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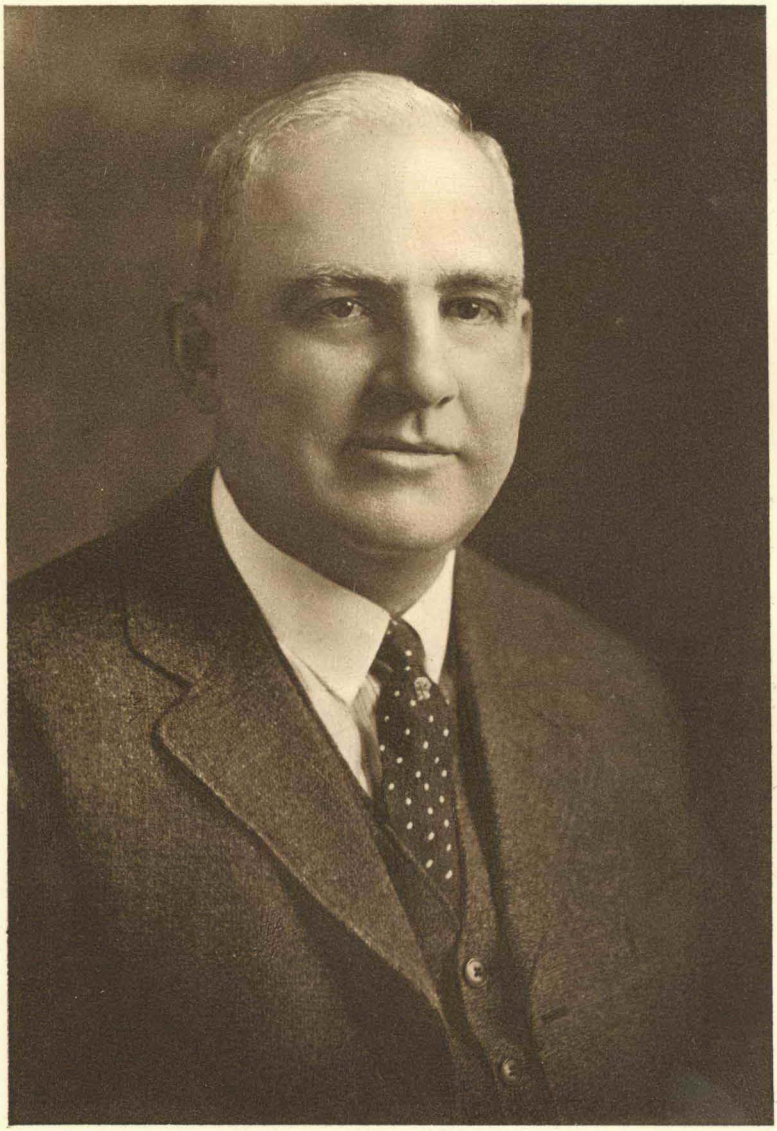

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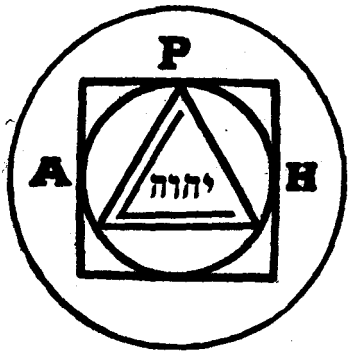
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Grand Council
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
of the State of New York

104th Annual Assembly

AUGUST 22-23, 1927

MASONIC TEMPLE — SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS JAMES A. SMITH, GRAND MASTER

Opening Exercises

Prelude—Invocation

COMPANION GEORGE E. PABST, Organist to the Grand Council

Entrance of Grand Master and Grand Officers

Entrance March—

COMPANION GEORGE E. PABST

Salutation—On behalf of City of Syracuse

BROTHER CHARLES G. HANNA, Mayor of the City

Vocal—"Jubilata" *Pabst*

CENTRAL CITY COUNCIL QUARTETTE

Welcome—On behalf of Central City Council, No. 13

ILLUSTRIOUS ERWIN G. NICHOLS, Master

Opening of the Grand Council

Vocal—"Ope Thou Mine Eyes" *Bailey*

COMPANION CLARENCE DILLENBACK

Prayer — GRAND CHAPLAIN

Vocal—"Hail! Cryptic Rite" (*Air, America*)

Words arranged for the Cryptic Rite by the late 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 Councils stand.
May they have great command.
And always grace the land;
Hail! Cryptic Rite.

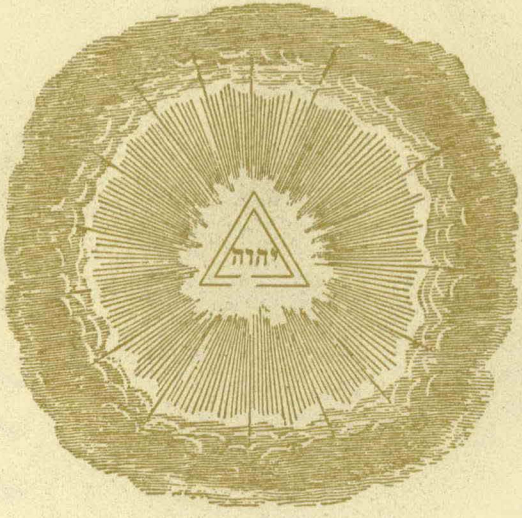
Our Father's God to thee
Author of Liberty
To thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light
Protect the "Cryptic Rite,"
Great God our King.

Proclamation — GRAND MARSHAL

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.

Roll Call — GRAND RECORDER



One Hundred and Fourth Annual Assembly

OF THE

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

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Grand Council Room
Masonic Temple, Syracuse, N. Y.
Monday, August, 22, 1927.

OPENING

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York convened in its One Hundred and Fourth Annual Assembly, in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Syracuse, New York, on Monday, August 22, A. D. 1927, A.·.Dep.·.2927, at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.·.Ill.·.James A. Smith.....Grand Master
R.·.Ill.·.George O. Linkletter.....Deputy Grand Master
R.·.Ill.·.Charles M. Colton.....Grand P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
M.·.P.·.George A. Newell.....Grand Treasurer
M.·.Ill.·.George Edward Hatch.....Grand Recorder
R.·.Ill.·.Edward Feih.....as Grand Captain of the Guard
R.·.Ill.·.Jerome L. Cheney...Grand Conductor of the Council
R.·.Ill.·.E. Parker Waggoner.....Grand Lecturer
R.·.Ill.·.John A. Derthick.....Grand Marshal
R.·.Ill.·.Albert S. Price.....Grand Standard Bearer
R.·.Ill.·.William F. Seber.....Grand Steward
M.·.Ill.·.Roland K. Mason.....Grand Trustee
M.·.Ill.·.Oliver H. LaBarre.....Grand Trustee
M.·.Ill.·.Herbert W. Greenland.....Grand Trustee
R.·.Ill.·.and Rev. S. Wright Butler, D.D....Grand Chaplain
Companion James H. Melligan.....Grand Sentinel

Together with the Representatives of the following Councils:

Columbian .....No. 1
Union .....No. 2
Adelphic .....No. 7
Rotica .....No. 12
Central City .....No. 13
Bloss .....No. 14
Bruce .....No. 15
Southern Tier .....No. 16
Buffalo .....No. 17
King Hiram .....No. 18
Doric .....No. 19
Keystone .....No. 20
Ancient City.....No. 21
DeWitt Clinton.....No. 22
Binghamton .....No. 24
Dunkirk .....No. 25
Palmyra .....No. 26
King Solomon.....No. 31
Jamestown .....No. 32
Watertown .....No. 34
Hornellsville .....No. 35
Adoniram .....No. 36
Cryptic .....No. 37
Tyrian .....No. 43
Fulton .....No. 50
Corning .....No. 53
Peekskill .....No. 55
Hudson .....No. 62
Phoenix .....No. 70
Alph-Omega .....No. 71
Johnstown .....No. 72
St. George's .....No. 74
Skoi-Yase .....No. 75
Huntington .....No. 76
St. Lawrence.....No. 77
Catskill .....No. 78
Temple .....No. 79
Flatbush .....No. 80
Joseph Warren.....No. 81
Salamanca .....No. 82
Zabud .....No. 84
Triangle .....No. 85
Lafayette .....U.·.D.·.
Oneonta .....U.·.D.·.

