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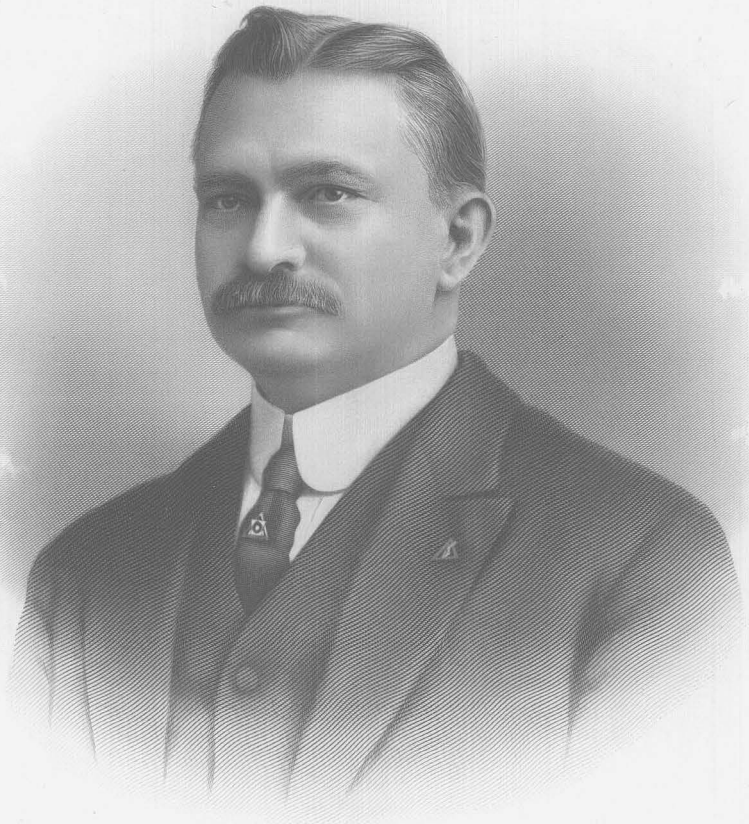

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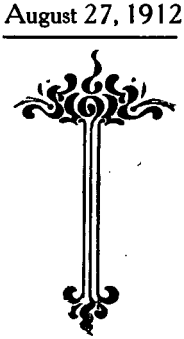

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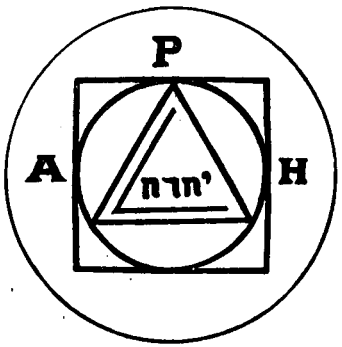
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ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

AUGUST 27, 1912

CENTRAL CITY MASONIC TEMPLE — SYRACUSE, N. Y.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS MARTIN Q. GOOD, GRAND MASTER

Opening Exercises

1 **Prelude** (Organ) "Laus Deo" — MORRISON
Companion George E. Pabst, Organist to the Grand Council

2 **Entrance of Grand Master and Grand Officers**
Organ March, "Aux Flambeaux" — CLARKE

3 **Salutation**

4 **Bass Solo** "Gloria Te" — BUZZI PECCIA
Comp. Clarence Dillenback

5 **Opening of Grand Council**

6 **Vocal** "There is a Holy City" — SHELLEY
Central City Masonic Quartette

7 **Prayer** — GRAND CHAPLAIN

8 **Vocal** "Hail! Cryptic Rite" *Air, America*
Central City Masonic Quartette
Words arranged for the Cryptic Rite by M. 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 council stand.
May they have great command,
And always grace the land:
Hail! Cryptic Rite.

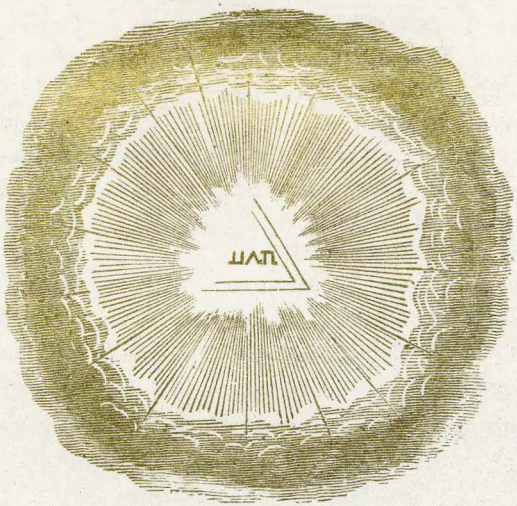
Our father's God to thee
Author of Liberty,
To thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light
Protect the "Cryptic Rite,"
Great God, our King.

9 **Proclamation** — GRAND MARSHAL

10 **Doxology**

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.

11 **Roll Call** — GRAND RECORDER



Eighty-Ninth Annual Assembly

of the

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York

Grand Council Room
Masonic Temple, Syracuse, N. Y.
Tuesday, August 27, 1912

OPENING

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York convened in Annual Assembly in the Masonic Temple, City of Syracuse, State of New York, on Tuesday, August 27, A. D. 1912, A. Dep. 2912, at 10 o'clock A. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.˙.Ill.˙.Martin Q. Good.....Grand Master
R.˙.Ill.˙.Herbert W. Greenland.....Deputy Grand Master
R.˙.Ill.˙.J. Harris Balston.....Grand P. C. of W.
R.˙.Ill.˙.George A. Newell.....Grand Treasurer

R.·.Ill.·.John J. Dowers.....Grand Recorder
R.·.Ill.·.George Edward Hatch.....Grand Captain of the G.
R.·.Ill.·.William H. Ellis.....Grand Condr. of the C.
R.·.Ill.·.Edward H. Lisk.....Grand Marshal
R.·.Ill.·.Oliver H. LaBarre.....Grand Standard Bearer
R.·.Ill.·.Eugene E. Hinman.....Grand Steward
R.·.Ill.·.Charles M. Colton.....Grand Lecturer
R.·.Ill.·.Rev. S. Wright Butler.....Grand Chaplain
R.·.Ill.·.Rev. William A. Masker.....Grand Chaplain
M.·.Ill.·.A. Oppenheimer.....Grand Trustee
R.·.Ill.·.Harwood Dudley.....Grand Trustee
Ill.·.Charles Blasdel.....Grand Sentinel

Together with the Representatives of the following Councils:

Columbian	No. 1	King Solomon	No. 31
Union	No. 2	Jamestown	No. 32
Brooklyn	No. 4	Olean	No. 33
Adelphic	No. 7	Hornellsville	No. 35
Central City	No. 13	Cryptic	No. 37
Bloss	No. 14	Washington	No. 52
Bruce	No. 15	Corning	No. 53
Southern Tier	No. 16	Peekskill	No. 55
Buffalo	No. 17	Phoenix	No. 70
King Hiram	No. 18	Alph-Omega	No. 71
Doric	No. 19	Johnstown	No. 72
Keystone	No. 20	St. George's	No. 74
DeWitt Clinton	No. 22	Fulton	U. D.
Palmyra	No. 26		

And permanent members as follows:

John W. Coburn.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
Ralph C. Christiance.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
George A. Newell.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
A. Oppenheimer.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
Frederick Kanter.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
George McGown.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
Willard S. Bradt.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
Fred. E. Ogden.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
Frank M. Adee.....P.·.G.·.M.·.

JOHN J. DOWERS, Columbian, No. 1.....Past T.·.I.·.M.·.
ELIAS WHITNEY, Adelphic, No. 7.....Past T.·.I.·.M.·.
ARTHUR MACARTHUR, Bloss, No. 14.....Past T.·.I.·.M.·.
MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY, Bloss, No. 14....Past T.·.I.·.M.·.
ALBERT W. H. SPEAR, Bloss, No. 14.....Past T.·.I.·.M.·.
DANIEL JONES, Bloss, No. 14.....Past T.·.I.·.M.·.
CHARLES L. MYERS, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22...Past T.·.I.·.M.·.
GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Peekskill, No. 55.....Past T.·.I.·.M.·.
EDMUND C. NATION, Peekskill, No. 55.....Past T.·.I.·.M.·.
MOSES D. GETTY, Phoenix, No. 70.....Past T.·.I.·.M.·.
FRANKLIN T. DAVIS, Phœnix, No. 70.....Past T.·.I.·.M.·.
ERNEST L. SIMPSON, St. George's, No. 74....Past T.·.I.·.M.·.
NATHAN STERN, Jamestown, No. 32.....Past T.·.I.·.M.·.
HARRY L. BRIGGS, Jamestown, No. 32.....Past T.·.I.·.M.·.

With Representatives from the following Grand Councils:

ALABAMA	Rep. by	Comp.	Hugh M. Kendall
CONNECTICUT	"	"	Elias Whitney
COLORADO	"	"	William Shapleigh
ENGLAND AND WALES	"	"	Arthur MacArthur
GEORGIA	"	"	Benno Loewy
ILLINOIS	"	"	Ernest L. Simpson
INDIANA	"	"	George E. Briggs
KENTUCKY	"	"	John Bennett
LOUISIANA	"	"	John H. Clark
MARYLAND	"	"	James Stewart
MASSACHUSETTS	"	"	Charles L. Myers
MISSOURI	"	"	Franklin T. Davis
NEW HAMPSHIRE	"	"	Earl N. Blood
OHIO	"	"	James Chambers
PENNSYLVANIA	"	"	Philip M. Nast, Jr.
RHODE ISLAND	"	"	Marshall F. Hemingway
VERMONT	"	"	M. D. Getty
WASHINGTON	"	"	Herbert M. Lovell

The Grand Council was opened in ample form, M.·.Ill.·. MARTIN Q. GOOD, Grand Master, presiding. The Grand Master cordially welcomed and formally received the Representatives of other Grand Councils, and extended to them the fraternal regards

and best wishes of this Grand Council, for transmission to the respective Grand Councils which they represented.

R.˙.Ill.˙.Hugh Kendall, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Alabama, responded for the Representatives in an able and impressive manner.

Select Masters Invited to Remain as Visitors

The usual motion was made and carried, that all Companions Select Masters in good standing, be invited to remain as visitors during this Grand Assembly, except at such times as prohibited by the Constitution.

Regrets

Letters of regret at their inability to be present at this Grand Assembly were received from the following distinguished Companions:

M.˙.P.˙.Graff M. Acklin, General Grand Master of the General Council of the United States of America.

M.˙.Ill.˙.Irving L'Hommedieu, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of New York.

R.˙.E.˙.T. Henry Dumary, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of New York.

M.˙.P.˙.Samuel R. Mosher, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Oregon.

R.˙.P.˙.Joseph C. Greenfield, General Grand Steward of the General Grand Council of the United States of America.

R.˙.P.˙.E. W. Wellington, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the General Grand Council of the United States of America.

M.˙.W.˙.Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

R.˙.P.˙.Thomas E. Shears, General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Council of the United States of America.

M.˙.P.˙.John N. Macomb, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kansas.

Visitors

M.·.P.·.William H. Herrick, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Missouri, was introduced by M.·.Ill.·.Abraham Oppenheimer and most cordially welcomed by the Grand Master. Grand Master Herrick delivered a brief address, expressing his pleasure at being present at this Assembly. He referred to the very cordial relations that have ever existed between the Grand Council of New York and the Grand Council of Missouri, and hoped that it might ever continue. He congratulated the Grand Master on his successful administration and extended to him and the Grand Council of New York the most cordial greetings of the Cryptic Rite of Missouri.

The following distinguished visitors were then introduced and welcomed by the Grand Master:

M.·.P.·.John W. Coburn, Past General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, introduced by R.·.P.·.George A. Newell.

R.·.P.·.George A. Newell, General Grand Captain of the Guard of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, introduced by M.·.Ill.·.George McGown.

R.·.P.·.Henry DeWitt Hamilton, General Grand Master of the First Veil of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, introduced by R.·.Ill.·.Charles C. Hunt.

M.·.E.·.Marshall F. Hemingway, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, introduced by Ill.·.Henry DeWitt Hamilton.

V.·.E.·.Arthur MacArthur, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, introduced by M.·.Ill.·.George McGown.

R.·.W.·.William S. Farmer, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, introduced by R.·.Ill.·.Arthur MacArthur.

Minutes of the 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.

M.·.Ill.·.Martin Q. Good, the Grand Master, then presented the following:

ADDRESS

Illustrious Companions:

We are again assembled in Grand Council not only to review the work accomplished in the Secret Vault during the year past, but to formulate measures which will continue the prosperity we now enjoy and strengthen and extend the kindly fraternal relations which exist among the companions of our jurisdiction. In the exercise of this great trust I give cordial welcome to those veterans of our beloved Rite whose fidelity to its principles and zeal in its service have been tried in the crucible of experience and whose unflagging interest is evinced in their regular attendance at our annual assemblies throughout the revolving years, and also to the virile body of Thrice Illustrious Companions who since we last met have received at the hands of their companions the highest honor which it was in their power to bestow and now take their rightful places with us at the council board. Nothing has occurred during the year to mar the perfect harmony existing between the various councils of the state, and in our intercourse with other Grand Councils of the Rite, as well as with sister divisions in the great Masonic order, we have met with every courtesy and fraternal consideration. The substantial addition to our membership and the organization of still another council are bright auguries of the future, which, with evidences of increasing interest in the Rite, justify me in predicting for my successor a year of greater prosperity and solid accomplishment than we have had in that which is past. In order that this happy result may be secured, however, there must be a more aggressive attitude taken by our councils in their endeavors to impress prospective candidates with the beauty of our degrees and their necessity to a complete understanding of the Masonic story. There is among many members of the order a failure to realize the solid merit of our claims to their consideration which is due to imperfect knowledge of the history and importance of

our degrees. This information we should endeavor to supply. With the disputed origin of the degrees in the formative period of Masonry we have little to do at this time, but a few quotations from some of the prominent writers of the craft may illustrate the point which I desire to make and prove interesting and instructive. Of the legend of the Secret Vault, Companion Oliver says: "The foundations of the Temple were opened and cleared from the accumulation of rubbish that a level might be procured for the commencement of the building. While engaged in excavations for this purpose three fortunate sojourners are said to have discovered our ancient Stone of Foundation, which had been deposited in the secret crypt by Wisdom, Strength and Beauty to prevent the communication of the ineffable secrets to profane or unworthy persons. The discovery, having been communicated to the prince, prophet and priest of the Jews, the stone was adopted as the chief cornerstone of the reëdified building, and thus became in a new and more expressive sense the type of a more excellent dispensation. An avenue was also accidentally discovered, supported by seven pairs of pillars, perfect and entire, which from their situation had escaped the fury of the flames that had consumed the Temple and the desolation of war that had destroyed the city. The Secret Vault, which had been built by Solomon as a secure depository for certain secrets that would inevitably have been lost without some such expedient for their preservation, communicated by a subterranean avenue with the king's palace, but at the destruction of Jerusalem, the entrance having been closed by the rubbish of falling buildings, it had been discovered by the appearance of a keystone among the foundations of the Sanctum Sanctorum. A careful inspection was then made and the invaluable secrets were placed in safe custody."

Dr. Albert G. Mackey said: "To support this legend there is no historic evidence and no authority except that of the Talmudic writers. It is clearly a mystical symbol, and as such we must accept it. We cannot altogether reject it, because it is so intimately and so extensively connected with the symbolism of the Lost and Recovered Word that if we reject the theory of the

Secret Vault we must abandon all of that symbolism, and with it the whole of the science of Masonic symbolism. Fortunately, there is ample in the present appearance of Jerusalem and its subterranean topography to remove from any tacit, and as it were unconventional, assent to the theory features of absurdity or impossibility.

"Considered simply as a historic question, there can be no doubt of the existence of immense vaults beneath the superstructure of Solomon. Prime, Robertson and other writers who in recent times have described the topography of Jerusalem speak of the existence of these structures, which they visited and in some instances carefully examined." * * *

Dr. Barclay ("City of the Great King") says: "In the earliest ages the cave or vault was deemed sacred. The first worship was in cave temples, which were either natural or formed by art to resemble the excavation of nature. * * * *

"The vault was in the ancient mysteries symbolic of the grave, for initiation was symbolic of death, where alone Divine Truth is to be found. The Masons have adopted the same idea. They teach that death is the beginning of life; that if the first or evanescent temples of our transitory life be on the surface, we must descend to the secret vault of death before we can find that sacred deposit of truth which is to adorn our second temple of eternal life. It is in this sense of an entrance through the grave into eternal life that we are to view the symbolism of the Secret Vault. Like every other myth and allegory of Masonry, the historical relation may be true or it may be false; it may be founded on fact or be the invention of the imagination; the lesson is still there, and the symbolism teaches it, exclusive of the history."

"The True Masonic Chart," published by Jeremy L. Cross and which bore the approval of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, said: "This degree (referring to the Select Master) is the summit and perfection of Ancient Masonry, and without it the history of the Royal Arch degree cannot be complete."

In his "History of Freemasonry," Brother Mitchell said: "Without the legend given in a council, it is utterly impossible

for the Master or Royal Arch Mason to understand and properly appreciate the teaching of Freemasonry."

Brother Samuel Cole, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, said: "We know of no degree of Masonry that has a more needful or more important connection with another than the Select with the Royal Arch. It fills up a chasm which every intelligent Royal Arch Mason has observed, and without it it seems difficult, if not impossible, to comprehend clearly some of the mysteries that belong to the august degree of the Royal Arch. It is strange, and it is also unfortunate, that very few have received the useful knowledge made known in the Select, and, indeed, such is the nature of the degree that we cannot feel freedom to allude remotely to the nature of its secrets; we may, however, pronounce it the key to the Arch."

These extracts from the works of some of the deep thinkers of Masonry will serve to show the high estimation in which our degrees have always been held by those most competent to judge, and should prove an encouragement and stimulus to us in renewed endeavors to advance the Rite to the place in the great divisions of Masonry to which its merit entitles it.

Our Dead.

It is the melancholy duty of the Grand Master at each annual assembly to place before the Grand Council the names of those who have departed from fraternal fellowship with us here and entered upon the life eternal. We therefore turn aside for the moment from our service to the living that in the shadow of sorrow and personal loss we may recall the services of and render appropriate tribute to the virtues of those who during the year have preceded us into the Silent Vault.

Among the names which we are called upon to add to the year's list of illustrious dead is that of our courtly and accomplished Companion, R.·.I.·.Warren Franklin Bascom, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Vermont near this Grand Council, who died at Whitehall, N. Y., on April 10th, 1912, leaving as a perpetual memorial the unblemished record of a life that reflected in its integrity, civic spirit and love of home and

country, the rugged character and singleness of purpose of his Puritan ancestors, as well as the culture, dignity and broad mindedness of the gentleman and man of affairs. He was born in Whitehall on October 7th, 1844, and was a descendant of Thomas Bascom, who emigrated from England and settled in Dorchester, Mass., on May 30th, 1630. He attended a local academy and when seventeen years old entered Norwich University, in the Vermont city of that name, from which he was graduated in June, 1865. This institution was a military school and from it the Academy at West Point drew many of its cadets and the Navy secured one of its most brilliant officers, Admiral Dewey. Upon his graduation Companion Bascom immediately began his business career. To enumerate the various activities of his long and useful life would be to identify him with every movement of importance in the business, social and civic history of the community in which he was born and to which he gave such devoted service. He served several terms as canal collector, supervisor, village trustee, village president and president of the Board of Education, and was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, giving many years of consecrated effort to it as one of the board of wardens and vestrymen. The great virility of the man was not impaired by these arduous demands upon his time and strength, however, for he also gave to the Masonic order in large measure the benefits of his wide experience and knowledge throughout forty-six years. He was raised in Phoenix Lodge, No. 96, on January 2d, 1866, and served as its Master from 1873 to 1876, inclusive. He was exalted in Champlain Chapter, No. 25, R. A. M., on January 7th, 1867, and was its High Priest in 1892, 1893 and 1894. When Washington Council, No. 25, R. and S. M., was organized on April 18th, 1871, Companion Bascom was one of its charter members. He served as its first Principal Conductor of the Work and as Master from 1896 to 1912, being honored in 1908 by appointment as Grand Representative of Vermont. He was Knighted in Washington Commandery at Saratoga Springs on April 10th, 1867, and his death occurred on the forty-fifth anniversary of his admittance to membership in this body. He joined Delta Lodge of Perfection, Delta

Council Princes of Jerusalem and Delta Chapter of Troy and Albany Consistory, as well as Oriental Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Of most of these bodies he was a life member. Another kindly, genial presence is forever lost to our fellowship here, another eminent worker in the quarries has passed into the silences of the infinite, but his works live after him and his spotless life remains with us, as a beautiful monument to his memory.

Regret was general when it was learned that R.·.I.·.Companion William H. Smith had departed from our fellowship here on Tuesday, December 19th, 1911. A long personal acquaintance with him and admiration for the intense zeal and devotion with which he had served the order impel me to record his death as a great loss to all branches of Masonry in this jurisdiction. His eagerness to acquire Masonic knowledge and the painstaking care which he exercised in the exemplification of degrees, as well as his readiness to accept assignment to the station in which he might be of greatest assistance, brought to him a respect and popularity that accompanied him through life. Although a native of Maryland, Companion Smith was raised in New York Lodge, No. 330, on September 28th, 1880, and exalted in Manhattan Chapter, No. 184, of which he served as High Priest for five years. His efficiency as a ritualist and unceasing labor in many Royal Arch Chapters brought him deserved recognition in honorary memberships from eleven of the subordinate Capitular bodies as well as appointment as Grand Master of the Second Veil in 1890. In the Cryptic Rite he also gave devoted service to Union Council, No. 2, of which he became Master, and was honored by the Grand Master with appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Nebraska near that of New York.

The summons of another prominent Companion of Central City Council, No. 13, again brings the saddening reflection that the ranks of those gallant veterans who took part in the great conflict fifty years ago are being steadily depleted by Time, an enemy that knows no defeat, and in a few years the last survivors will have surrendered to the immutable laws of Nature. It is therefore meet that we should doubly cherish those who survive

and render grateful tribute to the memory of those who have fallen. T.·.I.·.Abel Gay Cook was born on April 15th, 1840, at Oswego, N. Y., and died on October 18th, 1911. At the organization of the 149th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, he was mustered in as one of its majors. He was wounded at Chancellorsville, promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, brevetted Colonel and discharged from the Federal service on July 20th, 1864. His Masonic record covers many years of efficient service. He was raised in Central City Lodge, No. 305, on April 7th, 1863, and exalted in Central City Chapter, No. 70, on June 10th, 1864, serving as High Priest from 1869 to 1871. Central City Council, No. 13, greeted him on March 3d, 1865, and elected him as its Thrice Illustrious Master in 1872 and 1888. He was Knighted in Central City Commandery, No. 25, on June 17th, 1864, and served as Generalissimo in 1879. He also became a member of the Central City bodies of the A. A. S. R. in 1866, and held many offices in these organizations, becoming an active member of the 33d degree on September 18th, 1900. He was also a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Central New York.

