning, No. 53.....	Henry Schafer.....	Feb.	14, 1922
	John Chester Ball.....	March	14, 1922
	Martin O. Cooper.....	Sept.	27, 1922
	John L. Lewis.....	Jan.	8, 1923
	Lee T. Goodridge.....	Feb.	25, 1923
Peekskill, No. 55.....	George Washington Fuller.....	March	11, 1923
	Fred G. LeRoy.....	Nov.	6, 1922
	Charles Leary.....	Dec.	1, 1922
	Edmund C. Nation.....	Feb.	10, 1923
Hudson, No. 62.....	Charles S. Rogers.....	Nov.	18, 1922
	Homer N. MacGill.....	April	17, 1923
Phoenix, No. 70.....	Henry J. Bender.....		
	William Camph.....	July	7, 1922
	Joseph S. Prevoost.....	Oct.	13, 1922
	Thomas G. Boone.....	Feb.	21, 1923
	H. Eugene Smith.....	April	17, 1923
Alph-Omega, No. 71.....	Frank H. Hurd.....	April	20, 1923
Johnstown, No. 72.....	Nathan Miller.....	Oct.	15, 1922
	Jasper D. Fitch.....	Dec.	6, 1922
	John L. Kitheart.....	March	23, 1923
	Theodore P. Griswold.....	May	4, 1923
St. George's, No. 74....	Elmer M. Fort.....	Aug.	11, 1922
	Clarence F. Wait.....	Aug.	11, 1922
	Reuben A. Sterling.....	Nov.	4, 1922
Skoj-Yase, No. 75.....	Raymond W. Baldrige.....	Jan.	18, 1923
	Edward B. Strang.....	May	25, 1923
St. Lawrence, No. 77....	Edward E. Woodruff.....	Nov.	6, 1922
Temple, No. 79.....	Walter A. Scott.....	March	29, 1923

## Officers, Location and Date of Assemblies of Constituent Councils

NAME.	No.	MASTER.	DEPUTY MASTER.	P. C. OF THE WORK	RECORDER.	WHERE LOCATED.	STATED ASSEMBLIES.
COLUMBIAN	1	William J. Morgan	William R. Wilson	Albert C. Markard	Martin Q. Good	New York City	1st Thurs., 2 p.m.
UNION	2	Nicholas Pecora	C. Linwood Morrell	Ernest E. Wilson	Richard M. Backus	New York City	2d Saturday
BROOKLYN	4	Axel John Hallbeck	M. C. T. Schenck	Daniel W. Ballou	H. V. Schnitzspan	Brooklyn	3d Saturday
ADELPHIC	7	John F. Birmingham	Henry Heller	S. Ormond Goldan	Harry A. Bingham	New York City	1st Saturday
ROTTICA	12	William F. Harris	Earl C. Pressey	Thomas Parke	DeLos S. Hickok	Rome	1st Monday
CENTRAL CITY	13	Chester D. Crowell	Willard C. Hay	Milward C. Overley	Howard E. Plaisted	Syracuse	2d Wednesday
BLOSS	14	Alexander Lloyd	Frank P. Lotz	Frank M. Ames	Fred A. Richardson	Troy	1st Friday
BRUCE	15	Joseph E. Baker	F. Randall Thompson	Jesse M. Bell	Arthur C. Gloger	Lockport	4th Monday
SOUTHERN TIER	16	A. William Yungstrom	Louis A. Northrop	Richard Marlowe	A. H. Borthwick	Elmira	3d Wednesday
BUFFALO	17	James M. Todd	Esbon B. Rew	Samuel F. Hamilton	Henry Simon	Buffalo	2d Thursday
KING HIRAM	18	Joseph W. Douglas	Ray L. Woodward	F. Maurice Harrop	Henry D. DeGroff	Auburn	2d Wednesday
DORIC	19	Charles M. Buck	Howard G. Nobles	Charles S. Naramore	Luther H. Miller	Rochester	4th Monday
KEYSTONE	20	Washington A. Russell	George A. Davis, Jr.	Charles H. Wilson	Percy Eaton	Buffalo	3d Tuesday
ANCIENT CITY	21	W. Frank Davis	William McCullough	Edward N. Snow	Robert G. Groves	Kingston	3d Friday
DEWITT CLINTON	22	William T. Fletcher	Edward C. Eaton, Jr.	Mark W. Nelson	Peter Schumacher	Albany	3d Thursday
DUNKIRK	25	John C. Schwertfager	Matthew J. Scholtes	Thomas H. Harvey	Richard H. Heppell	Dunkirk	1st Wednesday
PALMYRA	26	Ralph D. Sessions	Roy Pullman	Alfred C. Hopkins	M. F. Cathers	Palmyra	2d Tuesday
KING SOLOMON	31	Harry Bayer	Fred M. Stark	S. Wright Butler	Frank J. Schwartz	Poughkeepsie	4th Friday
JAMESTOWN	32	Edwin E. Gustafson	Roscoe W. Clark	George W. Hosie	Roland K. Mason	Jamestown	4th Wednesday
OLEAN	33	Frank H. Norton	Charles H. Derby	Russell M. McKay	Henry E. Hall	Olean	2d Wednesday
WATERTOWN	34	Daniel R. Blinn	John H. O'Brien	George A. Stebbins	Leonard M. Nanning	Watertown	Last Friday
HORNELLSVILLE	35	John B. Hagadorn	Fred Stephenson	Squire Schofield	Geo. H. Grosvenor	Hornell	1st Friday
ADONIRAM	36	Clare E. Burtis	Edward C. Krapp	Thomas B. Furman	John H. Horskey	Elmhurst	2d Monday
CRYPTIC	37	George B. Wright	Frederick A. Storrs	Charles F. Flammer	Arthur L. Churchill	Saratoga Springs	2d and 4th Thurs.
BATH	40	Charles L. Davison	Ernest V. Case	Hoxie W. Smith	Elmer Kleckler	Bath	1st and 3d Tues.
TYRIAN	43	Henry W. Gage	George K. Hawkins	Hiram W. McGraw	Newton R. McIlwaine	Plattsburg	2d Wednesday
FULTON	50	Roy E. Reynolds	Claude W. Knight	George O. Snyder	W. E. Howard	Fulton	Last Friday
WASHINGTON	52	Willis G. C. Wood	Robert C. Fagan	E. Kenneth Horton	Hermon E. Sullivan	Whitehall	2d Friday
CORNING	53	Anthony M. Haischer	Robert L. Allison	George F. Showers	George F. Anderson	Corning	3d Thursday
PEEKSKILL	55	Lewis Allport	Elmer E. Seymour	Elbert F. Utter	Albert E. Cruger	Peekskill	2d Monday
HUDSON	62	Bruce C. Risley	William P. Boright	Samuel Transen	William A. Merrell	Hudson	2d Monday
PHOENIX	70	George Thompson	John R. Morse	Henry B. Brown	John Burden	Mt. Vernon	2d Friday
ALPH-Omega	71	Alonzo L. Waters	Daniel F. H. Allen	Frank W. Mallison	Charles A. Mack	Medina	2d Wednesday
JOHNSTOWN	72	Herbert T. Clemans	Edward C. McIntyre	Max M. Wilms	Eugene Moore	Johnstown	2d Wednesday
St. George's	74	Henry V. Burger	Edwin C. Vedder	Everett E. Green	Hanford Robison	Schenectady	2d Wednesday
SKOI-YASE	75	Robert M. Holcomb	Tom William Bailey	William C. Buchholz	John E. Becker	Waterloo	2d Friday
HUNTINGTON	76	Emmett B. Hawkins	Henry A. Murphy	Kurt J. Galow	Allison E. Lowndes	Huntington	3d Friday
St. Lawrence	77	Frank F. Williams	Fred D. Fuits	John S. Hazen	Bert C. Spaulding	Potsdam	2d Tuesday
CATSKILL	78	P. Tremain Loud	Howard E. Muller	James L. MacNee	Albert S. Paulsen	Catskill	4th Monday
TEMPLE	79	Charles R. Phelps	Solomon Kimpel	Thomas W. Aitken	William Zinter	Niagara Falls	1st Tuesday
FLATBUSH	80	Henry G. Story	David M. Boe	David C. Picher	W. Burt Cook, Jr.	Brooklyn	4th Tuesday
JOSEPH WARREN	81	William Lee	Clifford B. Hall	Burton E. Swan	Frank L. Moore	Glens Falls	3d Friday
SALAMANCA	82	A. Edward Krieger	Clifford C. Cheney	Warren J. Hoy	Edward Andrews	Salamanca	4th Friday
ZATHAN	83	Herbert H. Williams	Bernhard F. Lind	Clyde R. Wilcox	Douglas E. Spencer	Ilion	1st Thursday

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## Abstract of Returns from Constituent Councils

Council No.	NAME OF COUNCIL	No. of Members May 31 1922	Greeted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Dimitted	Sus- pended	Ex- pelled	Dropped at own Request	No. of Members May 31 1923	Amount of Dues & Fees
1	COLUMBIAN	369	72	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	438	\$ 329 40
2	UNION	362	32	...	1	4	2	...	...	...	389	265 20
4	BROOKLYN	591	44	...	...	10	9	10	...	8	598	420 60
7	ADELPHIC	548	119	1	2	15	...	9	1	3	642	507 80
12	ROTICA	26	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	27 00
13	CENTRAL CITY	775	17	...	...	16	...	5	...	1	770	490 50
14	BLOSS	1186	40	1	5	10	3	24	...	...	1195	772 10
15	BRUCE	202	7	...	...	2	16	1	...	...	190	131 70
16	SOUTHERN TIER	267	38	...	...	9	3	2	...	...	288	212 70
17	BUFFALO	329	10	...	...	8	1	2	...	1	327	212 40
18	KING HIRAM	99	10	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	106	74 40
19	DORIC	722	36	...	...	19	...	17	...	4	718	487 20
20	KEYSTONE	390	29	...	1	7	...	1	...	...	412	277 50
21	ANCIENT CITY	41	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	27 60
22	DEWITT CLINTON	1155	29	2	...	21	...	...	...	...	1165	737 50
25	DUNKIRK	240	7	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	245	154 50
26	PALMYRA	265	4	...	...	3	1	8	...	...	257	165 00
31	KING SOLOMON	260	16	1	...	3	...	2	...	...	272	180 50
32	JAMESTOWN	262	23	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	281	191 70
33	OLEAN	56	5	...	...	1	8	...	...	...	52	41 10
34	WATERTOWN	48	20	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	68	59 30
35	HORNELLSVILLE	204	59	...	...	6	...	1	...	...	256	210 90
36	ADONIRAM	156	19	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	177	123 60
37	CRYPTIC	356	7	...	5	7	26	22	...	2	311	224 10
40	BATH	97	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	95	58 20
43	TYRIAN	113	20	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	129	97 80
50	FULTON	72	14	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	90	64 20
52	WASHINGTON	125	5	...	...	5	2	...	...	...	123	82 50
53	CORNING	96	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	90	57 60
55	PEEKSKILL	83	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	83	54 30
62	HUDSON	190	13	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	201	133 50
70	PHOENIX	186	24	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	206	148 10
71	ALPH-OMEGA	117	7	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	123	80 70
72	JOHNSTOWN	300	25	...	...	4	3	4	...	...	314	217 50
74	ST. GEORGE'S	610	30	...	...	3	...	5	...	...	632	411 00
75	SKOI-YASE	115	17	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	131	95 50
76	HUNTINGTON	85	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	97	75 00
77	ST. LAWRENCE	42	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	42	26 70
78	CATSKILL	224	26	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	249	173 40
79	TEMPLE	56	20	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	76	55 10
80	FLATBUSH	34	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	40 50
81	JOSEPH WARREN	50	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	15 50
82	SALAMANCA	23	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	17 40
U.D.	ZARTHAN	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	33 00
<b>TOTALS</b>		11468	912	13	19	195	76	113	1	19	12067	\$8,261 80

(1) Includes 1 Petitioner for Dispensation  
 (2) " " 15 Petitioners " "  
 (3) " " 9 " " "  
 (4) " " 25 " " "  
 (5) " " 0 " " "  
 Net gain for year 599.

Not yet reported as dimitted and count-  
 ed under other Councils and not includ-  
 ed in column total.

## Permanent Members of the Grand Council

*Being Past Masters of Constituent Councils living and in good standing*

Tabulated in the order of seniority.

### COLUMBIAN COUNCIL, No. 1.

Garvey Donaldson	Chauncey E. Goodrich	Edwin Raymond Knox
James H. Curtin	Charles Grosch	John B. Adkins
Martin Q. Good	William Boyd Tindle	Oliver L. Menard
John D. Cawein	Charles Peppel	George Herring
James Stewart	W. Knight Vernon	Christian O. Schaw
	Charles N. Hulburt	

### UNION COUNCIL, No. 2.

Clarence H. Sanford	Oliver H. LaBarre	Roy S. Houck
Alexander P. Milligan	Frank A. Spencer	Henry J. Huemmer
J. Stewart Wilson	Joseph L. Lockhart	Arthur A. Barr
John Bramwell	Nath'l B. K. Hoffman	Harry Aery
	Edward Feih	Dwight O. Palmer

### BROOKLYN COUNCIL, No. 4.

Adolph C. Wenzel	Charles C. Rhodes	Clarence G. Franklin
Charles G. Little	George A. Lutz	Henry M. Rynehart
Charles Stewart	Warren H. Francis	William R. Salter
John L. Judge	James W. Palmitier	John L. Raynor
William Bamber	William B. Gardner	Charles H. Hadlock
	Henry P. Stevens	

### ADELPHIC COUNCIL, No. 7.

William Downes	Henry W. Remington	William Frank Russell
Thurber F. Russell	Alfred D. Slough	Harry A. Bingham
Elias Whitney	James Chambers	Major D. Hanna
Charles H. Stoddard	John W. Kirby	Jeremiah Hunter
Henry DeWitt Hamilton	John J. Pheelan	Matthew S. Cumner
	Percy W. Willard	

ROTICA COUNCIL, No. 12.

William F. Tremain

CENTRAL CITY COUNCIL, No. 13.

Herbert W. Greenland	Lawrence Thompson	George K. Hancock
George B. Cathers	John Peter Listman	William H. Hall
Alonzo W. Worth	Caleb Joss	Samuel R. W. Marriott
Henry A. MacGruer	Elmer J. Clark	William L. Cummings
Jerome L. Cheney	Herman G. Rees	Christian Lehmann

BLOSS COUNCIL, No. 14.

T. Campbell Collin	Zina C. Lewis	Frank Richardson
John P. Deal	Daniel Jones	David A. Tomlinson
Henry Calhoun	Harry A. Sheldon	William F. Seber
Edward A. Webster	William H. Kirkpatrick	Frederick W. Powers
Edwin Buchman	George S. Haswell	Ollie H. Childress
Ensign S. Homer	Walter M. Douglas	Louis N. Ellenbogen

BRUCE COUNCIL, No. 15.

William J. Jackman	Burton A. Preish	Lewis E. Morey
John A. McLaughlin, Jr.	Robert E. Emerson	Arthur A. Davenport
Mark D. Welsher	William Cameron, Jr.	Elgie G. Knowles
Frank W. Travis	Howard E. Long	Arthur C. Gloger
William C. Shapleigh	Harry E. Brees	Marcus L. Liddell
	Ross C. Holley	

SOUTHERN TIER COUNCIL, No. 16.

Charles L. Hart	James M. Randall	Chauncey B. Hammond
John M. Diven	Charles S. Tuttle	Edgar E. Wemple
Henry Mander	George R. Hemenway	William S. Barnes
Guy W. Shoemaker	Jesse L. Churchill	Harry I. Tong
	Harry S. Tipton	

BUFFALO COUNCIL, No. 17.

William Dempster	James R. Newman	Andrew Gustave Koepf
John H. Clark	Charles A. Fero	Edward A. Jones
Edgar C. Neal	William J. Koepf	Peter G. Klumpff
Henry Post	William W. Johnson	Arthur Solomon
Peter Post	Wesley M. Backus	W. Philip Caine
	Frank W. Tyler	

KING HIRAM COUNCIL, No. 18.

Fred J. Humphryes	John T. Leach	Lewis E. Martin
Arthur Tailby	John G. Noakes	Noble D. Merritt
Alpha L. Dewdney	Henry D. DeGroff	Irving C. King

DORIC COUNCIL, No. 19.

John W. Merriam	John C. Baumer	Frederick L. Dutcher
Willard S. Bradt	George Edward Hatch	W. Wirt Whittlesey
Samuel C. Pierce	Earl J. Neville	George J. Vetter
Ezra M. Sparlin	Sidney E. White	S. Edward Hitchcock
Alonzo D. McMaster	William A. Buff	Harry G. Greensmith
Harry J. Mulligan	Charles H. Peck	James R. Kimber
Charles M. Colton	Luther H. Miller	

KEYSTONE COUNCIL, No. 20.

Fred E. Ogden	Henry W. Root	Virgil J. Ullman
George Clinton	Thomas P. C. Barnard	J. William Prouse
Earl N. Blood	Wilbur H. Funk	E. Parker Waggoner
William S. Riselay	Frederick A. Fell	John G. Rieger
Percy Eaton	George W. Curtis	H. Morton Curtis
Elias Haffa	Esslie V. Kraft	

ANCIENT CITY COUNCIL, No. 21.

John R. Gillett	Samuel Stern
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DEWITT CLINTON COUNCIL, No. 22.

George R. Hodgkins	Charles L. Myers	Philip F. Sohni
Willard S. Gibbons	William H. Butler	Ernest C. Johnson
Will L. Lloyd	Peter Schumacher	Chester J. Moore
William H. Spawn	Lewis C. Vanderheyden	Walter R. Marden
William E. Woollard	William E. Bailey	Eugene B. Sanford
Eugene Crawford	Howard Watson	Arthur B. Gregg
Eugene E. Hinman	N. Irving Martin	Charles H. Johnson
	George C. Vroman	

DUNKIRK COUNCIL, No. 25.

Frank B. Barnard	Albert E. Nugent	Oscar C. Segebarth
Hiram A. Matteson	Richard H. Heppell	Fred Z. Shoemaker
John W. Ware	Thomas W. Pentecost	James M. Champlain
Horace C. Pentecost	James C. Powell	John C. Schwertfager
Harry B. Lyon	Hugh M. Fleming	

PALMYRA COUNCIL, No. 26.