And Permanent Members as follows:

GEORGE A. NEWELL.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
WILLARD S. BRADT.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
IRVING L'HOMMEDIEU .....P.·.G.·.M.·.
FRANK M. ADEE.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
MARTIN Q. GOOD.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
HERBERT W. GREENLAND.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
GEORGE EDWARD HATCH.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
OLIVER H. LABARRE.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
EUGENE E. HINMAN.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
JAMES CHAMBERS .....P.·.G.·.M.·.
ROLAND K. MASON.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
HENRY A. MACGRUER.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
WILLIAM S. RISELAY.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
JOSEPH L. LOCKHART.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
GEORGE R. HEMENWAY.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
JOHN B. ADKINS, Columbian, No. 1.....P.·.M.·.
WILLIAM J. MORGAN, Columbian, No. 1.....P.·.M.·.
ALBERT C. MARKARD, Columbian, No. 1.....P.·.M.·.
EDWARD FEIH, Union, No. 2.....P.·.M.·.
HENRY J. HUEMMER, Union, No. 2.....P.·.M.·.
HARRY AERY, Union, No. 2.....P.·.M.·.
NICHOLAS PECORA, Union, No. 2.....P.·.M.·.
C. LINWOOD MORRELL, Union, No. 2.....P.·.M.·.
ERNEST E. WILSON, Union, No. 2.....P.·.M.·.
CLARENCE F. HEATH, Union, No. 2.....P.·.M.·.
CHARLES H. STODDARD, Adelphic, No. 7.....P.·.M.·.
MATTHEW S. CUMNER, Adelphic, No. 7.....P.·.M.·.
HENRY HELLER, Adelphic, No. 7.....P.·.M.·.
S. ORMOND GOLDAN, Adelphic, No. 7.....P.·.M.·.
WILLIAM F. TREMAIN, Rotica, No. 12.....P.·.M.·.
HARRY A. SINCLAIR, Rotica, No. 12.....P.·.M.·.
GEORGE B. CATHERS, Central City, No. 13.....P.·.M.·.
GEORGE K. HANCOCK, Central City, No. 13.....P.·.M.·.
SAMUEL R. W. MARRIOTT, Central City, No. 13.....P.·.M.·.
WILLIAM L. CUMMINGS, Central City, No. 13.....P.·.M.·.
CHESTER D. CROWELL, Central City, No. 13.....P.·.M.·.
LLOYD J. RICHARDSON, Central City, No. 13.....P.·.M.·.
LOUIS N. ELLENBOGEN, Bloss, No. 14.....P.·.M.·.
HARRY I. TONG, Southern Tier, No. 16.....P.·.M.·.
LOUIS A. NORTHROP, Southern Tier, No. 16.....P.·.M.·.

RICHARD MARLOWE, Southern Tier, No. 16.....P.·.M.·.
ESBON B. REW, Buffalo, No. 17.....P.·.M.·.
JOHN T. LEACH, King Hiram, No. 18.....P.·.M.·.
JAMES G. NOAKES, King Hiram, No. 18.....P.·.M.·.
LEWIS E. MARTIN, King Hiram, No. 18.....P.·.M.·.
JOSEPH W. DOUGLAS, King Hiram, No. 18.....P.·.M.·.
F. MAURICE HARROP, King Hiram, No. 18.....P.·.M.·.
GEORGE T. CLARKE, King Hiram, No. 18.....P.·.M.·.
FRED S. THOMPSON, King Hiram, No. 18.....P.·.M.·.
GEORGE J. VETTER, Doric No. 19.....P.·.M.·.
HARRY G. GREENSMITH, Doric No. 19.....P.·.M.·.
CHARLES M. BUCK, Doric, No. 19.....P.·.M.·.
W. FRANK DAVIS, Ancient City, No. 21.....P.·.M.·.
EUGENE CRAWFORD, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....P.·.M.·.
GEORGE C. VROMAN, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....P.·.M.·.
ERNEST C. JOHNSON, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....P.·.M.·.
ARTHUR B. GREGG, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....P.·.M.·.
EDWARD C. EATON, JR., DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....P.·.M.·.
JOHN C. SCHWERTFAGER, Dunkirk, No. 25.....P.·.M.·.
ALFRED C. HOPKINS, Palmyra, No. 26.....P.·.M.·.
PHILIP M. NAST, JR., Hornellsville, No. 35.....P.·.M.·.
EDWIN L. BROOKS, Adoniram, No. 36.....P.·.M.·.
HAROLD S. EMBREE, Adoniram, No. 36.....P.·.M.·.
WALTER S. PRESCOTT, Cryptic, No. 37.....P.·.M.·.
HARRY CLAY HITCHCOCK, Tyrian, No. 43.....P.·.M.·.
ROY E. REYNOLDS, Fulton, No. 50.....P.·.M.·.
CLAUDE W. KNIGHT, Fulton, No. 50.....P.·.M.·.
HARRIE O. ANDERSON, Corning, No. 53.....P.·.M.·.
AMOS BURTON, Hudson, No. 62.....P.·.M.·.
J. CALEB FISHER, Phoenix, No. 70.....P.·.M.·.
ARTHUR W. PEENE, Phoenix, No. 70.....P.·.M.·.
DANIEL F. H. ALLEN, Alph-Omega, No. 71.....P.·.M.·.
ARTHUR B. WASSUNG, Johnstown, No. 72.....P.·.M.·.
HERBERT T. CLEMANS, Johnstown, No. 72.....P.·.M.·.
HENRY V. BURGER, St. George's, No. 74.....P.·.M.·.
EVERETT E. GREEN, St. George's, No. 74.....P.·.M.·.
ALLISON E. LOWNDES, Huntington, No. 76.....P.·.M.·.
HENRY A. MURPHY, Huntington, No. 76.....P.·.M.·.
KURT J. GALOW, Huntington, No. 76.....P.·.M.·.
FRANK F. WILLIAMS, St. Lawrence, No. 77.....P.·.M.·.
RUDOLPH J. STAHL, Catskill, No. 78.....P.·.M.·.
CHARLES F. CUSHING, Temple, No. 79.....P.·.M.·.

THOMAS W. AITKEN, Temple, No. 79.....P.·.M.·.
WILLIAM LEE, Joseph Warren, No. 81.....P.·.M.·.
A. EDWARD KRIEGER, Salamanca, No. 82.....P.·.M.·.
GEORGE WOOD, Zabud, No. 84.....P.·.M.·.
EDWARD L. HEIN, Triangle No. 85.....P.·.M.·.

With Representatives from the following Grand Councils:

CONNECTICUT .....R.·.Ill.·.MATTHEW S. CUMNER
DELAWARE .....R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES M. BUCK
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....R.·.Ill.·.HARRY CLAY HITCHCOCK
ENGLAND .....M.·.Ill.·.HERBERT W. GREENLAND
FLORIDA .....R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES H. STODDARD
GEORGIA .....R.·.Ill.·.LOUIS N. ELLENBOGEN
ILLINOIS .....R.·.Ill.·.A. EDWARD KRIEGER
KANSAS .....R.·.Ill.·.EDWARD C. EATON, JR.
KENTUCKY .....R.·.Ill.·.ARTHUR B. WASSUNG
LOUISIANA .....R.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM F. TREMAIN
MARITIME PROVINCES .....R.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM LEE
MICHIGAN .....R.·.Ill.·.EDWIN L. BROOKS
MINNESOTA .....R.·.Ill.·.ESBON B. REW
MISSOURI .....R.·.Ill.·.GEORGE B. CATHERS
NEVADA .....R.·.Ill.·.GEORGE WOOD
NEW HAMPSHIRE .....R.·.Ill.·.FRANK F. WILLIAMS
NORTH DAKOTA .....R.·.Ill.·.THOMAS W. AITKEN
OHIO .....R.·.Ill.·.HARRY I. TONG
OKLAHOMA .....R.·.Ill.·.HENRY V. BURGER
SCOTLAND .....M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE EDWARD HATCH
SOUTH CAROLINA .....R.·.Ill.·.W. FRANK DAVIS
VERMONT .....R.·.Ill.·.HERBERT T. CLEMANS