The death of our Grand Recorder, Charles T. Lunt, came as a shock to a wide circle of acquaintances throughout the state. Owing to the illness of R.·.I.·.Edward H. Lisk, Grand Marshal, who was assigned to visit Bruce Council, No. 15, he was unable to fulfil his engagement, and Companion Lunt volunteered to take his place. The mission was particularly pleasing to him, as he had many friends in the upper part of the state, whom he expected to meet. He reached Lockport in the early evening of April 22d, 1912, accompanied by Companions Ferguson and Bigelow, of Buffalo, and presented to T.·.I.·.Companion William C. Shapleigh, of Bruce Council, his commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Colorado near that of New York, at the assembly of that organization in the evening. He facetiously responded to a toast at the banquet following the meeting, appearing to be in high spirits, and then returned to the Kenmore Hotel to prepare for his return trip to Buffalo. Here, while standing in the corridor conversing with T.·.I.·.Robert E. Emerson, Master of Bruce Council, he was suddenly taken ill and

reeled. Friendly hands caught him and Dr. Thomas P. C. Barnard, Thrice Illustrious Master of Keystone Council, of Buffalo, who was present, gave him every attention, but Companion Lunt was beyond all medical skill and died almost instantly. The companions of Lockport and Buffalo left nothing undone that kindness could suggest and deserve great credit for their prompt and intelligent handling of the situation. Masonic services were held in the Grand Lodge room, Masonic Hall, New York, on Friday evening, April 26th, and the body was cremated. The Masonic services of Companion Lunt were long and varied. He was raised in Roome Lodge, No. 746, New York City, on December 14th, 1895, and served as Master in 1901. He was elected Secretary in 1904 and filled that office until the time of his death. In 1902 he was Assistant Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge, and was commissioned Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland near that of New York in 1911. He was exalted in Americus Chapter, No. 215, R. A. M., December, 1900; affiliated with Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, in 1902, and served as its High Priest in 1907, receiving a commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts near that of New York in 1910. In the Cryptic Rite he was greeted in Adelphic Council, No. 7, in 1901, and served that body with zeal, his services being rewarded by his election as Master in 1906 and again in 1907. Companion Lunt was commissioned as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Missouri in 1907, and served as Grand Lecturer of the Grand Council in the same year, but upon the death of M.·.I.·.George Van Vliet in November, 1907, he was appointed Grand Recorder by M.·.I.·. William H. Andrews and reëlected to that office annually until his death. He was knighted in Palestine Commandery, No. 18, Knights Templar, in 1907; received the Scottish Rite degrees in 1898, and was crowned an honorary member of the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A., at Boston, September 20th, 1904. He was also a member of Mecca Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and Azim Grotto, No. 7, M. O. V. P. E. R., of which latter body he was Monarch in 1909. This is a summary of the main offices held by our late Grand Recorder, but by no

means the extent of his Masonic activities, as he also served in many subordinate positions prior to passing the chairs.

The friendly intercourse between Victoria Council, No. 13, of Montreal, Canada, and our Grand Council prompts me to mention also the death of Thrice Illustrious Allan Austin, the energetic Master of that Council, on December 27th, 1911. His sincerity of purpose and earnest labors in the Masonic field will be missed by our brethren in Canada, to whom our sympathy is extended.

The Silent Reaper has also been busy in other jurisdictions, for his harvest field has neither meets nor bounds, and the geographical lines dividing our fair land into states are unknown to him. From the rugged North, the fertile West, the tree-clad hills of the East and the sunny Southland messages of sympathy and regret have been sent on their errands of love as the illustrious dead of our Rite have fallen, for sorrow has but one universal language and the heart dictates its message. We grieve with our companions over their losses and regretfully record the names of those whose places are vacant and whose lights are extinguished.

R.·.I.·.William Henry Dingley, Grand Treasurer, Grand Council of Alabama, born Winslow, Me., December 18th, 1824; died Montgomery, Ala., September 16th, 1911. The last years of his life he devoted exclusively to his duties as Registrar of the Grand Lodge and as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council. He was a devout member of the Episcopal Church.

California's memorial notice bears eloquent tribute to the eminent services and virtues of most Illustrious George Penlington, Past Grand Master, who passed away on April 30th, 1912, at the age of seventy. He was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge in 1863 and throughout a long and honorable life had given devoted service to the craft.

Connecticut has lost four of its most distinguished Companions. Most Puissant Samuel Bassett, Past Grand Master, born New York City, September 24th, 1841; died August 14th, 1911. He filled many civic offices with ability and integrity. Most Puissant Alexander B. Shumway, Past Grand Master, born

North Adams, October 5th, 1836; died February 8th, 1912. A veteran of the Civil War, and a member of Seth Plumb Post, G. A. R. Most Puissant Edgar W. Latham, Past Grand Master, born Suffield, August 9th, 1848; died Suffield, March 16th, 1912, and R.·.I.·.Eugene C. Adt, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, born Haydenville, Mass., June 12th, 1856; died Waterbury, Conn., February 24th, 1912.

Florida mourns the loss of M.·.I.·.William Henry Jewell, a Past Grand Master; born February 26th, 1840, in Massachusetts. He went to Mississippi when young and served in the Confederate army, 1861-'65, and was practising law in Orlando, Fla., at time of his death, on January 2d, 1912.

Illinois has lost one of its Past Grand Masters, M.·.I.·. Marshall U. Trimble, who was born at Princeton, Ill., on September 25th, 1847, and died there on February 15th, 1912, after a lingering illness. He was a member of the bar and had held many offices of trust and responsibility.

Kansas adds to the list the name of M.·.I.·.James Stevens May, Past Grand Master, who was born in Orange County, Ind., on April 1st, 1845, and died at his home in Hutchinson, Kan., on March 25th, 1912. He was a physician and devoted many years of his long life to the service of the craft.

Maryland sorrowfully announces the death of M.·.I.·.Charles E. Postley, Past Grand Master, on April 7th, 1912. Dr. Postley was a fine type of the Christian gentleman and highly esteemed by all those that knew him. He took an active interest in the various Masonic bodies to which he belonged, and was elected Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter last November.

Michigan reports the death of M.·.I.·.Thomas G. Greene, Past Grand Master, at Centerville, Mich., on December 18th, 1911. He was born in Cumberland, R. I., on July 2d, 1834, and was a lineal descendant in the seventh generation of Roger Williams and John Greene, who on account of their religious opinions were expelled from the Massachusetts Colony and settled in Narragansett Plantations, now the State of Rhode Island. The devotion of this Most Illustrious Companion to the Masonic order may be understood when it is stated that if the years of his

official service in the Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Grand Council and Order of High Priests were added together they would total ninety-five and one-half years. He presided at the installation of officers in the various Masonic bodies one hundred and eight times and conducted one hundred Masonic funerals.

Minnesota sends us official notice of the departure of M.·.I.·. George Forsyth, Past Grand Master, who was born at Stratford-on-Avon, England, on March 26th, 1842, and died at Brainerd, Minn., on February 19th, 1912. Companion Forsyth served as vestryman for many years in the Episcopal Church and held various civic offices in his home city. He had passed the chairs in all of the Masonic organizations of which he was a member and had also served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Minnesota.

Misssissippi has been called upon to drape its altars for two of its Past Grand Masters since we last met in annual assembly. M.·.I.·.Enoch George DeLap, who died on December 24th, 1911, received a beautiful tribute of affection in the memorial notice of the Grand Master, M.·.I.·.Oliver Lee McKay, and "The Weekly Democrat" of Natchez printed an editorial eloquently reviewing his life. I would like to quote this whole article, but must restrict myself to the following extract: "In the death of Colonel Enoch George DeLap Natchez loses one of its best beloved citizens and the Masonic world one of its brightest and best informed members, a man, who, take him all in all, had few equals and no superior. He lived true to his Masonic teachings and square with the world. A native of Wisconsin, he came South with the Union army, served against the Confederate soldiers at the siege of Vicksburg and then came to Natchez, an intensely Southern city, where a Masonic lodge, a large majority of whose members were Confederate soldiers, taught him his first steps in the order, raised him to the degree of Master Mason, and in his later years bestowed upon him all the honors within their gift. His Masonic life was an examplification of the fact that not only does Masonry wipe out all lines of sectionalism, but that the native sons of Mississippi who wore the

Gray extended the hand of good fellowship and brotherly love to the men who wore the Blue." The sentiments here expressed will find a ready response in our hearts. Mason and Dixon's line was long ago erased by the mutual desire of the North and South and the old animosities engendered by civil strife have been forever banished from the minds of reunited and kindly people. M.·.I.·.John S. Cobb was the second of Mississippi's Grand Masters to pass behind the veil during the year. He was born at Cherry Creek, Miss., on April 15th, 1853, and died at his home in Verona on January 18th, 1912. He was a man of fine mental attainments and had served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Grand High Priest, Grand Commander and Grand Master of the Council. He was a lifelong member of the Baptist Church and active in its many departments of work.

Montana's youthful Grand Council notifies to us the death of R.·.I.·.James Massey, Grand Captain of the Guard, who was killed in accident at the Tuolumne Mine, at Butte, on November 16th, 1911. He was born in Copper House, Hayle, England, and did yeoman's service in the Masonic organizations of his adopted state.

Nebraska will miss M.·.I.·.Gustave Anderson, who was born at Wexjo, Sweden, on September 29th, 1842, and died at Chicago, Ill., on October 2d, 1911, while on his way to Washington to attend a meeting of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction, of which he was a high officer. Companion Anderson had been an active and prominent Mason for more than forty years and filled many offices with credit to himself and to the State.

Oregon announces the death of M.·.I.·.Samuel Bullock, on October 15th, 1911, at Portland, at the age of eighty-four. He was born in Worcester, England, on March 1st, 1827. He had passed the chairs in the various organizations to which he belonged, and served as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council for fourteen years prior to his death.

On February fifth I received from R.·.I.·.Arthur MacArthur, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of England and Wales near this Grand Council, notice of the death of R.·.I.·.

Abraham Woodiwiss, 33°, Deputy Grand Master of England's Grand Council, and on May 25th was informed by Companion MacArthur of the passing of the Earl of Euston, 33°, the Grand Master of the same jurisdiction. Death has exacted a heavy toll in claiming these distinguished brethren as his own. During the visits of the Earl of Euston to the Triennial Conclaves of our Templar body he made many warm friends among American Masons, and his strong desire to bring into closer fraternal relations the brethren of the two great English-speaking countries was made manifest on many occasions and always found a sympathetic and instant response. His death is a distinct loss to American as well as to English Masonry.

As the sun sets upon the earthly pilgrimage of all these zealous workers in the Secret Vault and they are lost to our mortal sight in the darkness of eternity, there is no note of finality, no sense of irreparable loss in our leave taking, for in the glorious faith of our fathers we find consolation. May the dust rest lightly upon the frail tenements which we have committed to the keeping of kindly Mother Earth, and in the tender sympathy and divine compassion of the Most High may the released spirits of our brethren find that peace and joy that passeth all understanding.

DECISION

In July a communication was received from the Recorder of Palmyra Council, No. 26, asking for an opinion on the course pursued by the Council in connection with the removal of its Master to a foreign jurisdiction. The following decision was given:

In the Matter of Palmyra Council, No. 26:

The facts presented in this case are as follows: The Thrice Illustrious Master of this Council was duly elected and installed to serve as its chief officer during 1911, and did so serve. At the annual meeting in that year he was reëlected as Master for the term ending in December, 1912, but before he could present himself for installation he was called to a foreign jurisdiction by his business and compelled to establish his home there, thus making it impossible to attend assemblies and perform the duties

of his office. On the departure of the presiding officer, the Deputy Master assumed the duties of the Master and has since discharged them. Decision is asked as to the propriety of the course pursued by the Council and whether or not it should have asked for a dispensation authorizing the election of a new Master. Before entering upon a discussion of the points involved a brief review of the law bearing upon the case and the responsibility of the Grand Master may be given. Section 23 of the constitution says "that vacancies in elective offices can occur only by death, or removal after election beyond the jurisdiction of the Grand Council, by promotion at an election to fill vacancies and by suspension or expulsion." The removal of a Master to a foreign jurisdiction does not automatically cause a vacancy in the office which he has filled. It requires the declaration of the Grand Council, or when the governing body is not in session of its chief executive to give effective force to the clause in Section 23 bearing upon the case before us. Now, while the Grand Council or the Grand Master, subject to its final approval, has power to declare an elective office vacant without waiting for a request from or approval of a subordinate council, such a step is taken only when the circumstances are of so grave a character as to demand summary action for the benefit of the Council or of the Rite. In the case presented there is of course not the slightest reason for such a course, as under the automatic action of the laws governing succession to office the Deputy Master, on the departure of the presiding officer, promptly assumed and apparently has faithfully discharged all of the duties pertaining to the office of Master, and the Council has thus been protected from confusion or delay in the conduct of its business. If the Council had so desired it might with perfect propriety have applied for a dispensation declaring the office of Master vacant and granting permission for a new election, but it was under no obligation to do this. With regard to the status of the Thrice Illustrious Master it is held to be well settled that the responsibilities of an outgoing Master do not cease with the election of his successor. He must on the failure of the Master-elect to present himself for installation continue to fill the office

until the disqualification of his successor has been removed by compliance with the requirements of our Cryptic law or the office has been declared vacant and a new Master elected and installed. Technically, Thrice Illustrious Companion Barnes still remains the Master by reason of his previous service, but would of course as Master-elect be required to apply for a dispensation and submit to installation before being permitted to preside over the council, in case he reëstablished his residence within this jurisdiction during the term for which he was elected. This condition of affairs may be remedied by action on the part of the Council, petitioning for a dispensation for an election.

Standing of Council Members When Suspended in Chapter.

An inquiry was recently received as to the standing of a Council member when suspended in his Chapter. While Section 28 of the constitution requires that all candidates for the Cryptic Rite degrees shall be Royal Arch Masons in good standing, the amendment governing in the case of Council members who have been suspended by their chapters was passed after the last revision of the constitution, and therefore does not appear in the printed copies now in use. As the question may arise again, I think it of importance to again call the attention of the Councils to this law. The amendment was offered by Companion E. W. Van Vranken at the annual session of 1892 and was adopted at the succeeding meeting. It is as follows:

"That suspension or expulsion of a Companion, after due trial by a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, shall operate as suspension or expulsion from a Council without action, by the Council, and when the Council receives information of such suspension or expulsion it shall be the duty of the Thrice Illustrious Master to direct the Recorder to make a record on the minutes of the Council that the companion was so suspended or expelled, the time and by what Chapter, and notify the companion of the action taken by the Council.

"If any Companion of a Council shall become unaffiliated by his chapter for the non-payment of dues, or upon the expiration

of one year after his voluntary unaffiliation in his Chapter, upon authentic information of this fact, his membership in the Council shall be suspended until such unaffiliation shall cease, or his dues to his Chapter be paid. And a Companion suspended in his Chapter for non-payment of dues, shall upon payment of those dues, be restored to the Council, notwithstanding his Chapter refuses to reinstate him, but he must affiliate with a Chapter within six months after such restoration."

It is now twelve years since the Constitution of the Grand Council was revised, and our stock of printed copies is growing smaller. I therefore recommend that the Committee on Constitutions and Laws be directed to revise the Constitution during the year and present at the next Assembly a new set of regulations embracing all amendments adopted since the last revision and such recommendations as their wisdom and experience may suggest, so that when the necessity for printing does arise we may have a perfect instrument for our future guidance. If this recommendation is adopted Companions may materially assist the Committee by promptly forwarding suggestions of changes to it for consideration. The suggestion is also made that Masters should have at least one copy of each year's Proceedings filed with the records of their Councils, thus providing a ready reference for their members in case of need.

Appointments.

The confused condition of affairs in the office of the Grand Recorder, caused by his sudden death, together with the pressing demands of my own business, made it imperative that I should have immediate assistance in my efforts to properly conduct the business of the Grand Council. I therefore secured the services of T.·.I.·.John J. Dowers, a Past Master of Columbian Council, No. 1, and issued his commission as Grand Recorder as of April 29th. The following notice was sent to the various Councils as quickly as possible so that the mail of the Grand Council could be diverted into the proper channels.

Masonic Hall, New York City, April 29.

To the Officers and Members of the Councils Within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council of the State of New York and of all Councils in Correspondence Therewith.

Greeting:

Our Grand Recorder, Right Illustrious Companion Charles T. Lunt, having been called to his reward by the Grand Architect of the Universe, therefore, by the power and authority in me vested as Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York, I have this day appointed Thrice Illustrious Companion John J. Dowers Grand Recorder during my will and pleasure or until the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council.

Given under my hand and seal.

MARTIN Q. GOOD,
Grand Master.

I requested Companion Dowers to make application for a bond of $2,000 with the American Surety Company, of No. 100 Broadway, New York. The bond was issued shortly thereafter and filed with the Grand Master. Companion Dowers immediately entered upon the discharge of his duties and has been of material assistance to me.

On March 4th, 1912, I appointed R.·.I.·.Richard H. Wearing to be Grand Representative of this jurisdiction near the Grand Council of Montana.

On August 15, 1912, T.·.I.·.Companion Victor H. Falkenhainer to be Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York near that of Missouri.

Dispensations.

Owing to a misunderstanding as to the date the representatives of Fulton Council (U. D.) were not present at the last meeting of the Grand Council, and therefore did not receive their charter. I issued a dispensation on October 16th, 1911, to enable them to continue their work until the present assembly.

On December 5th, 1911, Bruce Council, No. 15, asked for a dispensation to hold their annual assembly on December 27th, as

the regular meeting day fell on Christmas. The request was granted on December 9th.

A dispensation was granted for the installation of the Grand Sentinel, Companion Charles Blasdell, and the Grand Deputy Master, R.·.I.·.Herbert W. Greenland, conducted the ceremony at Central City Council, No. 13, on February 14th, 1912.

On December 26th, 1911, I received an application from a number of companions at Bath for the formation of a new council at that place. The petition was forwarded through R.·.I.·. Companion Hinman and the Grand Recorder. As the field appeared to present good possibilities, I issued a dispensation for the institution of Bath Council on January 16th, 1912, and requested R.·.I.·.Hugh H. Kendall to organize it. Accompanied by T.·.I.·.John Comosh, Master of Corning Council, Companion Kendall proceeded to Bath on the date assigned and found the following charter members assembled in Masonic Hall: E. A. Messerschmitt, E. O. Tiffany, H. Belmont Lee, D. J. McBride, H. J. Donnelly, A. B. DeGroat, Frank E. Rowe, Henry Waldeck and C. L. Davison. The visiting officer was escorted into the meeting and formally presented by Companion H. Belmont Lee to Companion E. A. Messerschmitt, who presided. Companion Kendall carefully outlined the authority of a new council under dispensation and gave many valuable hints to the Companions. He then read the dispensation, which named as the first Council officers: A. E. Messerschmitt, Thrice Illustrious Master, E. O. Tiffany, Deputy Master, and H. Belmont Lee, Principal Conductor of the Work. The Master then appointed the following officers: D. J. McBride, Treasurer; H. J. Donnelly, Recorder; A. B. DeGroat, Captain of the Guard; Frank E. Rowe, Conductor of the Council; Henry W. Waldeck, Steward, and C. L. Davison, Sentinel. Companions Kendall and Comosh then instructed the Companions in the work and the assembly was brought to a close. The companions of Corning Council, No. 53, promptly extended the hand of fellowship to the new Council and offered their assistance at any time that it might be desired. Thus another outpost of the Rite is established, which enters upon its career with bright prospects and the best wishes of the

grand officers. My hearty thanks are given to R.·.I.·.Companion Kendall and T.·.I.·.Companion Comosh for their valuable assistance in organizing this Council and R.·.I.·.Eugene Hinman for his work in the early steps taken for its formation. The constitutional requirements having been complied with I recommend that a charter be granted to Bath Council.

I take great pleasure in heartily commending the activity and zeal of Companion Greenland in connection with Fulton (U. D.) Council. He has taken the deepest interest in its formation and labors, rendered material assistance to it, and is entitled to the thanks of the Grand Council. Fulton Council having complied with the necessary formalities, I also recommend that a charter be granted to it.

Waivers.

Several requests for waivers of jurisdiction were received during the year and forwarded to the Grand Councils having authority to act upon them. I take pleasure in announcing that all of these requests were courteously granted except one, which is still pending. It is proper at this time to call the attention of the Thrice Illustrious Masters of our Councils to the importance of continuing the practice which has prevailed among their predecessors, that of giving prompt attention to requests for waivers from sister jurisdictions, for a courtesy quickly rendered is twice appreciated. It will almost invariably be found that the companion desiring such action on our part belongs to Masonic bodies in one of the neighboring states, or that transit facilities make it difficult for him to attend one of our own Councils, as in the case of a companion living on the border, or while his home may be here his employment may make it necessary for him to spend the greater part of his time in one of our sister jurisdictions. In any event, the general principle may be laid down that such a companion will make a better member of the Cryptic Rite if permitted to join a Council that he can attend regularly or one to which he is bound either by ties of sentiment of old acquaintance.

Southern Tier Council, No. 16, on December 20th, 1911, re-

quested a waiver from the Grand Council of Pennsylvania over Companion George Everall Davis, whose residence is at Athens, Penn., but who was employed at Elmira during the week.

Brooklyn Council, No. 4, on May 10th asked for a waiver in the case of Companion Robert J. Harris, of No. 823 Colonia Road, Elizabeth, N. J. He is a member of a Brooklyn Lodge and Chapter.

Adelphic Council, No. 7, asked for a waiver over Peter Yawger Sharp, of No. 683 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, N. J., on May 6th. He is a member of Adelphic Lodge and Jerusalem Chapter, of this city.

On May 3d, 1912, a request for waiver of jurisdiction was received from R.·.I.·.Hiram Deats, Grand Recorder of New Jersey, over Companion John G. Tinsman, of No. 289 Carlton Avenue, Brooklyn, in favor of Washington Council, No. 7, of Washington, N. J. This companion is a member of other bodies in his home town. The request was referred to Brooklyn Council, No. 4, and granted.

Hornellsville Council, No. 35, requested waiver for Companion A. B. Payne, of Oswayo, Penn., on May 10th.

Grand Representatives Accredited.

During the year I had the pleasure of approving and forwarding to several of our zealous Companions commissions as Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions near the Grand Council of the State of New York. They were as follows:

On February 14th, 1912, T.·.I.·.Ernest L. Simpson, Past Master of St. George's Council, No. 74, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Illinois in place of R.·.I.·.Wilbur F. Wessels, of Peekskill.

On April 13th, 1912, T.·.I.·.Jerome L. Cheney, Past Master of Central City Council, No. 13, to be the first Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Montana near this Grand Council, Companion Greenland presenting the Commission. To drop into the Milesian we may say that Companion Cheney thus becomes his own ancestor and in years to come will be honored as the dean of Montana's corps by a long line of successors. May the

weight of his years and grave responsibility then rest lightly upon him and enable him to bear gracefully his patriarchal attributes. To the youthful grand body which he represents we send our kindly salutations and earnest wishes for every blessing.

On April 12th, 1912, T.·.I.·.P. M. Nast, Jr., Master of Hornellsville Council, No. 35, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, in place of R.·.I.·.George W. Brown, resigned.

On April 22d, 1912, T.·.I.·.William C. Shapleigh, Past Master of Bruce Council, No. 15, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Colorado in place of R.·.I.·.Charles M. Colton.

At the May assembly of Phoenix Council, No. 70, T.·.I.·.Moses D. Getty to be Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Vermont near this Grand Council.

Centennial Box of General Grand Council.

A letter was received from the General Grand Master, Graff M. Acklin, dated June 29th, 1912, requesting me to inspect a so-called Centennial Box deposited by the General Grand Council in New York and to report upon its condition. I had already performed the duty with which the General Grand Master charged me and so reported under date of July 2d. This box was presented to the General Grand Council by Companion George W. Cooley, Past General Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Council of Minnesota, for the purpose indicated in the following resolution, adopted by the Grand Council of Minnesota on October 12th, 1891:

"*Resolved,* That a special committee of three be appointed to prepare a suitable memorial on behalf of this Grand Council, which memorial shall be presented with others in a sealed case to the General Grand Council at its next Triennial Assembly, to be opened at the Centennial Anniversary of the General Grand Council, for the purpose of presenting to the craft a record of the early history of Cryptic Masonry."

Companion Thorp B. Jennings, on behalf of Zabud Council, No. 4, of Topeka, Kan., also presented copies in silver of the jewels of the three ancient Grand Masters, to be placed on top

of the chest, that it "may be known as containing treasures belonging to the craft." The General Grand Council accepted the trust and it, the chest, was kept open until December 31st, 1894, for the reception of such other appropriate memorials as the Grand Councils or Companions might desire to contribute. It was decided to send the box to New York and this Grand Council authorized M.·.I.·.George A. Newell, the Grand Master to call a Special Assembly of the Grand Council upon the occasion of its deposit in the vault of the Masonic Hall. This special assembly was held in the old Temple at Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue, at 7:30 p. m., Monday, December 31st, 1894, and the box formally sealed and deposited. When the building was erected in Twenty-fourth street the box was transferred to the new vault through the courtesy of R.·.I.·.E. M. L. Ehlers and is now there, together with a plate announcing its character. It is made of sheet metal, is protected by a complicated lock having across the keyhole the seal of the General Grand Council, and is very heavy. As the Grand Masters of New York are charged with the duty of yearly inspection, I have deemed it wise to call your attention to the circumstances of its deposit and the trust devolving upon us.

Old Charter of Genesee Council, No. 9.