George McGown	Alfred C. Hopkins	Arthur DeWitt Becker
John H. Coates	John Elmer DeVoist	James H. L. Gallagher
S. Nelson Sawyer	Lynn E. Briggs	Harry H. Hunt
	Samuel Hall Hunt	



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William Morgan Lee	Walter E. Walker	Edward J. MacClelland
William B. Hull	S. Wright Butler	Henry B. Schryver
Thomas Finley	Walter W. Kingston	Harry F. Margwarth
	John C. Van Zile	

JAMESTOWN COUNCIL, No. 32

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O. Nelson Rushworth	Edwin Archibald Ridell	Albert S. Price
Roland K. Mason	Clayton Oscar Johnson	Theodore N. Nelson
Joseph R. Rogers	Henry Marvin Lund	James H. Mason
	Chauncey A. Moon	

OLEAN COUNCIL, No. 33.

William L. Myrick	Edward F. Halliday	Henry E. Hall
Albert A. Swarts	Isaac P. Collins	Frank H. Norton
	John G. Murdock	

WATERTOWN COUNCIL, No. 34.

Daniel R. Blinn

HORNELLSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 35.

H. Tobias Harris	Frank Donahue	Philip M. Nast, Jr.
William H. Prangen	George W. Brown	John B. Hagadorn

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 36.

George O. Linkletter	John E. Weier	Edwin L. Brooks
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John Bennett	Frank M. Lawrence	Will W. Smith
Frank M. Adee	William C. Sherman	George B. Wright
Jurian Miller	Walter S. Prescott	

BATH COUNCIL, No. 40.

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H. Belmont Lee	Elmer Kleckler	Clinton W. Richardson
Frank E. Rowe	Henry J. Donnelly	John R. Griswold

TYRIAN COUNCIL, No. 43.

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George Henry Rymers	Herbert A. Stutchbury	

FULTON COUNCIL, No. 50.

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Charles F. Loomis	William C. Morgan	Woodis B. Halstead
	Harold R. Wheeler	

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CORNING COUNCIL, No. 53.

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John Comosh	Sherman E. DeVore	Ray C. Rhinehart
Hugh H. Kendall	Francis C. Williams	Arthur D. Moore

PEEKSKILL COUNCIL, No. 55.

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Henry P. Dain	Fred A. Smith	Harold Field Horne
George E. Briggs	Amos O. Squires	Solomon Lichter
Charles A. Dyckman	Frank H. Whitney	H. Lloyd Griffin
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PHOENIX COUNCIL, No. 70.

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Franklin T. Davis	Arthur W. Peene	Stephen Preston, Jr.
Ossian Lang	William H. Mason	Adolph Wade
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J. Porter Freeman	William B. Middleton	Chester D. Babcock
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 T. M. Bartley.....Waco  
**VERMONT**  
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**WASHINGTON**  
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<b>DEWITT CLINTON, No. 22</b>	
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<b>WATERTOWN, No. 34</b>	
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<b>HORNELLSVILLE, No. 35</b>	
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Elmer Kleckler.....	Bath
<b>TYRIAN, No. 43</b>	
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SKOI-YASE, No. 75	John E. Becker.....	Waterloo
HUNTINGTON, No. 76	Allison E. Lowndes.....	Huntington
ST. LAWRENCE, No. 77	Bert C. Spaulding.....	103 Market St., Potsdam
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### Living Past Grand Masters

GEORGE A. NEWELL, G. M., 1893-1894.....	Medina
GEORGE MCGOWN, G. M., 1900.....	Palmyra
JOHN P. DEAL, G. M., 1901.....	Troy
WILLARD S. BRADY, G. M., 1902.....	Rochester
IRVING L'HOMMEDIEU, G. M., 1904.....	Medina
CHARLES STEWART, G. M., 1905.....	Brooklyn
FRED E. OGDEN, G. M., 1906.....	Buffalo
FRANK M. ADEE, G. M., 1908.....	Saratoga Springs
WILL L. LLOYD, G. M., 1910.....	Albany
MARTIN Q. GOOD, G. M., 1911.....	New York
HERBERT W. GREENLAND, G. M., 1912.....	Syracuse
GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, G. M., 1914.....	Rochester
OLIVER H. LABARRE, G. M., 1916.....	New York
EUGENE E. HINMAN, G. M., 1917.....	Albany
JAMES CHAMBERS, G. M., 1918.....	New York
ROLAND K. MASON, G. M., 1919.....	Jamestown
HUGH H. KENDALL, G. M., 1920.....	Corning
HENRY A. MACGRUER, G. M., 1921.....	Syracuse
GEORGE S. HASWELL, G. M., 1922.....	Watervliet

## Grand Representatives

of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council  
of Royal and Select Masters of New York

			Appointed
ALABAMA	Percy Eaton	Buffalo	1921
ARIZONA	Frank H. Norton	Olean	1924
ARKANSAS	Edgar E. Wemple	Elmira	1923
CALIFORNIA	Hermon E. Sullivan	Whitehall	1920
COLORADO	Harry B. Lyon	Dunkirk	1923
CONNECTICUT	Elias Whitney	New York	1911
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	Walter M. Douglas	Troy	1923
ENGLAND & WALES	Herbert W. Greenland	Syracuse	1915
FLORIDA	Frederick W. Spencer	Hudson	1919
GEORGIA	Henry D. De Groff	Auburn	1920
IOWA	Ossian Lang	New York City	1918
ILLINOIS	John E. Becker	Waterloo	1918
INDIANA	James H. L. Gallagher	Palmyra	1921
KANSAS	Amos M. Druse	Fulton	1921
KENTUCKY	Arthur B. Wassung	Johnstown	1920
LOUISIANA	Allison E. Lowndes	Huntington	1917
MAINE	Henry P. Stevens	Brooklyn	1920
MARITIME PROV'S.	Wesley M. Backus	Buffalo	1923
MARYLAND	William L. Cummings	Syracuse	1922
MASSACHUSETTS	Frank Richardson	Cambridge	1920
MICHIGAN	William F. Seber	Troy	1921
MINNESOTA	John B. Adkins	New York City	1923
MISSISSIPPI	William H. Prangen	Hornell	1919
MISSOURI	Oliver L. Menard	New York City	1923
MONTANA	Henry J. Huemmer	New York City	1920
NEBRASKA	Walter E. Walker	Poughkeepsie	1920
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Charles F. Cushing	Niagara Falls	1923
NEW JERSEY	George J. Vetter	Rochester	1923
NORTH CAROLINA	Harry A. Bingham	New York City	1920
NORTH DAKOTA	Leon L. Parker	Catskill	1922
OHIO	William J. Koepf	Buffalo	1919
OKLAHOMA	Elmer Kleckler	Bath	1920
OREGON	Horace P. Hollister	Mt. Vernon	1921
PENNSYLVANIA	E. Parker Waggoner	Buffalo	1923
RHODE ISLAND	George Henry Rymers	Plattsburgh	1920
SCOTLAND			
SOUTH CAROLINA	Arthur A. Davenport	Lockport	1921
SOUTH DAKOTA	William E. Bailey	Albany	1921
TENNESSEE	Ernest C. Johnson	Albany	1921
TEXAS	Ray C. Rhinehart	Corning	1920
VERMONT	Henry P. Dain	Peekskill	1923
WASHINGTON	Fred H. Anderson	Jamestown	1923
WISCONSIN	Chester J. Moore	Albany	1919



## Grand Representatives

of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters  
of New York near other Grand Councils

ALABAMA	Jacob U. Ray	Woodstock
ARIZONA	Morris Goldwater	Prescott
ARKANSAS	John C. Bone	Batesville
CALIFORNIA	Robert Hewitt DeWitt	Yreka
COLORADO	Charles H. Dudley	Colorado Springs
CONNECTICUT	W. C. Twombly	East Norwalk
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	Harrison Dingman	Washington
ENGLAND & WALES	Frederick C. Van Duzer	London
FLORIDA	Charles H. Ketchum	Key West
GEORGIA	Henry S. Colding	Savannah
IOWA	A. H. Conn	Cedar Rapids
ILLINOIS	Fred W. Krengel	Chicago
INDIANA	Arthur J. Smith	Tipton
KANSAS	Peter Couture	Topeka
KENTUCKY	John T. Kincaid	Lexington
LOUISIANA	William A. Briant	New Orleans
MAINE	Edwin F. Hillman	Portland
MARITIME PROV'S	W. Leonard Ellis	St. John N. B.
MARYLAND	Geo. A. Smith	Baltimore
MASSACHUSETTS	Wm. B. Lawrence	Medford
MICHIGAN	Emerson M. Newell	Fenton
MINNESOTA	Frederick L. Lawrence	Northfield
MISSISSIPPI	Clyde J. Van Arsdall	Indianola
MISSOURI	Victor F. Falkenhainer	St. Louis
MONTANA	E. W. Spottswood	Missoula
NEBRASKA	Francis E. White	Omaha
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Clarence E. Stickney	Keene
NEW JERSEY	Marion H. Hall	Newark
NORTH CAROLINA	Henry P. Austin	Hamlet
NORTH DAKOTA	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
OHIO	Leon C. Herrick	Columbus
OKLAHOMA	Edson A. Mac Millan	Ada
OREGON	Milton S. Woodcock	Corvallis
PENNSYLVANIA	A. G. Criswell Smith	Media
RHODE ISLAND	William S. Greene	Providence
SCOTLAND	Alfred A. A. Murray	Edinburgh
SOUTH CAROLINA	Thomas Alex Heise	Columbia
SOUTH DAKOTA	Harry B. Reynolds	Terraville
TENNESSEE	Levin B. Handy	Memphis
TEXAS	Lee R. Conro	Goldthwaite
VERMONT	Christie B. Crowell	Brattleboro
WASHINGTON	Abraham L. Miller	Vancouver
WISCONSIN	Edmund S. Baker	Portage

# List of Officers of Columbian Council No. 1 Royal Master Masons of New York City

FROM THE ORGANIZATION, SEPTEMBER 2, 1810, UNTIL THE FORMATION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL MASTER MASONS  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, JANUARY 25, 1823.

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ANNUAL MEETING	ROYAL MASTER	ROYAL DEPUTY MASTER	ROYAL WARDEN	ROYAL TREASURER	ROYAL RECORDER	
1810..Sept. 2.	Thomas Lownds.....	John E. Russell....	William Craig.....	Peter Roome.....	Jones Humbert, Jr..	
1811..June 21.	".....	Robert Young.....	John Utt.....	".....	".....	
1812.. " 21.	".....	".....	S. O. Smith.....	John P. Roome.....	Peter Roome.....	
1813.. " 21.	".....	Robert Howard.....	John Utt.....	".....	".....	
1814.. " ..	".....	".....	".....	".....	".....	
1815.. " 21.	".....	Asa Hall.....	Robert Young.....	".....	".....	
1816.. " 21.	".....	Edward Higgins.....	Lewis Seymour.....	".....	".....	
1817.. " 21.	".....	".....	Garret Morgan.....	William Craig.....	Silas Lyon.....	
1818.. " 28.	".....	Levi Nathan.....	Silas Lyon.....	H. Westervelt.....	B. W. Peck.....	
1819.. July 2.	".....	John G. Munn.....	Garret Lansing.....	Silas Lyon.....	John W. Gibbs.....	
1820.. June 21.	Silas Lyon.....	Garret Lansing.....	Hosea Dodge.....	C. Bacon.....	Thomas Slade.....	
1821.. " 21.	".....	".....	".....	Ransom Beach.....	".....	
1822.. " 21.	Oliver M. Lownds...	William F. Piatt....	Tobias W. Bedell...	Edward Higgins....	".....	
	ROYAL CONDUCTOR	ROYAL MARSHAL	ROYAL SENIOR MARSHAL	ROYAL JUNIOR MARSHAL	ROYAL HERALD	ROYAL GUARD
1810.....	George Woodruff....	John Mariner.....	John Utt.....	Zebedee Ring.....	Henry P. Roome....	
1811.....	".....	John P. Roome.....	Zebedee Ring.....	John Mariner.....	".....	
1812.....	John Utt.....	John E. Rich.....	Darius Knight.....	Suel Dodge.....	George Woodruff....	
1813.....	".....	".....	".....	".....	".....	
1814.....	".....	".....	".....	".....	".....	
1815.....	".....	Edward Higgins.....	Francis Dubnor.....	Garret Lansing.....	John Utt.....	James Verryann....
1816.....	".....	Garret Morgan.....	John Utt.....	Thaddeus Seymour..	John Niles.....	
1817.....	".....	Samuel Maverick....	Levi Nathan.....	John Thompson.....	William McKinney..	Hosea Dodge.....
1818.....	".....	Joseph Potter.....	Gair Blanchard.....	Tobias W. Bedell...	Samuel Maverick....	".....
1819.....	".....	".....	".....	P. T. Decevee.....	B. W. Pack.....	".....
1820.....	Joseph Potter.....	P. T. Decevee.....	".....	Thomas Jones.....	".....	John Utt.....
1821.....	J. C. Leffingwell...	".....	Garret Morgan.....	B. W. Pack.....	Isaac B. Camp.....	".....
1822.....	Ransom Beach.....	Isaac B. Camp.....	J. L. Moore.....	R. Byrne.....	Aaron Kemp.....	".....

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FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, JANUARY 25, 1823, TO ITS UNION WITH THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, JUNE 7, 1860.

TIME OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING	ROYAL GRAND MASTER	DEPUTY ROYAL GRAND MASTER	ROYAL GRAND WARDEN	ROYAL GRAND TREASURER	ROYAL GRAND RECORDER
1823. Jan. 25.	New York	Thomas Lownds.....	Edward Higgins.....	Garret Morgan.....	L. Q. C. Bowles.....	Oliver M. Lownds ..
1824. June 21.	"	"	"	"	Lebbens Chapman ..	"
1825. " 21.	"	Oliver M. Lownds.....	"	"	"	Thomas Slade.....
1826. July 12.	"	Garret Morgan.....	William F. Piatt.....	Henry Marsh.....	"	"
1827. June 21.	"	William F. Piatt.....	Henry Marsh.....	F. L. Wilsey.....	"	"
1828. " 21.	"	Henry Marsh.....	Richard Ellis.....	Fred W. Leeds.....	"	"
1829.....	"	"	"	"	Edward Higgins.....	"
1830.....	"	"	"	"	"	"
1831. June 15.	New York	Richard Ellis.....	Fred W. Leeds.....	J. R. Bailey.....	"	"
1832.....	"	"	"	"	"	"
1833.....	"	"	"	"	"	"
1834.....	"	"	"	"	"	"
1835.....	"	"	"	"	"	"
1836.....	"	"	"	"	"	"
1837. June 21.	New York	"	"	"	"	Fred W. Leeds, P. T.
1838.....	"	"	"	"	"	"
1839.....	"	"	"	"	"	"
1840.....	"	"	"	"	"	"
1841.....	"	"	"	"	"	"
1842. June 21.	New York	"	"	Jared L. Moore.....	Daniel West.....	Sylvester Spencer ...
1843. " 21.	"	"	"	"	"	"
1844. " 21.	"	Fred W. Leeds.....	Samuel Marverick.....	Anthony Chapple.....	Jonathan Jarvis.....	"
1845. " 21.	"	"	Anthony Chapple.....	Sewall Fisk.....	Daniel West.....	"
1846. " 21.	"	"	"	"	"	William W. Nexsen..
1847. " 21.	"	"	"	"	"	"
1848. " 21.	"	"	"	"	"	"
1849. " 29.	"	Jonathan Jarvis.....	C. W. Carpenter.....	Charles Watkins.....	"	"
1850. " 21.	"	"	"	"	"	Fred W. Leeds.....
1851. " 21.	"	"	"	"	"	"
1852. " 21.	"	"	Charles Watkins.....	William H. Norris...	"	"
1853. " 21.	"	"	"	"	"	"
1854. " 22.	"	"	"	"	"	"
1855. July 2.	"	"	"	"	"	"
1856. June 21.	"	"	"	"	"	"
1857. " 21.	"	"	"	John B. Willis.....	"	William I. Surre....
1858. " 21.	"	"	"	"	"	"
1859. " 21.	"	John B. Willis.....	William W. Nexsen..	George Godfrey.....	"	"

TIME OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING	ROYAL GRAND MARSHAL	ROYAL SENIOR GRAND MARSHAL	ROYAL JUNIOR GRAND MARSHAL	ROYAL GRAND HERALD	ROYAL GRAND SENTINEL
1823..Jan. 25..	New York.	Lewis Seymour.....	T. W. Bedell.....	Hosea Dodge.....	William F. Piatt....	.....
1824..June 21..	"	"	William F. Piatt....	Campbell Bushnell..	John Barney.....	.....
1825.. " 21..	"	William F. Piatt....	Henry Marsh.....	"	"	Garret Lansing....
1826..July 12..	"	Campbell Bushnell..	F. L. Wilsey.....	R. B. Atterbury....	Silas Butler, Jr....	"
1827..June 21..	"	Cyrus Curtiss.....	R. B. Atterbury....	Silas Butler, Jr....	Richard Ellis.....	"
1828.. " 21..	"	"	Silas Butler, Jr....	Jere Miller.....	Robert Young.....	"
1829.. " ..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1830.. " ..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1831..June 15..	New York.	Silas Lyon.....	Garret Lansing....	Sylvester Spencer..	.....	Robert Young....
1832.. " ..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1833.. " ..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1834.. " ..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1835.. " ..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1836.. " ..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1837..June 21..	New York.	"	Samuel Maverick....	"	"	"
1838.. " ..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1839.. " ..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1840.. " ..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1841.. " ..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1842..June 21..	New York.	Samuel Maverick....	Anthony Chapple....	Silas Lyon.....	Ransom Beach.....	James Thorburn....
1843.. " 21..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1844.. " 21..	"	William W. Nexsen..	Jonathan Jarvis....	Ransom Beach.....	Robert Tyrell.....	"
1845.. " 21..	"	Ransom Beach.....	Silas Lyon.....	Charles Watkins....	William G. Park....	Robert Tyrell....
1846.. " 21..	"	"	Jonathan Jarvis....	"	John B. Costa.....	"
1847.. " 21..	"	"	"	"	C. W. Carpenter....	Sewall Fisk.....
1848.. " 21..	"	"	Charles Watkins....	C. W. Carpenter....	Sewall Fisk.....	"
1849.. " 29..	"	John Scott.....	Ransom Beach.....	William H. Norris..	William Brown.....	"
1850.. " 21..	"	William W. Nexsen..	William H. Norris..	Robert Tyrell.....	Ransom Beach.....	W. Broadman.....
1851.. " 21..	"	"	"	"	"	Greenfield Pote....
1852.. " 21..	"	Robert Roberts....	John B. Willis.....	Myer A. Cohen.....	James T. Brush....	"
1853.. " 21..	"	John B. Willis.....	Robert Robert.....	"	"	"
1854.. " 22..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1855..July 2..	"	"	"	Leonard Burnham..	James Rodgers....	"
1856..June 21..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1857.. " 21..	"	Robert Roberts....	George Godfrey....	Thomas H. Forsyth..	Charles S. Sweet....	"
1858.. " 21..	"	"	"	"	"	"
1859.. " 21..	"	Vincent W. Bate....	Thomas H. Forsyth..	Allen A. Burns.....	S. W. Asheim.....	"