The following Grand Representatives sent letters and telegrams of regret at their inability to be present and requesting to be excused from attendance at this Annual Assembly:

R.·.Ill.·.FRANK H. NORTON.....Grand Rep. of Arizona
R.·.Ill.·.HERMON E. SULLIVAN...Grand Rep. of California
R.·.Ill.·.HENRY G. STORY.....Grand Rep. of Maryland
R.·.Ill.·.JOHN F. BIRMINGHAM..Grand Rep. of Massachusetts
R.·.Ill.·.ARTHUR DEWITT BECKER.Grand Rep. of Pennsylvania
R.·.Ill.·.JAMES H. MASON.....Grand Rep. of Tennessee

The Grand Master announced that he had requested R.·.Ill.·. EDWARD FEIH to act as Grand Captain of the Guard in place of R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES H. JOHNSON, who was abroad and not able to be present. He also announced that he had requested R.·.Ill.·.MATTHEW S. CUMNER to act as Grand Steward in place of R.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM F. SEBER, who had been present but who had been called away on urgent business and was expected to return later in the day.

Welcomed by the City of Syracuse

Ill.·.ERWIN G. NICHOLS:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I have the honor and pleasure of presenting to you HON. ROLLIN B. MARVIN, President of the Common Council and Acting Mayor of the City of Syracuse, who, in the absence of the Mayor, will extend a welcome on behalf of the City of Syracuse.

HON. ROLLIN B. MARVIN, President of the Common Council and Acting Mayor of the City of Syracuse, spoke as follows:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, as President of the Common Council of this city it is my duty to take the place of the Mayor when he goes away. It happens that he has gone on a yachting trip up in Canada for a good time, and so I am here this morning to offer you the hearty and cordial welcome of the City of Syracuse. If there is anything you need the City Hall is ready and willing to serve you in any way possible, and it will be a pleasure to accord you every courtesy and consideration.

I sincerely hope and trust that your convention here will be a success in every way possible.

I extend to you the most cordial greetings from the City of Syracuse.

Greetings from Central City Council

Ill.·.ERWIN G. NICHOLS, Master of Central City Council, No. 13, in behalf of his Council, spoke as follows:

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of the State of New York, one of the very pleasant experiences in fraternal life is the opportunity which is occasionally offered to play the part of host. Central City Council, No. 13, now has that pleasure and privilege, and, as the Master of the Council the agreeable duty devolves upon me to say a kind word of welcome and greeting to the delegates who have favored us by coming here.

Last year when I heard that this Grand Council was going to be our guest this year I looked forward with pleasure to the occasion and felt proud that we were to be so honored, and this was especially true becuase of three great Masons in this jurisdiction. One whom we around here called the father of the Council, I refer to Illustrious HOWARD E. PLAISTED, our Recorder for many years and known as the father of our Council, was lost to us in February. However, he left a legacy of life work which will be an inspiration to the Companions of Central City Council for all times. We are again glad to welcome you because you have among your Council Officers as a Past Grand Council head and as a Grand Trustee, a beloved member of our own Council, Companion GREENLAND. You, no doubt are well aware of his many excellent qualities, but I do want to mention the fact that he has, single-handed, during the past year brought in one hundred three applications to Central City Council. I certainly would be remiss in my duty to Central City Council if I did not in a small way pay tribute to our great Masonic leader in Syracuse, your Grand Conductor of the Grand Council, Companion CHENEY. Still, I hesitate to pay tribute to so great a man and leader. I simply will say, he is the anchor around which the Masonic Bodies of Syracuse tie, and, I observe, the State Bodies have also seen a good thing and taken advantage of his qualifications and ability.

Most sincerely and affectionately Central City Council, No. 13, bids you a most hearty and cordial welcome. The Masonic Temple is yours, the Companions are eager to greet you and enhance your pleasure and comfort, and the the City of Syracuse, the Acting Mayor tells you, is at your disposal. We hope that you will have a very good time. We trust that you will like us, and will want to come to us again.

The Grand Master thanked both Brother MARVIN and Ill.˙. Companion NICHOLS for their kindly words of greeting and expressed on behalf of the members of the Grand Council their appreciation for all that was being done for them.

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, M.˙.Ill.˙. JAMES A. SMITH, Grand Master, presiding.

R.˙.Ill.˙.and REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, Grand Chaplain, was escorted to the Altar and offered the following

PRAYER

Our Father and our God, we have climbed the foot hills of the experience of the year that has closed. We have attained its crest and answered its demands of duty. Now we stand at its summit, the summit of our anticipations, the summit of our desires. We are grateful for the vision of our lives, and the beholding of the faces of our dear Companions. We are grateful for the sense of pressure of our hands in the greetings. We are thankful for the words spoken to us, of welcome, more refreshing than water to the thirsty. We are thankful for what we see and feel. Open Thou our eyes also that we may behold the invisible, and see and feel Thy presence. While it is said that no man can see Thy face while alive, yet Thou hast said to Moses, where two or three are gathered in Thy name Thou will be present. We are here

in Thy name and in the name of loving fellowship. We desire to be qualified for larger service and nobler deeds than we have discharged. We thank Thee for the past. We thank Thee for the present. We pray Thee to be with us continuously. May we gather strength from the invisible Companions, from those who have terminated their journey and who are now home in the Grand Council of Thy Presence. Bless us in this Assembly, in this Grand Council and all the proceedings, all that shall be done or thought or executed while we are here. And when we separate, be with us in our various paths. And, oh God, if it be the lot of some of us to meet no more with our dear Companions, we pray Thee to bring us to the joy that is inexplicable and full of glory in Thy Presence forever more.

R.·.Ill.·.JOHN A. DERTHICK:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I present to you the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Council.

M.·.Ill.·.JAMES A. SMITH:

It is a rare but most satisfactory privilege to see so many of the Past Grand Masters in our midst this morning. There is very little we can say to express our appreciation of your services in the past in behalf of this Grand Council and the pleasure it affords us to have you with us at this Annual Assembly. I will ask the escorting Officer to present these distinguished Past Grand Masters in the East so that the younger Companions may see what kind of men we formerly had at the head of this organization.

R.·.Ill.·.JOHN A. DERTHICK:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I present the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions near the Grand Council of the State of New York.

M.·.Ill.·.JAMES A. SMITH:

Right Illustrious Companions, I am delighted to see so many of you present. It is a real pleasure to have you here and in the discharge of your duties. I think it will be a benefit to the Rite if you will keep up the labor in which you are engaged. I extend to you cordial greetings, and through you respectively to the Grand Councils you have the honor to represent, with our best wishes for their unprecedented success.

The following distinguished Craftsmen were introduced, escorted to the East, received with grand honors and cordially welcomed by the Grand Master.

M.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM S. RISELAY introduced R.·.E.·.GEORGE O. LINKLETTER, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T. of the State of New York.

M.·.P.·.GEORGE A. NEWELL introduced M.·.E.·.CHARLES HAMMEL, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R.·.A.·.M.·. of the State of New York.

M.·.Ill.·.George R. Hemenway introduced R.·.Ill.·.Jerome L. Cheney, 33° Active, Deputy for New York of the Supreme Council, A.·.A.·.S.·.R.·., N.·.M.·.J.·..

M.·.Ill.·.Roland K. Mason introduced M.·.Ill.·.Dean K. Webster and M.·.Ill.·.Arthur D. Prince, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Massachusetts.

R.·.Ill.·.William L. Cummings introduced M.·.Ill.·.Bernard Gardiner, Grand Master, and M.·.Ill.·.Edward M. Wheeler, Past Grand Master, of the Grand Council of Rhode Island.