The Grand Council is indebted to Companion Orrin S. White, secretary of Wellsville Chapter, No. 143, R. A. M., and a member of Hornellsville Council, No. 35, for the discovery and return of the old Charter of Genesee Council, No. 9. This Council went out of existence many years ago, and its charter has since been missing.

The Rite in Arizona.

On May 24th, 1912, I received a communication from the Rev. Creighton Spencer, of Bisbee, Arizona, requesting authority to form a Council at that place. The matter was promptly referred to Graff M. Acklin, Grand Master of the General Grand Council, for his consideration and action, and he has notified me that he has the matter in hand.

Office for Grand Recorder.

When I received news of Companion Lunt's death I took prompt action to secure the records of The Grand Council, and found them stored in five widely scattered places throughout the city. The loss of time and labor involved in assembling these documents was as deplorable as it was unnecessary, and forcibly impressed upon me the necessity of securing an office for the exclusive use of the Grand Recorder. The time has arrived when we must have a place where the property and business of the Grand Council can be centralized. Unless we take prompt action to this effect we shall lay ourselves open to a repetition of the annoyance which we have suffered in the present instance. I therefore strongly recommend:

First—That my successor be authorized and directed to immediately secure a proper office for the Grand Recorder in New York or elsewhere, with full power to associate with himself such persons as he may desire to assist him in the performance of that duty, and that this office be devoted solely to the business of the Grand Council.

Second—That the sum of $300 a year, or such part thereof as may be necessary, be set aside for the rental of such office.

Third—That the sum of $200, or such part thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for equipment.

Fourth—That the Grand Recorder be directed to assemble therein all records of the Grand Council, except such documents as may be necessary to keep in fireproof vaults, such papers to be designated by the Grand Master.

Fifth—That all envelopes, letterheads, memorandum blanks or other mediums of correspondence used by the Grand Recorder shall bear the address of his office only, and that he make every effort to have mail addressed to him as Grand Recorder, and not as an individual.

Sixth—That the Grand Recorder be directed to see that all rentals of space, whether for office purposes or for the safe keeping of records, shall be made in the name of the Grand Council, and not in his name.

Sixth—That a duplicate key to the Grand Recorder's office be given to the Grand Master, who shall upon the expiration of his term of office turn it over to his successor.

Seventh—That the Grand Recorder shall not keep any papers other than those belonging to the Grand Council in the office provided for him or permit them to be placed in any safe deposit box belonging thereto, without the consent of the Grand Master.

Eighth—That the Grand Recorder be directed to file with the trustees a bond for not less than $2,000, such bond to be issued by some surety company, to be approved by the trustees.

I have no doubt that some of these recommendations may appear drastic, especially to those who have heretofore felt that the Grand Council was not justified in incurring the expense of maintaining an office for the Grand Recorder. If there are any companions present who still retain that view I find myself in courteous disagreement with them. Our membership is steadily growing, we can well afford the outlay and I submit that the dignity of this body should no longer permit the continuance of present conditions. I trust, therefore, that you may feel the wisdom of taking decisive action at this assembly. No man whom we may elect as our record keeper can be certain that the fate of our late Grand Recorder may not overtake him, and it is the part of common business prudence to see that the Grand Council shall not suffer thereby. I hold that the preliminary appropriation of $200 is not too much for equipment. We should at the start lay a solid foundation for an up-to-date office, and then as the need appears in the future and our finances permit small appropriations can be made and material purchased until we have a complete card index system and all the other accessories of a well-equipped department. The wisdom of assembling all of our records in one place and keeping them there is too obvious for comment. The necessity of forbidding any future Grand Recorder from receiving our mail at his home address will also be apparent. The possession of a duplicate key by the Grand Master to the office of the Grand Recorder will make for the safety of our records in that it will enable him upon notice of the Grand Recorder's death promptly to take

possession and bar unauthorized persons from tampering with our property. The recommendation that the Grand Recorder be forbidden to keep papers or property other than that of the Grand Council in his office is along the same lines and removes the last vestige of an excuse for annoyance from administrators or members of the deceased officer's family or from coming into conflict with other organizations. This recommendation is not intended to debar our Grand Recorder from extending a helping hand to any of our sister organizations and temporarily storing their records in time of fire or other emergency, but it is intended specifically to prevent him from littering his desk and boxes with the records of other bodies of which he may happen to be an officer, a practice that is common with some secretaries and extremely mischievous in its results.

More Time for Annual Assemblies.

While the introduction of more systematic methods in the conduct of our business is under consideration it may not be amiss to call your attention once more to the desirability of holding longer sessions of the Grand Council. It is now nearly thirty years since our predecessors took the retrograde step that reduced the time for our annual assemblies from two days to one, an error of judgment from which we have suffered ever since. The few hours open to us for the actual transaction of business debar us from giving to it that deliberation and care which are absolutely essential to its correct disposition. It is unnecessary, however, to enter into extended argument as to the desirability of returning to the two-day session, for it is manifest. We can, then, pass to the only argument that can be used against it—the question of expense. In this connection we must recollect that we are doing a constantly expanding business, and that we have reached a point where each annual report shows a comfortable surplus. Now, the merchant who fails to adapt his methods to his growing business makes a fatal mistake, and I submit that the course of action which our companions decided upon thirty years ago is obsolete, inefficient and absolutely unresponsive to the demands of the present. The increased expense entailed by

the longer session will not stagger anyone and we can well afford it.

Official Visits of Grand Officers.

The pressure of my private business and that of the Rite was so great during the year that I was limited to the following visits:

On October 17th, 1911, I visited Meriden, Conn., and attended an assembly of Hamilton Council, No. 22, of that place. The travelling broken triangle of Columbian Council, No. 1, of New York, was received from Waterbury Council, No. 21, Waterbury, Conn., with impressive ceremonies. The companions of Meriden gave me a most cordial reception and I heartily enjoyed the evening with them.

On October 16th, 1911, I attended the reception of Orient Chapter, No. 138, R. A. M., given in honor of Most Excellent Edward F. Hill, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, and passed a most enjoyable evening with many old friends in the Grand Chapter and among the companions of this prosperous Brooklyn organization of the Capitular Rite.

On December 14th, 1911, I was present at an assembly of Wolcott Council, No. 1, of Hartford, Conn., when the travelling broken triangle sent out on its journey of fraternal greeting by our own venerable Columbian was received. The triangle was brought to Hartford by the companions of Hamilton Council, No. 22, of Meriden, and the manner in which the ceremony of delivering and receiving the symbol was conducted reflected great credit upon the Connecticut Masons. There was a fine programme and it was my good fortune to meet an exceptionally large number of the Companions of our sister jurisdiction.

On February 20th, 1912, I had the pleasure of attending the annual ball and reception of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 36, K. T., at the Teutonia Assembly Rooms, in New York City, as the representative of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. Accompanied by R.˙.I.˙.Charles T. Lunt, Grand Recorder; R.˙.I.˙.Oliver H. La Barre, Grand Standard Bearer; R.˙.I.˙. James Chambers, Grand Representative; R.˙.I.˙.James Stewart, Grand Representative; T.˙.I.˙.Henry DeWitt Hamilton, Master

of Adelphic, No. 7; T.·.I.·.Harry W. Putnam, Master of Columbian, No. 1, and T.·.I.·.Henry D. King, Master of Brooklyn Council, No. 4, I was escorted to the handsomely decorated ballroom and formally presented to the Commander, Eminent Sir Knight William Sherer, by Eminent Sir Knight P. Joseph Groll, a Past Commander of Ivanhoe. Passing through the lines, I was cordially received by the Commander and had the pleasure of witnessing a finished exhibition by the drill corps of Morton Commandery, No. 4, under the command of Eminent Sir Knight Adams.

On March 8th, 1912, I attended the annual reception and ball of Constantine Commandery, No. 48, K. T., stationed at New York, and was received between the lines and cordially greeted by its Commander, Eminent Sir Knight Frederick P. Hammond.

I received a cordial invitation from the Grand Council of Pennsylvania to be present at their annual assembly at Pittsburgh on January 16th, 1912, but was obliged to send my regrets.

Illustrious William Homan, 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, honored me with an invitation to attend the forty-third annual convocation of the Council of Deliberation for the State of New York at Niagara Falls, on Monday, July 1st, 1912. The temptation to go was strong, but the business of the Grand Council was so pressing at that time that I was reluctantly compelled to send my regrets.

The companions of my home Council, Columbian, No. 1, gave an informal luncheon for me at Companion Colaizzi's, in Twenty-fourth street, New York, on Thursday afternoon, July 11th, 1912, at which there were present many of my intimate friends and co-laborers in lodge, chapter, council and commandery. It had the nature of a family gathering, and was most delightful on that account. Companion Henry W. Roe presided at the request of T.·.I.·.Harry W. Putnam, the Master, and made a brief congratulatory address, full of good fellowship and expressing the kindly sentiments of those present, to which I responded. Companion Frank Clinton Wardell, the historian of the Council, then spoke, and the rest of the afternoon was devoted to

the pleasures of the table and unrestrained genial conversation among my old comrades. It was a pleasing close to the social season of the fraternity.

On January 2d, in obedience to the mandate of the Constitution, I issued a circular in which the staff officers of the Grand Council were assigned to visit the subordinate councils of this jurisdiction and report upon their condition. Masters were directed on receipt of this notice at once to communicate with the official visitor for the purpose of arranging dates that would be mutually convenient and they were also required to inform the Grand Master of the day agreed upon not later than March 15th. Following were the assignments:

R.·.I.·.Herbert W. Greenland, Deputy Grand Master,
White Memorial Building, Syracuse, N. Y.

King Hiram, No. 18..... Auburn
Doric, No. 19.....Rochester
Peekskill, No. 55.....Peekskill

R.·.I.·.J. Harris Balston, Grand P. C. of the Work,
244 Greene Street, Brooklyn.

Brooklyn, No. 4.....Brooklyn
Central City, No. 13.....Syracuse
Hornellsville, No. 35.....Hornell

R.·.I.·.George E. Hatch, Grand Captain of Guard,
489 East Avenue, Rochester.

Olean, No. 33.....Olean
Cryptic, No. 37.....Saratoga Springs
St. George's, No. 74.....Schenectady

R.·.I.·.William H. Ellis, Grand Cond. of the Council,
Postoffice Box 16, Buffalo.

Southern Tier, No. 16.....Elmira
Corning, No. 35.....Corning
Alpha-Omega, No. 71.....Medina

R.·.I.·.Edward H. Lisk, Grand Marshal,
Seventh Avenue and Hutton Street, Troy.

Bruce, No. 15.....Lockport

De Witt Clinton, No. 22.....Albany
Palmyra, No. 26.....Palmyra
Jamestown, No. 32.....Jamestown

R.˙.I.˙.Oliver H. LaBarre, Grand Standard Bearer,
407 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Columbian, No. 1.....New York City
Buffalo, No. 17.....Buffalo
Phoenix, No. 70.....Mount Vernon
Johnstown, No. 72.....Johnstown

R.˙.I.˙.Eugene E. Hinman, Grand Steward,
Albany.

Union, No. 2.....New York City
Bloss, No. 14.....Troy
Keystone, No. 20.....Buffalo
Dunkirk, No. 25.....Dunkirk

R.˙.I.˙.S. Wright Butler, Grand Chaplain,
Poughkeepsie.

Adelphic, No. 7.....New York City
Washington, No. 52.....Whitehall

R.˙.I.˙.William A. Masker, Grand Chaplain,

King Solomon.....Poughkeepsie

When this circular was sent out I entertained the highest hopes that every Council in the state would be visited by a staff officer of the Grand Council before the present assembly, but in a few instances serious sickness and the unavoidable demands of their daily work intervened and prevented the filling of engagements. While the officers can not be censured under the circumstances, I sincerely trust that the coming year may bring greater good fortune in this respect, for the importance of these official visits can hardly be overestimated. They are made for the "purpose of encouraging closer fellowship and advancing Cryptic Masonry throughout the jurisdiction." That these desirable objects were attained is made manifest in the enthusiastic reports sent to the Grand Master by his representatives in the field. They received a cordial welcome wherever they went and found prosperity and

harmony reigning throughout the jurisdiction, while in the kindly fraternal intercourse of the assembly hall and the banquet room old friendships were strengthened and new ones formed among the zealous new-comers into our fold, who in the years to come will fill our places and carry forward the great work to which they have set their hands. But the social side should not be overemphasized, for there is a distinct business purpose which should be kept in view constantly. The visiting officials are expected among other things to give careful attention to the ritualistic work, to inspect the records if necessary, to consult with the officers about their local problems and give advice where desirable, as well as to inform the Grand Master in their reports of anything that in their estimation may contribute to the material prosperity of our Councils and advance the best interests of the Rite. The visits can thus be made of the greatest practical value to the subordinate bodies, and through the comprehensive mid-season reports of conditions throughout the state thus secured, the presiding officer is enabled to take prompt action where necessary and to present to the annual assembly a complete review of the year's work, with intelligent recommendations for needed legislation.

Adelphic Council, No. 7.

On February 3d the Rev. S. Wright Butler, our Grand Chaptain, attended an assembly of Adelphic Council, No. 7, as the representative of the Grand Master. Inaugurated at a time when the Rite in this State had not recovered from the calamities of the formative period, this historic old Council gave the most valuable services to the Rite, and the high standard then set has been maintained ever since. The Council is, therefore, deservedly rich in permanent members of the Grand Council, and there appears to have been some good natured rivalry among the distinguished Companions as to who should have the pleasure of presenting the visitor. The duty fell to R.·.I.·.J. Harris Balston, our Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, whose graceful announcement was followed by the eloquent welcome of Thrice Illustrious Companion Henry De Witt Hamilton, Master of the

Council. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were exemplified in full form and received the warm approbation of the official visitor. The refectory then held out its powerful lure to the Companions of Adelphic, and they unconditionally surrendered to its charms, taking their guests with them as hostages. T.·.I.·.Companion Hamilton had evidently secured some mitigation of the severity of the regulations concerning the mess hall, for it was long after the melancholy and unwelcome notes of "taps" had sounded that the gathering broke up and another pleasant evening was added to Adelphic's long list. Among the workers of the Rite present were: M.·.P.·.John W. Coburn; M.·.I.·.Frederick Kanter; R.·.I.·.J. Harris Balston, G. P. C. W.; R.·.I.·.Chas. T. Lunt, Gr. Rec.; Oliver H. LaBarre, G. St. B.; R.·.I.·.James Chambers, G. R.; R.·.I.·.Elias Whitney, G. R.; R.·.I.·.William Downs, G. R.; T.·.I.·.Frank P. Wiseburn and T.·.I.·.Warren H. Francis of Brooklyn, No. 4; T.·.I.·.M. D. Getty; T.·.I.·.J. Edward Murphy of Phoenix, No. 70; T.·.I.·. A. D. Slough, T.·.I.·.Charles H. Stoddard, T.·.I.·.Frank G. Stanley of Adelphic, No. 7.

Alpha Omega Council, No. 71.

The Grand Conductor of the Council, R.·.I.·.William H. Ellis, reports: "I made my official visit to Alpha Omega Council, No. 71, at Medina, N. Y., on the evening of Monday, May 27th. I was accompanied from Buffalo by the following: R.·.I.·. William J. Donaldson, Grand Rep. of the G. C. of South Carolina; R.·.I.·.Robert W. Wilson, Grand Rep. of the G. C. of Oregon; R.·.I.·.John H. Clark, Grand Rep. of the G. C. of Louisiana; R.·.I.·.William Shapleigh, Grand Rep. of the G. C. of Colorado, and T.·.I.·.Companions Burton A. Preish and Emerson, Past Masters of Bruce Council, No. 15, also Walter A. Fleming and Henry Post, Past Masters of Buffalo Council, and T.·.I.·.Master James R. Newman, Presiding Master of Buffalo Council, and M.·.I.·.Abram Oppenheimer, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, and M.·.I.·.George McGown of Palmyra Council, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council. I was welcomed into the Council by the T.·.I.·.Master, M.·.I.·.

George A. Newell and formally introduced to the Companions. The Super-Excellent Degree was conferred upon a class of twenty in full form by M.·.I.·.Companion Newell and his associates. Alpha Omega Council is in a very flourishing condition and cannot help being so under the inspiration of so zealous and faithful an exponent as Most Illustrious Companion Newell. Following the ceremonies a banquet was served."

Bloss Council, No. 14.

The Grand Steward, R.·.I.·.Eugene E. Hinman, made an official visit to this prosperous Council on April 5th. He reached Troy at 5 o'clock in response to an invitation to a dinner in his honor at the Elks' Club and found the council officers and a large number of Companions awaiting him. After the dinner the Companions entered the Secret Vault, where the official visitor was received as the representative of the Grand Master and cordially welcomed. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred on a class of ten candidates, the work showing very careful preparation. A most pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of jewels to two of the oldest Past Masters of the Council. There were many well known Companions present, among them being M.·.I.·.John P. Deal, Past Grand Master; R.·.I.·.Edward H. Lisk, Grand Marshal; R.·.I.·.Companions Peckham, Calhoun, Buchman, Hemingway, Duncan, Simpson and Crawford, Grand Representatives, and Thrice Ill.·. Companions Jones, Lewis, Homer, Webster, Leggett and Bailey.

Brooklyn Council, No. 4.

R.·.I.·.J. Harris Balston, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, was present in his official capacity as the representative of the Grand Master at the meeting of Brooklyn Council, No. 4, on May 18th. A large number of Companions were present and the degrees were conferred upon fifteen candidates, after which a special council of Super-Excellent Masters was opened and the degree was given to forty-six candidates who presented themselves. Companion Balston reports that this old Council is forging ahead very rapidly, its officers and members being deeply

interested in their work, and says that with the field it has to draw from should before long stand in the front rank as to membership. Among those present at the assembly were: R.˙.I.˙.Oliver H. LaBarre, Grand Standard Bearer; M.˙.I.˙. Companions Frederick Kanter and Charles Stewart, Past Grand Masters; R.˙.I.˙.Elias Whitney, Grand Representative of Connecticut; R.˙.I.˙.James Chambers, Grand Representative of Ohio; R.˙.I.˙.Moses D. Getty, Grand Representative of Vermont; R.˙.I.˙.Henry S. Colding, Grand Representative of Iowa near the Grand Council of Georgia; T.˙.I.˙.Companions Chauncey E. Goodrich, of Columbian Council, No. 1; John E. Murphy and J. Caleb Fisher, of Phoenix, No. 70, and Adolph C. Wenzel, Charles A. Tonsor, William H. Sutton, Alfred B. Conrad, Frank P. Wiseburn and Charles C. Rhodes, Past Masters of Brooklyn, No. 4.

Bruce Council, No. 15.

Owing to the illness of R.˙.I.˙.Edward H. Lisk, who was assigned to visit this Council, I requested the Grand Recorder to act as his substitute. He discharged his duty, but the hand of Death interposed ere he could send a formal report upon his visit. From other sources I hear the most encouraging reports of the interest of the members and officers of this Council in the work of the Rite and look forward with confidence to its continued prosperity.

Buffalo Council No. 17.

The serious illness of our Chaplain, R.˙.I.˙. and Rev. William A. Masker, prevented him from filling his assignment to King Solomon Council, No. 31, but upon his recovery he promptly got to work again, visiting Buffalo Council, No. 17, on Thursday, June 13th. He was welcomed on his arrival by M.˙.I.˙.A. Oppenheimer, Past Grand Master, and entertained at dinner at the Hotel Statler at which there were ten prominent Companions. The Grand Conductor of the Council, R.˙.I.˙.William H. Ellis, formally presented him at the assembly of the Council in the evening and he received a cordial fraternal welcome from R.˙.I.˙. James R. Newman, the Master, and witnessed the conferring of

the Super-Excellent Masters' degree on a class of sixty-six companions. The work was most effectively and beautifully rendered according to the revised ritual by a cast of characters which included R.˙.I.˙.Robert W. Wilson as Zedekiah, King of Judah; T.˙.I.˙.Walter A. Fleming as Gedeliah, Chief of the Princes; R.˙.I.˙.William J. Donaldson as Johilus, Prince and Companion of the King; R.˙.I.˙.William H. Ellis as Zephaniah, the Prophet; M.˙.I.˙.Fred. Ogden as Reader of Prologue; M.˙.I.˙.A. Oppenheimer as Zerrubabel, the Jewish leader; R.˙.I.˙.R. Kenneth Bickford as Nebuchadnezzar, King of Chaldeans; T.˙.I.˙.James R. Newman as Nebuzaradan, Commander of his Army, and T.˙.I.˙.Edgar C. Neal as Haggai, the Phophet. The official visitor expressed his sincere pleasure at having been chosen to visit the Council and congratulated it upon its prosperous condition and prospects. A banquet followed. Among the large number of Companions present were the following distinguished officers: M.˙.I.˙.George A. Newell, Grand Treasurer, R.˙.I.˙.George E. Hatch, Grand Captain of the Guard; R.˙.I.˙.William H. Ellis, Grand Conductor of the Council; R.˙.I.˙.Charles M. Colton, Grand Lecturer; M.˙.I.˙.A. Oppenheimer, Grand Trustee; M.˙.I.˙.Fred E. Ogden, Past Grand Master; R.˙.I.˙.Philip M. Nast, Jr., Grand Representative of Pennsylvania; R.˙.I.˙.John H. Clark, Grand Representative of Louisiana; R.˙.I.˙.Robert W. Wilson, Grand Representative of Oregon; R.˙.I.˙.William J. Donaldson, Grand Representative of South Carolina; R.˙.I.˙.R. Kenneth Bickford, Past Grand Representative of Lousiana; R.˙.I.˙.Charles S. Butler, Past Grand Lecturer; T.˙.I.˙.Companions William H. Cass, Past Master of Buffalo Council, No. 17; H. Jason Knapp, Edgar C. Neal, Henry Post, Peter Post, Walter A. Fleming, Past Masters of Buffalo Council, No. 17, and T.˙.I.˙.Companions Robert T. Walker and Elias Haffa, Past Masters of Keystone Council, No. 20, with its Master, T.˙.I.˙.T. P. C. Barnard.

Central City Council, No. 13.

On January 10th the Deputy Grand Master, Companion Greenland, installed the officers of this Council, being assisted by

the retiring Master, T.˙.I.˙.Lawrence Thompson and Frank Raymond, Chaplain.

On March 13th, R.˙.I.˙.J. Harris Balston, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, made his official visit to Central City Council, at Syracuse, the pleasure of which was greatly enhanced by the presence of many old friends who had gathered in his honor. He was present at a dinner at the Vanderbilt Hotel, given for him by the officers of the council, and was presented at the meeting following by the Grand Deputy Master, Herbert W. Greenland. His reception by the Thrice Illustrious Master, John P. Listman, and the companions was most hearty. If the unfortunate mortals who believe in the malign influence of the number 13 could have been present at this meeting their pet superstition would have been banished forever, for despite the fact that the Council bears this number and the date was the 13th there were seventy-two petitions received and acted upon and the degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred upon sixty-eight candidates. The delight of the inspecting officer at the manner in which the degrees were exemplified is made manifest in his report to the Grand Master. He said: "Every officer was proficient in the ritualistic work, the attention to every detail being marked; in fact, it was the most satisfactory conferring of the degrees I have ever witnessed." This is high praise from such a veteran as Companion Balston. A large number of well known workers were present, among them being R.˙.I.˙.George E. Hatch, Grand Captain of the Guard; R.˙.I.˙. Charles M. Colton, Grand Lecturer; M.˙.I.˙.Ralph C. Christiance, Past Grand Master; T.˙.I.˙.Levi H. Gates, Master, and delegation from King Hiram Council, No. 18, and the following Past Masters of Central City Council, No. 13; T.˙.I.˙.George B. Cathers, Henry A. MacGruer, Jerome L. Cheney and Lawrence Thompson. A happy social hour followed in the banquet hall.

Columbian Council, No. 1.

R.˙.I.˙.Oliver H. LaBarre, Grand Standard Bearer, was officially received by T.˙.I.˙.Harry W. Putnam, Master of Columbian Council, No. 1, at its stated assembly on the afternoon of

March 7th, in the Masonic Hall, New York, and received a cordial greeting from the Companions of this venerable Council, which within a fortnight will celebrate its 102d birthday. I had the pleasure of being present on this occasion and giving welcome to Companion La Barre, who found the Companions enthusiastic in their work and the Council in good condition. Among those present were: R.·.I.·.Companions Balston, Stivers, James Stewart and Masker, and T.·.I.·.Companions England, Fisher, Russell, Cawein, Goodrich and Dowers.