# List of Officers of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, MAY 27, 1854.

TIME OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND MASTER	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER	GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER	GRAND CONDUCTOR OF WORK	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER	GRAND CAPTAIN OF GUARD
1854.. May 27..	New York.	M. J. Drummond..	Samuel C. Swartz..	J. B. Y. Sommers..	A. H. Bartlett...	Philip Pritchard..	E. W. Whipple....	H. F. L. Bunting..
1854.. June 19..	"	"	J. B. Y. Sommers..	John J. Tindale...	H. F. L. Bunting..	D. S. Sinclair....	Philip Pritchard..	James H. Lake....
1855.. " 4..	"	J. B. Y. Sommers..	H. F. L. Bunting..	N. O. Benjamin...	N. O. Benjamin...	"	Robert Macoy....	Thomas C. Edwards
1856.. " 2..	"	H. F. L. Bunting..	Thomas C. Edwards	James T. Brush...	David Wagstaff...	"	"	John W. Simons..
1857.. " 3..	"	John J. Tindale...	"	N. O. Benjamin...	Augustus Willard..	John W. Simons..	Josiah Shore....	Hiram York.....
1858.. " 2..	"	N. O. Benjamin...	"	Augustus Willard..	Bradley Parker...	S. B. Tobey, Jr...	"	Walter T. Marvin..
1859.. " 8..	"	"	Augustus Willard..	Bradley Parker...	Walter T. Marvin..	Royal G. Millard..	"	John B. Harris....
1860.. " 5..	"	"	Seymour H. Stone..	Vincent W. Bate...	Charles H. Platt...	John B. Harris....	"	Richard Bloss....
1861.. " 4..	"	"	Charles H. Platt...	Richard Bloss....	Charles H. Platt...	"	"	Charles E. Gillett..
1862.. " 2..	"	"	Charles H. Platt...	Richard Bloss....	Charles E. Gillett..	"	"	William E. Lathrop.
1863.. Feb. 3..	Albany....	Charles H. Platt..	Richard Bloss....	Charles E. Gillett..	John Hoole.....	"	"	"
1864.. " 2..	"	"	John Hoole.....	James McCredie...	John D. Williams..	"	"	George H. Raymond.
1865.. " 7..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Daniel Wolf.....
1866.. " 6..	"	"	"	"	"	H. F. L. Bunting..	"	"
1867.. " 5..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1868.. " 4..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1869.. " 2..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1870.. " 1..	"	James McCredie..	John D. Williams..	Daniel Wolf.....	G. Fred Wiltsie..	D. B. Howell....	"	F. F. Driggs.....
1871.. " 7..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1872.. " 6..	"	John D. Williams..	G. Fred Wiltsie..	F. F. Driggs.....	Henry B. Harvey..	"	"	T. W. Bolles.....
GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF WORK								
1873.. Feb. 6..	"	G. Fred Wiltsie..	F. F. Driggs.....	"	Henry B. Harvey..	"	"	C. H. Van Brackle..
1874.. Sept. 8..	New York.	"	"	"	John B. Sackett..	"	George Van Vliet..	George M. Osgoodby
1875.. " 14..	"	John B. Sackett..	George M. Osgoodby	"	Charles W. Brown..	"	"	Alexander B. King
1876.. " 12..	"	George M. Osgoodby	Charles W. Brown..	"	Alexander B. King	"	"	John F. Baldwin..
1877.. " 11..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Claudius F. Beatty
1878.. " 3..	"	"	"	"	Charles Norman..	"	"	Thomas H. Floyd..
1879.. " 2..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1880.. " 8..	"	Charles W. Brown	John J. Martin....	"	Thomas Gliddon..	"	"	John L. Brothers..
1881.. " 20..	"	John J. Martin....	Thomas Gliddon..	"	John W. Coburn..	"	"	A. Oppenheimer..
1882.. " 5..	"	"	"	"	"	John F. Baldwin..	"	"
1883.. " 11..	"	Thomas Gliddon..	John W. Coburn..	"	John L. Brothers..	"	"	R. C. Christiance..
1884.. " 9..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1885.. " 8..	"	John W. Coburn..	John L. Brothers..	"	R. C. Christiance..	"	"	E. M. L. Ehlers....
1886.. " 7..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

TIME OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND COND. OF COUNCIL	GRAND MARSHAL	GRAND CHAPLAIN	GRAND CHAPLAIN	GRAND LECTURER	GRAND STEWARD	GRAND SENTINEL
1854	New York						D. S. Sinclair	
1854	"			J. F. G. Andrews			W. W. Ward	Sewall T. Fisk
1855	"		John W. Simons	Philip Pritchard			Bradley Parker	
1856	"		Philip Pritchard	Bradley Parker			S. B. Tobey, Jr.	George Dowding
1857	"		Bradley Parker	S. B. Tobey, Jr.		Sewall T. Fisk	W. T. Marvin	
1858	"		Royal G. Millard	John Gray		H. L. F. Bunting	John B. Harris	Sewall T. Fisk
1859	"		A. B. McKeon		J. C. Chatterton		Joseph Wright	George Dowding
1859	"			Henry C. Vogell	James M. Freeman			
1860	"		Charles E. Gillett				Joseph Wright	Greenfield Pote
1861	"		William E. Lathrop		James M. Freeman	Sewall T. Fisk	Charles Teson	Greenfield Pote
1861	"			A. B. Beach				
1862	"		Stiles M. Rust	Henry C. Vogel		Sewall T. Fisk	E. J. Spink	L. G. Dart
1862	"			A. B. Beach				
1863	Albany		Stiles M. Rust	Henry C. Vogel	John N. Parker	Sewall T. Fisk	Charles Craig	L. G. Dart
1863	"			A. B. Beach	James M. Freeman			
1864	"		Charles W. Snow	Henry C. Vogel	John N. Parker	Sewall T. Fisk	C. W. Watson	L. G. Dart
1864	"			A. B. Beach	James M. Freeman			
1865	"		Mead Belden		John N. Parker	Sewall T. Fisk	C. W. Watson	Amasa J. Fuller
1866	"			R. H. Robinson			F. F. Driggs	
1867	"		Joseph B. Chaffee	John G. Webster		Jackson H. Chase		
1868	"							
1869	"						J. S. Shaw	
1870	"							
1871	"							
1872	"						C. H. Van Brackle	
1873	"	George M. Osgoodby	Charles W. Brown				Henry J. Boyle	Johnson Fountain
1874	New York	Charles W. Brown	P. W. Verhoeven					
1875	"	John F. Baldwin				John J. Martin	Thomas H. Floyd	
1876	"	Thomas H. Floyd	Darwin E. Morgan				Owen Williams	
1877	"							
1878	"	Darwin E. Morgan	P. W. Verhoeven				Albert E. Leach	
1879	"	P. W. Verhoeven	R. C. Christiance		Joseph B. Cleaver			
1880	"					John N. Macomb, Jr.	W. Morgan Lee	
1881	"	R. C. Christiance	John F. Baldwin				A. D. Robbins	
1882	"	A. B. Robbins	Porte L. Hinman		F. W. Raikes		L. H. Raymond	
1883	"	Porte L. Hinman	Alexander B. King				William Downes	John Hoole
1884	"							
1885	"	John N. Macomb, Jr.				Samuel C. Pierce	George A. Newell	
1886	"							

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1887..Sept. 6..	New York.	John L. Brothers..	R. C. Christiance..	John N. Macomb, Jr.	John F. Baldwin..	George Van Vliet..	Alexander B. King	George A. Newell..
1888.. " 4..	"	R. C. Christiance..	John N. Macomb, Jr.	Alexander B. King	"	"	George A. Newell..	Thomas J. Bishop..
1889.. " 10..	"	John N. Macomb, Jr.	Alexander B. King	George A. Newell..	"	"	Albert W. Force..	"
1890.. " 9..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1891.. " 8..	"	Alexander B. King	George A. Newell..	John F. Baldwin..	Peter Forrester..	"	"	Frederick Kanter..
1892.. " 6..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1893.. " 5..	"	George A. Newell..	John F. Baldwin..	A. Oppenheimer..	"	"	"	"
1894.. " 4..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1895.. " 3..	"	John F. Baldwin..	A. Oppenheimer..	Albert W. Force..	"	"	Frederick Kanter..	James B. McEwan..
1896.. " 1..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1897..Aug. 31..	"	A. Oppenheimer..	Frederick Kanter..	James B. McEwan..	"	"	Theodore M. Barbe	John P. Deal.....
1898.. " 30..	"	Frederick Kanter..	James B. McEwan..	George McGown..	"	"	John P. Deal.....	Willard S. Bradt..
1899.. " 29..	"	James B. McEwan..	George McGown..	John P. Deal.....	"	"	Willard S. Bradt..	John R. Gardner..
1900.. " 28..	"	George McGown..	John P. Deal.....	Willard S. Bradt..	"	"	John R. Gardner..	N. H. Freeland...
1901.. " 20..	Buffalo.....	John P. Deal.....	Willard S. Bradt..	John R. Gardner..	"	"	N. H. Freeland...	Irving L'Hommedieu
1902.. " 26..	New York..	Willard S. Bradt..	John R. Gardner..	Irving L'Hommedieu	"	"	Charles Stewart...	Fred E. Ogden...
1903.. " 25..	New York..	John R. Gardner..	Irving L'Hommedieu	Charles Stewart...	George A. Newell..	"	Fred E. Ogden...	Benjamin Strasser..
1904.. " 30..	Saratoga...	Irving L'Hommedieu	Charles Stewart...	Fred E. Ogden...	"	"	Wm. H. Andrews...	Frank M. Adece...
1905.. " 29..	Brooklyn...	Charles Stewart...	Fred E. Ogden...	Wm. H. Andrews...	"	"	Frank M. Adece...	M. S. MacKenzie...
1906.. " 28..	Troy.....	Fred E. Ogden...	Wm. H. Andrews...	Frank M. Adece...	"	"	M. S. MacKenzie...	Will L. Lloyd...
1907.. " 27..	New York..	Wm. H. Andrews...	Frank M. Adece...	M. S. MacKenzie...	"	"	Will L. Lloyd...	Martin Q. Good...
1908.. " 25..	Rochester..	Frank M. Adece...	M. S. MacKenzie...	Will L. Lloyd...	"	Charles T. Lunt..	Martin Q. Good...	H. W. Greenland...
1909.. " 31..	New York..	M. S. MacKenzie...	Will L. Lloyd...	Martin Q. Good...	"	"	H. W. Greenland...	J. Harris Balston..
1910.. " 23..	Albany.....	Will L. Lloyd...	Martin Q. Good...	H. W. Greenland...	"	"	J. Harris Balston..	George E. Hatch..
1911.. " 22..	Jamestown..	Martin Q. Good...	H. W. Greenland...	J. Harris Balston..	"	"	George E. Hatch..	William H. Ellis..
1912.. " 27..	Syracuse...	H. W. Greenland...	J. Harris Balston..	George E. Hatch..	"	M. F. Hemingway	William H. Ellis..	Edward H. Lisk...
1913.. " 25-26	Poughkeepsie	J. Harris Balston..	George E. Hatch..	William H. Ellis..	"	"	Oliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman
1914.. " 24-25	Schenectady..	George E. Hatch..	William H. Ellis..	Oliver H. LaBarre	"	"	Eugene E. Hinman	James Chambers..
1915.. " 16-17	Buffalo.....	William H. Ellis..	Oliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman	"	"	James Chambers..	Edwin Buchman..
1916.. " 21-23	Peekskill....	Oliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman	James Chambers..	"	"	Roland K. Mason..	Hugh H. Kendall..
1917.. " 27-28	Albany.....	Eugene E. Hinman	James Chambers..	Roland K. Mason..	"	"	Hugh H. Kendall..	Henry A. MacGruer..
1918.. " 26-27	Corning.....	James Chambers..	Roland K. Mason..	Hugh H. Kendall..	"	"	Henry A. MacGruer..	George S. Haswell..
1919.. " 25-26	Jamestown..	Roland K. Mason..	Hugh H. Kendall..	Henry A. MacGruer..	"	"	George S. Haswell..	John C. Welch....
1920.. " 23-24	Syracuse...	Hugh H. Kendall..	Henry A. MacGruer..	George S. Haswell..	"	Geo. Edw. Hatch..	John C. Welch....	William S. Riselay..
1921.. " 22-23	New York..	Henry A. MacGruer..	George S. Haswell..	John C. Welch....	"	"	William S. Riselay..	Joseph L. Lockhart
1922.. " 28-29	Troy.....	George S. Haswell..	John C. Welch....	William S. Riselay..	"	"	Joseph L. Lockhart.	Geo. R. Hemenway..
1923.. " 27-28	Buffalo.....	William S. Riselay..	Joseph L. Lockhart.	Geo. R. Hemenway..	"	"	James A. Smith....	Geo. O. Linkletter..
1924.. " 25-26	Rochester..	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

TIME OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND MARSHAL	GRAND STANDARD BEARER	GRAND STEWARD	GRAND LECTURER	GRAND CHAPLAIN	GRAND CHAPLAIN	GRAND SENTINEL
1887.....	New York	Thomas J. Bishop.		John G. Barker ..	Samuel C. Pierce..	John G. Webster..		John Hoole.....
1888.....	"	Samuel C. Pierce.		John B. Harris....	A. Oppenheimer..	W. D'Orville Doty		" .....
1889.....	"	Frederick Kanter..		" .....	" .....	" .....		" .....
1890.....	"	" .....		" .....	" .....	" .....		" .....
1891.....	"	Richard T. Lockley		William H. Wyman	" .....	" .....		" .....
1892.....	"	" .....		" .....	" .....	" .....		" .....
1893.....	"	" .....		" .....	George McGown..	" .....		" .....
1894.....	"	J. B. McEwan .....		Theodore M. Barber	" .....	" .....		" .....
1895.....	"	John P. Deal .....		Willard S. Bradt..	" .....	" .....		George Skinner ..
1896.....	"	" .....		Theodore M. Barber	" .....	" .....		" .....
1897.....	"	W. S. Bradt.....		William H. Sims..	" .....	" .....		" .....
1898.....	"	John R. Gardner..	N. H. Freeland ..	Irving L'Hommedieu	John W. Coburn..	" .....		" .....
1899.....	"	N. H. Freeland ..	Irving L'Hommedieu	George R. Hodgkins	" .....	" .....		" .....
1900.....	"	Irving L'Hommedieu	George R. Hodgkins	Charles Stewart ..	" .....	Warren C. Hubbard		John Malcolm.....
1901.....	Buffalo	Charles Stewart ..	Fred E. Ogdén ..	Benjamin Strasser.	" .....	" .....		William H. Small.
1902.....	New York	Benjamin Strasser.	Wm. H. Andrews..	Frank M. Adeé ..	" .....	" .....		" .....
1903.....	"	Wm. H. Andrews..	Wm. H. Andrews..	M. S. MacKenzie..	Charles S. Butler..	" .....		James W. Scaggs..
1904.....	Saratoga	M. S. MacKenzie..	Will L. Lloyd ..	Harwood Dudley ..	" .....	" .....		Herman Traugott..
1905.....	Brooklyn	Will L. Lloyd ..	Harwood Dudley ..	Martin Q. Good ..	" .....	" .....		Charles Teson ..
1906.....	Troy	Harwood Dudley ..	Martin Q. Good ..	H. W. Greenland..	" .....	" .....		William H. Small.
1907.....	New York	H. W. Greenland..	J. Harris Balston.	George E. Hatch..	Charles T. Lunt..	John Laubenheimer		Matthew J. Steele.
1908.....	Rochester	J. Harris Balston.	George E. Hatch..	William H. Ellis..	Eugene E. Hinman	" .....		William H. Geety.
1909.....	New York	George E. Hatch..	William H. Ellis..	Edward H. Lisk ..	" .....	" .....	S. Wright Butler.	Wm. H. Gladding.
1910.....	Albany	William H. Ellis..	Edward H. Lisk ..	Oliver H. LaBarre	" .....	" .....		Charles D. Wilson.
1911.....	Jamestown	Edward H. Lisk ..	Oliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman	Charles M. Colton.	William A. Masker		Charles Blasdel ..
1912.....	Syracuse	Oliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman	James Chambers..	" .....	" .....		Joseph Titus .....
1913.....	Poughkeeps	James Chambers..	Edwin Buchman ..	Roland K. Mason ..	" .....	" .....		James L. Foote ..
1914.....	Schenectady	Edwin Buchman ..	Roland K. Mason ..	Hugh H. Kendall..	" .....	" .....		John Malcolm.....
1915.....	Buffalo	Roland K. Mason ..	Hugh H. Kendall..	Henry A. MacGruer	" .....	" .....		Leonard Sharpe ..
1916.....	Peekskill	Henry A. MacGruer	George S. Haswell.	John C. Welch ..	" .....	" .....		Wm. H. Gladding.
1917.....	Albany	George S. Haswell.	John C. Welch ..	Emil H. Schmidt..	" .....	" .....		R. E. Sunderlin..
1918.....	Corning	John C. Welch ..	Emil H. Schmidt..	William S. Riselay	" .....	" .....		Jay Pickard.....
1919.....	Jamestown	William S. Riselay	J. L. Lockhart..	G. R. Hemenway..	" .....	" .....		James H. Melligan
1920.....	Syracuse	Jos. L. Lockhart..	Geo. R. Hemenway	James A. Smith...	" .....	" .....		Henry C. Fry.....
1921.....	New York	Geo. R. Hemenway	James A. Smith...	Geo. O. Linkletter.	" .....	" .....		John L. Ayers.....
1922.....	Troy	James A. Smith...	Geo. O. Linkletter.	Charles M. Colton.	Albert S. Price.....	David L. Ferris...		John Fox.....
1923.....	Buffalo	Charles M. Colton.	Charles H. Johnson.	Jerome L. Cheney..	" .....	" .....		Walter B. Joslyn..
1924.....	Rochester	" .....	" .....	" .....	" .....	" .....		" .....