R.·.Ill.·.Matthew S. Cumner introduced R.·.Ill.·.Arthur H. Parker, Deputy Grand Master, and R.·.Ill.·.Arthur L. Clark, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, of the Grand Council of Connecticut.

M.·.Ill.·.George R. Hemenway introduced M.·.Ill.·.Gunnar G. Gudmundson, Grand Master, and M.·.Ill.·.Donald J. Sargent, Past Grand Master, of the Grand Council of New Jersey.

R.·.Ill.·.Harry I. Tong introduced M.·.Ill.·.Harvey M. Rein, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio.

R.·.Ill.·.Edwin L. Brooks introduced M.·.Ill.·.Daniel W. MacMillan, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Michigan.

R.·.Ill.·.Herbert T. Clemans introduced M.·.Il.·.Christie B. Crowell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Vermont.

Committees Appointed

The Grand Recorder read the appointment by the Grand Master of the following Committees:

CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS

George Edward Hatch — John Burden
George L. Hodgson

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Roland K. Mason — Jerry B. Badgley
George E. Bradbrook

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

JOSEPH L. LOCKHART — FREDERICK DIEMER

EDWARD L. HEIN

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

OLIVER H. LABARRE — ALBERT E. CHADWICK

AMOS BURTON

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

JAMES CHAMBERS — HARRY AERY

FRED B. HANCOX

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

GEORGE R. HEMENWAY — ERWIN G. NICHOLS

C. HOWARD GREENE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MARTIN Q. GOOD — ROLAND E. ELLIS

FRANK L. MOORE

Minutes of the Last Annual 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.

Select Masters Invited to Remain as Visitors

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

Regrets

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

M.·.Ill.·.Harvey W. Bentley, Grand Master of the Grand Council, R.·.and S.·.M.·. of Delaware.

M.·.Ill.·.Henry R. Gillis, Grand Master of the Grand Council, R.·.and S.·.M.·. of Maine.

M.·.P.·.Frederick A. Beebe, Grand Master of the Grand Council, R.·.and S.·.M.·. of Connecticut.

M.·.Ill.·.Olin D. Dickerman, Grand Master of the Grand Council, R.·.and S.·.M.·. of Massachusetts.

M.·.Ill.·.Fred E. Ogden, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, R.·.and S.·.M.·. of New York.

M.·.Ill.·.A. H. Conn, Grand Representative, Grand Council of New York near the Grand Council of Iowa.

R.·.Ill.·.Morris Goldwater, Grand Representative, Grand Council of New York near the Grand Council of Arizona.

M.·.Ill.·.Fred H. Dolloff, Grand Master of the Grand Council, R.·.and S.·.M.·. of Vermont.

R.·.Ill.·.Edwin F. Hillman, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council, R.·.and S.·.M.·. of Maine and Grand Representative, Grand Council of New York.

R.·.Ill.·.and Rt. Rev. David Lincoln Ferris, D. D., Grand Chaplain.

R.·.Ill.·.Charles H. Johnson, Grand Captain of the Guard.

M.·.Ill.·.James A. Smith, Grand Master, read the following:

ADDRESS

Companions:

Again we are gathered in this Grand Council where we may review the performance of the past year, survey our situation of the present and, if possible, make plans for further progress in the future.

With reference to the first, we can only say that in looking over our work of the past year that much as we might have desired otherwise, it has been no more than an ordinary year. While we have done considerable work of a constructive character and have endeavored to maintain a fine spirit in the organization, which has been ably fostered by our predecessors, we realize fully that in many respects our accomplishments have fallen far short of those which we had hoped for and anticipated, and probably in so doing have caused disappointment to some of the Companions.

With reference to the second phase of this situation, so far as we are able to learn harmony prevails, a fine spirit of service predominates in all our Councils, and while the work in many has not been as productive of results as we had hoped it is nevertheless true that in all which have come to our notice there is a distinct desire for service, and while, in common with practically all other Masonic Bodies, there has not been the looked for increase in membership we nevertheless feel that this is not due to any failure on the part of those who are charged with the responsibility of this work.

With reference to the future, we can only say that it is reasonable to expect that this Grand Body will share in such opportunities as may come to other Masonic organizations. We have every reason to believe that with the fine spirit which prevails and the wisdom and ability in possession of those Officers of this Grand Line who will succeed us, there is every hope that

we may live up to the desires of our membership in the promulgation of the spirit of the Cryptic Rite and service to our fellowmen.

Necrology

It is an age old truth that just so soon as we are born that moment also sees us begin to die, and we are continually reminded that the time of our passing is most uncertain, and that almost daily one loses relatives, friends and acquaintances. Nevertheless, we should be comforted by the thought upon which Masonry is founded, that this transitory existence is but the prelude to a larger, more beautiful and happier one in the realms above and, therefore, while we may and will undoubtedly miss from our circle of friends many whose loss will be keenly felt, we should not repine, as we will undoubtedly meet again in an inseparable band, to dwell in light and life forever more.

Of Our Own Grand Council

Ill.˙.Jerome S. Billington, Past Master of Corning Council, No. 53, died August 15, 1926.

Ill.˙.Frank B. Barnard, Past Master of Dunkirk Council, No. 25, died September 19, 1926.

Ill.˙.Henry Post, Past Master of Buffalo Council, No. 17, died October 30, 1926.

Ill.˙.Frederick A. Busch, Past Master of Keystone Council, No. 20, died December 5, 1926.

Ill.˙.Elmer E. Seymour, Past Master of Peekskill Council, No. 55, died January 12, 1927.

Ill.˙.John R. Gillett, Past Master of Ancient City Council, No. 21, died January 15, 1927.

Ill.˙.Benjamin S. Harrison, Past Master of Dunkirk Council, No. 25, died March 8, 1927.

Ill.˙.William B. Gardner, Past Master of Brooklyn Council, No. 4, died May 13, 1927.

Ill.˙.Joseph E. Baker, Past Master of Bruce Council, No. 15, died May 29, 1927.

Of Other Grand Councils

Colorado—M.·.Ill.·.CROMWELL TUCKER, Past Grand Master, died September 16, 1926.

Connecticut—Companion GEORGE AMBROSE STURDY, Grand Recorder, died July 30, 1926.

M.·.P.·.EDWARD JAMES POOLEY, Past Grand Master, died April 28, 1927.

District of Columbia—M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE EDGAR CORSON, Past Grand Master, died July 10, 1927.

Georgia—M.·.Ill.·.THOMAS FRANKLIN MOODY, Past Grand Master, died January 14, 1927.

Illinois—M.·.Ill.·.NATHANIEL BOWDITCH, Past Grand Master, died April 6, 1927.

Kentucky—M.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM R. JOHNSTON, SR., Past Grand Master, died June 30, 1926.

Maine—M.·.Ill.·.BIAL FRANK BRADBURY, Past Grand Master, died April 22, 1927.

M.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM FREEMAN LORD, Past Grand Master, died June 10, 1927.

M.·.Ill.·.ALBERT MANCHESTER PENLEY, Past Grand Master, died June 25, 1927.

Maryland—M.·.Ill.·.EUGENE HAMMOND, Past Grand Master, died December 21, 1926.

M.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM MOHR, Past Grand Master, died May 31, 1927.

Massachusetts—M.·.P.·.JOHN ALBERT BLAKE, Past General Grand Master of the General Grand Council; Past Grand Master, died November 27, 1926.

R.·.P.·.WALLACE C. KEITH, General Grand Captain of Guard, General Grand Council; Past Grand Master, died June 19, 1927.

M.·.Ill.·.EDWIN S. CRANDON, Past Grand Master, died July 21, 1927.

Minnesota—M.·.Ill.·.OLIVER JAMES HENRY MARTIN, Past Grand Master, died May 18, 1927.

Missouri—M.·.Ill.·.David McConaughy Wilson, Past Grand Master, died October 27, 1926.

Nebraska—M.·.Ill.·.Barthold Koehler, Past Grand Master, died December 9, 1926.

New Hampshire—M.·.Ill.·.William Dwight Chandler, Past Grand Master, died November 5, 1926.