Corning Council, No. 53.

Companion Ellis makes the following report: "I made my official visit to Corning Council, No. 53, on Friday, March 22d. The occasion was made memorable by the celebration of its 41st anniversary and the revival of interest in Cryptic Rite Masonry which marks an epoch in the southern tier. It was only recently that the Council of the Cryptic Rite at Bath, N. Y., was revived under dispensation by our M.·.I.·.Grand Master, Martin Q. Good, and two of the Companions of Corning Council, its present T.·.I.·.Master, John Comosh, and Grand Representative Hugh Kendall, were personally interested in launching the new council. To this birthday celebration Bath Council sent a delegation of nine of its representative Companions and Southern Tier Council of Elmira sent a delegation of ten, led by its T.·.I.·.Master, Dr. Wilbur. Hornell Council was represented by R.·.I.·.Philip N. Nast and Wm. H. Prangen. The Royal and Select Masters' Degrees were conferred upon a class of ten, and there are nearly as many more waiting for degrees. Altogether the signs are very encouraging and it is very gratifying to report that the work was done "second to none" in any Council that I have visited. Their fame as hosts was sustained by a banquet at which R.·.I.·.Companion Hugh Kendall presided as Toast Master. Remarks were made by a number of the Companions of a congratulatory nature and letters of congratulation were received from M.·.I.·.Grand Master, Martin Q. Good, R.·.I.·. Companions H. W. Greenland, Geo. E. Hatch and E. E. Hinman, also from M.·.W.·.S. N. Sawyer, Past Grand Master of Masons

of the State of New York. List of Companions present at Corning Council, No. 53: R.·.I.·.Wm. E. Ellis, R.·.I.·.Robert W. Wilson of Buffalo, Fred W. Hastings, E. W. Daniels, C. W. Richardson, E. S. Shults, Roy S. Jones, Frank R. Rowe, A. B. DeGroat, E. A. Messerschmidt, H. W. Waldech of Bath, N. Y. and Dr. R. A. Wilbur, L. Laskans, Loren Fuguson, Wm. Metzgar, F. Tomlinson, W. S. Sawyer, Harry Tifton, Capt. Alex. Shaw, G. R. Hemenway and H. M. Lovell of Elmira, N. Y.

Cryptic Council, No. 37.

R.·.I.·.George E. Hatch, Grand Captain of the Guard, paid an official visit to Cryptic Council on Thursday evening, March 28th. His journey to Saratoga Springs was made pleasent by R.·.I.·.Companions Charles M. Colton and Eugene E. Hinman, who accompanied him. They were met at the station by M.·.I.·. Frank M. Adee, Past Grand Master, and a number of Companions and escorted to the Masonic Temple, where the official visitor was formally presented by Companion Adee and courteously welcomed by R.·.I.·.John Bennett, Master of the Council. The Super-Excellent Masters' degree was conferred on a large number of candidates in a manner which elicited the warm commendation of Companion Hatch, who was also much pleased with the new costumes used by the Council and the evident enthusiasm of the Companions in the work. The labors of the evening were brought to a pleasant end by an informal dinner, to which many distinguished brethren remained. Among those present were R.·.I.·.Charles M. Colton, Grand Lecturer; R.·.I.·. Eugene E. Hinman, Grand Steward; M.·.I.·.Frank M. Adee, Past Grand Master; R.·.I.·.Eugene G. Crawford, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Florida; R.·.I.·.Ernest L. Simpson, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Illinois; R.·.I.·.J. Marshall Colcord, Grand Representative of New Jersey; T.·.I.·.Ernest F. Horton, Master; William J. Williams, Deputy Master, and H. E. Sullivan, Recorder of Washington Council, No. 52; T.·.I.·.George F. Williamson, Master, and James A. Smith, Conductor, of St. George's Council, No. 74; R.·.I.·.Adelbert P. Knapp, T.·.I.·.Robert C. Fonda and T.·.I.·. Frank A. Cook, Past Masters of Cryptic Council, No. 37.

DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22.

R.·.I.·.Companion Hinman says in his report: "My last visit was made to my own Council, DeWitt Clinton, of Albany, where I acted for R.·.I.·.Companion Lisk, who through illness was unable to make the visit assigned to him. To the pleasure of acting for the Grand Master in my own home was added that of serving a Companion who has always given so freely of his time and strength when that strength permitted, and the Council sent an official communication to Companion Lisk expressing their great regret that he was unable to be present and hoping for a speedy return to health. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred on a large class in full form. This Council is using the new form for the Royal Masters degree, and it is greatly enjoyed. A most prosperous year has been passed, a large number have been received and greeted, the records are most carefully kept and the treasury is in a healthy condition." After the meeting more than three hundred companions assembled in the dining room and went from labor to refreshment.

Doric Council, No. 19.

R.·.I.·.Herbert W. Greenland, Deputy Grand Master, was royally received when he visited Doric Council, No. 19, at Rochester on Monday, March 25th. He was entertained at the Masonic Club at a dinner by the Companions of that large and loyal Council and met many distinguished craftsmen. At the assembly of Doric Council he was introduced by R.·.I.·.George E. Hatch, Grand Captain of the Guard, and welcomed by T.·.I.·. Thomas G. Young, the Master. The two degrees were conferred upon three candidates in a manner which showed careful training of the official staff, and the musical features of the evening were delightful. Companion Greenland found the organization in excellent shape, and says that great credit is due to the officers of the Council, to Past Grand Master Bradt and to the active members of the Grand Council, Companions Hatch, Colton and Schmidt. One portion of his report deeply impressed me.

He said: "It was also a great pleasure to meet the Recorder of Doric, Companion John Alexander, who is now serving his forty-fifth consecutive term as Recorder and his forty-eighth year as Secretary of Hamilton Chapter, No. 62, the largest in the state. Companion Alexander carries his eighty-four years with firm step and a clear mind. His records are a marvel of neatness, conciseness and fine penmanship and he is in every way an efficient Recorder." I take this opportunity of expressing my grateful appreciation as Grand Master of the services of this veteran of the Cryptic Rite. Among those present at the assembly were M.·.I.·.Willard S. Bradt, R.·.I.·.Companions George E. Hatch and Charles M. Colton, of the Grand Council staff; R.·.I.·.Emil H. Schmidt, Grand Representative of Iowa, and T.·.I.·.Companions Earl J. Neville and Sidney E. White, of Doric Council. At the close of the assembly the Companions, of whom there was a large number present, adjourned to the banquet hall.

Dunkirk Council, No. 25.

The Grand Steward, R.·.I.·.Eugene E. Hinman reported that he visited Dunkirk Council on the evening of May 1st. As there was no candidate present the officers requested him to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master for their instruction in the standard work. Companion Hinman says: "Although really outside of my province, as a line officer, I did intrude upon the domain of the Grand Lecturer and conferred the degrees in standard form." I think the Grand Lecturer, as well as the other members of the Grand Council, will join me in hearty approbation of this form of "intrusion," and I was more than pleased to know that such an efficient substitute for the Grand Lecturer was on the spot when his services were in demand. The finances of the Council were found in excellent condition and the records well kept. One of the most valuable characteristics of our Grand Steward is the practical view which he takes of things, and to this we are indebted for his report on the field from which our Companions in Dunkirk are enabled to draw. I agree with his conclusions that, with a very large number of Royal Arch Masons in the town and vicinity and with the Com-

mandery in a flourishing condition, Dunkirk Council has, with energetic work on the part of its members, every reason for looking forward to a prosperous future. A dinner followed the assembly.

Fulton Council—(U. D.)

Among the manifold activities of our Deputy Grand Master, Companion Greenland, during the year was a visit to Fulton Council (U. D.) By invitation, he attended a stated assembly on January 26th and saw the degrees conferred on five candidates. At that time the Council had twenty members and was making plans to increase the number before the meeting of the Grand Council. It had all of the arches, ranging from the completed ninth down to the base of the first and worked the degrees in full costume. The virile companions of this Council have even got the ladies enlisted in their cause, for the sisters of Elizabeth Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, entertained those present at the conclusion of the assembly at a fine banquet at the Masonic Club. Fulton Council starts with an enterprise that bids fair to ensure success, and I congratulate its officers and members on its bright prospects.

Hornellsville Council, No. 35.

R.·.I.·.J. Harris Balston, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, was present as the representative of the Grand Master at the assembly of Hornellsville Council, No. 35, on April 12th. He was met at the train by Companion Nast and passed the day very pleasantly in his company. At the meeting of the Council Companion Balston was greeted by fully 50 per cent of the membership and had the pleasure of seeing the degrees conferred on eleven candidates. The officers were well up in the ritualistic work and exemplified the degrees in an impressive manner. During the course of the evening Companion Balston presented to Companion Nast his commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania near this Grand Council, which so pleased the companions that a resolution of thanks was passed. The following were present and participated in the

banquet at the close of the Council: T.·.I.·.Companions Frank Donohue, J. H. Sprong and William H. Prangen, Past Masters of Hornellsville Council, No. 35, and T.·.I.·.E. E. Magee, Past Master of Corning Council, No. 53.

Jamestown Council, No. 32.

Owing to the illness of Companion Lisk, his place as official visitor was taken by Companion Ellis, who says: "Accompanied by R.·.I.·.Robert W. Wilson, I visited Jamestown Council, No. 32, on Thursday, May 16th, 1912. I was introduced into the Council by T.·.I.·.O. N. Rushworth and was cordially welcomed by the Master T.·.I.·.Joseph R. Rogers. Jamestown Council is in a very thriving condition, as the members of the Grand Council know from their very hospitable entertainment last summer. The Degrees of Royal and Select Master were exemplified in a very creditable manner, and after the banquet which followed, a splendid entertainment was given by members of the council in the rooms adjoining the lodge. It was my privilege to have constituted this Council three years ago and its progress is a matter of personal gratification."

King Hiram Council, No. 18.

R.·.I.·.Companion Herbert W. Greenland installed the officers of this Council on January 8th and made his official visit on March 11th. He was accompanied by Companions Edward Haun, Deputy Master, and George L. Amerman, of Central City Council, on the last named date, was presented to the Master by T.·.I.·.George F. Wills, a Past Master of Old King Hiram Council, and witnessed the conferring of the degrees. The ceremonial work, in his opinion, reflected great credit upon the Master, T.·.I.·.Levi S. Gates, and his corps of officers. Petitions for affiliation were accepted from two Companions of old King Hiram Council, which ceased its labors thirty years ago. Among those present were Companions R. F. Rosenow, and J. T. Crutchley, of Bloss Council, No. 14, and J. C. Beebe, of Hamilton Council, Meriden, Conn. The usual banquet followed the work of the evening.

King Solomon Council, No. 31.

On account of the illness of our Grand Chaplain, R.·.I.·. William A. Masker, I requested the Grand Recorder to act as his substitute in visiting King Solomon Council, No. 31. R.·.I.·. Companion Lunt was cordially received at the assembly of the Council held on Friday, March 22d, by the Thrice Illustrious Master, Companion John C. Welch. He was formally introduced by R.·.I.·. and Rev. S. Wright Butler, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council, and the Principal Conductor of the Work of King Solomon Council, and received with the grand honors. He found much to praise in the exemplification of the degrees, being especially pleased with the work of Companion Butler as Principal Conductor of the Work in the Royal Master's degree. In his address to the Council, Companion Lunt dwelt at some length upon the condition of the Rite in the state and the best and most practical means for increasing its membership and the importance of every Council doing its proportionate share in bringing about this desirable result. The Council then went from labor to refreshment and the Grand Recorder returned to the metropolis well satisfied with the condition of the Council, with the excellence of its work and the interest displayed in its affairs by the members.

Olean Council.

Although the Companions of Olean Council and the official visitor were unable to agree upon a date when they could meet in the assembly room, Companion Hatch visited Olean on May 29th and met Thrice Illustrious Companion Murdock, the Master, and a numbers of Companions. The Council is in good condition financially and, while it has problems to solve, our Grand Captain of the Guard takes an optimistic view of its prospects. I am greatly indebted to Companion Hatch for his visit.

Phoenix Council, No. 70.

On Monday evening, March 11th, Companion LaBarre was fraternally welcomed as the Grand Standard Bearer at an assembly of Phoenix Council in Mount Vernon. He was accom-

panied by M.·.I.·.Companion Kanter, R.·.I.·.Companion Lunt and T.·.I.·.Companions F. A. Spencer, Getty, Murphy, Peene, King, Kateley and Fisher. His official visit, however, did not end his association with the Council for the year, for at the May session he presented, as the representative of the Grand Master, a Commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Vermont near this Grand Council to T.·.I.·.Companion Moses D. Getty, of Phoenix, and at the June assembly had the honor to present to Companion Getty a Grand Council apron, a gift from the Companions of his Council. The Council passed a vote of thanks for the honor conferred upon it by the appointment. Companion LaBarre was unable to make another of his visits by being called as a juryman in the Supreme Court, but found time to make a number of unofficial visits, on which he found peace and harmony existing in the Councils.

Peekskill Council, No. 55.

When Companion Greenland visited Peekskill Council, No. 55, on May 13th, he was cordially welcomed in a finely decorated hall by a large number of Companions, including nearly all of the Past Masters of the Council. The opening ceremony was well conducted and the evening was then given over entirely to social intercourse. The Deputy Grand Master reports that this Council, though small in numbers, is in splendid condition and well officered, its Master being T.·.I.·.Fred A. Smith. Companion Greenland believes that it has a bright future. Among those present at the assembly were R.·.I.·.Companions Nicholas H. Freeland, Past Grand Captain of the Guard; Edmund C. Nation, Past Grand Representative of Illinois; Wilbur F. Wessels, the present Grand Representative from Illinois; George E. Briggs, Grand Representative of Indiana, and T.·.I.·.Companions John Halstead, Edward F. Hill, Henry P. Dain, Albert E. Phin, Lanning G. Roake and Charles E. Felton; also T.·.I.·.Companion John C. Welch, Master of King Solomon's Council, No. 31, of Poughkeepsie, who made a special trip to be present. The presence of Companion Briggs was particularly appreciated by the official visitor because he left a sick bed to honor the occasion.

Companion Greenland was taken through the beautiful and historic country around Peekskill by Companion Smith in his motor car, accompanied by Companion Nation, prior to the meeting. He concludes his report as follows: "This report covers the third and last of my official visits of the year. During my service as a grand officer I have made every visit assigned to me, nineteen in all, besides two (Columbian and Union) unofficially. I hope to have the pleasure of visiting the other Councils I have missed before I retire from active duties. The experience has been a delightful one to me, and I hope that I have learned something that may be put to the service of the Cryptic Rite." I think I voice the sentiment of the Grand Council in saying that this modest hope is justified in our opinion and that we look forward with pleasure to the continued services of our genial companion, with the firm belief that we shall be the gainers.

Southern Tier Council, No. 16.

R.·.I.·.William H. Ellis, Grand Conductor of the Council, reports as follows: "My visit to Southern Tier Council, No. 16, at Elmira, N. Y. on Monday, February 19th, 1912, was a very delightful one. I was met at the station at noon by Dr. Wilbur, the Thrice Illustrious Master, and escorted to the Hotel Rathburn where I was most hospitably entertained. At the assembly of Southern Tier Council, No. 16, in the evening I was formally presented to the Council and welcomed most heartily by the Master and Companions. This was the first work of the newly elected officers and they acquitted themselves well under trying circumstances. The officers in line are experienced men in ritual work and the future of this Council seems assured under their wise direction. Following the ceremonial in which seven new companions were greeted a repast was spread and the social hour was very delightful. The Thrice Illustrious Master of Corning Council, John Comosh, was present with two Companions and a cordial fraternal welcome was given them. He extended an invitation to them to be present upon the occasion of their reception of the official visitor on March 22d, 1912, and many

stated that they would be present. Companion Martin H. Blecher of Buffalo Council, No. 17, accompanied me on my trip."

St. George's Council, No. 74.

St. George's Council, No. 74, was officially visited on Tuesday, February 13th, by R.·.I.·.George E. Hatch, Grand Captain of the Guard. Thrice Illustrious Companion George Williamson, Master of the Council, met him at the train and escorted him to the Mohawk Golf Club, where a dinner was given in his honor, at which were present a number of distinguished Companions and the officers of the Council. At the assembly of the Council he was formally introduced by Past T.·.I.·.Companion Ernest L. Simpson and cordially welcomed by the Master. Companion Hatch addressed the Council and then, on behalf of the Grand Master, presented to Companion Simpson his commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of the State of Illinois near the Grand Council of the State of New York. R.·.I.·. Companion Simpson made a graceful response in expressing his appreciation of the honor. Companion Hatch highly praises the ritualistic work of this Council and found it in a high state of prosperity. He says in his report to the Grand Master: "Although little more than a year old, St. George's Council already has a membership of over two hundred, is conferring the degrees in a manner not excelled by any other Council and manifesting an interest in Cryptic Masonry which assures a successful future. Surely the Grand Council is to be congratulated on having added St. George's Council to its roll." At the banquet following the meeting addresses were made by a number of distinguished companions. Among those present were R.·.I.·. Eugene E. Hinman, Grand Steward; M.·.I.·.Frank M. Adee, Past Grand Master; R.·.I.·.Marshall F. Hemingway, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Rhode Island, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M.; R.·.I.·.Eugene G. Crawford, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Florida; T.·.I.·.L. K. Maylander, Master of Johnstown Council, No. 72; Past T.·.I.·.Ensign S. Homer, of Bloss Council, No.

14, and Past T.·.I.·.E. M. Barringer, of Johnstown Council, No. 72.

Union Council, No. 2.

The Grand Steward was officially received in the east of the ninth arch at an assembly of Union Council, No. 2, of New York City, on May 11th. He arrived in the city in the afternoon and was entertained at dinner by the officers of the Council and at the appointed hour was officially received at the assembly. The officers conferred the degrees in splendid form, using the newly authorized work in the Royal degree, which was greatly praised. A class of over thirty was greeted. The Council was found to be in a most flourishing condition in every respect. Among those present were: R.·.I.·.Companions Balston, Hatch and LaBarre, of the Grand Council staff; M.·.I.·.Companion Kanter, P. G. M.; R.·.I.·.Companions Stivers, Stewart and Duncan, Past Grand Representatives, and T.·.I.·.Companions Getty, Fisher, Clernand, Murphy, England and Lang, Past Masters.

CONCLUSION.

This completes my review of the year's work. We have met with disappointment at times when some of our projects have failed of realization, but this accompanies all human endeavor, and has been more than counterbalanced by the advance made and the cheering prospect for the future, about which I am most optimistic. The Grand Council has gone forward, and will continue to do so. In closing, it is with a full heart that I acknowledge my great obligation to the officers and members of the Grand Council who have by their zealous service to the Rite, their unselfish devotion of time and talents, materially lightened my labors and upheld the high standards of the order. They have my hearty thanks now; it shall be my privilege and pleasure to assist them in the future in any way possible. Illustrious Companions, the business of the Grand Council awaits your pleasure.

MARTIN Q. GOOD,
Grand Master.

On motion, the Address was referred to a Committee consisting of Companions GEORGE E. BRIGGS, THOMAS G. YOUNG and LEVI S. GATES, for subdivision and reference.

Grand Treasurer's Report

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

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.

1911.			
Aug. 22.	Balance on hand, per last report		$1,331.49
	Received from Chas. T. Lunt, Grand Recorder		1,259.50
1912.			
July 25.	" " John J. Dowers, " "		1,000.00
Aug. 23.	" " interest		10.68
26.	" " John J. Dowers, Grand Recorder		1,328.00
			$4,929.67

DISBURSEMENTS.

1911.					
Aug. 22.	Paid Warrant No.	106.	W. L. Lloyd, Gr. Master		$20.00
	" " "	107.	Refreshments		103.24
	" " "	109.	Pay of Representatives		997.42
	" " "	110.	Grand Sentinel		10.00
	" " "	111.	Masonic Standard		50.00
	" " "	112.	Grand Treasurer		10.00
	" " "	113.	John W. Coburn		100.00
	" " "	114.	Masonic Temple, Jamestown		20.00
	" " "	115.	Music		20.50
28.	" " "	108.	Grand Lecturer's Expenses		90.00
31.	" " "	105.	Grand Recorder's Expenses		154.62
Sept. 5.	" " "	116.	Gen'l Grand Master's Expenses		13.75

Dec.	6.	Paid	Warrant	No.	117.	W. T. Bather, Portrait	100.00
	11.	"	"	"	118.	Teutonia Printing Co., Printing ...	55.91
	18.	"	"	"	120.	E. H. Lisk, Printing Proceedings,	361.45
	23.	"	"	"	121.	Gen'l Gr. Council Fees	118.70
1912.							
Feb'y	15.	"	"	"	119.	C. G. Braxmar Co., Aprons, etc.....	34.40
July	2.	"	"	"	122.	John Geyer, Design	5.00
		"	"	"	123.	Teutonia Printing Co., Printing ...	75.00
		"	"	"	124.	Teutonia Printing Co., Printing ...	5.00
		"	"	"	125.	Teutonia Printing Co., Expressage,	.80
		"	"	"	126.	Montross & Clark Co., Stationery..	72.21
		"	"	"	127.	Martin Q. Good, Postals, Floor Rent	20.40
		"	"	"	128.	Martin Q. Good, Printing and Expressage	12.90
		"	"	"	129.	Martin Q. Good, Bond and Insurance	10.83
	24.	"	"	"	130.	Buffalo Fin. Office, New Bond	7.50
							2,469.63
	27.	Balance on hand.....					$2,460.04

I do further report that I have in my possession Passbooks No. 153,812 of the East Side Savings Bank, No. 105,888 of the Irving Savings Institution, both of New York City, and No. 360,056 of the Erie County Savings Bank of Buffalo, showing to the credit of the Grand Council the sums of $2,691.39, $2,707.12 and $535.90, respectively.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. NEWELL,

Grand Treasurer.

August 27, 1912.

Grand Recorder's Report

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

To the Grand Council of R.·.and S.·.M.·.
of the State of New York.

Illustrious Companions:

I have the honor to respectfully submit the following report:

The receipts for the current year have been as follows—

For dues to June 30, 1912	$3,481.50
Dispensation, Bath Council	20.00
Affixing seal of Grand Council	.50
	$3,502.00

The full amount for dues received by me, $3,481.50, has been paid to the Grand Treasurer and duly receipted for; the fifty cents for affixing the seal of the Grand Council was received in stamps and charged against the stationery and postage account of the Grand Council, and the $20 received by the late Charles T. Lunt for the dispensation fee of Bath Council is charged against his estate and is in the hands of counsel for collection.

The membership figures present some interesting facts for your consideration. They are as follows:

Registered in 1910-11		5,935
Companions received and greeted during year	508	
Companions affiliated during year	22	
Companions restored during year	19	
		549
		6,484
Companions suspended during year	64	
Companions dimitted during year	54	
Companions died during year	89	
		207
Making a total registered membership of		6,277

Our genial hosts, the members of Central City Council, No. 13, have the honor of recording the largest increase in membership during the year, having greeted 76 companions, restored 1 and had 1 affiliation.

The net gain during the year by all of the Councils was 342, which should prove encouraging to the members of the Rite. Personally, I am most optimistic of the future and believe that the prospects of our Order are most encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. DOWERS,
Grand Recorder.

Trustees' Report

The Trustees of the Permanent Fund submitted the following Report, which, on motion, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Syracuse, N. Y., August 27th, 1912.

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

Illustrious Companions:

The Trustees of the Permanent Fund report as follows:

Total assets as reported August 22, 1911	$5,716.83
July 1, 1912, one year's interest	217.58
Total assets	$5,934.41

The above named funds are deposited in Savings Banks as follows:

East River Savings Institution, New York City	$2,691.39
Irving Savings Institution, New York City	2,707.12
Erie County Savings Bank, Buffalo, N. Y.	535.90
Total	$5,934.41

The Savings Bank Books are in the custody of the Grand Treasurer. The bond of the Grand Treasurer has been renewed and is held by the Trustees.

Fraternally submitted,

HARWOOD DUDLEY,
A. OPPENHEIMER,
JOHN P. DEAL,
Trustees.

Committees Appointed

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

JOHN J. DOWERS, JAMES CHAMBERS,
JOSEPH R. ROGERS.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

GEORGE MCGOWN, HENRY D. KING,
PHILIP M. NAST, JR.