## Foreign Correspondence

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. O. AND S. O. M. O.  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Reviews of the Proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Councils are herewith presented for your sympathetic consideration. The writer feels reasonably certain that quite a few of the Official Correspondents of other Jurisdictions will read them; whether from an overpowering sense of duty, a cryptic fellow-feeling in the hope to find flaws, or because they really like to do it. What would please him far more is assurances that a fair proportion of the members of the Grand Council of New York will turn to these pages, and having done so, will read them through with at least a modest degree of pleasure and profit to themselves.

You don't get a pearl with every oyster. That much warning is given in advance. And when you find a shell with nary an oyster with it, the explanation is that there ain't none furnished for that particular shell. The report seeks to serve up the best to be obtained from every Jurisdiction. It's a selective report and not a creation. The Correspondent does the digging and picking out and serving. The reader gets the best there is. And there is enough worth while material amply to compensate any reader who cares enough for Cryptic Masonry to want to know what various Jurisdictions are doing to keep it going and how it is progressing.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

OSSIAN LANG,

Foreign Correspondent.

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Alabama .....	1922	Michigan .....	1922
Arkansas .....	1922	Michigan .....	1923
California .....	1922	Minnesota .....	1922
Colorado .....	1922	Mississippi .....	1923
Connecticut .....	1922	Missouri .....	1923
District of Columbia.....	1922	Nebraska .....	1922
England & Wales.....	1923	New Hampshire .....	1922

Florida .....	1922-1923	New Jersey .....	1922
North Dakota .....	1923	North Carolina .....	1922
Illinois .....	1922	Ohio .....	1922
Indiana .....	1922	Oklahoma .....	1922-1923
Iowa .....	1922	Pennsylvania .....	1923
Kansas .....	1923	Rhode Island .....	1922
Kentucky .....	1922	South Carolina .....	1922
Louisiana .....	1923	Tennessee .....	1923
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## ALABAMA — 1922

85th Annual Assembly     *Montgomery*     December 5th

M. III. HARTSFORD LEE ISON, G. M.

Twenty Councils. 4,700 members; net gain 603. Cash balance, \$3,702.33.

Present: All Grand Officers; fifteen of the twenty-five living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of eighteen Councils; thirty-one Grand Representatives; New York once more among the absent.

The Grand Master was too busy to visit more than one solitary Council, but is happy that the Grand Council of Canada has been reorganized. The Committee on Grand Master's Address expresses the hope "that he may live long, be happy, and never lose his love for the Grand Council, nor for the degrees of Royal and Select Master." Ain't human nature wonderful?

Grand Officers elected: WILLIAM S. KILBY, *Anniston*, Grand Master; HARRY C. CRELLY, Deputy Grand Master; HENRY F. REESE, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; JOHN WILSON TERRY, Grand Treasurer; GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, *Montgomery*, Grand Recorder.

There are no reviews of Cryptic Jurisdictions.

## ARKANSAS — 1922

60th Annual Assembly    *Little Rock*    November 24th

R. Ill. JOSEPH H. BYERS, Acting G. M.

Twenty-three Councils. 1,153 members; net gain, fifty-nine.  
Cash balance, \$1,394.28.

Present: Seven of the eleven Grand Officers; eight of the eleven active Past Grand Masters; Representatives of eleven of the twenty-three constituent Councils; seventeen Grand Representatives, Past Grand Master JOHN C. BONE responding for New York.

A fitting reception was accorded to M. P. Companion FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Recorder since 1899, as the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council.

Poor travel conditions prevented Grand Master IRA C. LANGLEY from getting to Little Rock until after the Grand Council has closed its labors. The address he had prepared to deliver in person is printed in the Proceedings. The following excerpt is commended particularly:

"Perhaps never in the history of the world has the spirit of Masonry, and of men been so necessary as now, and here it may be said that never before has it been so necessary for a clear bond between the branches and bodies of Masonry, the building up of the things that unite and the breaking down of the things that separate and seek to destroy.

"No group of men can better interpret the spirit of America than men with the spirit of Masonry within them, by exemplifying the spirit of free men in a free land. The Great Architect needs assistance today by workman in the building of the Temple; that Temple of unselfish brotherhood, the Temple of American freedom, the Temple of individual manhood, and the Temple that contains no bigotry of intolerance. A united Masonry must respond to the call of the Master Builder. Here is imperative need, and here the spirit of Masonry must function and leave its impact in the earth today that the world tomorrow may remember."

M. P. Companion FAY HEMPSTEAD presented the Manuscript of a History of Cryptic Masonry in Arkansas, covering seventy years, from 1853 to 1922, and setting down in chronological order all important facts, closing with a poem entitled

"The Light of the Crypt," written by the same author who takes pride in signing himself "Poet Laureate of Freemasonry." The beginning of Cryptic Masonry in Arkansas is set forth in this interesting record:

"Cryptic Masonry was introduced into Arkansas by a Dispensation granted April 25, 1853, by ALBERT PIKE, 32°, Deputy Inspector General for Arkansas of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, to RODERICK L. DODGE, Thrice Illustrious Master; LUTHER CHASE, Deputy, and WILLIAM H. SUTTON, Principal Conductor of the Work, as the three principal officers, for a Council of Royal and Select Masters at Little Rock, to be called Occidental Council.

"This Dispensation, in ALBERT PIKE's beautiful handwriting, with never an alteration or an interlineation or erasure, written on the old-style, long blue foolscap paper, and having a pike (fish) impressed for a seal, hung framed, on the walls of the Council Hall of Occidental Council, No. 1, in Little Rock, for many years, until it was destroyed in the burning of the Masonic Temple which stood at the corner of Main and Fifth streets, in the City of Little Rock, on the early morning of August 28, 1919. On the opposite wall hung, framed, the original Charter of the Council; granted by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, sitting at Charleston, South Carolina; of date May 22, 1853; signed by JOHN H. HONOUR, Sovereign Grand Commander, and ALBERT G. MACKEY, Secretary General. This, too, perished in the conflagration. The Companions of Occidental Council, No. 1, in their meetings, spoke from time to time, of having facsimiles made of the two to hang in their stead, and the original documents to be deposited in a fire-proof vault for preservation; but it had not been done when the fire-fiend made his visit, and the two priceless treasures were lost forever."

Five Councils united in the formation of the Grand Council, on November 6th, 1860. Concerning these five Councils we are given the following information:

"The Charters of the five Councils which organized the Grand Council of Arkansas were issued by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, sitting at Charleston, South Carolina. Osiris Council, No. 5, of Fort Smith, is the only one of the five the Charter of which is still in existence, it having escaped the flames which destroyed their Temple in the early part of September,

1919, about a fortnight after the burning of the Masonic Temple in Little Rock; the charter of Occidental having been destroyed, and those of Adoniram, Cephas and Friendship, defunct, being lost or destroyed. The Charter of Osiris shows that at the organization of the Grand Council of Arkansas the original Charters issued by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite were surrendered and new Charters were taken under the Grand Council of Arkansas."

The outbreak of the War between the States prevented meetings of the Grand Council until 1865.

In 1878, the Grand Council surrendered its autonomy, and the constituent Councils became amalgamated with the Chapters. In 1881, the Grand Council was reorganized and, in 1886, became a member of the General Grand Council. Since that time it has had a continuous existence.

There are added some valuable notes on the Origin of the Council Degrees. M. P. FAY HEMPSTEAD has rendered a valuable service to the Rite by his History.

Arkansas has had no Correspondence Report since 1910. The volume of Proceedings is well organized and is attractively gotten up.

Grand Officers elected: JOSEPH H. BYERS, *Little Rock*, Grand Master; N. C. McCRARY, Deputy Grand Master; S. E. HOLLABAUGH, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; JOHN BRODIE, Grand Treasurer; FAY HEMPSTEAD, *Little Rock*, Grand Recorder.

## CALIFORNIA—1922

62nd Annual Assembly *San Francisco*

April 17th

M. Ill. ERNEST E. FORD, G. M.

Twenty-five Councils. 6,490 members; net gain, 1,155. Cash balance, \$6,005.70. Total assets, \$9,005.70.

Present: All Grand Officers; six of the sixteen living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of all the Councils in the State; twenty Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master ROBERT H. DEWITT as Grand Representative of New York.

Among the distinguished visitors were Past Grand Master RAWSON BENNETT of the Grand Council of Illinois, the Grand

High Priest of Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Commander of Knights Templar in the State of California.

The Grand Master, despite continued physical suffering, visited all but one of the constituent Councils, and did much to increase interest in the Rite and pride in the proper exemplification of the degrees. It is by such zeal as his that Cryptic Masonry is advanced, in usefulness as well as numbers. The increase of membership is close to eighteen per cent. And yet Companion FORD says modestly that his physical condition did not permit him to be as active in the work as he had hoped to be. What more could any Grand Master have accomplished? Here are a few extracts from his address, which sum up results:

"I am happy to be able to report that there is not a dormant Council in this Jurisdiction. . . The wonderful growth of the Councils situated in the larger cities and the determined effort displayed by the smaller Councils to make a record, warrant me in saying that I believe the Councils in California are now in better shape to continue their progress than at any previous period. . . Our Grand Secretary's report will show that each Council reports degree work. . . . Harmony has been the watchword throughout the year."

Looks pretty good for the record of a sick man, doesn't it?

He recommended that the Grand Council appropriate \$1,467, the balance due on the cost of the Grand Council Building at the Masonic Home at Covina. The Grand Council not only adopted the recommendation, but added \$1,133 for the equipment of the building which is a Domestic Science Bungalow for the training of the girls at the Children's Home.

The Grand Recorder's report is strictly business. Not a word wasted. This is his story:

"Increase, 1,305; loss, 150; net increase 1,155, 77 more than last year, the greatest in our history. Every one of our twenty-five Councils conferred degrees during the year, and every one shows a net increase of from three, that of Santa Cruz Council, to 195, the gain of Los Angeles Council. The average gain of the twenty-five Councils is fifty-two and a fraction, and the average loss, six. Naval Council U. .D. . started with eleven on its roll, May 11th, 1921, and has increased that number to fifty-six.

In passing let us compliment the efficient Grand Recorder on the organization and general neatness of the Proceedings. Here is a model of what such a volume can be made to be. No

trouble in locating anything a reviewer is bound to look for. The typography, too, is a wonderful help. All of which is much appreciated.

But why in the world does the Council take a position with reference to a bill pending in Congress? The warning uttered by the Grand Master of Masons in California should have been sufficient to have prevented the presentation of the resolution. Masonry has landmarks that must not be removed. It is well to be reminded of this occasionally.

The Grand Council disposed finally of the proposition offered last year, to amalgamate the Capitular and Cryptic degrees, which would have put an end to the Rite in California, by adopting the emphatic resolution offered by Companion JONES who, by the way, is the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons, and buried the thing. The *coup de grace* is set forth in bold faced type so that future generations of cold-footers may not miss the point. Good!

The Committee on Jurisprudence is the steering board of the Grand Council. It has decided, and the Grand Council concurs that Grand Representatives are not to bask in the splendor of their dignity; any one of them who fails to attend or make a *report in writing* at three successive Annual Assemblies, shall be considered as having failed to meet his obligations and must consider himself to have resigned his position.

Grand Master-elect FRANCIS H. E. O'DONNELL whom those who know him best call FRANK, made a real heart-to-heart talk just before the close of the Assembly. He wore as the emblem of authority the hat which he had bought in England more than thirty years before, when he was about to be married. The hat was as good as new, though possibly not modern. He wore it only four times in his life, if he told the truth: (1) when he got married; (2) when, that same year, he was installed as Master of his Lodge; (3) a year later, when he was installed as High Priest of his Chapter; (4) thirty years later,—the dash symbolizes that hat's long period of rest in innocuous desuetude—thirty years later, on April 17, 1922, he was crowned with the same faithful hat, on being installed as Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters in California.

To get the full effect of the really fine address delivered by Companion O'DONNELL, one must read it in its entirety. But a few extracts must suffice, which carry the central thought and reveal something of the genial spirit of the man:

"In our American Rite of Freemasonry there is no body that more fully symbolizes the true spirit of Masonry than does the Council of Royal and Select Masters. The very names of the degrees of the Cryptic Rite in themselves are something to call out from the heart of man the very best in him. A man who will permit himself to be called a Royal Master, a Select Master or Super-Excellent Master and who falls down wilfully of his own free will and accord in the carrying on of his daily duties and the obligations which he assumes in his family and social intercourse—that man has certainly gone far down the ladder of his destruction of manhood. Therefore, it is in this splendid Cryptic Rite of ours, that we have gathered together in our Councils men who come there, just as they enter the Blue Lodge—absolutely of their own free will and accord and without any ulterior purposes. The brethren do not seek the degrees of the Cryptic Rite because they are in a hurry to wear a shrine pin—they do not take the degrees because they are in a hurry to wear the uniform of a Knight Templar, but a man comes in here because he has the knowledge that in the Cryptic Councils of Masonry he is really going to get into a body of select men. . . .

"When we see this wonderful gathering of this Grand Council here today, and I can look back in this Grand Council for thirty-three years nearly, and I can remember when we used to meet and there was but a mere handful of men, when the Council was hardly thought about by anybody, I want to again ask the Councils to do all they possibly can. . . . .

"Life is made up of two things, giving and receiving, and we have got to keep an even balance between the two, and in our own Rite we learn that whatever we do we must do with absolute fidelity and loyalty.

"Companions, I am going to take a year's leave of absence that I may give full attention to the wants of this Grand Council, and I hope to be present in every Council in this State. Our retiring Grand Master visited every Council but one, and that was because they were not ready to receive him. . . . God helping me, I shall do everything possible, square, and right, and try and make you feel at the close of this term that I have at least striven to uphold the splendid example of my illustrious predecessor."

Companion MATTISON B. JONES on behalf and in the name of the Grand Council addressed the retiring Grand Master, Com-



panion ERNEST E. FORD, in tenderly intimate terms, referring to the wonderful determination and courage which had sustained him, despite physical suffering and a weakened constitution, the great good achieved by his devotion to the task before him, and the esteem and affection in which he would ever be held by the Companions.

Grand Officers elected: FRANCIS H. E. O'DONNELL, *Berkeley*, Grand Master; CLARK H. SHAW, Deputy Grand Master; HARRY MAUNDRELL, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; WILLIAM W. DOUGLAS, Grand Treasurer; THOMAS A. DAVIES, *San Francisco*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The plumed Knights of the Roundtable will please rise and salute the first of our number who ever occupied two chairs at one and the same time, the Throne of Solomon the Wise and the footstool of a recording angel. Sir Knight FRANK the Kelt, known in the outer courts as FRANCIS H. E. O'DONNELL! 'Tis well. Be seated! No speeches! Ours the task to say it with type. Only this one more word, Sir Knights: There are among us Grand Masters with a past, but now we may glory in having with us also a Grand Master with a future before him.

The reviews of the volume for 1922 are as good as any that we have enjoyed in the past, if not better. Companion O'DONNELL has that blessed quality of an appreciative attitude of mind. He even has a word of praise for poetical quotations. "Some of us drybones need a songster among us to pipe a little music into our meditations upon the Cryptic Rite here, there and everywhere." That means FAY HEMPSTEAD and EDWARD M. WILLARD and ROBERT F. STEPHENSON and other birds. The rest of us simply have to stick to prose so as not to have the piping disturb the meditations of the Roundtable by too much music. New York gets a fine send-off. Many thanks and good luck on the way!

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### COLORADO — 1922

28th Annual Assembly                      *Denver*                      September 18th

M. · III · GEORGE W. ROE, G. · M. ·

Thirteen Councils. 2,197 members; net gain, 189. Cash balance, \$1,946.98.

Present: All Grand Officers; ten of the twenty living Past Grand Masters; one Past Deputy Grand Master; twenty-six Representatives of the thirteen constituent Councils; twenty-two Grand Representatives, among them R. .III. .Companion CHARLES H. DUDLEY, Grand Representative of New York, who responded to the Grand Master's welcome.

The Grand Master referred to the fact that all the Grand Masonic Bodies of Colorado were in session the same week. He had to "forgo the pleasure of visiting" because of rush of legal business.

A committee was appointed to visit Past Grand Masters LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF and CROMWELL TUCKER, both residing in Denver, who were confined to their homes by illness.

Grand Officers elected: FRANCIS W. THOMPSON, *Colorado Springs*, Grand Master; L. WIRT MARKHAM, Deputy Grand Master; JOHN W. MORRISON, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; WILL. D. GRISARD, Grand Treasurer; ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, *Denver*, Grand Recorder.

## CONNECTICUT — 1922

104th Annual Assembly     *Hartford*

June 7th

M. .P. .EDWARD B. ALLING, G. .M. .

Twenty-four Councils. 9,408 members; net gain, 768. Cash balance, \$2,522.13.

Present: All Grand Officers, except the I. .P. .C. . of W. . who was in California; fourteen of the twenty-one surviving Past Grand Masters; Representatives of all the twenty-four constituent Councils; twenty-three Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master WILLIAM C. TWOMBLY as Grand Representative of New York.

A hearty welcome was given to visitors from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York: Grand Master DEAN K. WEBSTER and Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer WALLACE C. KEITH of Massachusetts; Assistant Grand Recorder EDWARD M. WHEELER of Rhode Island; Past Grand Masters JAMES CHAMBERS and OLIVER H. LA BARRE, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, JOHN C. WELCH, and (of course) the ever faithful ELIAS WHITNEY, of New York.

Companion WALLACE C. KEITH is also the Captain of the Guard of the General Grand Council.

A special reception was accorded also to Grand High Priest ARTHUR N. NASH of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commander THOMAS W. MORGAN of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut.