North Dakota—M.·.Ill.·.Alexander Barclay Taylor, Past Grand Master, died October 11, 1926.

Ohio—M.·.P.·.Grafton Molen Acklin, Past General Grand Master of the General Grand Council; Past Grand Master, died December 17, 1926.

M.·.Ill.·.Lewis Billings Shaw, Past Grand Master, died May 21, 1927.

Pennsylvania—M.·.P.·. John Henry Lape, Past Grand Master, died May 10, 1926.

M.·.P.·.William Jenkins Fordney, Past Grand Master, died December 2, 1926.

Constitution of Triangle Council, No. 85

On October 20, 1926, accompanied by a large number of distinguished Companions, I visited Jamaica for the purpose of constituting Triangle Council, No. 85, and presenting its Charter.

A dinner at the Colonial Arms Hotel preceded the ceremony, which was held at the Jamaica Masonic Temple, and in which the following distinguished Companions assisted: R.·.Ill.·.George O. Linkletter, Deputy Grand Master; M.·.Ill.·.Martin Q. Good, as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; M.·.Ill.·. Oliver H. LaBarre, as Grand Treasurer; M.·.Ill.·.George Edward Hatch, Grand Recorder; M.·.Ill.·.Joseph L. Lockhart, as Grand Captain of the Guard; M.·.Ill.·.George R. Hemenway, as Grand Conductor of the Council; R.·.Ill.·.John A. Derthick, Grand Marshal; R.·.Ill.·.John F. Birmingham, as Grand Steward; Ill.·.Matthew S. Cumner, as Grand Chaplain.

During the evening I took advantage of the presence of Ill.·. Companion Cumner to present him a Commission as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Connecticut.

It is a pleasure to report the steady progress of this Council, which is enabling the Royal Arch Companions in the territory about Jamaica to become members of our Rite.

Dispensations for New Councils

Lafayette Council, U.·.D.·.

For a number of years there has been talk of the forming of a Council in Yonkers, Westchester County, and this year, under the leadership of Ill.·.Arthur W. Peene, Past Master of Phoenix Council, No. 70, a number of Companions requested that a Dispensation be granted for a Council of Royal and Select Masters in that City. The petition was received on February 19, 1927, and was accompanied by the consent of Phoenix Council, No. 70.

There being no question but that there was a splendid field for a Council in this location I granted the Dispensation, and on March 28, 1927 visited Yonkers, presented the Dispensation and formally instituted Lafayette Council, U.·.D.·., the Officers named in the Dispensation being:

Ill.·.Arthur W. Peene, Master; Companion Fred G. Newbery, Deputy Master; Companion Card J. Miller, Principal Conductor of the Work.

I was assisted in the ceremony by the following distinguished Companions:

R.·.Ill.·.George O. Linkletter, Deputy Grand Master; M.·.Ill.·.Oliver H. LaBarre, as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and Grand Chaplain; R.·.Ill.·.Caleb Fisher, as Grand Treasurer; M.·.Ill.·.Martin Q. Good, as Grand Recorder; M.·.Ill.·.James Chambers, as Grand Captain of the Guard; Ill.·.Clarence F. Heath, as Grand Conductor of the Council; R.·.Ill.·.John A. Derthick, Grand Marshal; Ill.·.Christian O. Schaw, as Grand Steward.

The new Council was launched with every indication of being an aggressive and progressive unit in our Cryptic family, sixteen petitions for the degrees being received and accepted.

A dinner at the City Club before the ceremony of the evening was greatly enjoyed.

The work of the Council was inspected for the Grand Lecturer by M.·.Ill.·.Oliver H. LaBarre, his report following:

May 12, 1927.

M.·.Ill.·.James A. Smith,
Grand Master of the Grand Council,
R.·.and S.·.M.·. of the State of New York,
Schenectady, New York.

My Dear Grand Master:

In compliance with your request, I visited Lafayette Council, U.·.D.·., at Yonkers, New York, on the evening of May 9, 1927.

The Council was opened promptly at eight o'clock and after the transaction of the regular and usual business, the degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred. The work was indeed very well done and a pleasure to listen to. Undoubtedly this was in great measure due to the fact that all the Officers have presided over other Bodies, Masonic and otherwise, and they are without question above the average in ritualistic ability.

Their paraphernalia is in every respect good and complete.

We may predict a bright future for this Council for a number of reasons: The Master, Ill.·.Arthur W. Peene, is well equipped for his office because of his many Masonic affiliations in Yonkers; the fraternal spirit apparent, the very advantageous location and the breadth of the field are other contributing factors.

It is without any hesitation that I recommend that a Charter be granted to this Council.

For me to have been selected to inspect this new addition to our ranks was a source of special delight as most of the Companions are old friends, in fact perhaps some of my talks with them have hurried them along in requesting their Dispensation.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Zealously yours,

Oliver H. LaBarre,

Past Grand Master.

The requirements of our Constitution having been met and satisfactory progress made by the new Council I recommend that a Charter be granted to Lafayette Council, U.·.D.·., located at Yonkers, New York.

ONEONTA COUNCIL, U.·.D.·.

On May 11, 1927, a petition was received from a number of Companions requesting that a Dispensation be granted for the organization of a Council of Royal and Select Masters at Oneonta, Otsego County. The petition was accompanied by a letter from R.·.Ill.·.HERBERT T. CLEMANS, of our Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite, urging that the Dispensation be granted.

Being convinced of the desirability of a Council in that location and that it would be successful if instituted, and the consent of Binghamton Council, No. 24, being given, I granted the Dispensation and on May 21, 1927, accompanied by our Grand Recorder, I visited Oneonta, presented the Dispensation and instituted the Council, the Officers named in the Dispensation being:

Companion ALFRED J. STRATTON, Master; Companion U. A. FERGUSON, Deputy Master; Companion WILLIAM E. FORD, Principal Conductor of the Work.

R.·.Ill.·.HERBERT T. CLEMANS, Master of Johnstown Council, No. 72, to whom we are indebted for the formation of the Council, was present with about forty members of his Council, who conferred the degrees of Royal and Select Master in full form for the benefit of the Officers and members of the new Council.

The work of the Council was inspected by our Grand Lecturer who reports as follows:

July 23, 1927.

M.·.Ill.·.JAMES A. SMITH,
Grand Master of the Grand Council,
20 Ballston Road,
Schenectady, New York.

MY DEAR GRAND MASTER:

It was my privilege and pleasure last evening to pay a visit to Oneonta Council, U.·.D.·., for the purpose of looking them over and inspecting their work. This is as you know a new Council that has just started and therefore would not have much opportunity to show their real worth.

They opened and closed the Council in a very creditable manner, averaging up well with the other Councils that it has

been my privilege to visit this year. I spent considerable time with them giving them all the instruction which I was able in the time which we had and I feel confident that the work that will be done will be of the very best. I am therefore pleased to give my approval of their exemplification of the ritual and would recommend that a Charter be granted to Oneonta Council, U.·. D.·., located at Oneonta, New York.

Sincerely yours,

E. PARKER WAGGONER,

Grand Lecturer.

The requirements of our Constitution having been met and satisfactory progress made by the new Council I recommend that a Charter be granted to Oneonta Council, U.·.D.·., located at Oneonta, New York.

DISPENSATIONS

It has been frequently necessary for our Councils to deviate slightly from their stated dates of Assembly and in such cases Dispensations were asked for to hold "Specials," of which we have received a considerable number, all of which it has been our pleasure to grant, and a record of them is on file in the office of our Grand Recorder.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

The Sixteenth Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America will be held at Denver, Colorado, on September 26, and 27, 1927. Our Grand Council is a member of the General Grand Council and, in addition to those of our Past Grand Masters who are members of the General Grand Council, we should be represented by our Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Principal Conductor of the Work. I would recommend that a sufficient amount be appropriated for the use of each of the three Officers named in order to defray the expense of their attending this General Grand Council Assembly.