CONSTITUTION AND LAW.

JOHN W. COBURN, A. OPPENHEIMER,
WILLARD S. BRADT.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

FRED. S. OGDEN, HENRY D. HAMILTON,
JOHN P. LISTMAN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

FREDERICK KANTER, L. P. MAYLENDER, JR.
JOHN COMOSH.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE, JOHN C. WELCH,
ROBERT A. WILBUR.

Companion CHARLES C. HUNT was appointed the Official Reporter of this Grand Assembly.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Chairman M.·.P.·.JOHN W. COBURN, and on motion, was received and ordered printed and incorporated in the issue of the Annual Proceedings of 1912.

On motion, special permission was given the Standing Committees to continue their work during the sitting of the Grand Council.

Expression of Sympathy

The following, offered by M.·.Ill.·.ABRAHAM OPPENHEIMER, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sympathy of the Grand Council of the State of New York, now in session at Syracuse, be expressed by a telegram to M.·.Ill.·.JONH P. DEAL, Past Grand Master, to be forwarded to him at the Samaritan Hospital, Troy, N. Y., where he now lies sick under the doctor's care, trusting that our sympathy will cheer him through his enforced illness, with the hope of his speedy recovery to perfect health.

The following telegram was sent:

Syracuse, N. Y., August 27, 1912.

JOHN P. DEAL,

Samaritan Hospital, Troy, N. Y.

The Grand Council in session, deeply regrets your inability to be present, and earnestly hopes that you may be speedily restored to health and strength. With best wishes of all our members.

JOHN J. DOWERS,
Grand Recorder.

The following reply was received:

Troy, N. Y., August 27, 1912.

JOHN J. DOWERS, Grand Recorder,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Appreciate the Grand Council's telegram of sympathy. Am resting comfortably and am assured of an early recovery. Though absent, I am with you at heart.

JOHN P. DEAL.

Time Set for Election

On motion, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made a special order of business for the afternoon session, at 2.30 o'clock.

T.·.Ill.·.Companion JOHN P. LISTMAN of Central City Council, No. 13, addressed the Grand Council, extending to the Companions a cordial welcome to Syracuse.

Report of the Committee on Credentials and Returns

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

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:

Adelphic, No. 7	Henry D. Hamilton	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Alph-Omega, No. 71	George A. Newell	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Bath (U. D.)	———	———
Bloss, No. 14	Harry A. Sheldon	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Brooklyn, No. 4	Henry D. King	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Bruce, No. 15	Robert E. Emerson	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Buffalo, No. 17	James R. Newman	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Central City, No. 13	John P. Listmann	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Columbian, No. 1	Harry W. Putman	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Corning, No. 53	John Comosh	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Cryptic, No. 37	John Bennett	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Doric, No. 19	Thomas G. Young	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Dunkirk, No. 25	(Not represented.)	
DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	W. E. Bailey	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Fulton (U. D.)	F. W. Snyder	D. M.
Hornellsville, No. 35	Philip M. Nast, Jr	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Jamestown, No. 32	Joseph R. Rogers	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Johnstown, No. 72	L. K. Maylender, Jr	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Keystone, No. 20	T. P. C. Barnard	T.·.I.·.M.·.
King Hiram, No. 18	Thomas G. Young	T.·.I.·.M.·.
King Solomon, No. 31	John C. Welch	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Olean, No. 33	J. G. Murdock	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Palmyra, No. 26	John E. DeVoist	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Peekskill, No. 55	Geo. E. Briggs, proxy for	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Phœnix, No. 70	Paul Hertwig, proxy for	T.·.I.·.M.·.
Southern Tier, No. 16	Robert N. Wilbur	T.·.I.·.M.·.

St. George's, No. 74.....George F. Williamson ...T.·.I.·.M.·.
Union, No. 2.....Frank A. Spencer.....T.·.I.·.M.·.
Washington, No. 52.....Ernest T. Horton.....T.·.I.·.M.·.

JOHN J. DOWERS,
JAMES CHAMBERS,
JOSEPH R. ROGERS,
} *Committee.*

Intermission

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Council was called to order at 2 o'clock. Officers and Representatives as at the morning session.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Election of Officers

The time fixed by special order for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Master appointed as tellers, R.·.Ill.·.Companion ELIAS WHITNEY and Ill.·.Companions HENRY D. KING and GEORGE F. WILLIAMSON, and the

Grand Council proceeded to the election, M.·.P.·.JOHN W. COBURN presiding, with the following result:

HERBERT W. GREENLAND	Elected	Grand Master.
J. HARRIS BALSTON	"	Deputy Grand Master.
GEORGE EDWARD HATCH	"	Grand P. C. of the Work.
GEORGE A. NEWELL	"	Grand Treasurer.
MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY	"	Grand Recorder.
WILLIAM H. ELLIS	"	Grand Capt. of the Guard.
EDWARD H. LISK	"	Grand Con. of the Council.
OLIVER H. LABARRE	"	Grand Marshal.
EUGENE E. HINMAN	"	Grand Standard Bearer.
JAMES CHAMBERS	"	Grand Steward.
CHARLES M. COLTON	"	Grand Lecturer.
HARWOOD DUDLEY	"	Grand Trustee for 3 years.

The tellers were then discharged with the thanks of the Grand Council.

The Grand Master elect appointed:

Rev. Companion J. WRIGHT BUTLER.....Grand Chaplain
Rev. Companion WM. A. MASKER.....Grand Chaplain.
Companion JOSEPH TITUS.....Grand Sentinel

Also the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year:

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

J. HARRIS BALSTON, D. G. M.
GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, G. P. C. W. WM. H. ELLIS, G. C. G.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

JOHN W. COBURN
OSSIAN LANG JOHN C. WELCH

PRINTING.

MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY, Grand Recorder

FRATERNAL DEAD.

REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER
REV. WILLIAM A. MASKER ELIAS WHITNEY

Report of Special Committee on Grand Master's Address

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

To the Grand Council of R.·.and S.·.M.·.
of the State of New York.

Companions:

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of M.·.Ill.·.Martin Q. Good for subdivision and reference to the proper committees, respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That so much as relates to our fraternal dead be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

2. That so much as refers to decisions be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

3. That so much as refers to the standing of Council members when suspended in Chapters, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

4. That so much as refers to dispensations and charters be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensation.

5. That so much as refers to the office of the Grand Recorder and its equipment be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

6. That so much as refers to more time for the Annual Assemblies be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

7. That so much as refers to waivers of jurisdiction be approved.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. BRIGGS,
LEVI S. GATES,
THOMAS G. YOUNG,
} *Committee.*

Report of the Grand Lecturer

To the Grand Council of R.·.and S.·.M.·.
of the State of New York.

Your Grand Lecturer submits the following as his annual report:

At the very outset I want to say a word in regard to my own idea of the work and duties of the Grand Lecturer. Because of the fact that the Councils are so scattered, that no two of them are very near each other, the work of the Grand Lecturer of this body must be somewhat different from the same officer in other Grand Bodies. I think that in his work of instruction the Grand Lecturer should visit a reasonable number of local Councils every year, and through this visitation become a sort of clearing house of good ideas in the work of the Cryptic degrees. What I mean by that is this: In a visit to a local Council the Grand Lecturer should be as attentive to pick up some new and good and perhaps original idea in the work of that Council as to correct any faults or irregularities he may find in their work, and then pass this idea on to other Councils. In this way not only will the work be kept up to the required standard, but many of those little things and good things which are often to be found not only in the large and successful Council, but often at unexpected places, may be passed on to all.

During the past year I have made a few official and a number of unofficial visits to Councils of the State, but have not made as many as I otherwise would, had it not been for the the very efficient work of my predecssor in office, and the fact that he had during his incumbency of the office visited most all of the Councils and very carefully and thoroughly instructed them in the standard work.

I think that most of the Councils which have tried the optional work in the degree of Royal Master find it to be an improvement over the old work, and I would suggest that those Councils which have not as yet tried this work do so during the coming year.

The work of the degree of Super Excellent Master as provided in our present ritual is one of the most interesting and in-

structive in the entire Masonic system, and affords opportunity for the display of the highest form of dramatic ability. Fortunately many of our Councils have in their membership Companions who are able to do justice to this work. I think that the Councils which are now conferring this work in full form are to be highly commended, and I hope that every Council in the State will try at least, once during every year, to put on this degree in full form. The results to be obtained are well worth the effort that must be put forth.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Companions who so generously conferred on me last year the honor of an election to the office of Grand Lecturer.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. COLTON,
Grand Lecturer.

Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council "Royal and Select Masters" in session at Syracuse, New York, August the 27th, 1912:

Your Committee on "Our Fraternal Dead" beg leave to make the following report:

While Death has been named "The King of Terrors—and the Terror of Kings," in that neither majesty, nor might, nor munificence, nor multitude, nor mental attainment, can evade its sovereignty. Although it has leveled in the humiliation of the grave the Titans of the ages, who have made the storied past the arena of their historic achievements, yet we, Companions of the Cryptic Rite, recognize, with our illustrious founder, Solomon, King of Israel, that there is another force in time, the equal of the power of death, as he sang in his Canticle, the eighth chapter and sixth verse: "Love is strong *as* death."

This mortuary memorial, prepared by your appointing, witnesses and gives added strength to his pensive phrase so that of *it* we may amendingly say, "Love is *stronger* than death;" and our faith sings with a song-writer of our own time,

"That Truth to flesh and sense unknown
That *Life* is ever *lord* of Death
And *Love* can never lose its own."

Because "Life *is* ever lord of Death" this Grand Council pauses in its deliberations for the good of its *living fraters* to reflect upon the undying virtues of their "Fraternal Dead."

And this unfailing annual act of yours is in spirit and attitude divine and Godlike, for the Messiah, master of two milleniums of Christian civilization, the "greater than Solomon," said, "God is not God of the dead but of the *living,* for *all live unto* Him." So this report aims to make live again upon this Council floor, for the hour at least, those who have passed from our outward seeing into the shining seclusion of the Ninth Arch to look upon the "King in His beauty" and whose names we yet enroll as "Our Fraternal Dead."

We reread their names, their titles, recall their deeds and comradeship and so to us who hold the faith of Adoniram and Hiram and Solomon, they *live* again and are recognized as gathered here with us, in their spirits, though their forms are afar, prone beneath the sun-kissed grasses of the waning summer.

To our memories, as to King Solomon's Greater Father, singing *his* sorrow over the death of Israel's first king and his beloved Companion Jonathan, so of ours, say "They were beautiful in their lives, and in death we will not consentingly be divided," although the never repassable cloister of the grave bars their return.

Our *actual* reunion will be when, as David said of his departed:

"We shall go to them" for
"Faith will dream and hope will trust
Since He who knows our needs is just,
That somewhere, somehow meet we must."

Indebted to another department of this Council's records, your Committee is released from making a roll of the necrology of the year past. The names of our Companions departed are in the "Lamb's Book of Life," and will be inscribed in the printed proceedings of this session of this Grand Council.

Each name awakening tender memories in the several Councils, Chapters, Orders and Lodges they adorned in membership; each best loved and most deeply lamented where best locally known.

Yet, without invidiousness or preference, your Committee cannot forbear emphasis upon *one,* because his going was such a seeming calamity to each Subordinate Council and such a smiting to this Grand Body. We refer to the bolt out of the black which laid low our *recording* angel for half a decade past:

The name of CHARLES T. LUNT is a synonym for our inexpressible appreciation of the excellence of administration of his official duties, and of our sorrow at our loss. The sympathies of this Grand Body are hereby extended to his immediate family—to all Councils of our jurisdiction, and especially to our Grand Master, whose administration necessarily must have been rudely enmeshed in embarassments by the sudden striking down of his efficient emanuensis.

So, in the spirit of our appointment by you, we invite you to take the retrospective look upon our departed Companion, whom we shall see no more until the "Morning breaketh and the night shadows flee away."

Then will the broken triangle be rewelded, flawless and firm, at that immortal reunion from which "they go out no more forever;" in that inner chamber of that "indissoluble lodge on high," toward which we are all looking with eyes holden now, but where anon "We shall see as we are seen and know as we are known."

With the light of this faith beaming upon us, "Oh, death where is thy sting," or grave *thy* victory? And we present you this memorial, not as a *dirge* for "Our Fraternal Dead," but an amaranth for our eternally *living.*

Hereby, Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions, we now submit our report, enjoining upon each Companion as he goes out from this Council session to cultivate the confident consciousness that if either of us return no more to future assemblies, yet we will not cease to be regarded. That our associations, our services, our influences in the rite, the Grand

Council of R.·.& S.·.M.·.of the Empire State will not overlook, nor forget, "as a dream is forgotten when one awaketh," but in the annual report on "Our Fraternal Dead," *well if I die it will be buried there.*

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

S. WRIGHT BUTLER,
W. A. MASKER,
E. WHITNEY,
} *Committee.*

Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business

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

To the Grand Council of R.·.and S.·.M.·.
of the State of New York.

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully reports that there is no unfinished business to bring before the Grand Council.

FREDERICK KANTER,
JOHN COMOSH,
LOUIS K. MAYLENDER, Jr.,
} *Committee.*

Report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances

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

To the Grand Council of R.·.and S.·.M.·.
of the State of New York.

Companions:

In the absence of any grievance or appeal upon which to act, your Committee, appointed for that purpose, desire to congratulate the Grand Council upon the perfect harmony and unanimity that prevails in this Grand Jurisdiction.

FRED E. OGDEN,
HENRY DeWITT HAMILTON,
JOHN P. LISTMAN,
} *Committee.*

Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations

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

To the Grand Council of R.·.and S.·.M.·.
of the State of New York.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred an application from Fulton Chapter U.·.D.·.for a Charter, respectfully report that they have examined the books and papers submitted by the applicants and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Companions Ernest A. Putnam, as T.·.Ill.·.Master; Fred W. Snyder, as Deputy Master, and Edgar J. Penfield, as Principal Conductor of the Work, and their associates, empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in the city of Fulton, to be known as Fulton Council, No. 50.

In the matter of Bath Council U.·.D.·.it is recommended that the informal roll, possibly intended as an application for a Charter, be referred to the incoming Grand Master with power, in his discretion, to continue the Dispensation for another year.

GEORGE McGOWN,
HENRY D. KING,
PHILIP M. NAST, Jr.,
} *Committee.*

Report of the Committee on Finance and Accounts

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

To the Grand Council of R.·.and S.·.M.·.
of the State of New York.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and R.·.Ill.·.John J. Dowers, as Grand Recorder, and find that same agree and are correct.

Your Committee recommends the payment of the following amounts:

Pay of Grand Representatives at this Grand Assembly	$666.07
Grand Sentinel	10.00
Masonic Standard—Grand Council card	50.00
Entertainment of Representatives	75.00
Martin Q. Good, expenses as Grand Master	20.00
Grand Treasurer's expenses for year	10.00
John W. Coburn, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence	100.00
Grand Lecturer's expenses for year	25.00
Music at this Assembly (Geo. E. Pabst)	20.00

We also recommend that the Committee on Printing be authorized to print 600 copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Assembly, and that the Grand Recorder draw a warrant for the cost of the same.

We recommend that the Grand Recorder draw a warrant for the payment of the annual dues of this Grand Council to the General Grand Council of the United States of America.

We recommend that the sum of $500.00 be appropriated as the salary of the Grand Recorder for the ensuing year, to be paid to him in quarterly payments, should he so elect.

We recommend that the expenses of entertaining the General Grand Officers and the Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions be paid upon the presentation of a bill approved by the Grand Master.

We recommend that a sum, not exceeding $150.00 be appropriated for the annual expenses of the Grand Lecturer.

We have carefully examined the report of the Trustees and find the sums named therein to be on deposit in the East River Savings Institution, the Irving Savings Institution and the Erie County Savings Bank, as shown by the examination of the pass books of said banks.

We recommend that a Committee be appointed to examine the accounts of our late Grand Recorder CHARLES T. LUNT and report at the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council.

We recommend that a vote of thanks be extended to Central City Council for their kindness in extending the use of their room for this Grand Assembly.

MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY,
JAMES CHAMBERS,
CHARLES L. MYERS,
} *Committee.*

Special Committee

In connection with the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and Accounts, the Grand Master appointed the following Committee to investigate the affairs of the late Grand Recorder, CHARLES T. LUNT:

J. HARRIS BALSTON,

HENRY D. KING, JOHN J. DOWERS,

BENNO LOEWY, Legal Advisor to Committee.

Report of Committee on Time and Place

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

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

Your Committee on Time and Place of Meeting would respectfully recommend that the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council be held at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on the 25th and 26th days of August, 1913.

R. C. CHRISTIANCE,
JOHN C. WELCH,
ROBERT A. WILBUR,
} *Committee.*

Supplemental Report of Committee on Finance and Accounts

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

To the Grand Council of R.·.and S.·.M.·.
of the State of New York.

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts, to whom was referred the recommendations of the Grand Master regarding an office for the Grand Recorder, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that a sum not exceeding $250 be appropriated for the rental of an office for the Grand Recorder, and that the sum of $100 be appropriated for the equipment of the same.

MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY,
JAMES CHAMBERS,
CHARLES L. MYERS,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws

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

To the Grand Council of R.·.and S.·.M.·.
of the State of New York.

Your Committee on Constitution and Laws, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Master, most respectfully report that it is the sense of this Committee that the decisions appear to be in accordance with our laws, but as the time was inadequate to give them the proper consideration, we desire to make a final report at the next Annual Assembly.

JOHN W. COBURN,
ABRAHAM OPPENHEIMER,
WILLARD S. BRADT,
Committee.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were adopted:

That the Grand Recorder be bonded in the sum of $2,500.00 in a surety company to be approved by the Grand Master, the Grand Council to pay the premium on said bond.

That the sum of $100 be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Grand Master in attending the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, at Indianapolis, Ind., September 9 and 10, 1912.

That the Grand Trustees be empowered to procure a new apron for the Grand Steward.

That the Grand Marshal be empowered to have the baton of his office repaired.

That the Committee on Rituals be empowered to amend the installation ceremonies.

That the portrait of the retiring Grand Master, M.·.Ill.·. MARTIN Q. GOOD, be engraved and placed in the Annual Proceedings of this Grand Assembly.

Installation of Officers

The Grand Officers, elected and appointed, with the exception of the Grand Sentinel, were duly installed by M.·.P.·.JOHN W. COBURN, assisted by M.·.Ill.·.FREDERICK KANTER as Grand Marshal.

Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks was extended to the officers and members of Central City Council, No. 13, for the very generous hospitality extended to the members of the Grand Council, the splendid entertainments furnished and their untiring efforts to make this Grand Assembly one long to be remembered with great pleasure.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to M.·.Ill.·.MARTIN Q. GOOD, the retiring Grand Master, for his admirable and exceedingly commendable administration.

R.·.Ill.·.JOHN J. DOWERS, who so admirably filled the office of Grand Recorder, following the death of Grand Recorder CHARLES T. LUNT, was given a vote of thanks for his splendid work in taking up the affairs of the office where they were left by Companion LUNT and for the able manner in which he discharged his duties.

Closing

No further business appearing, these minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Council closed in Ample Form.

HERBERT W. GREENLAND,

Grand Master.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS STATE OF NEW YORK

Attest:

Marshall J. Hemingway

Grand Recorder.

Appendix

Statistics

IN MEMORIAM

Deaths reported to the Grand Council for the year 1912.

Brooklyn, No. 4.....	Comp.	Francis H. Stillman	Died	Feb.	18, 1912
Adelphic, No. 7.....	"	Geo. W. Winterburn....	"	Nov.	19, 1911
" "	"	J. Howard Wainwright..	"	Dec.	29, 1911
" "	"	John B. Lotz.....	"	Dec.	8, 1911
" "	"	Elias Feinberg	"	March	16, 1912
" "	"	Arthur W. Mundorff....	"	April	11, 1912
" "	"	Charles T. Lunt.....	"	April	22, 1912
" "	"	George D. Payne	"	April	25, 1912
" "	"	John J. L. MacLean	"	April	29, 1912
Central City, No. 13	"	Theodore M. Barber	"	July	2, 1911
" "	"	Moses P. Powers.....	"	Sept.,	1911
" "	"	William H. Haberle	"	Sept.,	1911
" "	"	Abel Gay Cook.....	"	Oct.	22, 1911
" "	"	Saul R. Lavine.....	"	Oct.,	1911
" "	"	Wardener H. Eggleston.	"	April	11, 1912
" "	"	Frederick C. Wilkie.....	"	April	28, 1912
" "	"	William A. Sharp.....	"	April	30, 1912
Bloss, No. 14.....	"	Stephen F. Wood.....	"	Feb.	1, 1911
" "	"	William R. Woodbridge.	"	March	28, 1911
" "	"	Irving S. Freeman	"	Aug.	6, 1911
" "	"	William Lee	"	Oct.	16, 1911
" "	"	Edward Edwards, Jr....	"	Oct.	25, 1911
" "	"	George Burch	"	Nov.	4, 1911
" "	"	John Gow	"	Nov.	24, 1911
" "	"	John S. Kilby	"	Jan.	2, 1912
" "	"	Charles Teson	"	Feb.	19, 1912
" "	"	Edward W. Wood.....	"	April	3, 1912
" "	"	Spencer Neemes	"	April	28, 1912
" "	"	Thomas S. Hoyt.....	"	May	12, 1912
" "	"	George H. Morrison....	"	May	26, 1912
" "	"	James McChesney	"	June	4, 1912
" "	"	Charles E. Dusenberry..	"	June	25, 1912
" "	"	George C. Dowsland....	"	July	25, 1912
Bruce, No. 15.....	"	Albert I. Knowles	"	Jan.	19, 1912
" "	"	Cyrus D. Ormiston.....	"	June	7, 1912
Southern Tier, No. 16	"	John Mont Tillman.....	"	Nov.	8, 1911
" "	"	DeWitt C. Brown	"	April	7, 1912
" "	"	George E. Davis	"	April	20, 1912
Buffalo, No. 17.....	"	Wilson H. Pixley	"	Sept.	24, 1911
" "	"	Leonard Dodge	"	Dec.	12, 1911
" "	"	Samuel P. Lewis	"	June	10, 1912
" "	"	Charles H. Avery	"	June	24, 1912
Doric, No. 19.....	"	Chauncey M. Fisk.....	"	Aug.	29, 1911
" "	"	George B. Watkins.....	"	Oct.	24, 1911
" "	"	Fred J. Hawkins	"	April	11, 1911

Keystone, No. 20....	Comp.	Cornelius R. Eldridge..	Died	July	11, 1911
" "	"	William C. Phelps.....	"	Aug.	27, 1911
" "	"	George D. Campbell....	"	March	8, 1912
" "	"	George E. Burrows.....	"	May	16, 1912
" "	"	John J. McWilliams	"	June	11, 1912
DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	"	D. S. Witbeck	"	Feb.	4, 1911
" "	"	James W. Morange.....	"	July	20, 1911
" "	"	James H. Murphy	"	July	24, 1911
" "	"	Norman Mendelson	"	July	27, 1911
" "	"	E. C. Sherlock	"	July	27, 1911
" "	"	Asher Cook, Jr.....	"	Aug.	5, 1911
" "	"	Fred Martin.....	"	Aug.	18, 1911
" "	"	A. W. Hines.....	"	Aug.	19, 1911
" "	"	C. W. Starker.....	"	Aug.	27, 1911
" "	"	George W. Brainerd....	"	Oct.	27, 1911
" "	"	Harry A. Grey.....	"	Jan.	22, 1912
" "	"	George A. Robe	"	Feb.	4, 1912
" "	"	Charles A. Hudson	"	Feb.	4, 1912
" "	"	James H. Kelly.....	"	Feb.	22, 1912
" "	"	T. R. Cowlbeck.....	"	Feb.	29, 1912
" "	"	Henry Beardsley	"	May	26, 1912
" "	"	William L. Yates, Sr...	"	June	14, 1912
Dunkirk, No. 25.....	"	Edward Fellows.....	"	July	5, 1911
Palmyra, No. 26.....	"	Samuel P. Nichols	"	Aug.	14, 1911
" "	"	Charles C. Field.....	"	June	14, 1912
King Solomon, No. 31	"	Milton D. Seymour.....	"	March	20, 1911
" "	"	Robert M. Taggart	"	Jan.	23, 1912
" "	"	Leonard Maltise	"	Feb.	2, 1912
" "	"	William H. Rittee	"	May	31, 1912
Jamestown, No. 32 ..	"	Morris O. Briggs.....	"	May	29, 1912
Hornellsville, No. 35	"	John Gartside.....	"	Feb.	12, 1912
" "	"	George T. Reber.....	"	April	12, 1912
Cryptic, No. 37.....	"	Oscar A. Day.....	"	Aug.	6, 1911
" "	"	George H. Bassinger...	"	Oct.	13, 1911
" "	"	Walter H. Hanson.....	"	Jan.	28, 1912
" "	"	Thomas J. Totten	"	Feb.	6, 1912
Washington, No. 52..	"	Albert H. Roth.....	"	Sept.	26, 1911
" " ..	"	Orville H. Mott	"	Feb.	15, 1912
" " ..	"	Warren F. Bascom	"	April	10, 1912
Peekskill, No. 55....	"	Rev. Hugh C. Townley.	"	Sept.	12, 1911
" "	"	Morrison E. Lyons	"	Dec.	23, 1911
Phoenix, No. 70.....	"	Ralph C. Lander.....	"	Feb.	29, 1912
Alpha Omega, No. 71	"	Seelye E. Cook.....	"	April	1, 1912
" "	"	Horatio B. Swart.....	"	May	12, 1912

In Memoriam

Right Illustrious

CHARLES T. LUNT

Grand Recorder

Died April 22, 1912

Officers, Location and Date of Meetings of Subordinate Councils.