The Grand Master presented this interesting bit of information:

"The latest reports show 37,780 Master Masons, 14,390 Royal Arch Masons, 9,408 Council Masons and 5,685 Knights Templar in Connecticut. Thus our unwritten law of becoming a Council Mason before taking the orders of Knighthood is still in effect."

And it works—in Connecticut. Almost 4,000 more in the Councils than in the Commanderies!

The Grand Master speaks appreciatively of the cordial reception accorded to him on his visits to the Grand Council Assemblies of New York and New Hampshire.

The Grand Council voted to depart from its custom of meeting alternately at Hartford and New Haven and will hereafter go a-traveling among cities and towns of the State. The 1923 Assembly is to be held at Stamford.

Grand Officers elected: T. LURELLE GUILD, *Stamford*, Grand Master; GEORGE G. BEERS, Deputy Grand Master; DANIEL H. GLADDING, Principal Conductor of the Work; ISAAH BAKER JR., Grand Treasurer; GEORGE A. STURDY, *New London*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Grand Recorder GEORGE A. STURDY does more than supply first rate reviews of Grand Councils, he works in a lot of interesting information of how Connecticut handles puzzling Cryptic problems. Others are doing it in an occasional rise for self-defence or maybe in a flush of local pride, he does it for purposes of enlightenment, without any particular provocation and unobtrusively, just to make crooked things straight and to be generally helpful. It's a fine thing to do, and being Grand Recorder he draws an experience in doing it, 104 years of experience. We shall keep the hint in mind. Proceedings do not reveal half we should like to know of a Companion Jurisdiction (got by "sister" that time), and George's way adds the revealing touch.

At the risk of exceeding the space limit I must quote from the excellent preamble; it is too good to be fed only to Nutmeggers; it is the sort of argument to have handy in trying to work up an interest in Cryptic Masonry:

"A Commandery Mason must be a Chapter Mason, and his Commandery relationship depends upon his uninterrupted Chapter affiliation. When a Companion leaves the Council he lands nowhere. He steps out of the beaten path in Masonic enlightenment. He has voluntarily acquired certain knowledge in rounding out his Masonic information, but it does not get him anywhere. He probably knew that when he started, but he wanted the Council, and he got it, and he got something he could obtain nowhere else...After having taken the Council he can drop it any old time, and his standing as a Mason is not affected thereby.

"The point to be made is this: To promote a general urge on Council officers to view with pride this non-essential qualification, to enthuse themselves in Council service, to make the Cryptic degrees stand out conspicuously, to adorn themselves with the satisfaction achieved. They've got something no other Masonic body possesses. They've got a degree in the Super-Excellent that is worthy of their best efforts, and surely there is nothing neater nor more compact than the Royal and Select.

"Hundreds of Councils do not take themselves seriously, Councils that follow the line of least resistance, let things slide, as it were.....Many officers do not put out their best efforts—their work is an embarrassment to themselves and a subject of pitying regard from observing Companions on the benches.

"Therein is where Cryptic Masonry, as a general proposition, falls short of attaining a fair measure of success. In the final analysis, it is all up to the officers. They have the material to do with, but numerously they lack the personal pride in taking advantage of their opportunities.

"In contrast we personally know of Councils, and read of many others, that put on the Cryptic degrees with a superlative excellence that causes the officers to be talked about with the highest credit, and where this is done, Council assemblies are outstanding features in fraternalism and the officers never lack for an attentive audience.....

"What is wanted in Council work is personal enthusiasm." Mark that last sentence to remember the rest by. Enthusiasm is bound to make any worthwhile work succeed. And whoever

hasn't caught the worthwhileness of the Cryptic degrees has no business to hold down an official station in any Council. Of course, the enthusiasm must be for the work. Personal ambition and vanity can steam up activity, too; but they poison the atmosphere. We know some Councils—and a few Grand Councils—which have been rendered useless by exploitation for selfish ends. The choice of the right sort of head officers is the important task. We need leaders—leaders inspired by the opportunities for service; we need them in the Councils, in Grand Councils, and in the General Grand.

What the Connecticut Correspondent says about Arkansas is none too severe. And, by way of contrast, what he says of the Grand Master in California is none too eulogistic. Cryptic Masonry more than any other lineup of Masons depends on leadership, for its vitality and progress.

New York for 1921 is treated royally. There is warm praise for Grand Master HUGH H. KENDALL, his devotion to the affairs of his office, "constructively and progressing," and there are many quotations from his address. ELIAS WHITNEY gets his usual kind word. GEORGE EDWARD HATCH is complimented on the completeness of the Proceedings, and the Correspondent is also remembered.

True to form, under New York, the reviewer adds an informing note about Connecticut, explaining how his Commandery expects, by an old by-law, every candidate to possess "all the necessary preceding degrees" among them Royal and Select Master. The Fraters stuck to that interpretation, regardless of any later edict, as a gentlemen's agreement "that those who petition the commandery shall also petition the Council, if not already Council Masons." It works in Connecticut. The beauty of it is that once they have gotten into the Council they stay. That is why Connecticut makes so remarkable a showing.

Here endeth—

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### DISTRICT of COLUMBIA—1922

3rd Annual Assembly      *Washington*      February 4th

M. Ill. MARK F. FINLEY, G. M.

Four Councils. 1,422 members; net gain, 257. Cash balance, \$674.95.

Present: Grand Officers, except Deputy Grand Master, one Past Grand Master; Representatives of the four Councils; sixteen Grand Representatives, with none among them to answer for New York.

The Grand Master's address is neat, courteous and hopeful, but altogether confined to home routine affairs.

Grand Officers elected: HORACE P. MCINTOSH, *Washington*, Grand Master; OTTO B. ROEPKE, Deputy Grand Master; DAN C. VAUGHAN, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; GEORGE L. SHERMAN, Grand Treasurer; JOHN A. COLBORN, *Washington*, Grand Recorder.

The volume of Proceedings is a gem in mechanical make-up.

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## ENGLAND and WALES—1923

Annual Assembly *Mark Masons Hall, London* March 15th

M. I. C. COL SIR ARTHUR H. McMAHON, G. M.

Twenty-nine Councils. No record of membership. Cash balance, \$227.27.

New York not represented.

Eighty-eight Companions were greeted during the year.

Twenty guineas were voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The Grand Master and Grand Treasurer were reelected. All other officers are appointed by the Grand Master.

Principal Grand Officers, 1923-24: SIR ARTHUR HENRY McMAHON, Grand Master; THOMAS PHIPPS DORMAN, Deputy Grand Master; COL W. H. V. DARRELL, Principal Conductor of the Work; A. J. THOMAS, Grand Treasurer; A. D. HANSELL, Mark Masons Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W. C. 2, Grand Recorder.

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## FLORIDA—1922

42nd Annual Assembly *Jacksonville* May 29th

M. I. C. CHESTER DEROCHE, G. M.

Seventeen Councils. 1,445 members; net gain, 375. Cash balance, \$1,283.68.

The Grand Master had the pleasure of constituting a Council. There is no record of visits made.

Grand Officers elected: ERLE L. WIRT, *Barton*, Grand Master; T. T. TODD, Deputy Grand Master; JOHN PASCO, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; OLIN S. WRIGHT, Grand Treasurer; WILBER P. WEBSTER, *Jacksonville*, Grand Recorder.

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## FLORIDA — 1923

43rd Annual Assembly      *Tampa*      May 14th

M.:Ill.:E. L. WIRT, G.:M.:.

Nineteen Councils. 1,579 members; net gain, 134. Cash balance, \$1,626.33.

Present: Six Past Grand Masters, Representatives of fifteen Councils, twenty-six Grand Representatives. New York not among them.

Only routine business. The chief doings appear to have been the conferring of degrees.

Grand Officers elected: THEODORE T. TODD, *Pensacola*, Grand Master; JOHN PASCO, Deputy Grand Master; FRANK H. THOMPSON, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; OLIN S. WRIGHT, Grand Treasurer; WILBER P. WEBSTER, *Jacksonville*, Grand Recorder.

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## ILLINOIS — 1922

70th Annual Assembly      *Joliet*      September 27th

M.:Ill.:OTHO L. CALDWELL, G.:M.:.

Seventy-two Councils. 19,246 members; net gain 1,716. Cash balance, \$11,095.38. Total assets, \$29,095.38. ("The Treasury is in the best condition ever known in the history of the Grand Council," the Grand Recorder comments.)

The Grand Master personally instituted four Councils and constituted six. He recommended that \$500.00 be donated to the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association and \$150.00 to the Masonic Employment Bureau. Both recommendations were adopted.

The Charters of three Councils were revoked and annulled. "Dead beyond resurrection," the Grand Recorder had reported.

Three new Councils were chartered. One Council was continued under dispensation.

A resolution was adopted asking the Committee on Jurisprudence to prepare and present next year "Such regulations as shall provide that no Companion shall serve as Thrice Illustrious Master of a Council for more than two successive years."

Grand Officers elected: LLEWELLYN L. ABBOTT, *Chicago*, Grand Master; MELVILLE H. LEIGHTON, Deputy Grand Master; WILLIAM A. HOOVER, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; FREDERICK E. HOBERG, Grand Treasurer; GEORGE W. WARVILLE, *Chicago*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Grand Recorder GEORGE WARVILLE presents his thirty-first annual report on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews thirty-nine Jurisdictions in fifteen pages of the type of our own, only shorter. The story of New York for 1921 is told in eight lines. That is how Uncle GEORGE manages to save up twelve pages for interesting observations on many things. He believes that none should be permitted to hold the Master's chair for more than two consecutive years. He finds that all forms of dual membership are being voted out of existence in our land. The Virginia Plan of conferring the Cryptic degrees in the Chapter, before the Royal Arch, is ordered on the shelf where it belongs, fool arguments as to "chronological sequence" notwithstanding. Is kissing necessary? He means kissing the Bible to affirm an oath, and decides sensibly that Washington—the Grand Council, not George—is right in abolishing it as "an unsanitary practice" which adds no force to the obligation. Prerequisite is buried; the "Ohio idee" is the thing. He has softened somewhat anent the "Super-Ex" and is now willing to have it retained as a side degree.

The "Conclusion" reviews membership statistics and supplies some very telling comparisons. He wants Illinois to be first in numbers; she still holds second place with 17,480, closely followed by Indiana which is only 524 behind, while Ohio has 38,150 Cryptic Masons, almost double the membership of Illinois, although there are more Royal Arch Masons in Illinois than in Ohio. New York holds seventh place, closely pressed by



Missouri which is only 750 behind. The order is: Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Michigan, New York, Missouri—among the Grand Councils with more than 10,000 members. In net gains New York is the lowest among the eight, Missouri leading it by more than 500. Texas is not admitted to the list, although she has 31,844 members enrolled, because its plan of increasing is in a class by itself.

## INDIANA—1922

67th Annual Assembly *Indianapolis* October 17-18th

M. Ill. CHARLES C. THOMAS, G. M.

Seventy-six Councils. 18,621 members; net gain, 1,667. Cash balance, \$10,924.63. Total assets, \$20,293.64.

Present: All Grand Officers; fifteen of the twenty-two living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of sixty-nine Councils; thirty-two Grand Representatives, among them Companion ARTHUR J. SMITH as Grand Representative for New York.

Distinguished visitors: General Grand Recorder HENRY W. MORDHUST and General Grand Steward ROBERT A. WOODS of the General Grand Council; General Grand Principal Sojourner LEON T. LEACH of the General Grand Chapter; Grand High Priest EDWARD B. RAUB and the Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Chaplain and eight Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Indiana. If any equally grand representation of a Grand Chapter ever honored a Grand Council we missed the record of it.

The Grand Master's address deals with matters of purely local concern. The proceedings are routine.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder are concise, skillfully organized and neat. No trouble seeing at a glance everything one is bound to look for and usually has to search out with much trouble and wasteful tribulation.

As to membership gains the Grand Recorder writes: "If we forget the abnormal increases of the War period shown in the gains of 1920 and 1921, the 1,667 net gain of this year is almost three times as large as ordinarily, which speaks volumes for the spirit and zeal of the Cryptic Craft generally throughout the Jurisdiction."

The Foreign Correspondence Committee adds:

"It is only Ohio where many large cities and a much greater Chapter membership makes it possible for that Grand Council to exceed us in numbers, but in general activity, rigid enforcement of regulatory laws and general morale there is no Grand Council of a higher standard than Indiana."

Sounds boastful, but it's true.

Grand Officers elected: WILLIAM JOHN ADAMS, *Fort Wayne*, Grand Master; CONRAD J. HERBER, Deputy Grand Master; VESTAL W. WOODWARD, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; VESTAL W. WOODWARD, Grand Treasurer; ROBERT A. WOODS, *Princeton*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

General Grand Hoosier HENRY W. MORDHURST covers thirty-three Jurisdictions in his own virile style. It is his thirty-third Annual Cryptic Review, and all the old-time punch and pep are there. "Philosopher, friend and guide," he points out, as he goes along the dangers on the way and sets things right. Here is a timely word that needs to be passed around in all Masonic bodies:

"Why not stick to Masonry as it has come down to us through the ages, interfering, as has been jokingly said about the Episcopal Church, neither with politics nor religion.

"Non-interference with things extraneous, and on which men differ, has been, as this writer believes, the greatest help in the upbuilding of the most wonderful human institution of all times, and it will be a sad day if we are finally drawn into the variousisms of the day."

And this under Arkansas:

"The Grand Council commended the DeMolay organization for boys. Since then another side show has sprung up—the Rainbow and other orders for girls, which will no doubt soon be requesting endorsement. Nearly all the Masonic male and female relations and friends having now had special 'orders' erected for them, we will be lucky if our temples prove large enough to care for the wants of legitimate Masonry."

Henry wants to know what will be the punishment of Florida's I. G. M. elected in 1920. They elected him Grand Master of the Grand Lodge there.

Uncle GEORGE of Illinois is styled "our old friend and fellow-crank." It's the crank makes the machine go and starts something.

"People who have been raving about the wonderful success of the Texas plan do not know what they are talking about." We'll let Michie answer that, taking ourselves sides with Henry. He believes the Select degree to be of Scottish Rite ancestry.

New York for 1921 gets a good send-off.

This is the closing word:

"As good citizens we are ever ready to assist in the uplift and welfare not only of our community and country, but of the world at large; yet as Masons our duty is to bend our efforts to continue Masonry as it has come to us from the fathers—a universal brotherhood."

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## IOWA—1922

23rd Annual Assembly      *Mason City*      October 10th

M. Ill. ARTHUR D. MEEKER, G. M.

Thirty-two Councils. 6,823 members; net gain, 1,176, the largest increase in the history of the Grand Council. Cash balance, \$7,790.33. Total assets \$12,790.33.

Present: All Grand Officers; eight Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty-eight Councils; twenty-eight Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master ANDREW H. CONN as Grand Representative for New York. Grand Master FREDERICK W. TYLER of the Grand Council of Nebraska was an honored visitor.

The Grand Master entered upon the work of his station with heart and soul and labored for the good of the Rite with unabated zeal throughout the year. His genial presence brought help and joy and inspiration to many Councils, twenty of them. He timed his visits so as to be present on the days set for the School of Instruction and got an insight of the workings of the different Councils that could not be had otherwise. He reports with pride the remarkable increase in membership and says that the majority of the Councils are "active and fully alive to the beauty and the need of the Cryptic Rite in our Masonic life."

Of the few weak Councils he says in his kindly spirit that they "do not need scolding nearly as much as they do assistance and encouragement," adding that through the cooperation of the Custodian of the Work and the Grand Master toward this end, "much good can be done for them." Referring to the immediate future, he says:

"The present year, owing to the general prevailing conditions may not prove as prosperous in increase of membership as 1921, although all reports coming to me indicate activity in our Councils in every part of the State, and I believe the report for this year will show a continued healthy growth."

Companion PERCY E. BROWN who is a teacher by profession was appointed Custodian of the Work. The Grand Master speaks highly of the importance of the office and reports that "it has done much in building up the Councils and regulating the ritualistic work so it has become uniform all over the State." He says that the Super-Excellent degree has been exemplified in nearly two-thirds of the Councils, since 1913 and adds this warning:

"A few of the Councils have invested in very elaborate paraphernalia and are still adding more. I found different interpretations of characters in many Councils and a growing tendency to innovations that detract from the dignity and Masonic character of the degree. These innovations have not reached the point where they are actually detrimental, but unless controlled and a uniform interpretation and manner of conferring the degree be placed under proper authority, it will undoubtedly cause trouble as time goes on."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reports that under the law the Councils must use the ritual issued by the General Grand Council, and that the degree is placed under the supervision of the Custodian of the Work. Enforcement of the law would soon do away with innovations and changes.

Six Councils report no unpaid dues, eight report less than \$10.00 outstanding in unpaid dues. Twenty-one Councils conferred the Super Excellent degree during the year.

Grand Officers elected: FRANKLYN H. POTTER, *Iowa City*, Grand Master; HARRY E. VIRDEN, Deputy Grand Master; ROBERT HUNTER, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; ALBERT H. HOLT, Grand Treasurer; DAVID MILLAR BROWNLEE, *Sioux City*, Grand Recorder.

The organization and general make-up of the Proceedings compares favorably with the best, thanks to the Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master EDWARD M. WILLARD's sixth report is excellent. The significant items are set forth clearly, and the comment is sparing and kindly. New York receives appreciative mention. There is the usual amount of appropriate and well selected poetry.

### KANSAS — 1923

55th Annual Assembly      *Wichita*      February 26th

M. . III. . FRED J. COSSITT, G. . M. .

Eighteen Councils. . 6,322 members; net gain, 196. Cash balance, \$3,430.25. There has been, as Grand Recorder WILSON points out, a considerable falling off in accessions. In 1921, the net gain was 1,710; in 1922, only 196.

Present: Ten of the twelve Grand Officers; ten of the twenty living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of fifteen Councils; twenty-three Grand Representatives. New York missing.

Here is a word from the Grand Master's address which may well be given thought:

"It is too often the case that the same faithful few take upon themselves the entire work of Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, so that proper distribution of the work in the various bodies among the membership is not often obtained. If Councils would place in office more members who are not active in the other Bodies, it is believed that it would be beneficial and at the same time relieve the burden of those who are attempting more than their just proportion.

"We must depend on a thorough organization within ourselves built up from members not having too many other obligations and who might be induced to consider their work in the Council as a part of their contribution to the great work of Masonry."

When it comes to systematizing things and setting forth statistics and other significant items for ready reference, ALBERT K. WILSON is unsurpassed.