Decisions

We have been asked to render one decision. This had reference to the desire of one of our Councils to assess its membership for the purpose of participation in the raising of funds to rebuild a Masonic Temple in which they were tenants, and which had unfortunately been destroyed by fire. I was personally of the opinion that such action on the part of a Council, or in fact any other Masonic Body, was illegal. However, in order that no injustice might be done the matter was referred to one of our Companions, whose long experience at the bar, on the bench, and particularly in the service of the Grand Lodge of Masons in the State of New York, rendered him peculiarly fitted to pass on this question and I found him in entire agreement with my own opinion, and therefore in spite of my very great sympathy with the Bodies which had lost practically their entire properties and were operating under great difficulties, I was compelled to decline their request.

Grand Representatives

Appointed

Due to the very happy relations which have existed between our Grand Council and other Grand Jurisdictions, and which have been fostered and improved by the exchange of Grand Representatives, we have been pleased to grant requests from other Jurisdictions and have to their satisfaction and, I have no doubt, to our very great advantage, been pleased to appoint the following:

November 1, 1926. At the request of the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Delaware, I was pleased to appoint R.·. Ill.·.Henry M. Laws as our Representative near that Grand Council.

May 23, 1927. At the request of the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Nevada, I was pleased to appoint R.·.Ill.·.Fred L. Potter as our Representative near that Grand Council.

Grand Representatives

Accredited

We have also recommended the appointment of and have accredited the following Companions, Past Masters of their

several Councils, as Grand Representatives of the Jurisdictions mentioned. They are all Companions who have labored zealously for our Rite in the past and will continue their good work in the future.

Accredited

October 20, 1926. R.·.Ill.·.MATTHEW S. CUMNER, Past Master of Adelphic Council, No. 7, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Connecticut in place of R.·.Ill.·.ELIAS WHITNEY, deceased.

October 31, 1926. R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES M. BUCK, Past Master of Doric Council, No. 19, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Delaware.

November 1, 1926. R.·.Ill.·.HERBERT T. CLEMANS, Past Master of Johnstown Council, No. 72, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Vermont in place of R.·.Ill.·.HENRY P. DAIN, resigned.

November 10, 1926. R.·.Ill.·.ARTHUR DEWITT BECKER, Past Master of Palmyra Council, No. 26, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania in place of R.·.Ill.·.E. PARKER WAGGONER, resigned.

November 13, 1926. R.·.Ill.·.THOMAS W. AITKEN, Past Master of Temple Council, No. 79, as the Representative of the Grand Council of North Dakota in place of R.·.Ill.·.LEON L. PARKER, resigned.

November 15, 1926. R.·.Ill.·.ESBON B. REW, Past Master of Buffalo Council, No. 17, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Minnesota in place of R.·.Ill.·.JOHN B. ADKINS, resigned.

December 6, 1926. R.·.Ill.·.HENRY G. STORY, Past Master of Flatbush Council, No. 80, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Maryland in place of R.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM L. CUMMINGS, resigned.

December 13, 1926. R.·.Ill.·.GEORGE B. CATHERS, Past Master of Central City Council, No. 13, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Missouri in place of R.·.Ill.·.OLIVER L. MENARD, resigned.

December 13, 1926. R.·.Ill.·.FRANK F. WILLIAMS, Past Master of St. Lawrence Council, No. 77, as the Representative of the Grand Council of New Hampshire in place of R.·.Ill.·. CHARLES F. CUSHING, resigned.

December 24, 1926. R.·.Ill.·.HENRY V. BURGER, Past Master of St. George's Council, No. 74, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Oklahoma in place of R.·.Ill.·.ELMER KLECKLER, resigned.

December 29, 1926. R.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM LEE, Past Master of Joseph Warren Council, No. 81, as the Representative of the Grand Council of the Maritime Provinces in place of R.·.Ill.·. WESLEY M. BACKUS, resigned.

January 14, 1927. R.·.Ill.·.HARRY CLAY HITCHCOCK, Past Master of Tyrian Council, No. 43, as the Representative of the Grand Council of the District of Columbia in place of R.·. Ill.·.WALTER M. DOUGLAS, resigned.

May 23, 1927. R.·.Ill.·.GEORGE WOOD, Past Master of Zabud Council, No. 84, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Nevada.

May 29, 1927. R.·.Ill.·.EDWARD C. EATON, JR., Past Master of DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Kansas, in place of R.·.Ill.·.JOHN L. RAYNOR, resigned.

FRATERNAL REQUESTS

We have received but few requests during the year from other Jurisdictions for conferring of degrees and waiving of jurisdiction but those asked our Councils have been glad to grant. Similar requests on behalf of our Councils have been cheerfully granted by the Councils of the other Jurisdictions.

The list of those asked and granted follows:

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

Asked

October 15, 1926. Upon request, jurisdiction was waived by Blanchard Council, No. 14, of Passaic, New Jersey, over Companion CHARLES T. BEERMAN, of Moonachi, New Jersey, in favor of Adelphic Council, No. 7.

April 28, 1927. Upon request, jurisdiction was waived by Superexcellent Council, No. 13, of the Town of Union, New Jersey, over Companion JOSEPH W. DILLINGER, of Woodcliffe, New Jersey, in favor of Union Council, No. 2.

April 28, 1927. Upon request, jurisdiction was waived by Superexcellent Council, No. 13, of the Town of Union, New Jersey, over Companion LOUIS P. DILLINGER, JR., of Woodcliffe, New Jersey, in favor of Union Council, No. 2.

Granted

October 26, 1926. Upon request, jurisdiction was waived by Flatbush Council, No. 80, of Brooklyn, New York, over Companion WILLIAM C. FISHER, of New York City, in favor of Field Council, No. 12, Red Bank, New Jersey.

October 26, 1926. Upon request, jurisdiction was waived by Flatbush Council, No. 80, of Brooklyn, New York, over Companion HAROLD CHRISTOFFER JOHANNESEN, of New York City, in favor of Field Council, No. 12, Red Bank, New Jersey.

Degrees Conferred

May 9, 1927. A request was received from R.·.Ill.·.EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Mississippi, that Buffalo Council, No. 17, confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master upon Companion LENWOOD NATHAN HOWELL as a courtesy to W. S. Patton Council, of Meridian, Mississippi. I am informed that Buffalo Council, No. 17, was pleased to comply with the request and that on May 12, 1927, the degrees were conferred on Companion HOWELL.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Within Our Own Circle

Within our own circle one of the very pleasant duties of a Grand Master, and one which seems to be appreciated by the various Bodies, is that of visiting our own Councils and, in my own case it was a source of great pleasure and inspiration to me.

On October 30, 1926, I visited Rotica Council, No. 12, of Rome, which held a Special Assembly at Utica, N. Y., the occasion being that of the presentation of the Super-Excellent Master degree by Companions of St. George's Council, No. 74, under the direction of Illustrious Companion SAMUEL S. FORSTER. A fine repast was enjoyed and an excellent presentation of this very entertaining degree was had. The Companions of Rotica Council, No. 12, turned out in large numbers and the occasion was most pleasant for every one concerned.

On November 10, 1926, I visited Johnstown Council, No. 72, Johnstown, and presented to Illustrious Companion HERBERT T. CLEMANS a Commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Vermont. There was a very large attendance and the degrees of Royal and Select Master were presented in fine form.

On December 28, 1926, I visited Flatbush Council, No. 80, Brooklyn, and presented to Illustrious Companion HENRY G. STORY a Commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Maryland. It was an exceedingly disagreeable night so far as the weather was concerned and the attendance was consequently rather small. There were present Right Illustrious Companions JOHN A. DERTHICK, MATTHEW S. CUMNER and a considerable number of other Illustrious and Right Illustrious Companions. I enjoyed a most pleasant evening and I believe the recognition of Companion STORY was well received.

On January 7, 1927, I visited Joseph Warren Council, No. 81, Glens Falls, and presented to Illustrious Companion WILLIAM LEE a Commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of the Maritime Provinces. Prior to the Assembly we had a very nice dinner and there were present all of their Past Masters, together with a large delegation of Companions from Cryptic Council, No. 37, of Saratoga Springs.