NAME.	NO.	MASTER.	DEPUTY MASTER.	P. C. OF W.	RECORDER.	WHERE LOCATED.		DATE OF MEETINGS.
						CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY.	
COLUMBIAN	1	Harry W. Putnam.	Irving W. Wiggin.	Charles Grosch.	Martin Q. Good.	New York.	New York.	1st Thursday, 2 p. m.
UNION	2	F. A. Spencer.	John Osborn.	Henry J. Home.	Rich'd M. Backus.	New York.	New York.	2d Saturday.
BROOKLYN	4	Henry D. King.	Jas. W. Palmetier.	Alex. W. Waters.	Walter H. Young.	Brooklyn.	Kings.	3d Saturday.
ADELPHIC	7	Henry D. Hamilton.	H. W. Remington.	John W. Kirby.	John W. Coburn.	New York.	New York.	1st Saturday.
CENTRAL CITY	13	John P. Listman.	Edw. F. Hawn.	Caleb Joss.	George B. Cathers.	Syracuse.	Onondaga.	2d Wednesday.
BLOSS	14	Harry A. Sheldon.	W. H. Kirkpatrick.	Geo. S. Haswell.	John F. Smith.	Troy.	Rensselaer.	1st Friday.
BRUCE	15	Robert E. Emerson.	Wm. Cameron, Jr.	Gaylord J. Pettit.	Henry C. Hulshoff.	Lockport.	Niagara.	4th Monday.
SOUTHERN TIER	16	Robt. A. Wilbur.	Jesse L. Churchill.	Harry S. Tipton.	Jesse L. Cooley.	Elmira.	Chemung.	3d Monday.
BUFFALO	17	James R. Newman.	Chas. A. Fero.	Wm. J. Koepf.	Wm. J. Donaldson.	Buffalo.	Erie.	2d Tuesday.
KING HIRAM	18	Levi S. Gates.	William F. Claudius.	Fred J. Humphryes.	Geo. M. McCarthy.	Auburn.	Cayuga.	2d Monday.
DORIC	19	Thomas G. Young.	Charles K Peck.	Luther H. Miller.	John Alexander.	Rochester.	Monroe.	2d and 4th Mondays.
KEYSTONE	20	Thos. P. C. Barnard.	William Hopkins.	Wilbur H. Funk.	George J. Volger.	Buffalo.	Erie.	3d Tuesday.
DEWITT CLINTON	22	William E. Bailey.	Ellis J. Staley.	Howard Watson.	J. E. Allanson.	Albany.	Albany.	3d Thursday.
DUNKIRK	25	Thos. W. Pentecost.	Geo. M. Hanselman.	James C. Powell.	August W. Gilles.	Dunkirk.	Chautauqua.	1st Wednesday.
PALMYRA	26	George W. Barnes	John E. DeVoist.	Alfred C. Hopkins	S. D. Van Alstine.	Palmyra.	Wayne.	2d Tuesday.
KING SOLOMON	31	John C. Welch.	Isaac P. Flagler.	S. Wright Butler.	Frank J. Schwartz.	Poughkeepsie.	Dutchess.	On Call of the Master.
JAMESTOWN	32	Joseph R. Rogers.	Hugo E. Selvin.	Wilton H. DeLaney.	A. L. Gibson.	Jamestown.	Chautauqua.	3d Thursday.
OLEAN	33	John G. Murdock.	John Sloan	Wm. L. Myrick.	Albert A. Swarts.	Olean.	Cattaraugus.	2d Wednesday.
HORNELLSVILLE	35	Phillip M. Nast, Jr.	Wm. A. Rodgers.	Geo. W. Brown.	Geo. H. Alvord.	Hornell	Steuben.	1st and 3d Thursdays.
CRYPTIC	37	John Bennett.	James N. Crocker.	Chas. F. Flammer.	Arthur L. Churchill.	Saratoga Spr'gs.	Saratoga.	2d and 4th Thursdays.
WASHINGTON	52	Ernest T. Horton.	Wm. J. Williams.	DeWitt C. Smith.	Herman E. Sullivan.	Whitehall.	Washington.	2d Friday.
CORNING	53	John Comosh.	L. N. Lattey.	G. F. Showers.	G. W. Robertson.	Corning.	Steuben.	1st and 3d Thursdays.
PEEKSKILL	55	Fred. A. Smith.	Amos O. Squires.	Gustave Karlzen.	Albert E. Cruger.	Peekskill.	Westchester.	2d Monday.
PHOENIX	70	William H. Mason.	Harry W. Brown.	Paul Hertwig.	John Burden.	Mt. Vernon.	Westchester.	2d Monday.
ALPH-OMEGA	71	Geo. A. Newell.	A. Gardner Phillips.	Charles A. Mock.	Burt A. Hunt.	Medina.	Orleans.	2d Wednesday.
JOHNSTOWN	72	L. R. Maylender, Jr.	John W. Pakosta.	Abram Baird.	Eugene Moore.	Johnstown.	Fulton.	2d Wednesday.
ST. GEORGE'S	74	Geo. F. Williamson.	Wm. F. Story.	Robt. B. Johnston.	Hanford Robison.	Schenectady.	Schenectady.	2d Tuesday.
BATH (U. D.)		E. A. Messerschmitt.	Edward O. Tiffany.	Belmont Lee.	Henry J. Donnelly.	Bath.	Steuben.	
FULTON (U. D.)		Ernest A. Putnam.	Fred W. Snyder.	Edgar J. Penfield.	C. R. Dines.	Fulton.	Oswego.	

Abstract of Returns from Subordinate Councils

No.	NAME OF COUNCIL	No of Members 1911	Greeted	Affiliated	Restored	Suspend'd	Dimitted	Died	Expelled	Total Member-ship 1912	Receipts
1	COLUMBIAN.....	239	13							252	$132 50
2	UNION.....	118	47		2		1			166	106 00
4	BROOKLYN.....	363	32	1		15	5	1		375	214 00
7	ADELPHIC.....	559	9	1		13	19	8		529	289 00
13	CENTRAL CITY...	406	76	1	1	2	1	8		473	279 50
14	BLOSS.....	849	53		6	1	1	16		890	477 50
15	BRUCE.....	89	10		2			2		99	54 50
16	SOUTHERN TIER.	107	15					3		119	68 50
17	BUFFALO.....	253	5			2	4	4		248	131 50
18	KING HIRAM ...	22	11	2						35	23 00
19	DORIC.....	482	19	1		15		3		484	260 50
20	KEYSTONE.....	171	7	1	1		2	5		173	93 00
22	DEWITT CLINTON	732	46				3	17		758	412 00
25	DUNKIRK.....	72						1		71	35 50
26	PALMYRA.....	117	13	1				2		129	72 00
31	KING SOLOMON..	139	14				1	4		148	83 50
32	JAMESTOWN	143	7	3				1		152	80 00
33	OLEAN..... ...	29								29	14 50
35	HORNELLSVILLE.	73	22		5	2		2		96	58 50
37	CRYPTIC.....	257	10			7	5	4		251	138 50
52	WASHINGTON....	80	2	2		3	1	3		77	43 00
53	CORNING....	57	10		2		9			60	34 00
55	PEEKSKILL.....	75	1				1	2		73	38 50
70	PHOENIX....	83	10			2		1		90	51 50
71	ALPH-OMEGA....	89						2		87	44 50
72	JOHNSTOWN.	138	2			2				138	71 00
74	ST. GEORGE'S	193	35				1			227	131 50
	BATH U. D.....		12	*9						21	16 50
	FULTON U. D. ..		27							27	27 00
	* Charter Members.	5935	508	22	19	64	54	89		6277	$3481 50

Permanent Members of the Grand Council

(Being Past Masters of Subordinate Councils living, and in good standing)

Tabulated in the order of seniority.

COLUMBIAN COUNCIL, No. 1.

William S. Paterson
Garvey Donaldson
James H. Curtin
Martin Q. Good
Harry Alton Russell
John D. Cawein
James Stewart
John J. Dowers
Harry W. Putman

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Clarence H. Sanford
Charles E. Lansing
Robert Neil
Alexander Milligan
J. Stewart Wilson
John Bramwell
Thomas Clernand
Oliver H. LaBarre
Frank A. Spencer

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Edward Cooper
Albert E. Leach
William Sherer
George Nicholson
Adolph C. Wenzel
Charles G. Little
Lawrence Coffin
Charles Stewart
Charles A. Tonsor
William H. Sutton
John L. Judge
William Bamber
Alfred B. Conrad
Frank P. Wiseburn
Charles C. Rhodes
George A. Lutz
Henry D. King

ADELPHIC COUNCIL, No. 7.

John W. Coburn
William Downes
Edward M. L. Ehlers
Frederick Kanter
Alfred D. Slough
James Chambers
C. Victor Twiss
Richard J. Secor

George E. W. Stivers
Thurber F. Russell
John R. Gardner
J. Harris Balston
Reno R. Billington
William E. Duncan
Elias Whitney
Charles H. Stoddard
Henry DeWitt Hamilton
Edward A. Quick
(by affiliation).

CENTRAL CITY COUNCIL, No. 13.

Seymour H. Stone
Charles W. Snow
Edward H. Brown
Herbert W. Greenland
George B. Cathers
Alonzo W. Worth
Henry A. MacGruer
Jerome L. Cheney
John Peter Listman
Ralph C. Christiance
(by affiliation).

BLOSS COUNCIL, No. 14.

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Robert B. Stiles
Arthur MacArthur
T. Campbell Collin
Joseph A. Leggett
John P. Deal
Henry Calhoun
Edward A. Webster
Edward H. Lisk
Edwin Buchman
Marshall F. Hemingway
Albert W. H. Spear
Ensign S. Homer
Charles S. Duncan
Zina C. Lewis
Harry A. Sheldon

BRUCE COUNCIL, No. 15.

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Rollin B. Moore
William J. Jackman
Frank E. Smith
Edward J. Taylor
John A. McLaughlin, Jr.
Mark D. Welsher
Frank W. Travis
William C. Shapleigh
Robert E. Emerson

SOUTHERN TIER COUNCIL, No. 16.

Jesse L. Cooley
Conrad Wehnes
Charles L. Hart
John M. Diven
Herbert M. Lovell
Henry Mander
Guy W. Shoemaker
James M. Randall
Charles S. Tuttle
Robert A. Wilbur

BUFFALO COUNCIL, No. 17.

A. Oppenheimer
William J. Donaldson
William H. Cass
George L. Kingston
R. Kenneth Bickford
William Dempster
H. Jason Knapp
John H. Clark
Edgar C. Neal
Henry Post
William H. Ellis
Robert W. Wilson
Peter Post
James R. Newman

KING HIRAM COUNCIL, No. 18.

Levi S. Gates

DORIC COUNCIL, No. 19.

Henry M. Plant
John W. Merriam
Willard S. Bradt
Samuel C. Pierce
Ezra M. Sparlin
Alonzo D. McMaster
Edward Edwards
Harry J. Mulligan
Charles M. Colton
John C. Baumer
George E. Hatch
Emil H. Schmidt
George W. Cooper
Earl J. Neville
Sidney E. White
Thomas G. Young

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John L. Brothers
Warren F. Chandler
Robert T. Walker
Fred E. Ogden
David W. Adams
George Clinton
Charles S. Butler
Earl N. Blood
William S. Riselay
Fred. A. Busch
Percy Eaton
Elias Haffa
Henry W. Root
Thomas P. C. Barnard

DE WITT CLINTON COUNCIL, No. 22.

John J. Martin
James B. McEwan
T. Austin Williamson
George R. Hodgkins
Willard S. Gibbons
George C. Bishop
Will L. Lloyd
William H. Spawn
William E. Woollard
Eugene Crawford
Eugene E. Hinman
Charles L. Myers
William H. Butler
Peter Schumacher
Luther C. Warner
William E. Bailey

DUNKIRK COUNCIL, No. 25.

Frank B. Barnard
Hiram A. Matteson
Edward L. Clement
John W. Ware
John Y. Bartlett
Horace C. Pentecost
Harry B. Lyon
Albert E. Nugent
Alexander Williams, Sr.
Thomas W. Pentecost

PALMYRA COUNCIL, No. 26.

George McGown
John H. Coates
S. Nelson Sawyer
Edwin B. Anderson
Alfred C. Hopkins
George W. Barnes

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William Morgan Lee
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Derrick Brown
John C. Welch

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Abner Hazeltine
John B. Shaw
Harry L. Briggs
Nathan Stern
O. Nelson Rushworth
Joseph R. Rogers

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Caleb S. Hanks
Martin Southern
William L. Myrick
Albert A. Swarts
John Sloane
Edward F. Halliday
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Alexander W. Nelson
Isaac P. Collins
Cuyler W. Bachelder
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J. Henry Sprong
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William H. Prangen
Frank Donahue
George W. Brown
Philip M. Nast, Jr.

CRYPTIC COUNCIL, No. 37.

J. Marshall Colcord
Adelbert P. Knapp
Frank M. Adee
Robert C. Fonda
John Bennett
Frank A. Cook

WASHINGTON COUNCIL, No. 52.

Norman Z. Baker
Ernest T. Horton

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Truman S. Pritchard
Jerome S. Billington
John Comosh
Charles E. Greenfield
Hugh H. Kendall
Joseph C. Moore
Sherman E. DeVore
Warren J. Cheney
Edgar E. Magee

PEEKSKILL COUNCIL, No. 55.

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Nicholas H. Freeland
Edward F. Hill
William R. Thorne
Edmund C. Nation
Henry P. Dain
George E. Briggs
Wilbur F. Wessells
Charles A. Dyckman
Albert Ellis Phin
Lanning G. Roarke
Fred A. Smith

PHOENIX COUNCIL, No. 70.

John E. Murphy
Moses D. Getty
Franklin T. Davis
Ossian H. Lang
Jarvis W. Mason
J. Porter Freeman
Frank A. Kateley
J. Caleb Fisher
Henry W. Pratt
William H. Mason

ALPH-OMEGA COUNCIL, No. 71.

George A. Newell
Charles D. Ross
Irving L'Hommedieu

JOHNSTOWN COUNCIL, No. 72.

Harwood Dudley
Fred L. Carroll
John G. Ferres
Edward M. Baringer
Louis K. Maylender, Jr.

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Ernest L. Simpson
George F. Williamson

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS

ALABAMA
George A. Beauchamp ..... Montgomery
ARKANSAS
Fay Hemstead ..... Masonic Temple, Little Rock
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Thomas A. Davies ..... 110 Sutter St., San Francisco
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J. C. Morgan ..... Barrie, Ont.
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Ernest LeNeve Foster ..... Masonic Temple, Denver
CONNECTICUT
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FLORIDA
Wilbur P. Webster ..... Jacksonville
GEN'L GRAND COUNCIL
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GEORGIA
W. A. Wolihin ..... Macon
ILLINOIS
George W. Warvelle ..... Masonic Temple, Chicago
INDIANA
Calvin W. Prather ..... Masonic Temple, Indianapolis
IOWA
Alfred Wingate ..... Des Moines
KANSAS
Albert K. Wilson ..... Topeka
KENTUCKY
Henry B. Grant ..... Masonic Temple, Louisville
LOUISIANA
Richard Lambert ..... Masonic Temple, New Orleans
MAINE
Stephen Berry ..... Masonic Temple, Portland
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Gustave A. Eitel ..... 1521 No. Caroline Street, Baltimore
MASSACHUSETTS
J. Gilman Waite ..... Masonic Temple, Boston

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MICHIGAN
Charles A. Conover.....Coldwater
MINNESOTA
John Fishel.....Masonic Temple, St. Paul
MISSISSIPPI
Frederick Gordon Speed.....Vicksburg, Miss.
MISSOURI
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Hiram E. Deats.....Flemington
NEW YORK
Marshall F. Hemingway.....Troy
NORTH CAROLINA
James C. Munds.....Wilmington
OHIO
William E. Evans.....Chillicothe
OREGON
Seth L. Pope.....Portland
OKLAHOMA
Rev. Joseph S. Murrow.....Atoka
PENNSYLVANIA
Frank W. Martenis.....South Bethlehem
RHODE ISLAND
William R. Green.....Atlantic Nat. Bank, Providence
SCOTLAND
Alfred A. Arbuthnot Murray.....72 Queen Street, Edinburgh
SOUTH CAROLINA
O. Frank Hart.....Columbia
TENNESSEE
John B. Garrett.....Nashville
TEXAS
John A. Bryan.....Cleburne
VERMONT
Henry H. Ross.....Burlington
WASHINGTON
Edward R. Hare.....Tacoma
WISCONSIN
William W. Perry.....Masonic Temple, Milwaukee

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

			Appointed.
ALABAMA	Hugh H. Kendall	Corning	1898
ARKANSAS	Hiram A. Matteson	Dunkirk	1895
CONNECTICUT	Elias Whitney	New York	1911
CALIFORNIA	John Bramwell	New York	1911
COLORADO	Charles M. Colton	Rochester	1903
ENGLAND & WALES	Arthur MacArthur	Troy	1908
FLORIDA	Eugene Crawford	Albany	1910
GEORGIA	Benno Loewy	New York	1907
IOWA	Emil H. Schmidt	Rochester	1909
ILLINOIS	Wilbur F. Wessels	Peekskill	1908
INDIANA	Geo. E. Briggs	Peekskill	1909
KANSAS	Derrick Brown	Poughkeepsie	1910
KENTUCKY	John Bennett	Saratoga Spgs	1905
LOUISIANA	John H. Clark	Buffalo	1906
MAINE	John G. Ferres	Johnstown	1908
MARYLAND	James Stewart	Brooklyn	1911
MASSACHUSETTS	Charles L. Myers	Albany	1908
MARITIME PROV'S	Charles Duncan	Troy	1910
MICHIGAN	William Bamber	Brooklyn	1906
MINNESOTA	Edwin Buchman	Troy	1908
MISSOURI	Franklin T. Davis	Mount Vernon	1907
MISSISSIPPI	S. Nelson Sawyer	Palmyra	1910
MONTANA	Jerome L. Cheney	Syracuse	1912
NEBRASKA	Peter Schumacher	Albany	1911
NEW JERSEY	J Marshall Colcord	Saratoga Sps	1908
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Earl N. Blood	Buffalo	1907
NORTH CAROLINA	Alfred B. Conrad	New York	1908
OHIO			
OREGON	Robert W. Wilson	Buffalo	1910
OKLAHOMA	Alfred B. Price	New York	1896
PENNSYLVANIA	Geo. W. Brown	Hornell	1907
RHODE ISLAND			
SCOTLAND	William Sherer	New York	1891
SOUTH CAROLINA	Wm. J. Donaldson	Buffalo	1906
TENNESSEE	Harry L. Briggs	Jamestown	1909
TEXAS	Wm. M. Peckham	Troy	1909
VERMONT	Moses D. Getty	Yonkers	1912
WASHINGTON	Herbert M. Lovell	Elmira	1908
WISCONSIN	Willard S. Gibbons	Albany	1907

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

ALABAMA	Jacob U. Ray	Woodstock
ARKANSAS	Peter Brickey	Marianna
CONNECTICUT	W. C. Twombly	Stamford
CALIFORNIA	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco
COLORADO	Joseph W. Milson	Denver
ENGLAND & WALES	Charles F. Matier	London
FLORIDA	Henry C. White	Tampa
GEORGIA	Wm. A. Wolihin	Macon
IOWA	Wm. F. Cleveland	Harlan
ILLINOIS	Fred W. Krengel	Chicago
INDIANA	Daniel McDonald	Plymouth
KANSAS	Wm. M. Shaver	Topeka
KENTUCKY	John T. Kincaid	Lexington
LOUISIANA	Richard Lambert	New Orleans
MAINE	Charles I. Riggs	Portland
MARYLAND	Geo. A. Smith	Baltimore
MASSACHUSETTS	Wm. B. Lawrence	Medford
MARITIME PROV'S	J. V. Ellis	St. John, N. B.
MICHIGAN	Emerson M. Newell	Fenton
MINNESOTA	George W. Cooley	Minneapolis
MISSOURI	John C. Humes	Kansas City
MISSISSIPPI	John S. Brooks	Robinsonville
MONTANA		
NEW JERSEY	John B. Bertholf	Jersey City
NEBRASKA	Francis E. White	Omaha
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Rev. J. M. Durrell	Tilton
NORTH CAROLINA	E. S. Martin	Wilmington
OHIO	George E. Turrill	Cleveland
OREGON	Milton S. Woodcock	Corvallis
OKLAHOMA	I. H. G. Hulme	Weatherford
PENNSYLVANIA	Geo. C. Johnstone	Ben Avon
RHODE ISLAND	A. H. Cushman	Providence
SCOTLAND	Alfred A. Arbuthnot Murray	Edinburgh
SOUTH CAROLINA	George S. Mower	Newberry
TENNESSEE	John B. Garrett	Nashville
TEXAS	J. J. Davis	Galveston
VERMONT	Kittredge Haskins	Brattleboro
WASHINGTON	Abraham L. Miller	Vancouver
WISCONSIN	Edmund S. Baker	Portage

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

Elected and Appointed August 27, 1912

HERBERT W. GREENLAND, Syracuse.....Grand Master
J. HARRIS BALSTON, 244 Greene St., B'klyn..Deputy Grand Master
GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, Rochester.....Grand P. C. of W.
GEORGE A. NEWELL, Medina.....Grand Treasurer
MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY, 412 Boardman Bldg., Troy .....Grand Recorder
WILLIAM H. ELLIS, Buffalo.....Grand Capt. of Guard
EDWARD H. LISK, Troy.....Grand Condr. of Coun'l
OLIVER H. LABARRE, New York City.....Grand Marshal
EUGENE E. HINMAN, Albany.....Grand Standard Bearer
JAMES CHAMBERS, New York City.....Grand Steward
CHARLES M. COLTON, Rochester.....Grand Lecturer
REV. C. WRIGHT BUTLER, Poughkeepsie....Grand Chaplain
REV. WILLIAM A. MASKER, Haverstraw....Grand Chaplain
HARWOOD DUDLEY, Johnstown.....Trustee (term expires 1915)
JOHN P. DEAL, Troy.....Trustee (term expires 1914)
ABRAHAM OPPENHEIMER, Buffalo.....Trustee (term expires 1913)
JOSEPH TITUS, Poughkeepsie.....Grand Sentinel

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GEORGE McGOWN
JOHN P. DEAL
WILLARD S. BRADT
JOHN R. GARDNER
IRVING L'HOMMEDIEU
CHARLES STEWART
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(Resident of Lawrence, Kan.)

Foreign Correspondence

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M.·.Ill.·.Herbert W. Greenland, *Grand Master, and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York:*

We herewith place before you our review of the proceedings of the various Grand Councils which we have received during the year and which we respectfully submit.

JOHN W. COBURN,
OSSIAN LANG,
PHILIP M. NAST, JR.

ALABAMA—1911.