Wichita Council, No. 12, has a membership of 964; Zabud of Topeka, is second with 951; Independence, one of the youngest Councils in the State, has 754.

Grand Officers elected: HOLMES W. HAVILAND, *Kansas City*, Grand Master; JOSEPH D. FILL, Deputy Grand Master; JAMES E. McCLELLAND, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; HARRY E. PEACH, Grand Treasurer; ALBERT K. WILSON, *Topeka*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Seems as if Grand Recorder ALBERT K. WILSON's reviews are briefer than they used to be, but they have lost none of their value and readableness thereby. The statistical tables appended to the reviews furnish exceedingly helpful information in convenient form. We have borrowed them repeatedly for our own purposes. New York for 1921 receives extended consideration. There are many quotations from Grand Master KENDALL's address. The New York Correspondent is not limited as to space, but there is a limit to the patience of our readers. If a Grand Council furnishes nothing to record for the benefit of our Companions, we have nothing to record. That is the simple fact of the matter. At that we are not assured that everything we set down is worth a thoughtful, busy man's time to read, however much he may be interested in Council affairs. Let them give us something worth while to write about, and then see what will happen.

### KENTUCKY — 1922

95th Annual Assembly      *Louisville*      October 16th

M. Ill. J. L. POWELL, G. M.

Fifty-four Councils. 4,379 members; net gain, 525. Cash balance, \$2,969.92.

Present: All Grand Officers; eighteen of the twenty-five living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of forty-two Councils; thirty Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master JOHN THOMAS KINCAID as Grand Representative for New York.

The Grand Master has made a record that redounds to his everlasting credit in the good accomplished for the Rite. He

does not say much of his achievements himself, but the reports of the year's work show them. The Grand Recorder says they have proved of invaluable service, and he knows best. He says, too,

"We have never had a Grand Master who has been more enthusiastic in his work, or who has produced more splendid results, than Grand Master POWELL. He has worked up dormant Councils, causing them to make returns and pay fines, and has in a great many respects added to the interest and built up the enthusiasm in the Cryptic Rite in Kentucky. The Grand Council is to be congratulated upon having so efficient a Grand Master during the past year."

Here is one example, mentioned incidentally by the Grand Master himself, which shows the man in action:

"One Council had not had a meeting in five years. I made them a visit and, together with their Master, went out in the afternoon and secured thirteen or fourteen petitions, and that evening put the work on seven candidates."

One thought in the Grand Master's address appeals particularly:

"Our membership consists of assets and liabilities, and every member essentially occupies one of these positions, and that of his own election. The real asset of the Order is the interested, earnest, devoted Mason who loves the organization for the opportunity it affords him to do good to others, who unselfishly supports the great moral principles it inculcates, and who contributes his best efforts to sustain and uphold the particular organization with which he is affiliated."

The Grand Master recommends that the State be divided into nine Arches to the end that all the constituent Councils may be looked after properly in the future. He also suggests that all Councils be required to meet at least once a month. He found, at the beginning of his term of office, that five Councils held meetings only "on the fifth week in the month." He got after them and asked them to change their laws so as to enable them to meet once a month. Three of the Councils accepted the suggestion. The other two made no answer, and says, "I doubt whether they have ever met." He did much visiting, and took a lively interest also in his own Council which greeted forty-nine during the year.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Companion WILLIAM W. CLARKE writes again about the "Doings of Grand Councils," and does it well. New York for 1921 is particularly favored. There are two pages of quotations from Grand Master KENDALL's address which is characterized as "able and interesting." We know now that Companion CLARKE is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky than which no higher distinction can come to any Mason in the State. We knew he wrote like a Past Grand Master and are glad to have our conjectures confirmed.

## LOUISIANA — 1923

68th Annual Assembly *New Orleans*

February 6th

M. III. HOLLACE H. BAIN, G. M.

Twelve Councils. 1,560 members, net gain 167. Cash balance \$1,862.79. Total assets 2,562.79.

Present: Nine Grand Officers; seven Past Grand Masters, Representatives of eleven Councils; fourteen Grand Representatives; among them Past Grand Master WILLIAM A. BRIANT as Grand Representative for New York.

The Grand Master reports that Cryptic Masonry, except in two Councils, is in splendid condition in Louisiana. He believes that the conference of the Super-Excellent degree has done more for promoting enthusiasm than anything else. One new Council was instituted. The Committee on Work takes a somewhat different view of the situation and reports that "most of the Councils in the State have shown very little activity and several of them are dormant, and should have the careful attention of the Grand Officers." There is no report of any visits made by the Grand Master.

Grand Officers elected: MARK D. WENTZ, *Lake Charles*, Grand Master; C. A. LAMBERTON, JR., Deputy Grand Master; G. W. HOPKINS, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; WILL MOSS, Grand Treasurer; JOHN A. DAVILLA, *New Orleans*, Grand Recorder.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Grand Recorder, JOHN A. DAVILLA presents his third annual report. He seeks out the high spots and sets them down briefly.



What little comment there is has a cordial ring. Don't let Michie jump on you, JOHN, for your brevity—it's a virtue. New York for 1921 is given a most generous review. President of the Board of Aldermen, Brother F. H. LA GUARDIA, is quoted. There are excerpts also from Grand Master KENDALL's address which is called "masterful."

## MAINE — 1923

69th Annual Assembly      *Portland*      May 2nd

M. Ill. MORRIS L. SLUGG, G. M.

Seventeen Councils. 7,758 members, net gain 413. Cash balance \$5,390.51.

Present: Ten Grand Officers; twelve of the seventeen living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twelve Councils; twenty-seven Grand Representatives; Companion EDWIN F. HILLMAN representing New York.

The Grand Master reports: "All of the Councils are in excellent condition, financially, and the growth decidedly healthy, having proceeded along saner lines than it has in some recent years. The attendance at Council meetings is increasing and shows a keener interest in the Cryptic Rite."

Grand Recorder CHARLES B. DAVIS holds the record for speed in bringing out the Annual Proceedings. Last year they were mailed three weeks after the Annual Assembly. This year the Maine volume appeared on the reviewer's desk within a month from the date of the Assembly. The book is as attractive and well organized as usual and all outstanding matters really stand out. The Councils have been trained to send in their returns promptly, and so the good record of former years is kept up. Portland, No. 4, is the largest Council in the State with a membership of 1,155. Maine, No. 7, stops one short of one thousand, having now 999. There have been 101 deaths in the Jurisdiction, which is exceptionally large. All this confirms the Grand Master's report of the gratifying condition in Maine.

Grand Officers elected: HARRY A. DINSMORE, *Skowhegan*, Grand Master; ARTHUR S. LITTLEFIELD, Deputy Grand Master; CYRUS N. BLANCHARD, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; CONVERS E. LEACH, Grand Treasurer; CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Portland*, Grand Recorder.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master CHARLES B. DAVIS who is also the Grand Recorder, continues his excellent reviews covering thirty-seven Jurisdictions in his second annual report. His intelligent, sane and sound Masonic attitude lends special attractiveness to all he says. He puts down the worth-while things, adds a word of comment now and then and keeps sociable all the way through from Arkansas to Scotland. He finds that "Councils are only men," and that "lazy men will always be lazy, so when a lazy bunch get to managing a Council or any other body even the church of God, that body is going to lag until new blood takes hold of the steering gear." He does not like the idea of having the Grand Council confer degrees upon candidates. Neither do we. He is right when he says that the candidates should make application in some Council and, when elected, take the "Lizzie" and be greeted in due form, rather than be compelled to go to the trouble and expense of going to the Annual Assembly. Incidentally CHARLEY boosted Portland to make everybody wish to go to the Triennial in 1924. New York for 1922 receives appreciative mention. There is a special word of praise for our Grand Recorder, M. Ill. Companion GEORGE EDWARD HATCH.

## MARITIME PROVINCES — 1922

Annual Assembly      *St. John, N. B.*      August 26th  
M. Ill. Wm. L. ELLIS, G. M.

Ten Councils. 594 members; net gain 28. Cash balance \$143.87.

The Grand Master reported that a warrant had been issued for the formation of a Council at Montreal.

The Grand Recorder speaks of a new Council formed in Toronto. It was suggested that the warrants of at least two of the inactive Councils should be revoked. Two were recommended for special attention to give them a new start.

Grand Officers elected: W. W. WILLIAMSON, Grand Master; JAMES VROOM, Deputy Grand Master for New Brunswick; EDGAR J. VICKERY, Deputy Grand Master of Nova Scotia; C. S. MAC DONALD, Deputy Grand Master for Quebec; NORMAN P. MC

LEOD, Grand Conductor of the Work; Comp. JOHN C. MACE, Montreal, Quebec, was appointed Grand Recorder.

The volume received by us in June of this year covers the Proceedings from 1914 to 1922 inclusive. The convocation for 1922 is described as the most representative held for a number of years.

No Correspondence report.

## MASSACHUSETTS—1922

96th Annual Assembly      *Boston*      December 11th

M. Ill. DEAN K. WEBSTER, G. M.

Thirty-six Councils. 14,439 members; net gain 1,037. Cash balance, \$1,576.25. Total assets, \$29,165.19.

Present: All Grand Officers; five of the six living Past Grand Masters; six Past Deputy Grand Masters; six Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work; Representatives of thirty-two Councils, only one of these by proxy; nineteen Grand Representatives, among them Senior Past Grand Master, WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE as Grand Representative for New York.

The largest number of distinguished visitors noted anywhere were greeted and given a hearty welcome: one from Vermont; two from New Hampshire; six from Rhode Island; the Grand Master of the Supreme Grand Council for the Maritime Provinces; the Grand 2d Principal H. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec; two from Maine; one from Connecticut; the Grand High Priest of Massachusetts; and five from our own Grand Council, Grand Master GEORGE S. HASWELL, Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, WILLIAM S. RISELAY, Past Grand Master MARTIN Q. GOOD and FRANK RICHARDSON, Grand Representative of Massachusetts near New York.

The Grand Master's list of official visits is a long one. He attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter and the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and was officially welcomed by both Grand Bodies. He was an honored visitor at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council and the Centennial Anniversary Exercises of the Grand Chapter of Maine and the Grand Assemblies of the Grand Councils of

Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York, Eighteen Councils in Massachusetts enjoyed the privilege of receiving him in their midst. He was present, besides, at a number of ceremonial and social functions of Masonic character in various parts of the State.

Every one of the thirty-six Councils contributed to the Masonic "Rainy Day Fund" for Masonic Relief, on an appeal from the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

The Grand Master's review of the condition of the Rite is most comprehensive and interesting, based upon a thoroughgoing, accurate analysis of all factors revealing the actual condition of each Council. There are in Massachusetts thirty-six Councils to ninety-four Chapters (38.3%); 14,439 Council members to 37,652 Royal Arch Companions (38.3%). The average Council membership is 401, the same as the average Chapter membership. Two Councils have more than 1,000 members each: Boston, 2,143; Hiram (Worcester, ), 1,129. Boston Council is the largest American Rite Body in the State.

Grand Officers elected: DEAN K. WEBSTER, *Lawrence*, Grand Master; CHARLES I. PETTINGELL, Deputy Grand Master; GEORGE H. NYE, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; WALLACE C. KEITH, Grand Treasurer; FREDERICK T. COMEE, *Cambridge*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master EDWIN S. CRANDON's eighth annual Report on Fraternal Correspondence is typical of the care, the precision, the thoroughness which characterizes all the work submitted to Grand Council in Massachusetts. The New England conscience is a severe enough taskmaster in its natural state; backed up and stimulated by Masonic teachings and rising degree by degree to Super-Excellence it is simply impossible for ordinary human beings to ever approach its infinite perfection, nay even Scotchmen not excepted. One must have been born and brought up somewhere near the sacred elm of Cambridge to develop the required determination to see the work through to the finish. Even then I doubt whether, with Cryptic culture superadded, some of us could ever attain to the infinite patience needed to analyze things as closely as does EDWIN S. CRANDON, though DEAN K. WEBSTER, FREDERICK T. COMEE, the Trustees of the Funds and probably everybody else in the official family of the Grand Council take to it seemingly quite naturally. All we

can do is to bow humbly and accept with gratitude the valuable results of the labor expended for the good of the cause. The searcher for what's what in Cryptic Masonry will treasure EDWIN S. CRANDON'S report a handy and reliable reference work to consult on occasion.

New York for 1922 gets only one brief page, and all of it is an analysis of our numerical showing—6 $\frac{3}{8}$ % per cent net gain, I notice. If only there could have been one chummy word! All they are permitted to know in Massachusetts of our human side is that the Grand Master was present, that his name was HENRY A. MACGRUER, and that he presided over the Annual Assembly.

The paragraph which gathers up the latest statistics of Cryptic membership runs as follows:

“The total of membership in the forty Grand Councils whose Proceedings have been published during 1922, covering various years, is 281,000, comparing with 245,000 shown in all Grand Councils reporting in 1921, and with 206,000 in 1920. These figures include approximations for the non-reporting Grand Council of Montana and for the biennially reporting Grand Council of South Dakota, also for the new Grand Council of Arizona and the General Grand Council's directly controlled Councils.

“The total number of Companions greeted, as per Proceedings published during 1922, with approximations as before, was 37,000, against 45,000 by 1921 Proceedings, and 31,000 by those published in 1920.

“The Grand Councils leading in membership are: Ohio, 38,150; Texas, 31,844; Illinois, 19,844; Indiana, 18,623; Massachusetts 14,439; Michigan, 14,142; Pennsylvania, 12,407; New York, 11,474; Missouri, 10,029; Connecticut, 9,408. Leaders in candidates greeted: Ohio, 4,670; Texas, 3,722; Illinois, 2,787; Michigan, 2,196; Indiana, 2,022; Missouri, 1,917; Kansas, 1,831; Pennsylvania, 1,739; Iowa, 1,286; Massachusetts, 1,254; California, 1,229; Wisconsin, 1,159.”

## MICHIGAN — 1922

64th Annual Assembly *Grand Rapids* May 15-16th

M. . Ill. . ANDREW LINCOLN ARTHUR, G. . M. .

Sixty-nine Councils. 14,142 members; net gain 1,741. Cash balance, \$6,783.70.

Present: All Grand Officers; sixteen of the twenty-one living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of sixty-six Councils; twenty-five Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master EMERSON MERRIMAN NEWELL as Grand Representative for New York.

Distinguished visitors: General Grand High Priest WILLIAM F. KUHN of the General Grand Chapter and Grand Master CHARLES C. THOMAS of the Grand Council of Indiana.

The Grand Master reports that he made two separate trips through the State visiting Councils. Two new Councils were instituted by him. The Councils which had been placed on probation last year, were restored to good standing. The Grand Master's zeal in promoting the welfare and progress of the Rite received high commendation.

The Grand Lecturer was able to report that "a cooperative spirit has been manifested throughout the State, which is indeed enviable."

One of the youngest Councils in the State exemplified the degree of Super-Excellent Master "as an example for the emulation of the smaller Councils" which seem to fear "that they lack the members and talent to exemplify this important degree in full dramatic form."

Two Councils U. D. were given charters.

Grand Officers elected: HOWARD E. SLOCUM, *Corunna*, Grand Master; WILLIS V. CAPRON, Deputy Grand Master; CHARLES W. MIXER, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; DALLAS D. ALTON, Grand Treasurer; CHARLES A. CONOVER, *Coldwater*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Grand Recorder CHARLES A. CONOVER beginneth his 19th Annual Review with the declaration that the prerequisite idea is no longer to be taken seriously in view of the eloquent fact that a number of Grand Councils now have more members than the Commanderies in their respective State. Under New Hampshire he says, "I do not think we would get very far if we depended upon that body. (meaning the Grand Encampment) to make us grow." That's fundamental. The proverb has it that "Every tub must stand on its own bottom," and that's meant for the Cryptic Rite, whether the proverbiers knew it or not.

New York for 1921 is remembered handsomely. Grand Master KENDALL'S "allocution" is quoted, and all of the address of welcome by the President of the New York City Board of Aldermen is reprinted with approval.

The "Council Scrap Book," started in 1921, is continued. It was a happy thought.

The volume of Proceedings, as usual, is a delight to the eye, the mind and the heart.

## MICHIGAN—1923

65th Annual Assembly      *Flint*      May 14 and 15th

M. Ill. HOWARD E. SLOCUM, G. M.

Seventy Councils. 15,049 members; net gain, 907. Cash balance, \$6,279.33. Total assets, \$6,695.33.

Present: All Grand Officers; fourteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of seventy-one Councils; twenty-eight Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master EMERSON MERRIMAN NEWELL as Grand Representative for New York.

The Grand Master has been for many years a County School Commissioner, and so his interest centered quite naturally in the schools of instruction held by Past Grand Master FRANK SCADDEN as Grand Lecturer, and he attended and evidently enjoyed many of them. There are two sentences in his address, which are always timely: "Let us never lose our faith in human nature, no matter how often we are deceived. Let us not allow deceptions to destroy our confidence in the real, honest, and fervent friendship and fraternalism that pervade the world in the present age." Blessed be the optimist, he keeps us rubbing our eyes every now and then, when the smoke of widespread warfare makes us forget that the sun still shines.

Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER (A stands for ARTHUR) has been Grand Recorder for twenty years, and in all this time has had the publication of the Proceedings delayed only once by difficulties beyond his control, and that was last year. This year the very neat volume was received early in July and is again a joy to an eye that takes pleasure in beautiful typography, good paper, skilled arrangement of the text and an attractive cover.

Companion SCADDEN's report of his year's work as Grand Lecturer reveals his keen interest in a proper and spirited rendition of the rituals of the Cryptic degrees. He is a great asset to the Rite in Michigan.

There is a Report on Correspondence printed in the body of the Proceedings and an Annual Review of Cryptic Masonry as it appears in the printed Proceedings. Both are prepared by our friend, philosopher and guide, CHARLES A. CONDOVER, Grand Recorder, who has been on the job for twenty years, growing better every day in every way from May to May.

In order to have the Grand Council squarely place itself on record with reference to affiliation with the General Grand Council, he offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*"Resolved, That the Grand Council of R.: and S.:M.: of Michigan hereby accept the invitation of the General Grand Council which has been standing since 1880 to affiliate with that National Body of the Rite and thus go on record as firmly in favor of a united band of all Grand Councils for placing the Cryptic Rite in the very highest position possible to attain."*

The Michigan Companions took a day to think it over, then talked about it at length and finally voted it down. That's where Michigan stands—in 1923.