On January 12, 1927, I visited St. George's Council, No. 74, Schenectady, and presented to Illustrious Companion HENRY V. BURGER a Commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of the State of Oklahoma. The attendance was not what I had hoped but the evening was a very pleasant one for all concerned and there were present a considerable number of the Past Masters of St. George's Council, No. 74.

On January 15, 1927, I visited Brooklyn Council, No. 4, Brooklyn, the occasion being the Official Visit of our Deputy

Grand Master, R.·.Ill.·.GEORGE O. LINKLETTER. While it was an exceedingly bad night all had a perfectly good time. I was met at the station by the Deputy Master, accompanied by our own Deputy Grand Master, and after having a fine dinner at the McAlpin we repaired to the Assembly Room in Brooklyn and enjoyed with the Companions the several addresses given, perhaps the finest of which was that given by the Official Visitor.

On March 5, 1927, I visited Adelphic Council, No. 7, New York City, the occasion being the visit of the Deputy Grand Master, Right Illustrious Companion GEORGE O. LINKLETTER. We had a very fine dinner before the Assembly, at which practically all the living Past Masters of Adelphic Council, No. 7, were present. At the Assembly proper there were a very large number of distinguished Companions, including Most Illustrious Companions CHAMBERS, LA BARRE, LOCKHART and also Most Puissant Past Grand Master THOMAS M. BARNES, of Connecticut. The Royal and Select Master degrees were presented in a most excellent manner and I was very glad indeed to be able to be present.

On May 17, 1927, I visited Johnstown Council, No. 72, Johnstown, the occasion being the Official Visit of Right Illustrious WILLIAM F. SEBER. A very large delegation was present and the degrees of Royal and Select Master were presented in a most excellent manner. One of the pleasing events and, to me, a complete surprise, was the presentation to me of Honorary Life Membership in Johnstown Council—this was very gratifying to me and seemed to please the Companions.

On May 31, 1927, I visited DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, Albany, and presented to Illustrious Companion EDWARD C. EATON, JR., a Commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Kansas. During the evening Most Illustrious Companion EUGENE E. HINMAN directed the presentation of the Super-Excellent Master degree, which was well rendered by a very excellent cast. The occasion was a very pleasant one and I feel sure that Companion EATON and his associates in DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, will appreciate the honor which has been done him.

VISITATIONS TO OTHER GRAND BODIES

On December 5, 1926, I visited the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at

Boston. The weather was simply terrific and there was for a time serious question whether I would arrive there or not. However, I was very comfortably located at the Touraine Hotel and was presented to the Grand Council of Massachusetts, received in the most gracious manner and conveyed to that Body greetings and best wishes of our Grand Council. During the afternoon we had the pleasure of seeing the Royal and Select Master degrees presented by two picked casts from Salem and Amesbury respectively. The evening was spent in attending a dinner, the ceremonies of which were somewhat curtailed due to the very recent death of the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, J. ALBERT BLAKE, who was also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Massachusetts.

On February 1, 1927, I attended the opening session of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York at Albany, where I was most happily received by Right Illustrious WASHINGTON A. RUSSELL, who was at that time the Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Owing to the pressure of business I was unable to remain with them long but had an opportunity to present the best wishes and greetings from our Grand Council to the Grand Chapter.

On April 12, 1927, I visited the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island in Providence. I was met at the station by our genial friend, Most Illustrious EDWARD M. WHEELER, Past Grand Master, and then enjoyed very delightful quarters in the New Biltmore Hotel. At the session during the afternoon we had an opportunity to listen to the proceedings and were much interested in the dispatch with which they transact their routine business. I had the privilege of acting with our mutual friend, Past Grand Master DONALD J. SARGENT of New Jersey, as one of the tellers at the election of the Officers. After the Grand Assembly we enjoyed a very fine dinner, at which there was considerable oratory. Later a theatre party was enjoyed. I am under very great obligations to Most Illustrious Companions WHEELER and DOWNING for a very fine time.

On May 3, 1927, I attended the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at New York City and was received and presented as the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters by Most Worshipful HAROLD J. RICHARDSON, Grand Master, and extended to him the best wishes of the Grand Council. It was interesting to note that a considerable number

of our Grand Council Officers occupied positions of responsibility in the Grand Lodge.

On June 27, 1927, I visited the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, at Niagara Falls. I was delightfully entertained at the Hotel Niagara, and at the opening session was presented and most delightfully received by Right Eminent EDNOR A. MARSH, Grand Commander. I had the distinguished privilege of being presented by our Deputy Grand Master, GEORGE O. LINKLETTER, who later in the session was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery. Owing to a previous appointment in connection with other Masonic matters I was compelled to withdraw shortly after my presentation but I had a most enjoyable time while there.

On July 30, 1927, I visited the Council of Deliberation of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite at Utica and was very graciously received by the presiding Officer, Right Illustrious JEROME L. CHENEY, 33°, Active, Deputy for the State of New York, who may be recognized as one of our own important Officers. I extended to him the greetings of the Grand Council and left after a very pleasant visit.

CONDITION OF THE RITE

From observation it would appear that more of our Royal Arch Companions are realizing the importance and desirability of the Cryptic Rite, and we may reasonably hope in the future for a considerable increase in our membership. While our increase during the year has been disappointing I believe that through the very excellent work of our Grand Line Officers, coupled with the enthusiasm of many of our Councils, that our efforts have not been in vain, and when the present industrial conditions improve we may reasonably hope for a considerable accession to our membership. The present Grand Master has felt that it would be better to stimulate the growth and interest in existing Councils than to devote too much attention to the institution of new Councils which might and probably would present difficulties to keep them alive.

BONDS

The bonds of our Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder were approved and are in the possession of the Grand Trustees, in accordance with our Constitution.

The Official Visitor

One of the methods by which the Grand Council keeps in touch with the Councils of the Rite, and what appears to be a very satisfactory and fruitful agency, is through the Official Visits of our Grand Line Officers to the various Councils. The importance of this work, as well as that of the Grand Lecturer should not be minimized and the sacrifice of time by these men is worthy of the highest commendation. These visits have during the past year been performed in a manner in keeping with the best tradition of our Body and the work which has been done must be of greatest advantage to the Rite.

The Official Circular with Assignments of Officers and their reports follow:

GRAND COUNCIL

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

M.·.Ill.·.JAMES A. SMITH
GRAND MASTER
20 Ballston Road, Schenectady, N. Y.

October 15, 1926.

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

GREETING:

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

R.·.Ill.·.GEORGE O. LINKLETTER

Deputy Grand Master

Manhasset, L. I., N. Y.

Brooklyn, No. 4	Brooklyn
Adelphic, No. 7	New York City
Bloss, No. 14	Troy
Buffalo, No. 17	Buffalo
Washington, No. 52	Whitehall
Phoenix, No. 70	Mt. Vernon
Joseph Warren, No. 81	Glens Falls

R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES M. COLTON

Grand P. C. of the Work

Southern Tier, No. 16	Elmira
Binghamton, No. 24	Binghamton
Jamestown, No. 32	Jamestown
Corning, No. 53	Corning
Triangle, No. 85	Jamaica

R.·.Ill.·.Charles H. Johnson

Grand Captain of the Guard

Albany, N. Y.

Central City, No. 13	Syracuse
Palmyra, No. 26	Palmyra
Skoi-Yase, No. 75	Waterloo
Catskill, No. 78	Catskill
Zabud, No. 84	Freeport

R.·.Ill.·.Jerome L. Cheney

Grand Conductor of the Council

Syracuse, N. Y.

Rotica, No. 12	Rome
Bruce, No. 15	Lockport
Doric, No. 19	Rochester
DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	Albany
St. George's, No. 74	Schenectady
Flatbush, No. 80	Brooklyn

R.·.Ill.·.E. Parker Waggoner

Grand Lecturer

Buffalo, N. Y.

Dunkirk, No. 25	Dunkirk
Hornellsville, No. 35	Hornell
Bath, No. 40	Bath
Alph-Omega, No. 71	Medina
St. Lawrence, No. 77	Potsdam
Zarthan, No. 83	Ilion

R.·.Ill.·.John A. Derthick

Grand Marshal

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ancient City, No. 21	Kingston
Watertown, No. 34	Watertown
Adoniram, No. 36	Elmhurst
Peekskill, No. 55	Peekskill
Huntington, No. 76	Huntington
Temple, No. 79	Niagara Falls

R.·.Ill.·.Albert S. Price

Grand Standard Bearer

Jamestown, N. Y.