Seventy-fourth Annual Assembly in Montgomery, December 4th. Thirty-three members present, among them six Past Grand Masters. All of their eight Councils were represented and made returns; five of them had work, greeting fifty Companions, Sam Houston, No. 43, in the lead with thirty-four. Membership, October 15, 1911, 550, a loss of one. Receipts, $275.50; expenditures, $253.82; in treasury, $423.03. R.·.Ill.·.Jacob U. Ray, Grand Representative of New York, with the Grand Representatives of twenty-six other Grand Jurisdictions were received and given hearty welcome.

Grand Master Douglass reports a year of peace and harmony with no unadjusted differences to mar the Annual Assembly. He found good reasons to do away with the statutory time on petitions in five cases.

A memorial circular recites the death of Grand Treasurer R.·.Ill.·.William Henry Dingley on September 16, 1911, in his eighty-seventh year of age. He was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and had never missed an annual meeting of these bodies in which he held office. The

deaths of our Past Grand Master KING and Grand Chaplain HUBBARD are noted in the address.

Two of the subordinate Councils made request that the Grand Council confer the degrees on a number of their elected petitioners. The Committee on Work then received and greeted these eleven Companions Royal Arch Masons.

A Past Grand Master's jewel was ordered for the retiring Grand Master.

The report on Correspondence is by Past Grand Master LEE. He didn't dream very much when the Grand Council adopted his idea that such a report would be advantageous, that his distinguished successor, who made the appointment.

> "Held it truth, with him who sings
> To one clear harp in divers tones
> That men may rise on stepping stones
> Of their dead selves to higher things."

Unfortunately he finds he is totally unfitted by experience or knowledge, or wisdom to meet the responsibility, and hence begins the task with temerity, and demonstrates his finds by a clever and concise review of thirty-six Grand Councils, some of them for two years, giving a fair share of comment thereon. New York, 1910, is given a page of fraternal attention, in which tribute is paid to the memory of our dead.

Next Annual Assembly in Montgomery December 2, 1912; M.·.Ill.·.JOHN F. JENKINS, Piper, Grand Master; M.·.Ill.·. GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Montgomery, Grand Recorder; M.·.Ill.·.LAWRENCE H. LEE, Montgomery, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

ARKANSAS—1911.

Forty-ninth Annual Assembly in Little Rock, November 24th. Twenty-six members present, six of whom were Past Grand Masters. Of twenty-three chartered Councils, and one U. D., thirteen were represented, and seventeen made returns and paid dues. Seven greeted twenty Companions, Mystic, No. 34, having eight of them. Membership of reporting Councils 562, of those not reporting 95, total 657, an increase of twenty-nine. Receipts, $323.00; expenditures, $445.21; in treasury, $718.18.

Grand Master WESTERFIELD reports the death of our Grand Chaplain HUBBARD whose memory is given loving words by the Committee on Memorials, and his name enrolled on memorial page. Two dispensations to receive and act on petitions at Special Assemblies were granted.

Grand Recorder HEMPSTEAD reports reception of Charter of Batesville Council, No. 13, and that Boaz, No. 44, and Mizpah, No. 47, have neither of them taken their Charters from his office, nor have they made returns and paid dues. A special representative is to be sent to the two latter in an earnest attempt to revive them, failing which their Charters are to be cancelled. The dispensation of Bezaleel Council was discontinued. A resolution forbidding the use of printed rituals by installed officers was offered; jurisprudenced to "condemned," and wound up with passage at "disapproved." Fifty dollars was appropriated to add to other funds to pay expenses of properly representing, at the 1912 Triennial. When, in the election of Grand Officers, only one Companion is in nomination the Grand Master does the voting by ordering the vote cast for the nominee. The payment of mileage adopted at last Assembly, was discontinued; the printing of the report on Correspondence was also discontinued; and, as a committee is to contract for the printing of the proceedings, it looks somewhat as if they were doing some on the retrench, and we guess in the proceedings they will meet with success; they certainly ought to.

A fine fatherly looking Companion, with a suppressed smile, as if thinking of the belongings of a badge of a crescent hanging from a cutlass upon his coat lapel, greets us upon opening the journal. It is M.·.Ill.·.R. L. MOORE, Little Rock, Grand Master; R. P. FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock, Grand Recorder. Next Annual Assembly at Little Rock, November 22, 1912.

CALIFORNIA—1912.

Fifty-second Annual Assembly in San Diego, April 15th. Fifty members present, including twelve Past Grand Masters. They have twenty-one active Councils, all making returns, and but one not represented. Two hundred and fifty-three Com-

panions were greeted during the year, Los Angeles, No. 11, having the greater number, fifty-four. Membership, January 31, 1912, 2,690, an increase of 159. Receipts, $1,695.08; expenditures, $1,745.07; in treasury, $4,753.27.

Grand Representatives from other Grand Councils were welcomed and received with honor; there were twenty-six of them, New York among the number in the person of Past Grand Master CHARLES LORD FIELD. M.·.Ill.·.WALLACE BALDWIN, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Oregon, visited them and was duly welcomed.

Grand Master CARTWRIGHT appears in portrait at the opening of the journal with earnest and rather solemn gaze, and wears a badge indicative of solemn thoughts and acts. It is the first time the body has met in fifty-two years away from its place of organization. During his year of service he was active, having made thirteen visitations, and was well pleased with what he saw. One of the Councils visited was the home of five of the Past Grand Masters, and with one exception they were present. On another occasion he had the pleasure of conferring the Royal and Select Masters' degrees on his two sons. His visiting travels embraced about 3,500 miles, showing some distances out there.

Dispensation was given a new Council at Alhambra, which was chartered during the session as No. 25. He notes the death of our Grand Chaplain HUBBARD, whose name is also enrolled on memorial page.

The Past Grand Master's jewels ordered last year were duly prepared and most of them are now on duty. The representatives to the Triennial of 1912 were instructed to invite the General Grand Council to meet in its Triennial of 1915 at San Francisco, and to use all proper efforts for its acceptance.

The Constitution was amended, forbidding the conferring of the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master on any one who is not in good standing and affiliated in Lodge and Chapter;

Giving the Grand Master power to issue dispensation to communicate the degrees to a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons, to the end that a Council of Royal and Select Masters

be instituted, provided that the request be accompanied by the necessary recommendation from the nearest Council;

Forbidding Masonic communication with any Royal, Select or Super-excellent Master who stands suspended as a Master Mason or Royal Arch Mason for any cause, such Companion, except the Council takes direction, is, by order of the Master, to be excluded;

Appointed Officers of the Grand Council with the exception of Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist and Grand Sentinel are required to have been regularly elected and installed Masters of their respective Councils;

The general regulation providing a Companion shall not be permitted to sign the By-laws until after the reception of the Super-excellent Master's degree was stricken out.

The Grand Recorder's salary was increased from $125.00 to $200.00, a move in the right direction. The retiring Grand Master was presented with the Past Grand Master's jewel.

The Grand Treasurer, M.·.Ill.·.George Penlington (1894), died suddenly on April 30, 1912.

Companion James Bestor Merritt furnishes the brilliant report on Corespondence in about fifty pages, covering thirty-one Grand Councils. New York, 1911, has a page of his courteous attention and kind comment.

We quote our dear Companion's "Conclusion":

"A large number of the 'Boys' of the Correspondence Circle "have poked fun at our 'headless and tailless' reports, and we "have let them poke. In the proceedings of 1904 will be found "our salutatory, which may be considered the head, and this our "valedictory, is certainly the tail. Why a continuous perform-"ance should open and close with every act, we cannot see. "Eight times we have enjoyed the companionship of the 'Circle,' "and though we have personally met but one or two, we feel "that we know them all—and they are jolly good fellows. We "were appointed to this post of duty while 'traveling in for-"eign countries' and now the 'wanderlust' has again seized us, "and we go forth again. We leave the circle with regret, but

"age comes on apace; ideas come more slowly; the pen moves "with more difficulty, and we yield to a younger, and, we hope, "a better man. Companions, God bless you."

Many hours of enjoyment have been given us in the past by our Companion MERRITT's reports and we regret this conclusion. As we note his re-appointment to the post he has so ably filled, a hope springs up that upon his return to "God's Country" he will again take the pen.

Next Annual Assembly at San Francisco, April 14, 1913. M.·.Ill.·.JOSEPH ABNER COURTER, Sacramento, Grand Master; R.·.Ill.·.THOMAS ABRAHAM DAVIES, San Francisco, Grand Recorder; M.·.Ill.·.JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, Oakland, Correspondent.

COLORADO—1911.

Seventeenth Annual Assembly in Denver, September 18th. Thirty-one members present, including seven Past Grand Masters. They have eleven Councils and one U. D., nine of which were represented; all paid dues and made returns; four greeted eighty-six Companions, Denver, No. 1, having forty-two of the number. Membership, July 31, 1911, 759, an increase of seventy-four. Receipts, $519.00; expenditures, $293.01; in treasury, $967.82.

Grand Representatives from twenty-two Jurisdictions answered roll-call, were duly welcomed, and charged with messages of best wishes to their various Grand Councils. As usual, New York did not participate in this honor, as our Grand Representative does not follow the example of R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES M. COLTON, Colorado's Grand Representative to New York, in being present for duty and does not even offer an excuse.

Grand Master GRISARD had a glorious time while speeding over their great empire, which they have found out to be "the best, most prosperous, most picturesque and grandest State of the Union." Three dispensations were granted for Special Assemblies to do work of regulars. Five of the Councils received official visits from him. Dispensation was granted for a Council

at Alamosa, which was chartered during the Assembly as Alamosa, No. 14.

The Committee on Necrology tender their profound sympathy to their sister Grand Councils, on the death of distinguished Companions and on memorial page are inscribed the names of our Past Grand Masters ANDREWS and KING and Grand Chaplain HUBBARD.

Seventy-five dollars were appropriated for the traveling expenses of the Grand Master to the Triennial of 1912, and $500.00 to be invested, the interest on which to be paid to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund in addition to the per capita contribution already provided for.

Next Annual Assembly at Denver, September 16, 1912. IRVIN O. GLAZIER, Greeley, Grand Master; ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER, Denver, Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES—1912.

An insert "In Memoriam" in the journal tells of the death of the Grand Master on May 10, 1912. The EARL OF EUSTON was highly esteemed among Masons and not alone beloved by his countrymen, but his genial ways had won many friends on his visits to our Grand Encampment. R.·.Ill.·.ARTHUR MACARTHUR, their Grand Representative with us, who is Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of U. S., is greatly pleased with and values highly a letter from Grand Recorder MATIER in repsonse to his letter of condolence sent them, and its showing their close friendship with us.

Annual meeting in London, March 21st, R.·.Ill.·. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, K. C., in the chair, seven Grand Officers, four Past Grand Officers, and the Masters, Past Masters, and many Companions of Subordinate Councils were present. Seventeen Grand Councils were represented, New York by Past Deputy Grand Master, Grand Recorder MATIER. Twenty-five Companions were greeted during the year, the registered membership February 29, 1912, being 1,368. Loving sentiment is given by the Grand Recorder to the memory of Deputy Grand Master

ABRAHAM WOODIWISS, who died January 6, 1912. Receipts, £64.11-0; expenditures, £68.1-8; in treasury, £87.4-2.

The various correspondents are thanked for kind remembrance and are assured of hearty appreciation and heartfelt desire for the prosperity of the Cryptic Rite.

M.·.Ill.·.the EARL OF EUSTON, Grand Master; R.·.Ill.·.C. F. MATIER, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W. C., Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1911.

Fifty-ninth Annual Assembly in Peru, September 13th. Seventy-seven members present, thirteen of them being Past Grand Masters. Thirty-five of fifty-eight Councils were represented; two failed in making returns; forty-one greeted 670 Companions, Palestine, No. 66, again leading with 112. Membership, 7,310, an increase of 495. Receipts, $3,890.23; expenditures, $2,033.56; in treasury and invested, $9,655.41; six cents mileage and $3.00 per diem to seventy-three members; pay-roll of 1910, $627.35.

Grand Representatives from twenty-five Grand Councils answered roll-call, were duly presented to and welcomed by the Grand Master, who sent messages of fraternal regard to their various jurisdictions. M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE W. WARVELLE did the elegant in their behalf in response. R.·.Ill.·.FREDERICK W. KRENGEL appeared for New York.

Grand Master VAUGHAN is proud of having been successful in reviving several of the dormant Councils. He reports the deaths of Grand Treasurer JOHN CORSON SMITH, twenty-two years in the office, Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand Commander and active 33°, on December 31, 1910, in his seventy-eighth year; Past Grand Master CHARLES FISHER (1861-2), for a quarter century Grand Treasurer, and the last survivor of those who completed the organization of the Grand Council in 1854, on July 1, 1911, in his eighty-ninth year, and Past Grand Master EDWARD BLACKSHAW (1875), on March 27, 1911, in his eightieth year. Memorial letters were issued and the Committee on Obituaries make full and loving report. In the latter report we note

tribute to our Past Grand Masters—ANDREWS and KING, Grand Chaplain HUBBARD and Companion RICHARD HUSTED PARKER, Past Grand High Priest.

Dispensation was granted to a new Council at Elgin which was chartered during the session with name and number of the former Council at the place, Cryptic, No. 46. The Grand Master made ten official visits.

Past Grand Master HOBERG was appointed Grand Treasurer and elected to that office. He is not at all satisfied with the plan of dividing the State into nine Arches with Supervisor and assistants in each Arch, as the results are somewhat disappointing and he thinks change should be made in their plans to increase the membership, and believes there is a way it can be done, and to this end asks for a committee to study the question and devise some plan and present the same at the next Annual, to which the Grand Council agreed in approval.

A dispensation to advance the date of an Annual Assembly very properly was refused, as a former Assmbly doubted the prerogative of a Grand Master to do so, but it seems the prerogative to retard is working as such dispensation was granted. These prerogatives also permitted twelve dispensations to do the work of regular or stated Assemblies at specials.

The Grand Council of Montana was duly recognized.

The retiring Grand Master was duly decorated with the Grand Council jewel, and admitted to the Super-select Degree of Past Grand Master at the hands of M.·.Ill.·.NATHANIEL BOWDICH.

It is the twentieth annual epistle of Past Grand Master WARVELLE and covers thirty-two Grand Councils, New York, 1910, having kind fraternal attention. At the close of review we are given over a dozen pages of choice reading, a couple of them concerning our Columbian, No. 1.

Next Annual Assembly at Murphysboro, September 25, 1912. M.·.Ill.·.EDWARD R. ROE, Chicago, with portrait and biographical sketch, Grand Master; M.·.Ill.·. GEORGE W. WARVELLE, Chicago, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

INDIANA—1911.

Fifty-sixth Annual Assembly in Indianapolis, October 17th. Ninety-two members present, including fifteen Past Grand Masters. All of the officers at their stations. Representatives from the sixty-eight chartered Councils reported. Fifty-eight Councils greeted 692 Companions, Indianapolis, No. 2, with 120 of them. Membership January 1, 1911, 6,810, an increase of 525. Receipts, $3,897.48; expenditures, $3,970.48; in treasury, $4,803.27; pay roll (six cents mileage and $3.00 per diem), $927.36 to ninety-two members. Twenty-six Grand Councils were represented. Owing to the illness of M.·.Ill.·.Daniel McDonald of Plymouth, New York was not represented. A message bearing the affection of the Grand Council and its regret at his absence was sent him, to which we add our sympathy and earnest wish of speedy recovery.

Grand Master Woods says their affairs were never better; they are clinging closely to prosperity and their characteristic harmony which has been with them some years, and are using them for benefit and upholding, they know nothing of inside dissensions, and bickerings, and strife, upon looking upon this haven of rest, leave its gates for want of a foothold. True fraternity is sweeping onward, and peace and good will are getting bigger day by day. Dispensations were granted to new Councils at Warsaw and Noblesville which were chartered during the session as Nos. 88 and 89. Some of the Councils having complained that the Grand Inspector had been unreasonably severe in his attitude toward them, of and to them, the Grand Master talks—

"No Council properly equipped to do the work, and whose "officers were well grounded in the ritual, ever suffered from "the criticism of the Grand Inspector. I venture the opinion "that only those Councils that have clung to the loose practices "already too long prevalent, and that have steadfastly failed "and refused to be in accord with the new regime requiring full "necessary equipment and satisfactory ritualistic work without "the aid of cipher, have been the ones to incur rebuke.

"I would recommend to such Councils as are inclined to be "recalcitrant that they strive to show a reversal of form by first

"of all committing the ritual to memory, and they by staging "it appropriately, and they will assuredly find that their reward "will be praise and not censure."

Now they will be good and still keep the footholds slippery.

He granted one dispensation to receive and ballot at a Special Assembly and while he did not approve of the absurdity, he followed precedent.

The deaths of our Past Grand Master KING and Grand Chaplain HUBBARD are noted in the address. Past Grand Master MCDONALD gives loving memorial of M.·.Ill.·.LUCIEN A. FOOTE (1874), Senior Past Grand Master of Masons and Senior Past Grand High Priest, who died November 30, 1910, aged eighty-six. This distinguished Mason was for many years our Grand Representative at Indiana, and to his memory we give earnest tribute.

Grand Inspector Glendening, who also serves the Grand Chapter in the same capacity, makes a very full and interesting report, showing every Council visited, and thorough inspection, as is further evidenced by a very complete table of details. At the close of the first day's session the members repaired to the banquet hall, and heartily enjoyed the annual dinner, and where R.·.Ill.·. CHARLES A. CONOVER, Grand Recorder of Michigan, who was visiting the Grand Council, produced one of his happy and pleasing speeches.

The work of the Chairman on Correspondence was appreciated by a raise in remuneration to $150, and an appropriation of $1,000.00 was made for the Committee on Entertainment of the eleventh Triennial at Indianapolis.

The retiring Grand Master was duly decorated at the hands of Grand Recorder PRATHER in pleasing speech and was answered by one of Companion WOOD's happy talks.

Past Grand Master MORDHURST submits this annual Cryptic review of the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Councils, using forty-nine pages. It is his twenty-second report and he hopes it will be read by those who desire to be awake as to the affairs of our world. No fear, HENRY, one reading of any year will "give the habit." New York, 1910, receives over a page

of his attention. He says we have set up a poet mill and engaged a lot of trained flies. One-half of the work of the former is given, which is called a "something," and the latter are used in the abbreviation of titles. In answer to our comment on the allowance of the Grand Recorder to the Grand Secretary's Guild as being only one-half given to the Representatives, he explains that the distinguished Companion does the writing job for all the Indiana Grand Bodies, and the Grand Chapter pays the other half. From the table of Cryptic statistics for the year 1910 we quote—"Greeted 7,630, membership 93,766, increase 5,425, and, adding Texas, the total membership is given as 106,609."

Next Annual Assembly at Indianapolis, October 22, 1912. The serious looking Companion who greets us upon opening the journal is M.·.Ill.·.CHARLES L. HUTCHINSON, Indianapolis, the Grand Master; R.·.Ill.·.CALVIN W. PRATHER, Indianapolis, Grand Recorder; R.·.P.·.HENRY W. MORDHURST, Fort Wayne, Chairman Committee on Correspodnence.

IOWA—1911.

Twelfth Annual Assembly in Cedar Rapids, October 10th. Thirty-five members present, including five Past Grand Masters. They have twenty-two Councils, Zabud, No. 2, being restored, and Maple Valley, No. 25, of Ida Grove, Medinah, No. 26, of Eagle Grove, and Palestine, No. 27, of Cedar Rapids, chartered during the Assembly. Nineteen Councils were represented and made returns; fifteen greeted 252 Companions, Crescent, No. 16, with forty-six, closely followed by Webb, No. 18, with forty-four of the number. Membership 1,434, December 31, 1910, an increase of 272. Receipts, $1,385.80; expenditures, $838.44; in treasury, $1,619.44; pay roll (four cents mileage and $3.00 per diem), $153.45 to thirty-two members. Twenty-four Grand Councils were represented, New York by Past Grand Master CLEVELAND. This distinguished author also gives a bright story of a bright life of Grand Master EDWARD MAURICE WILLARD, whose portrait is on the opening page of the journal, and who gives in his address some excellent and exhortative advice, duly sprinkled with poetry of like kind.

Loving tribute is given in memory of M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE R. TURNER (1904), Past Grand High Priest, who died July 19, 1911. Eleven dispensations to receive and act on petitions at Special Assemblies were granted. This matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence who thought they were issued for the best interests of Cryptic Masonry and approved them. Three dispesations for new Councils were issued. Thirteen official visits were made. Of the old pre-requisite scheme he says it is a waste of time to try to give it life, and while he is not ready to endorse the "Texas" plan he thinks it worthy of thoughtful consideration. As Grand Master of the Council, he was officially received in the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge, of which he remarks—"These official visits are beneficial and inspiring, showing the close and harmonious relations existing between the various Masonic bodies of Iowa."

The Committee on Necrology gives an excellent report, in which the deaths of our Past Grand Master KING and Grand Chaplain HUBBARD are feelingly dwelt upon. Their names are also enrolled on memorial page.

Grand Conductor of the General Grand Council CLEVELAND, Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter CRAIG and Grand High Priest THOMPSON were received and welcomed and responded ably to the greeting. The salary of the Grand Recorder was increased to $200.00, not a very great raise but going in the proper direction.

The most interesting report on fraternal correspondence reviewing thirty-three journals of proceedings in some fifty-six pages is again from the pen of Past Grand Master CLEVELAND. New York, 1910, has a couple of pages in the well-told story. He did not find the name of Companion EMIL H. SCHMIDT, their Grand Representative, as present, nor was it in the list of those regretting their inability to attend. We have noticed that he was always partial to our jurisdiction, and here we have the reason, which we quote—

"We always read everything from the Empire state in the "way of Masonic doings, for it is our native state, where we "first saw the light of day and the light of Masonry, and while

"we have labored for these many years in the Masonic vineyard "of the Hawkeye state and are fully wedded to our adopted "state, yet we turn to our first love and read with deep inter- "est any and everything that comes from that jurisdiction, and "so when we take up the Proceedings of any of the Grand "Masonic Bodies of New York it is something like getting a "letter from home."

Next Annual Assembly at Davenport, October 8, 1912. M.·. Ill.·.CROMWELL BOWEN, Des Moines, Grand Master; R.·.Ill.·. ALF. WINGATE, Des Moines, Grand Recorder; R.·.P.·.WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, Harlan, Correspondent.

KANSAS—1912.

Forty-fourth Annual Assembly in Topeka, February 19th. Fifty-eight members present, including thirteen Past Grand Masters. Eleven of their thirteen Councils, and one U. D., were represented; all made returns and paid dues; ten greeted 157 Companions, Hiram, No. 10, having the greatest number, sixty-three. Membership, December 31, 1911, 1,794 (including 140 at large), an increase of eighty. Receipts, $890.34; expenditures, $530.27; in treasury, $1,381.70. Grand Representatives from twenty-three Grand Councils were received and introduced, response being made on their behalf by Past Grand Master HOISINGTON. New York was ably cared for by its Grand Representative, R.·. Ill.·.WILLIAM M. SHAVER. R.·.P.·.EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the General Grand Council was introduced and royally welcomed.

Grand Master BOND regrets that every Kansas Royal Arch Mason is not a Select Master and wishes he could find the means of inspiring the outsiders with appreciation of Cryptic beauties, and arouse in them the desire to join. Talk, my dear Companion; bring on your eloquence and don't waste valuable time and choice words on that exploded pre-requisite fad of getting something for nothing. He recommended a committee to the Grand Commandery to induce talk on this subject at the next Triennial of the Grand Encampment. The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers cleverly dodged, referring it for discussion and decision

to the Grand Council, and that body appointed a committee to lay before the Grand Commandery the advantages of pre-requisition to the Grand Council of Kansas.

He granted dispensation for a new Council at Olathe which was chartered during the session as No. 11. Two dispensations were given waiving statutory time, and two were given to travel, showing a gathering in of sixty-seven candidates. He urged that the Grand Council share in the honor and glory belonging to those contributing to the support of the Kansas Masonic Home, dear to the heart of every Kansas Mason, which was answered by an appropriation of $100.00 to the endowment fund of that institution.

Portrait and biographical sketch of Grand Master THOMAS LEONIDAS BOND are given in the journal. He is Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Commander. He was duly presented with the regular Past Grand Master's jewel on behalf of the Grand Council.

In the eloquent report of M.·.Ill.·.BESTOR G. BROWN on Necrology the death of our Past Grand Master KING is noted and his name is enrolled on memorial page. One of the Past Grand Masters was unable to be present through illness, a committee was appointed to convey to him the greetings and sympathy of his Companions, with flowers.