Grand Officers elected: WILLIS VIRGIL CARPON, *Flint*, Grand Master, CHARLES WADE MIXER, Deputy Grand Master; WILLARD B. OAKES, Grand Principal Conductor of Work; DALLAS DON ALTON, Grand Treasurer; CHARLES ARTHUR CONOVER, *Coldwater*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The "Annual Review" part is conducted in the spirit of a genial and appreciative observer, which has won CHARLIE CONOVER the hundreds of friends he has. There is no palaver, but just a plain "well done" where it seems deserved. The story of New York for 1922 is well told; only the Correspondent is given a joshing jolt for being "that facetiae writer," which ought to keep him humble for a while till his youthful spleen is shrunk to reasonably normal action. But what has become of the "Scrap Book" which started out so well and was so generally approved? Somebody else please start a scrap.

The "Report on Correspondence" tells how exclusive a thing the Cryptic Council is in Victoria, Australia. The Victoria Coun-



cil, No. 29, E. C., Melbourne, is supposed to be the only Council now working south of the Equator. "A candidate must be an actual Past Master of the Craft and a Past High Priest ("Principal" they call him in the British Rite) of a R. A. Chapter." Only one candidate can be admitted on any one evening. There are rarely more than three candidates received in a year. The "Council Jewel" is the most coveted Masonic degree distinction in that part of the world.

## MINNESOTA—1922

53rd Annual Assembly      *Minneapolis*      October 9th

M. Ill. SIGURD A. RHODE, G. M.

Eight Councils. 2,849 members; net gain, 187. Cash balance, \$1,153.70.

Present: seven of the eleven Grand Officers; eleven of the twenty-two living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of five Councils; twenty Grand Representatives, New York among the missing.

The Grand Master reports that the year has been uneventful, but the growth of the Rite has been steady, and harmony and good will prevail.

Grand Officers elected: OSCAR L. SCHUTZ, *Minneapolis*, Grand Master; AUGUST KLAGSTAD, Deputy Grand Master; CARL E. VAN CLEVE, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; THOMAS G. LEE, Grand Treasurer; JOHN FISHEL, *St. Paul*, Grand Recorder.

### CORRESPONDENCE

For straight Masonic thinking, a clear eye for conditions as they are, wholehearted interest in the Cryptic Rite which needs all the devotion the leaders can spare for it, vigor and directness in saying what he wants to say and then saying it with a punch that strikes home—for all this give us CHARLIE SCHURMAN, Most Illustrious Companion CHARLES S. SCHURMAN, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Minnesota. We were delighted to have him at the Grand Lodge Round Table even if but for a day; he made that day count. He says that his day of life is "well past the meridian"; his reviews of Grand Councils don't

show any weakening of the hand that holds the pen. His contribution makes the reading of the Minnesota volume for 1922 worth while, though he wonders whether it "went well at home."

Companion SCHURMAN believes firmly that the wellbeing of the Rite depends upon men of ability and standing placed in office and then making their opportunities count for the good of the organization.

"Suppose the General Grand, the Grand and Subordinate Councils all over the country were officered by men of real ability and standing, do you suppose the condition of the Rite would be as it is today? Well we do not believe so anyhow, and are not excluding Minnesota either."

Geographical claims, a desire to reward steady attendance at Council affairs, and suchlike considerations too often count for more in picking officers than an eye single to getting the man who can serve best and set a high standard for Council offices. (We have said before, and repeat once more, we don't like to have the Councils dubbed "Subordinate," not even when the word is printed with a capital S: they are the makers of Grands and General Grand; let's stick to *constituent* or just say *the Councils*.)

The review of New York for 1921 is all that anyone can wish. Grand Master KENDALL's address is characterized as "thoughtful" and "of great merit." There is also this encomium. "It rings with patriotic fervor." For all the good words we give you hearty thanks, "till we meet again."

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## MISSISSIPPI—1923

68th Annual Assembly

Jackson

February 21st

M. I. G. WALDO BATSON, G. M.

Forty-four Councils. 3,796 members; net gain 165. Cash balance \$4,660.71.

Present: All Grand Officers; four Past Grand Masters; Representatives of thirty-seven Councils; twenty-three Grand Representatives, among them Companion CLYDE J. VAN ARSDALL as Grand Representative for New York. Past Grand Master J. LEONARD WOOD of the Grand Council of Tennessee was an honored visitor.

The Grand Master's address is confined to routine business so is the rest of the record of Proceedings. \$250 was donated to the Natchez Protestant Orphans Home.

Grand Officers elected: ABE MEYER, *Vicksburg*, Grand Master; JOHN E. DE LOACH, Deputy Grand Master; WILLIAM H. WHITAKER, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; J. FOGGO DIXON, Grand Treasurer; EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, *Meridian*, Grand Recorder.

There is no correspondence.

## MISSOURI — 1923

58th Annual Assembly      *St. Louis*      April 23

M. Ill. WILLIAM MUSE CAMPBELL, G. M.

Twenty Councils. 10,718 members; net gain 689. Cash balance \$12,903.44. Total assets \$14,190.09.

Present: Twelve Grand Lodge Officers; thirteen of the twenty-one living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of all Councils in the State; twenty-eight Grand Representatives; New York again absent.

The Grand Master claims to be a "heterogeneous individual" because his ancestors come from Ireland, Scotland, England and Holland, forming a league of nations. He is evidently a fighter and talks his mind even when it does not harmonize with Masonic principles. The closing words of his address are certainly out of place in any Masonic publication. He has yet to learn that there is no such thing as *militant* in Masonry. The history of the fraternity shows that it has come to be an instrument of peace among men and reasonableness and the promotion of better understanding between all peoples of all races and all creeds.

Past Grand Master ROBERT FREEMAN STEVENSON, rising from the office of Grand Recorder, though we are glad to find he still continues to occupy a seat of the Correspondence Round Table. The Grand Lecturer, Past Grand Master, STANFORD M. DANIELS, also felt it in common to withdraw from the labors he has managed with such excellent results for the Grand Council in Missouri.

Grand Officers elected: GEO. W. WALKER, *Cape Girardeau*, Grand Master; JAMES R. McLACHLAN, Deputy Grand Master; BERNAL L. TATMAN, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; GIBBON W. CARSON; Grand Treasurer; RAY V. DENSLow, *St. Louis*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master ROBERT FREEMAN STEVENSON has a unique style. He says he is eighty years old. It is his 18th appearance as Grand Reviewer and 37 Jurisdictions are represented in his report. A very pleasant account is given of New York for 1922. The reference in the Grand Master's address to the REV. and R. Ill. Companion WILLIAM ANDERSON MASKER called up dear memories of that "grand man and mason," who was a personal friend of the reviewer and was very closely associated with him at the City of Jefferson, Missouri, where Companion MASKER was Rector of the Episcopal Church and an active member of all the local Masonic bodies.

There is a postscript to the review in which Companion STEVENSON comments on a number of things which are near to his heart. He is pleased that the former restriction of the energies of Masons to the ritual is given way to educational endeavors. The dangers apparent in the change are temporary. As soon as the Craft finds its bearings, the value of the new program of education will begin to tell. May the future deal kindly with you, Companion STEVENSON, as you have dealt kindly with others, all your life long.

### NEBRASKA — 1922

43rd Annual Assembly      *Omaha*      December 13th

M. Ill. FREDERICK W. TYLER, G. M.

Twenty-one Councils. 3,130 members; net gain, 161. Cash balance, \$2,754.51.

Present: Seven of the ten Grand Officers; ten of the living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of seventeen Councils; nineteen Grand Representatives, among them Grand Recorder FRANCIS E. WHITE as Grand Representative for New York.

Past Grand Master WILLIAM F. KUHN of Missouri, who is the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter was an honored visitor.

The Grand Master's address is brief and devoted wholly to matters of purely local concern.

Grand Officers elected: JOHN T. DYSART, *Omaha*, Grand Master; BENJAMIN F. PITMAN, Deputy Grand Master; HARRY S. VILLARS, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; CHAUNCEY L. WATTLES, Grand Treasurer; FRANCIS E. WHITE, *Omaha*, Grand Recorder.

No Correspondence Report.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE—1922

61st Annual Assembly      *Concord*      May 15th

M. Ill. WILLIAM DWIGHT CHANDLER, G. M.

Sixteen Councils. 3,518 members; net gain 238. Cash balance \$5,410.81.

Present: All Grand Officers; eleven of the seventeen living Past Grand Masters, among them HARVY LEAR CURRIER who presided over the Grand Council of New Hampshire in 1879; Representatives of thirteen Councils; nineteen Grand Representatives. New York once more not represented.

Distinguished Visitors: The Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire, the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, and the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Connecticut.

Grand Master DEAN K. WEBSTER, of Massachusetts, was a guest of honor, with the Grand Master of New Hampshire, of Olivet Council at Exeter, on the occasion of the official visitation of that Council by Deputy Grand Master GEORGE F. BLOOD.

The zealous labors of the Grand Master for the advancement of the Rite have borne good fruit. He visited a number of Councils, attended the Triennial at Asheville and was made welcome in the Grand Councils of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He pointed out that one Council has a fee of \$30; one, \$25; three, \$20; ten, \$15; and one only \$10. The annual dues also are too low in most Councils: only one charges \$3; eleven ask \$2; one, \$1.50; and three \$1. He recommended that the

minimum fee be fixed at \$25 and the minimum dues at \$3 a year. The recommendation together with one requiring Councils to send to the Grand Recorder annually "\$5 additional for each candidate greeted" to be applied toward the support of the New Hampshire Masonic Home, was laid over till 1923.

Grand Officers elected: GEORGE FRANCIS BLOOD, *Nashua*, Grand Master; RALPH WALLACE JUNKINS, Deputy Grand Master; JOSEPH BRADBURY BARTLETT, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; CHARLES RUSSELL DENNING, Grand Treasurer; HARRY MORRISON CHENEY, *Concord*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder CHENEY reviews thirty-seven Grand Councils, in his tenth annual report, after the appreciative manner for which he is noted. It all sounds sorter home-like, too. He just puts down briefly what strikes him as most important and drops a kind word here and there. New York for 1921 is not forgotten. To his "trained printer's eye" our Proceedings looked pretty good. He compliments Grand Master KENDALL on having been successful in having all his recommendations approved.

### NEW JERSEY—1922

62nd Annual Assembly      *Trenton*      April 18th

M.:Ill.: WILLIAM B. THINES, G.:M.:

Thirteen Councils. 3,401 members; net gain, 446. Cash balance, \$1,219.62.

Present: All Grand Officers; fifteen of the twenty-five active Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twelve constitutional Councils and one Council U.:D.:; twenty-four Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master MARION H. HALL as Grand Representative for New York.

The Grand Master instituted three Councils U.:D.:.

A large amount of routine business was disposed of.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder HARRY AMES PUTNAM spreads himself for once in the five years he has been doing

the Correspondence Report. Only he stops too early, closing with North Carolina. Fortunately New York is ahead of North Carolina in the alphabetical order, and so receives courteous mention. He explains, under Minnesota, just why his report is as it is:

"In New Jersey the Companions know me and what I think and don't care to have me fill up the Foreign Correspondence with it, so I try to gather up the things from the Proceedings that will be of interest to them."

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## NORTH CAROLINA—1922

46th Annual Assembly *Winston-Salem*

May 10th

M. Ill. JOHN H. ANDERSON, G. M.

Seventeen Councils. 1,268 members; net gain, 190. Cash balance, \$207.75.

Present: All Grand Officers; eight of the fourteen living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of fifteen Councils; twenty-three Grand Representatives, New York among the missing.

The Grand Master instituted three Councils U. D.

Routine business only.

Grand Officers elected: JAMES PAYNE, *Salisbury*, Grand Master; AMOS D. CONNER, Deputy Grand Master; M. C. THOMPSON, Grand Principal Conductor of Work; EDWARD B. NEAVE, Grand Treasurer; JOHN B. GRIGGS, *Elizabeth City*, Grand Recorder.

No Correspondence Report.

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## NORTH DAKOTA—1923

7th Annual Assembly *Grand Forks*

January 25th

M. Ill. ADOLPH CHRISTIANSON, G. M.

Nine Councils (7 Chartered plus 2 U. D.) 712 members; net gain, 51. Cash balance, \$420.40.

Present: All Grand Officers; every one of the six Past Grand Masters; Representatives of every Council; twenty-one Grand

Representatives, among them Past Grand Master and Present Grand Recorder WALTER L. STOCKWELL as Grand Representative for New York.

Grand Master CHRISTIANSON is a lawyer, served as Chief Justice, 1919-20, and is now the Senior Justice of the Supreme Court. He was Grand High Priest in 1919 and was one of the organizers of the Grand Council in whose prosperity he has always taken lively interest.

The Cryptic Rite made encouraging progress during the year, despite the depression in agricultural communities.

He recommends that a model set of By-Laws be prepared for the Councils under dispensation and such Councils as see fit to adopt it. He believes that the Council degrees should never be "communicated" except where the Grand Master feels impelled by the necessity of the situation to grant a dispensation for that purpose. His reason for this suggestion is that he places a high value on the important lessons taught in Councils:

"We need Cryptic Masonry, not only as Masons but as citizens. Especially do we need to learn, and learn again, the great lesson of fidelity—fidelity not only to express vows but to those inherent and immutable obligations which we owe to God, to country and to fellow-man. The institutions we treasure were bought and paid for with the services and sacrifices of others. They are ours to enjoy for a time, but we are not absolute owners. We are trustees. We received them in trust from those who have gone before us, and hold them for those who come after us. Let us heed the great lesson of the Cryptic Rite.

"For great and low there's but one test;  
'Tis that each man shall do his best,  
And guard his post, no matter where,  
Believing God must need him there."

Recognition was extended to the reorganized Grand Council of Canada and the new Grand Council of Arizona.

Grand Officers elected: FRANK C. FALKENSTEIN, *Bottineau*, Grand Master; RICHARD WENZEL, Deputy Grand Master; FRED E. SODEN, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; GEORGE E. DUIS, Grand Treasurer; WALTER L. STOCKWELL, *Fargo*, Grand Recorder.



## CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master E. GEORGE GUTHRIE knows how to condense severely and yet keep his reviews interesting. It is his voluntary contribution, and you know from the ring that he really likes to do it. Blessed be GEORGE! New York for 1921 fares well at his hands. Thank you.

## OHIO — 1922

93rd Annual Assembly      *Springfield*      October 3rd

M. III. CLYDE L. SMITH, G. M.

Ninety-five Councils. 40,147 members; net gain, 1,997. Cash balance, \$23,005.64.

Present: All Grand Officers; fifteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of ninety-one Councils; thirty-one Grand Representatives, New York again absent.

The Grand Master's address opens with reflections on the general condition of the world and says.

"Principles by which men and nations can live peaceably and can gain the highest perfection in mental development, have existed through the years in our beloved Order."

He speaks of the success of Reunion Day held by many Councils at the time of their inspection, when the Royal and Select Master degrees are worked, in the afternoon, followed by exemplification of the Super-Excellent, in the evening. He believes that the success of the Reunions "accounts for the added enthusiasm demonstrated in Cryptic Masonry in Ohio."

There is a detailed account of the labors of the Grand Recorder, showing the magnitude of the work of that office.

The Grand Recorder was able to report that "no Council in the State has failed to advance candidates, that eighty-six Councils show gains, two break even, and seven show losses." He concludes that "each of the Councils breaking even, as well as each of those reporting losses for the year, may be considered among the healthiest and best bodies." Every Council reported to the Grand Council within the time fixed by the Code.

The Committees on Topical Reference and Good of the Order both commend the zeal of the Grand Master in the discharge

of the duties of his office, and speak with special satisfaction of the large number of visits made by him.

Past Grand Master SPILLS writes from California that he expects to attend the centennial of the Grand Council, in 1930.

"I promise you now that if I still am numbered among the twenty-two from Gebal at that date, I shall be with you, if I have to walk or—even more dire catastrophe—have to use a Ford."

In 1920, the Grand Council gave sixty-eight acres of fertile land to the Ohio Masonic Home. This land yielded in one year about \$1,400 worth of ensilage, besides potatoes and thirty-two cows and all their calves were pastured there all summer, so that the total income from it last year, was about \$2,000.00, which is considered a large return from the investment.

\$4,000 were voted to the Masonic Home.

The Committee on Revision on Rituals wants suggestions for modifying the work of the Super-Excellent degree which, in its present shape, consumes too much time. A sub-committee on the Royal and Select Masters degree finds that the Ohio work differs from that of every other Grand Council, and are now trying to make it conform to the generally practiced ritual.

The record of Proceedings takes up more than double the number of pages of our 1922 volume. There are good portraits of Grand Master CLYDE L. SMITH and his successor in office, M. Ill. Companion EDWARD C. RECTOR. An interesting aeroplane view is given of the splendid Masonic Home at Springfield, Ohio, also a picture of a group of children with the Superintendent in the center.

Grand Officers elected: EDWARD CAMPBELL RECTOR, *Williamsport*, Grand Master; HENRY A. WEEKS, Deputy Grand Master; CAMILLUS W. SHEPPARD, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; FRANK H. MARQUIS, Grand Treasurer; WILLIAM T. S. O'HARA, *Toledo*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The seventeenth "Annual Review of Printed Proceedings of Foreign Councils" by Past Grand Everything in Ohio, M. W., M. Ex., M. Ill. and R. Em. NELSON WILLIAMS, covers thirty-six Jurisdictions in the comprehensive and chummy manner for which NELSE is noted and admired. He finds that the

Super-Excellent degree is now firmly established, but he cautions wisely that it must be kept in its proper place as a "purely side degree" and not to be permitted to be regarded as the whole works. He was a teacher at one time, it seems, and like all of us who passed through the pedagogical stratum, feels it incumbent on himself to set things right and keep them so. He does not believe that enthusiasm alone qualifies a Cryptic Companion for the Master's office: "An enthusiast might make a good Potentate of the Shrine and still be an utter failure as the Master of a Council." One joke we failed to get: After meeting CHENEY of New Hampshire in Cleveland, and noting his red necktie, his carefully brushed beard and the entrancing twinkle in his eye, NELSE concludes that, all protests to the contrary notwithstanding, CHENEY is fond of chicken, meaning the "two-legged kind." Must go out to Ohio and look around; down our way *all* chickens, both feathered and powdered, have two legs.