Companion MILLER submits his fourth annual of thirty-six Grand Councils, solidly packed in some forty pages. At its writing some volumes had failed him, and promised if they turned up in time he would attend to them, and then gets off one of his jokes by telling us to look for them after the review of Wyoming. New York, 1911, won over a page of courteous story. He is pleased with the taste in the get-up of the volume, and says the portrait (steel) of Grand Master LLOYD is like some of those prepared by master engravers of the last century for the Masonic Grand Bodies of the United States, and is one that will be just as clear and distinct in the centuries to come as it is to-day, and affords good evidence of the judgment of our New York Companions in furnishing the most durable and best for future ages. One of his valuable statistical tables is given,

showing membership of Cryptic Masonry (excepting Canada, Idaho and Utah, no reports) as 115,300, the net gain being 10,738.

Next Annual Assembly at Wichita, February 17, 1913. M.·.Ill.·.CHARLES A. CONKLIN, Hutchinson, Grand Master; R.·.Ill.·.ALBERT K. WILSON, Topeka, Grand Recorder; Companion MATTHEW M. MILLER, Topeka, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

KENTUCKY—1911.

Eighty-fourth Annual Assembly in Louisville, October 16th. Fifty-nine members present, including seventeen Past Grand Masters. Of thirty-five Councils on the roll, twenty-eight were represented; four failed to make returns; twenty-four had work, greeting 231 Companions, Fulton, No. 63, having forty of them. Membership, 2,041, an increase of 164. Receipts, $1,161.75; expenditures, $649.83; in treasury, $2,336.84. Twenty-five Grand Councils were represented; New York by M.·.Ill.·.JOHN THOMAS KINCAID.

Grand Master LANDRUM devoted much time in an attempt to stir up life and vigor in the inactive Councils, writing many letters to them and to individual members urging a return to activity, but is not proud of the success attained. He made no decisions, no questions of law having been presented. Everett Council, No. 65, Charter arrested last year, made returns paid up, and was restored.

On the roll of the honored dead are named our Past Grand Master KING and Grand Chaplain HUBBARD, by the Committee on Necrology.

Past Grand Masters' jewels were ordered for the living and affiliated Past Grand Masters, the retiring incumbent and future Grand Masters upon retiring from the office.

M.·.Ill.·.H. B. GRANT was appointed reporter of doings of other Grand Councils, but asked to be excused and was accorded the privilege of naming his successor.

Next Annual Assembly at Louisville, October 14, 1912. The

youthful looking portrait gracing the journal shows Grand Master OWEN D. THOMAS of Lebanon; M.·.Ill.·.HENRY B. GRANT, Louisville, is Grand Recorder, and R.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM W. CLARKE, Owensboro, Reporter of Doings.

MAINE—1911.

Fifty-seventh Annual Assembly in Portland, May 3d. Seventy-two members present, including thirteen Past Grand Masters. Of their sixteen Councils, fourteen were represented. All made returns and paid dues; fourteen greeted 305 Companions, Portland, No. 4, having the larger number, sixty. Membership, 4,615, an increase of 148. Receipts, $875.60; expenditures, $426.98; in treasury, $2,056.34. Twenty-six Grand Jurisdictions were represented and one reported by letter. Our Grand Representative was not present.

Grand Master WITHERELL granted eleven dispensations to receive and ballot on applications at Special Assemblies. He tells of his visit to us at our Annual of 1910 in Albany, which gave us so much pleasure, and was particularly gratified in meeting with R.·.Ill.·.Companion FERRES, their Grand Representative to us, by whom he was introduced. The able address and the dignity of Acting Grand Master LLOYD won his admiration and respect and he expresses his appreciation of the courtesies and honor shown him. Eleven official visits were made and with one exception found everything highly satisfactory. One Council had all its living Past Masters present; another has on it roll five Past Grand Masters, all of whom were present, and at another he witnessed the conferring of the degree on the Grand Commander, who gave an interesting account of the impressions made upon him by the beauties of the work and lectures. The Deputy Grand Master reports visits to four Councils and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, four. All the Councils were visited.

M.·.Ill.·.ALEXANDER A. BEATON (1906), died February 20, 1911. Companion ALBRO E. CHASE in his report reviews thirty-five Grand Councils. New York, 1910, enjoys over a page of his able work. He speaks of the fine portrait of Grand Master

MacKenzie, and of Acting Grand Master Lloyd's reference to his death. Also quotes the reception of their Grand Master Witherell. He notes the deaths of Past Grand Masters Andrews and King and Grand Chaplain Hubbard.

Annual Assembly of 1912 at Portland, May 8th. M.·.Ill.·. Frank J. Cole, Bangor, Grand Master; R.·.Ill.·.Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Recorder; M.·.Ill.·.Albro E. Chase, Portland, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

MASSACHUSETTS—1911.

Annual Assembly in Boston, December 11th. One hundred and thirty-four members present, including four Past Grand Masters. Twenty-four of twenty-nine Councils were represented; all of them made returns, paid dues, and, with one exception, had work greeting 616 Companions, Cambridge having the greater number, 181. Membership, August 31, 1911, 8,459, an increase of 368. Receipts, $3,351.88; expenditures, $3,262.98, with Treasurer, $2,795.29; total in treasury, $9,241.98. Twenty-one Grand Councils were represented, New York by M.·.Ill.·. William B. Lawrence.

M.·.Ill.·.Everet C. Benton, Grand Master of 1909, 1910, 1911, in portrait, gives pleasant greeting upon opening the journal. In this year's interesting address he gives beautiful tribute to the memory of General Samuel C. Lawrence, Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand Commander, and Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, N. M. J. He is enthusiastic over the Masonic Home and, while, they have contributed liberally to the Permanent Fund thereof, he thinks they should assist the Grand Lodge in its maintenance and recommends an annual appropriation of $250. We quote—

"While the policy of accumulating large sums of money has "merit, yet the taxing of one or two generations at the possible "expense of our not doing our duty to the unfortunate or dis-"tressed brother at the present time is a grave problem. We "have a duty to perform as we go.

"The sum which we ought voluntarily and regularly to give

"this great Masonic work should come as a token of love and "not as a tax."

This annual appropriation was authorized by the Grand Council until otherwise ordered. He issued diplomas to the Masters (one being sent to every living Past Master), which were received with much satisfaction, and the Grand Council ordered its continuance. He is pleased in the change of the law allowing appointed officers to be added for visiting and inspection and thinks it has been beneficial.

Grand Lecturer MOSES is still of the opinion that ritualistic instruction can be better given, and with less financial outlay by the Grand Lecturer attending the officers' rehearsals in their own assembly rooms, than by the Grand Exemplifications. He also thinks permissive work should be eliminated and strict uniformity established. The travelling expenses of the Grand Master to the 1912 Triennial of the General Grand Council were ordered to be paid, and the Grand Officers attending were authorized to incur such expense as necessary to sustain the dignity of this Grand Council.

M.·.Ill.·.CHARLES DANA BURRAGE, Grand High Priest, was escorted to the East, receiving hearty welcome, to which he responded fittingly. A Past Grand Master's jewel was ordered for the incoming Grand Master to be presented before the date of the coming Triennial. The Charter of Cryptic Council at Newton was restored. The salary of the Grand Recorder was increased $50, work on the road to meet the value of his service, leaving lots of room for more.

A Special Assembly of the Grand Council was held March 24, 1911, at North Cambridge, for constituting Cambridge Council, U. D., into a regular Council, which was performed in due form, R.·.Ill.·.Rev. R. PERRY BUSH, D. D., Grand Chaplain, delivering a very interesting and instructive address. Another Special was held October 28, 1911, at Worcester, for exemplification of the work, under the direction of the Grand Lecturer. The Royal Degree occupied one hour and twenty minutes; the Select, one hour, and the Super-Excellent, one hour and five minutes.

Grand Recorder WAITE gives the able and most interesting report on Correspondence, reviewing thirty-five Grand Councils and using about a hundred pages. New York, 1911, is accorded nearly six pages of fraternal thought and comment. Grand Master LLOYD is quoted liberally on official visitations and inter change of Grand Representatives; also, the Committee on Fraternal Dead and the Grand Lecturer. He closes with a compliment to your Committee, which we highly appreciate, coming from this distinguished writer.

M.·.Ill.·.EDGAR W. EVANS, Somerville, Grand Master; R.·. Ill.·.J. GILMAN WAITE, Boston, Grand Recorder, and Committee on Correspondence.

MISSISSIPPI—1912.

Fifty-seventh Annual Assembly in Hattiesburg, February 23d. Sixty-three members present. Of forty-five Councils, twenty-seven were represented; forty-two made returns; thirty greeted 203 Companions, Wm. S. Patton, No. 24, having the largest number, thirty-four. Membership of year ending December 27, 1911, 2,219, an increase of sixty-five. Receipts, $1,941.00; expenditures, $1,983.39; in treasury, $1,859.88. Our Grand Representative, R.·.Ill.·.JOHN S. BROOKS, with those of fifteen other Grand Councils were present.

Grand Master MCKAY, in deep sorrow and with earnest loving words to their memory, reports the death of M.·.Ill.·.FREDERIC SPEED (1891-1901), Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Commander and Grand Secretary of all the Grand Bodies, on March 10, 1911; M.·.Ill.·. ENOCH GEORGE DELAP (1873), on December 24, 1911, and M.·. Ill.·.JOHN S. COBB (1908), Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Commander, on January 18, 1912. Portraits and obituaries of these distinguished craftsmen are given. Our loss of Past Grand Master KING and Grand Chaplain HUBBARD is also reported.

Acting Grand Recorder FREDERIC GORDON SPEED congratulates that more Councils have made returns and paid dues than for some years past.

Grand Lecturer WHITAKER visited all the Councils and received donations for the "Home" of $202.75. The Grand Council appropriated $500 to the building fund of the Home. The joint arrangement with the Grand Chapter for the services of the Grand Lecturer, was continued and the recommendation of the Grand Master that his salary be $1,800.00 (of which the Grand Council pays one-quarter) was indorsed. An Assistant Lecturer was authorized for each congressional district of the state on the recommendation of the Grand Lecturer, who was also given the power to open Special Assemblies of the Grand Council for the election, candidacy and conferring degrees when visiting Chapters where no Council existed.

The Correspondence report is from the pen of the lamented DELAP, over a half-hundred pages and reviewing twenty-seven journals; bright, brimful of humor and many wise thoughts and sayings. New York is not mentioned, consequently had not arrived at date of printing. He always considered a report should have "head and tail" to render it complete. We give his "Foreword" and "Epilogue," showing his grand and honorable character:

FOREWORD.

In the preparation of this, my second report, in this field, I have been handicapped by continued ill health and the sadness of heart caused by the death of my beloved companion and friend, of near a half century, Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder FREDERIC SPEED. You all knew, revered and loved him, but the intimate personal relations that existed between him and myself makes my bereavement much harder to bear. God has called him home, while I am still plodding along towards the same goal. The way is not long nor the end very far, according to natural laws. When it ends, I shall see and greet my dear old Fred again, together with other ones who have been in The Better Land for many years. Let us be faithful to God, serve our day and generation faithfully, and all will be well, for both worlds, for time and eternity.

This report is not as good as I wish it was, but it is the best I could do, under existing conditions. The Order seems to be in about the same condition as last year. In some jurisdictions it is alive and flourishing, as it should be in all, while in many the Order is in a languishing condition. Why this is so God

knows; I am sure I do not. I have no suggestions to offer in the direction of a betterment of conditions; if I had it would delight me to prescribe. The Darwin theory of the survival of the fittest and best, does not apply here. The Order deserves a chief seat in the synagogue and a room in the top of the house. Like the "stone, set at naught by you builders," it may, and not in the remote future, be found an important factor in the Temple of Masonry. Let us hope so, at least.

Commending you to God and the word of His grace, which is able to keep us in the way of life, and a heart full of affection for each of you, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
DELAP.

EPILOGUE.

A line from Grand Recorder "Fred" advises that it would help matters if I would send in report now, so that the printers can dispose of it before the weightier matters come to hand. Were I to wait a month longer, no doubt a number of pamphlets would come in and thus swell the size of the paper. However, such pamphlets as reach me in time will appear in the proceedings.

Long papers, like long, dry sermons, are not always the most interesting and important. A very small diamond is much more valuable than a pound of cheese, so you can't mention the intrinsic value of things, always, by their size. There is not much of this report, but what there is, may do you some good, if you read it.

I don't feel a bit like building prologues and epilogues, this morning, so will give it up. With loving regards for each of my readers, I remain,

Faithfully,
DELAP.

Next Annual Assembly at Gulfport, February 21, 1913. M.·.Ill.·.OLIVER LEE MCKAY, Meridian, Grand Master; R.·.Ill.·.FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, Vicksburg, Grand Recorder; R.·.Ill.·.GEORGE B. POWER, Jackson, Correspondence Reporter.

MISSOURI—1912.

Forty-seventh Annual Assembly in St. Louis, April 23d. All the Officers at their stations. Fifty-two members present, including twelve Past Grand Masters. Of thirteen Councils, nine were represented; all made returns and had work, greeting 268

Companions, Zabud, No. 25, having the largest number, seventy-six. Membership, December 31, 1911, 2,135, an increase of fifty-four. Receipts, $1,650.50; expenditures, $1,397.77; in treasury, $3,102.87. Pay roll, six cents mileage and $2.00 per diem, $138.05 to thirteen members. The Past Grand Masters do not receive mileage, but one of them coming on from Pennsylvania to be present at the Assembly was given a special vote of thanks. Twenty-one Grand Councils were represented, but New York was not. It has been told us that R.·.Ill.·.JOHN C. HUMES of Kansas City is our Grand Representative, but he appears to be a chronic stay-away. If he would borrow a copy of the New York proceedings from that fund of information, Grand Recorder STEVENSON, he could learn how Missouri does business in the person of R.·.Ill.·.FRANKLIN T. DAVIS, their Grand Representative here.

The address of Grand Master SHROEDER shows the labors of an earnest, active and thoughtful worker. He visited every Council in the state, some of them frequently, taking with him a number of his associate Grand Officers and feels satisfied that these visitations have been productive of much good. He considers that every Council should meet at least four times during the year, which proposition was favorably received by the Grand Council, and each of the Councils is required to hold at least four Stated Assemblies during each year or forfeit its charter. Twenty dispensations were granted to receive and ballot at Special Assemblies. The Charter of Arcana Council, No. 16, was arrested.

From the earnest and full report of the Committee on Necrology, we note obituary notices of our Past Grand Master ALEXANDER B. KING, and of our Grand Chaplain WARREN C. HUBBARD. A biographical sketch and portrait of the retiring Grand Master, who was duly invested with the regular Past Grand Master's jewel is given. A portrait in memoriam with biographical sketch is given of Past Grand Master PEMBROKE R. FLITCRAFT (1885).

The report of Fraternal Correspondence occupies seventy-seven pages, and concludes with a remarkably clever poem cov-

ering two additional pages. Thirty-four jurisdictions are included, some for two years. New York is honored with two pages of kindly attention. The presence of General Grand Master GRAFF M. ACKLIN of General Grand Council is noted, also the Grand Reperesentative for Missouri, FRANKLIN T. DAVIS, was again at his post. The committee of three are again the recipients of a most encouraging kindness from the pen of the able correspondent, the only distressing circumstance being that our report has no conclusion. If only we had the eloquent pen of Recorder STEVENSON we would gladly conclude.

Next Annual Assembly at Kansas City, April 22d, 1913. M.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM H. HERRICK, St. Louis, Grand Master; M.·. Ill.·. ROBERT F. STEVENSON, St. Louis, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

NEW JERSEY—1912.

Fifty-second Annual Assembly at Trenton, April 16th. Among the number present were fourteen Past Grand Masters. All of their eight Councils made returns and paid dues; and five were represented. Seven greeted 102 Companions, Kane, No. 2, having thirty-seven. Membership 1,207, an increase of sixty-seven. Receipts, $301.75; expenditures, $184.86; in treasury, $494.45. Grand Representatives of twenty-two Grand Councils were introduced and greeted, M.·.Ill.·.JOHN B. BERTHLOF representing New York.

The Grand Master in an eloquent address urged the importance of bringing the Cryptic Rite more prominently before the Royal Arch Masons, and suggests a possible solution in the "Texas" plan. He made a number of visits, one especially noted being to Kane Council, No. 2, where the work of the Super-Excellent degrees was given in a masterly manner. He notes the deaths of our Grand Chaplain, WARREN C. HUBBARD, and our Past Grand Master, ALEXANDER B. KING, whose names are also enrolled on a memorial page. Memorials and portraits are given of Past Grand Master GEORGE SCOTT (1878), who died November 26, 1911, and Past Grand Master JOHN T. HARTLEY (1875), who died September 24, 1911. The retiring Grand Master was presented with a Past Grand Master's apron.

Twenty-eight jurisdictions are reviewed by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, embracing fifty-six pages. New York, 1911, is royally treated to two pages, and the address of our Grand Master quoted very fully. While complimenting our Recorder on the excellent manner in which he prepared the proceedings, the sad news of the death of Grand Recorder CHARLES T. LUNT having just reached him, expresses his sorrow and sympathy for our loss of one so "faithful and true."

Next Annual Assembly at Trenton, April 15th, 1913. The fine looking portrait welcoming us upon opening the journal is that of M.·.Ill.·.ALBERT B. FORTINER, Camden, Grand Master; M.·.Ill.·.HIRAM E. DEATS, Flemington, Grand Recorder; R.·.Ill.·.THEO. B. TOWNLEY, Elizabeth, Chairman Foreign Correspondence.

OHIO—1911.

Eighty-second Annual Assembly at Columbus, October 3rd. All the officers, save the Grand Treasurer, were at their stations. Among the members present were fourteen Past Grand Masters. All of the seventy-two chartered Councils, and two U. D., were represented, save three. All made returns and paid dues. During the year 1,185 Companions were greeted, Cincinnati, No. 1, had the greatest number, eighty-three. Membership of state, 13,748, an increase of 840. Receipts, $7,579.00; expenditures, $6,000.92; in treasury, $9,457.66; pay roll for 1911, mileage (eight cents), and per diem ($3.00), $721.88. Upon calling the roll of Grand Representatives, twenty-eight responded, New York made no response. T.·.Ill.·.Companion JOHN P. KUHNS, Master of Columbus Council, No. 8, in a heartfelt manner welcomed the Grand Council to Columbus, which address was responded to by Past Grand Master SPILL in his usual eloquent and happy manner. M.·.P.·.General Grand Master GRAFF M. ACKLIN was introduced by M.·.Ill.·.ORESTES A. B. SENTER and greeted and welcomed with honors by Grand Master OPPENHEIMER. Many distinguished visitors were then extended the honors and courtesies of the Grand Council.

Grand Master OPPENHEIMER's report was very full, showing

a large increase of membership in spite of the heavy losses of the year. He reports every Council in the state visited and inspected, and finds these reports most encouraging, showing a decided advancement of the work. His sincere thanks are given to the Officers and Companions who so faithfully fulfilled the duties assigned to them, and trusts the system of so dividing the state into nine "arches" may be continued in the ensuing year. In his report on Necrology he notes the loss to Ohio of two of its Past Grand Masters—ARTHUR P. CRANE (1896), and JOSEPH MCKENDREE GOODSPEED (1880-1881), Past Grand Masters of Masons, of whom memorial pages and portraits are given.

Dispensations were granted to a Council at Oak Harbor and at McConnellsville, which were chartered during the Assembly as numbers 105 and 106. A dispensation was refused a Council to ballot on candidates at a Special Assembly earlier than the date of regular Assembly on the same day. A copy of the report of the Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home was sent to the Grand Council by Trustee J. H. BROMWELL, who finds much improvement has taken place during the year. This report appears also in the proceedings. We note appropriations of $2,000.00 to Ohio Masonic Home, $1,500.00 for endowment fund, and $500.00 for general fund.

The Grand Council in consideration of Grand Recorder EVANS' nineteen years of capable, courteous and faithful service presented him with a suitable jewel of special design. This jewel was presented to the Grand Recorder in his home Council.

The retiring Grand Master was duly invested with a jewel, which was presented in an eloquent address by M.·.Ill.·.Past Grand Master LEVI C. GOODALE, and fitting response was made thereto by the recipient. The Committee on Fraternal Dead note the loss to New York of M.·.Ill.·.Past Grand Master ALEXANDER B. KING, and give loving tribute to the memory of our Grand Chaplain, WARREN C. HUBBARD, concluding—"A Masonic gentleman and scholar and a faithful Christian minister, he rests from his labors, and his works do follow him." The report on Correspondence from our old friend, NELSON WILLIAMS, covers 109 pages and reviews thirty-four Grand Jurisdictions. It is

his sixth annual, and we deeply regret was prepared mainly at sanitariums and health resorts, showing ill health of our dear Companion, which we trust has ere this departed, and that he is now blessed with a return to restored strength. New York, 1910, has his usual kind attention, giving three pages of space to our affairs. He notes the presence of Grand Representative CHAMBERS. He has kind words for the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

"These reports year by year appearing before us, prepared "upon a high plane, couched in choice language, are an inspira- "tion and do reach the springs of sentiment which are ever "bubbling in our souls."

Portraits of the Grand Master, General Grand Master and Grand Recorder embellish the volume.

Next Annual Assembly at Dayton, September 24th, 1912. M.·.Ill.·.HUGH V. OLNEY, Van Wert, Grand Master; R.·.Ill.·. WILLIAM E. EVANS, Chillicothe, Grand Recorder; M.·.Ill.·. NELSON WILLIAMS, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA—1912.

Sixty-sixth Annual Assembly held at Pittsburg January 16. All the Officers were at their stations. Fifty-eight members present, of these eleven being Past Grand Masters. Of the twenty-five Councils, sixteen were represented. All made returns and paid dues. 434 Companions were greeted during the year, Mt. Moriah, No. 2, having fifty-four, the largest number. Membership, 5,559, an increase of 254. Receipts, $2,785.70; expenditures, $2,157.44; in treasury, $3,999.20. Mileage and per diem ($5.00) for 1912, $391.62 to the Officers and Past Grand Masters. Grand Representatives from twelve jurisdictions were present. New York was represented by M.·.P.·.Past Grand Master GEORGE C. JOHNSTONE, who gave the Grand Council a most cordial and also interesting address of welcome to Pittsburg, which was also largely resminiscent, showing from what small beginning the Grand Council of Pennsylvania has attained its present flourishing condition. We note among the list of dis-

tinguished visitors M.·.Ill.·.Warren Larue Thomas of Kentucky. Among the letters of regret at their inability to be present we note that of our Grand Master Martin Q. Good. Among the list of appropriations, $25.00 is given to the Masonic Home in Pennsylvania.

Grand Master William J. Griffiths gave a concise and interesting record of his year's work. In his report of deaths in sister jurisdictions he notes that of our Past Grand Master, William H. Andrews and Past Grand Master, Alexander B. King, and our Grand Chaplain, Warren C. Hubbard. Twenty-six dispensations were granted to act on petition for degrees and membership without waiting the usual time. Accompanied by his staff he made fourteen visits to Councils in his jurisdiction. He commissioned R.·.Ill.·.Philip M. Nast, Jr., of Cornell, New York, as their Grand Representative to our Grand Council.

The retiring Grand Master, whose portrait greets us on the title page, was presented with a Past Grand Master's jewel on behalf of the Grand Council. A fine cut of the officers of the Grand Council, and also a portrait in memoriam of M.·.P.·. Grand Master William W. Wilson (1849-1853), is given.

The report of correspondence reviews thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions, covering sixty-four pages, New York being given three pages of courteous attention. The address of Grand Master Lloyd is generously quoted in the Grand Recorder's usual happy style.

Next Annual Assembly at Williamsport, January 21, 1913. M.·.P.·.P. Percy Blackburn, Williamsport, Grand Master; M.·.P.·.Frank W. Martenis, South Bethlehem, Grand Recorder and Chairman Foreign Correspondence.

APOLOGY.

Many of the proceedings undoubtedly mailed to us have failed to reach us, caused we understand by some tie-up in the papers of Grand Recorder Lunt, some of which are now coming to hand, but as our Grand Recorder is desirous that the issue of the proceedings shall not be delayed, together with our present rather serious illness, we bring our report to a close.

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