New York for 1921 receives generous fraternal consideration. There is an appreciative review of Grand Master KENDALL's address and several quotations are printed with approval. Alas! here we have been flattering ourselves that we were regarded as youthful, as we used to was, but now NELSE calls us a "veteran reviewer." That's what we get for letting the printer stick a "W" in the middle of his name. The lesson is learned. It'll be NELSON WILLIAMS, without any extras, after this. M. Ill. Companion HENRY A. MAC GRUER's address is Syracuse, N. Y., he is a medical doctor, health officer of the city and a lecturer in the med., and everybody calls him HARRY. This for future identification.

NELSON WILLIAMS is also a member of the Auditing Committee of the Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home and the most useful man in and about the several departments of Ohio Masonry.

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## OKLAHOMA — 1922

28th Annual Assembly    *Muskogee*    April 4th

M. Ill. ROBERT HODGSON, G. M.

Thirty-two Councils. 4,015 members; net gain, 766. Cash balance, \$4,307.02.

Present: All Grand Officers, except Grand Secretary Scott who met with an accident and could not be there; seven of the twenty living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty-four Councils; sixteen Grand Representatives, among them Companion EDSON A. MACMILLAN as Grand Representative for New York.

General Grand Master FAY HEMPSTEAD was given a hearty welcome.

The Grand Master visited many Councils and was able to report:

"This year a larger number have taken the Cryptic degrees than the Templar." He adds that in his opinion the Super-Excellent degree had much to do with this remarkable showing.

By the way, this is JOHN ANGUS GILLIS's State, and the Councils beat the Commanderies, without prerequisite.

The Committee on Work and Returns reports that several Councils are "consistent in their slow decline." Tulsa Council, No. 22, reported a gain of 166.

Grand Officers elected: EDWARD PAYSON GALLUP, *Oklahoma City*, Grand Master; EDSON A. MAC MILLIAN, Deputy Grand Master; MAHLON A. KELSO, Principal Conductor of the Work; IRA B. KIRKLAND, Grand Treasurer; JAMES A. SCOTT, *Muskogee*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master EUGENE HAMILTON in his second annual report reviews twenty-six Grand Councils and the General Grand in fifteen pages. That means brevity with a vengeance. And yet all the important facts are there, along with words of comment here and there. New York is left out, no doubt because our Proceedings failed to get there.

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### OKLAHOMA — 1923

29th Annual Assembly      *Okmulgee*      April 10th

M.:Ill.:EDWARD PAYSON GALLUP, G.:M.:

Thirty-three Councils. 4,756 members; net gain, 473. Cash balance \$6,090.35.

Present: All Grand Officers except Principal Conductor KELSO who was stricken with serious misfortune; nine Past Grand Masters; three Grand Representatives of Councils; Representatives of twenty-five Grand Councils; among them EDSON A. MACMILLAN as Grand Representative for New York.

The Grand Master's address is very brief and entirely given to purely local matters.

One Council surrendered its Charter.

Grand Officers elected: EDSON A. MACMILLAN, *Ada*, Grand Master; MAHLON A. KELSO, Deputy Grand Master; BERT D. ASHBROOK, Grand Principal Conductor of Work; IRA B. KIRKLAND, Grand Treasurer; JAMES A. SCOTT, *Muskogee*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master EUGENE HAMILTON presents his third Annual Report, reviewing thirty-three Councils in nineteen pages. Everything is boiled right down to the bone. New York for 1922 receives its proportionate share of consideration.

### PENNSYLVANIA — 1923

77th Annual Assembly      *Johnstown*      January 16th

M. P. WILLIS A. G. LAPE, G. M.

Thirty-eight Councils. 13,522 members; net gain, 1,116. Cash balance, \$7,789.76. Total assets, \$24,289.76.

Present: All Grand Officers; eight District Deputy Grand Masters; thirteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty-four Councils; seventeen Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master A. G. CRISWELL SMITH as Grand Representative for New York.

The Grand Master reported that the Grand Council was "never in a more healthy condition than at the present time." He made a "Cryptic Mason at Sight."

Grand Officers elected: AZOR R. HUNT, *Pittsburgh*, Grand Master; EDWARD P. BAILEY, Deputy Grand Master; ARCHABALD

S. MAURICE, Grand Principal Conductor of Work; CHARLES W. WOLFERTZ, Grand Treasurer; FRANK W. MARTENIS, *Bethlehem*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master FRANK W. MARTENIS covers thirty-six Grand Councils in his report, New York for 1921 among them, after his usual style. The address of Grand Master HUGH H. KENDALL is quoted freely.

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### RHODE ISLAND — 1922

62nd Annual Assembly     *Providence*     April 11th

M. Ill. DONALD E. SPEARS, G. M.

Eight Councils. 4,999 members; net gain, 649. Cash balance, \$2,986.46.

Present: All Grand Officers; sixteen of the twenty-two living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of seven Councils; twenty-three Grand Representatives, New York among the missing.

Among the distinguished visitors were Grand Master DEAN K. WEBSTER of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, with Past Grand Masters KEITH and CRANDON; Grand Master WILLIAM D. CHANDLER of the Grand Council of New Hampshire; the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island; the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island; the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Grand Master visited seven Councils officially; attended Grand Council Assemblies in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York and was present at many other Masonic functions.

The Grand Lecturer reports much activity and growth in the Councils of Rhode Island.

A majority report of the Committee on Affiliation with the General Grand Council reported in favor of the proposition referred to it for consideration. A minority report of one, verbal at that, opposed affiliation. Rhode Island voted to continue in its segregated state.

Grand Officers elected: THOMAS B. BASSETT, *Providence*, Grand Master; T. STEWART LITTLE, Deputy Grand Master; EDWARD M. WHEELER, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; FRANK S. COGDON, Grand Treasurer; WILLIAM R. GREENE, *Providence*, Grand Recorder.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Companion EDWARD M. WHEELER makes his bow as Committee on Correspondence. He reviews thirty-seven Jurisdictions in a generous spirit. New York fares well. Grand Master KENDALL (1921) is favored particularly. This is what is said of his address: "It is a remarkable document—splendid in its treatment of the happenings during the year; lofty in its ideals; broad in its scope and intensely interesting to the reviewer." All that. We welcome Companion WHEELER into our midst.

### SOUTH CAROLINA—1922

63rd Annual Assembly      *Florence*      April 11th

M. . Ill. . WILLIAM A. WANNAMAKER, G. . M. .

Thirty-nine Councils. 3,991 members; net gain, 733 which, according to the Grand Master, is "nearly double the entire membership ten years ago." Cash balance, \$3,263.99.

Present: Nine of twelve Grand Officers; seven Past Grand Masters; Representatives of thirty-seven Councils; twenty Grand Representatives, Companion T. ALEX HEISE representing New York.

The Grand Master reports that "all the Councils, except four have done some work during the past year."

\$50.00 were donated to the Gideons "to provide Bibles to be placed in hotels."

Grand Officers elected: WILLIAM W. WANNAMAKER, *Orangeburg*, Grand Master; SAMUEL T. LANHAM, Deputy Grand Master; CHARLES K. CREITZBERG, Grand Principal Conductor of Work; WALTER F. GORING, Grand Treasurer; O. FRANK HART, *Columbia*, Grand Recorder.

## CORRESPONDENCE

His twelfth annual review of thirty-nine "Sister Jurisdictions," Past Grand Master JAMES L. MICHIE'S, of course. He starts with a poem and ends with a poem. The Texas Plan is recommended as having worked wonders in South Carolina. The wonders are revealed in the state of the treasury and the net increase in membership; if there are others, the Proceedings do not reveal them. The way they work the Texas Plan in South Carolina is like this: Every petitioner for the Chapter degrees is required to apply also for membership in the Council, paying his fees for both bodies at the same time; after he has been exalted, his Chapter Secretary testifies to that fact on the petition for the Cryptic degrees and sends this with the fee to the nearest Council. Those who like it, like it.

They forgot to mention Scotland at Asheville Triennial. Companion MICHIE calls attention to the omission and says "the Cryptic Rite is making remarkable progress" in Auld Scotia.

The Super Excellent Master no longer has any terrors for him, since he was made one himself. He thinks, however, the amplifiers should take a rest. There's where he is certainly right. He enjoyed "the Missouri rendition" and was converted to that anyway.

New York for 1921 receives fraternal mention, despite the mix-up of pages in the Grand Master's address.

Here's my han'. The Review is fine.

## TENNESSEE — 1923

73rd Annual Assembly      *Nashville*      January 29th

M. Ill. S. H. HUMPHREY, G. M.

Twenty-two Councils. 2,481 members; net gain, 248. Cash balance, \$3,971.75.

Present: All Grand Officers; ten of the fifteen active Past Grand Masters; Representatives of fifteen Councils; twenty-seven Grand Representatives, New York again among the missing.



The Grand Master managed to visit one Council, and hopes his successor in office will do better.

\$50.00 was donated to the Washington Memorial Association.

Officers elected: ROBERT W. PARHAM, *Memphis*, Grand Master; S. RUSSELL DOW, Deputy Grand Master; L. M. DESAUSURE, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; NATHAN S. WOODWARD, Grand Treasurer; C. H. SMART, *Nashville*, Grand Recorder.

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## TEXAS—1922

16th Annual Assembly                      *Waco*                      December 4th

268 Councils. 34,296 members (estimated); net gain, reported, 2,452. Cash balance, \$2,055.93.

Present: Nine Grand Officers; eight Past Grand Masters; Representatives of ninety-two Councils; fifteen Grand Representatives, Grand Treasurer L. R. CONRO responding for New York.

The Grand Recorder's figures are puzzling, and things are rather scattered. We had to count the list of Councils and take a chance at the attendance figures.

The Grand Master, we learn from a biographical sketch by Past Grand Master WILLIAM JAMES, is a successful farmer and stock raiser and has been County Judge for a number of years. The reading of his address would have persuaded us that he is a preacher. Take these quotations from his address and judge for yourselves:

“Words are all right, but they must be good words. Deeds are still better, but they must be good deeds.

“When good words are combined with good deeds, one is using his best efforts for the promotion of the happiness of his fellows and for the bringing into glorious realization of the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man.

“The sacred power of speech perverted to the use of evil designs and deceitful ambitions can but rest heavily upon him who so uses it, at that time when men shall be weighed in the balances.

"Every case of distress is an opportunity for doing good, and we are held responsible for every good deed unfulfilled."

Seven new Councils were constituted during the year.

The rapid increase of Councils; the indifference of the majority of them to Grand Council assemblies, and the published figures of membership which may overrun the unsophisticated, are all explained by the Texas Plan. And what is the Texas Plan? Just this: A candidate who wants to join the Chapter must fill out a petition for the Council and pay the fees for both bodies at the same time.

Texas is satisfied with the results. And the Texans ought to know what is best for Texas. They know what Masonic conditions they have to deal with.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master M. F. FLENNIKEN presents his eighteenth report and reviews thirty-six Jurisdictions in forty pages as delightfully as ever. New York for 1921 receives appreciative mention. Grand Master KENDALL'S address is praised as "without doubt the best that has reached our desk." And praise from SIR MIKE is praise indeed.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Companion WILLIAM JAMES, P.:G.:M.: (1916), writes a mighty good report. Thirty-five Jurisdictions are reviewed. New York for 1921 is presented in a cordial, appreciative, generous way. We learn with sorrow of the death of Companion J. J. DAVIS who represented New York near the Grand Council of Texas for a number of years and was always faithful in attendance at the Annual Assemblies.

Companion JAMES says that down Texas way most Masons have an idea that the City of New York is too busy "to do things fraternal in a really big way." Little Old New York is the most fraternal city in the world, when you get to know her, WILLIAM. The town folk may not know when they have the Grand Council in their midst, but the visiting Companions always feel pleased at the good time given them here. Grand Master KENDALL'S address is quoted extensively. Thanks for the hint regarding young MORDHURST; we knew he was "al-

ways loaded," but we had no suspicion that he shoots to kill, never having heard of anybody being brought down by him; our number seems to be complete, and no one is missing. But we'll watch out in the future.

## VERMONT — 1922

69th Annual Assembly      *Burlington*      June 13th

M. Ill. FRED H. SPAULDING, G. M.

Sixteen Councils. 1,770 members; net gain, 145. Cash balance, \$651.45. Total assets, \$1,569.95.

Present: All Grand Officers, except Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; twelve of the seventeen living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of fourteen Councils; twenty Grand Representatives, Grand Marshal CHRISTIE B. CROWELL responding for New York.

The Grand Master did not permit his exalted office to draw much upon his time and strength, but his address is pretty good. Here is a word from him, which applies to all Masonry:

"We are not a political body. We take no stand in politics. But wherever there is a question of law and order involved, wherever there is a question of the welfare of man, be it moral, social or charitable, there you will always find a true Mason standing squarely for the great fundamental and time-honored principles which have for their object the uplifting of humanity."

The Grand Lecturer rendered excellent service.

Grand Officers elected: ARCHIE S. HARRIMAN, *Middlebury*, Grand Master; HENRY D. FILLMORE, Deputy Grand Master; EDWIN B. CLIFT, Principal Conductor of the Work; FRANK ADAMS, Grand Treasurer; HENRY H. ROSS, *Burlington*, Grand Recorder.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Our kindly friend, CHRISTIE B. CROWELL, after serving last year as Grand Marshal, was this year made Grand Chaplain, but despite all these vicissitudes he continues to write the Cor-

respondence pages, and they make good reading. He finds the reviewing business growing "more pleasant from year to year," and he hopes that "eventually it ought to be of more profit to the Craft." So say we all of us. If only the gentle reader would multiply; upon the increase of his species depends the profit. New York for 1921 is treated royally. Grand Master KENDALL'S allocution is called "the best of the year," and there are liberal quotations from it. (If you don't mind, Christie, tell the printer that our G. M.'s name is not MAC GRUGER, nor is it MACGRURER, as RHODY has it; it's MACGRUER. GRUE is Danish-Scotch. GRUGER is French. And MAC isn't French. Make it MAC GRUER next year.)

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## WASHINGTON—1922

27th Annual Assembly      *Aberdeen*      May 17th

M. W. JAMES W. THOMAS, G. M.

Fifteen Councils. 2,487 members; net gain, 294. Cash balance, \$1,987.98. Total assets, \$3,487.98.

Present: All Grand Officers; twelve of the seventeen active Past Grand Masters; Representatives of fourteen Councils; twenty-three Grand Representatives, New York among the missing.

The Grand Master's address is strictly business, local routine business, and not much of that.

Grand Officers elected: CLAYTON E. UDELL, *Yakima*, Grand Master; ALBERT HELANDER, Deputy Grand Master; SAMUEL S. ENDSLOW, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; HENRY L. KENNAN, Grand Treasurer; HORACE W. TYLER, *Tacoma*, Grand Recorder.

### CORRESPONDENCE

If it were not for the Report on Correspondence, there would be nothing more to be said. It is always interesting and profitable to read what Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder HORACE W. TYLER selects from the various Proceedings as the most worth-while things. The reviews are brief and instruc-

tive, and there is very little comment. New York for 1921 receives generous consideration. Extensive quotations are given from Grand Master KENDALL'S address which is approved as "exceptionally fine." There is an appreciative word also for the report on correspondence. Thirty-nine Jurisdictions are reviewed.

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## WISCONSIN—1923

66th Annual Assembly     *Milwaukee*     February 21st

M.:Ill.:DANIEL McNAUGHTON, G.:M.:.

Twenty-seven Councils. 6,881 members; net gain, 692. Cash balance, \$2,041.64.

Present: Ten Grand Officers; seven of twelve living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty-seven Councils; twenty-two Grand Representatives; among them Grand Trustee EDMUND S. BAKER, as Grand Representative for New York.

The Grand Master visited eight Councils. "Peace and Harmony" and routine make up the Grand Master's address.

"The Report of the Committee on Obituaries" is probably the best thing in the volume.

Grand Officers elected: ALFRED A. WIESE, *Milwaukee*, Grand Master; JOHN E. TINGLEY, Deputy Grand Master; JOHN E. LANGDON, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; FRANK C. JACKSON, Grand Treasurer; WILLIAM W. PERRY, *Milwaukee*, Grand Recorder.

## Cryptic Membership Statistics

The list is not altogether complete. The statistics of a few Grand Councils could not be obtained in time for inclusion. Unless otherwise indicated, the figures are for 1922.

Grand Council	No. of Councils	Membership	Net Gain
Alabama .....	20	4,700	603
Arizona—1923 .....	6	449	90
Arkansas .....	23	1,153	59
California .....	25	6,490	1,155
Colorado .....	13	2,197	189
Connecticut .....	24	9,408	768
District of Columbia.....	4	1,422	257
England & Wales.....	34	638	87
Florida—1923 .....	19	1,579	134
Georgia .....	83	5,657	536
Illinois .....	72	19,246	1,716
Indiana .....	76	18,621	1,667
Iowa .....	32	6,823	1,176
Kansas—1923 .....	18	6,322	196
Kentucky .....	54	4,379	525
Louisiana—1923 .....	12	1,560	167
Maine—1923 .....	17	7,758	413
Maritime Provinces .....	10	594	28
Maryland—1921 .....	15	3,992	196
Massachusetts .....	36	14,439	1,037
Michigan—1923 .....	72	15,049	907
Minnesota .....	8	2,849	187
Mississippi—1923 .....	44	3,796	165
Missouri—1923 .....	20	10,718	689
Nebraska .....	21	3,130	161
New Hampshire .....	16	3,518	238
New Jersey .....	13	3,401	6
New York .....	44	12,067	599
North Carolina .....	17	1,268	190
North Dakota—1923 .....	9	712	51
Ohio .....	95	40,147	1,997
Oklahoma—1923 .....	33	4,756	473
Oregon .....	10	1,639	182
Pennsylvania—1923 .....	38	13,522	1,116
Rhode Island .....	8	4,999	649
Scotland .....	96	4,800	.....
South Carolina .....	39	3,991	733
South Dakota—1923 .....	8	1,261	81
Tennessee—1923 .....	22	2,481	248
Texas .....	268	34,296	2,452
Vermont .....	16	1,770	145
Washington .....	15	2,487	294
Wisconsin—1923 .....	27	6,881	692
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,532</b>	<b>296,965</b>	<b>23,254</b>