Columbian, No. 1	New York City
King Hiram, No. 18	Auburn
Keystone, No. 20	Buffalo
Olean, No. 33	Olean
Fulton, No. 50	Fulton
Salamanca, No. 82	Salamanca

R.·.Ill.·.William F. Seber

Grand Steward

Troy, N. Y.

Union, No. 2	New York City
King Solomon, No. 31	Poughkeepsie
Cryptic, No. 37	Saratoga Springs
Tyrian, No. 43	Plattsburgh
Hudson, No. 62	Hudson
Johnstown, No. 72	Johnstown

The Grand Officers are requested to make their visits at as early a date as can be arranged for. The Master of each Council will please immediately communicate with the Officer assigned to visit his Council and set a date which will be mutually satisfactory.

The Masters of the Councils are requested to arrange for the exemplification of one or more of the degrees at the time of the Official Visit, that the work of the Council may be witnessed by the Visitor.

After each visit a report should be *immediately* prepared in duplicate and forwarded to the Grand Recorder with two copies of the inspection blank completely filled out, including a statement of the amount expended for railroad and Pullman fare.

Fraternally yours,

James A. Smith,

Grand Master.

Attest:

George Edward Hatch,

Grand Recorder.

Report of R.·.Ill.·.George O. Linkletter

Deputy Grand Master

Buffalo Council, No. 17

The visit to Buffalo Council, No. 17, on December 9, 1926, one long anticipated, was in every way a delight. My reception and dinner with the Officers and Past Masters was most pleasant. The work of the evening was the conferring of the degree of Select Master and I have no hesitation in saying I have never witnessed a better rendition of this degree. I had the pleasure of presenting a commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Minnesota to R.·.Ill.·.Esbon B. Rew. The Recorder's records I found in excellent shape. The attendance was small due in some measure to another attraction. The spirit of those present was fine and the future bright. R.·.Ill.·.E. Parker Waggoner honored us with his presence later in the evening.

Washington Council, No. 52

Visiting Washington Council, No. 52, for the first time on December 10, 1926, I was agreeably surprised with conditions. There was a fairly good attendance and the work was very well done. A pre-season snow storm of some proportions tended to keep the attendance down and a Shrine ceremonial at Montreal finished the job and no candidates showed up. Lo! for the time when the Council does not have to step aside for everything else. The spirit of those attending was very good and with the energetic R.·.Ill.·.Hermon E. Sullivan as Recorder there is no need to worry about the future. I was very pleasantly entertained by the Master, Ill.·.Companion Dean, R.·.Ill.·.Companion Sullivan, and some others.

Phoenix Council, No. 70

On January 14, 1927, I visited Phoenix Council, No. 70, and enjoyed it immensely. The attendance, due as usual to other

attractions, was poor, but those who were present were fully alive to the necessity of building up the attendance. It is a rather poor indication of the proper spirit when an Officer in the line is more interested in another attraction than the Official Visit at his Council. I have been in Phoenix so many times that it did not seem like an Official Visit. There was no work. The Officers, according to the opening, are unusually proficient. The presence of M.·.Ill.·.James Chambers, M.·.Ill.·.Oliver H. La Barre and M.·.Ill.·.Joseph L. Lockhart made it seem quite an official affair.

Brooklyn Council, No. 4

It was surprising that anyone was present Saturday, January 15, 1927, when I visited Brooklyn Council, No. 4, due to the most severe snow storm of the season, but the attendance was very good—no doubt due to the presence of the Grand Master, M.·.Ill.·.James A. Smith, who came down for this affair and whose humorous remarks are always a drawing card. My entertainment was the most extensive I have yet enjoyed and most hospitable. It was hard to feel official among so many friends. There was no work but I have no comment on the proficiency of the Officers. I have great expectations for this Council and think it speaks well for the interest and spirit when nearly fifty attended under the conditions mentioned. It seems as if when there are no other counter attractions, then the weather has to try to keep down the attendance.

Joseph Warren Council, No. 81

Having spent the day with friends nearby I arrived in Glens Falls about five o'clock in the afternoon of March 4, 1927, and spent the balance of the time until dinner in the Masonic Temple, where I was entertained by some of the Companions and renewed old acquaintances. After dinner the Council was opened, none too well, and the degree of Royal Master was conferred on one candidate. I was not surprised that only one degree was conferred. The work would stand some brushing up, although on the whole it was quite well done. The Master, Deputy Master

and a Past Master of Cryptic Council, No. 37, were present, and after the Council had closed I drove with them to Saratoga Springs and thence by trolley to Schenectady, where owing to an error in reading the time-table by the Master of the Council, I sat from shortly after midnight until 2:50 A. M. I was tempted to visit the Grand Master but owing to the lateness of the hour feared I might incur his displeasure.

ADELPHIC COUNCIL, No. 7

The assignment to visit this prosperous Council is an indication of one of two things; either the Visitor is a renowned Mason or nearing the summit of his Cryptic career. Not being the former I had the honor to visit Adelphic Council, No. 7, on Saturday, March 5, 1927, as the Deputy Grand Master, and let it be known in the presence of the below noted visitors and over a hundred Companions I felt that after all the Cryptic Rite is indeed worth while. The dinner before was the usual brilliant gathering of Adelphic's past and present Officers and guests. After my reception and short talk the Grand Master addressed the Assembly and Past Grand Master BARNES of Connecticut was introduced and responded briefly. Then the degree of Royal Master was conferred by the Deputy Master in as dignified a manner as I have ever witnessed it. The Master then conferred the degree of Select Master. None of the Councils do better work than Adelphic. Among the array of distinguished Companions were the Grand Master, M.˙.Ill.˙.JAMES A. SMITH; Past Grand Masters, M.˙.Ill.˙.JAMES CHAMBERS, M.˙.Ill.˙.OLIVER H. LABARRE and M.˙.Ill.˙.JOSEPH L. LOCKHART of New York, and M.˙.Ill.˙.Companion BARNES of Connecticut; R.˙.Ill.˙.JOHN A. DERTHICK, Grand Marshal; R.˙.Ill.˙.J. CALEB FISHER, R.˙.Ill.˙. MATTHEW S. CUMNER, R.˙.Ill.˙.HARRY A. BINGHAM and R.˙. Ill.˙.JOHN F. BIRMINGHAM. Past Masters of Adelphic, Ill.˙.Companions HENRY W. REMINGTON, PERCY W. WILLARD, WILLIAM F. RUSSELL, MAJOR D. HANNA, JEREMIAH HUNTER, HENRY HELLER, S. ORMOND GOLDAN. Ill.˙.Companions GEORGE HERRING, CHARLES PEPPEL, ALBERT C. MARKARD of Columbian Council No. 1; Ill.˙.CHARLES B. WELLER, Phoenix Council, No. 70, and Companion JOHN BURDEN the faithful and diligent Recorder of Phoenix Council, No. 70. There were no doubt others but this will give an idea of the attendance.

BLOSS COUNCIL, No. 14

Friday, April 1,1927,marks a rather memorable milestone in my career. On that day I visited Bloss Council, No. 14, and then completed my schedule of Official Visits, and it was without doubt the last Official Visit I shall make as a Grand Line Officer, having at that time made 41 visits to subordinate Councils, covering over 15,000 miles during a period of six years. This event stands out as being the most largely attended Council Assembly I have witnessed. The conferring of the degree of Super-Excellent Master on a large class was the feature of the evening and was done in an excellent manner. The meeting of many old friends and acquaintances made the visit unusually pleasant. Practically all of the Past Masters were present and a large delegation from Hudson Council, No. 62. I shall long remember this event.

REPORT OF R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES M. COLTON

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

SOUTHERN TIER COUNCIL, No. 16

I made my Official Visit to Southern Tier Council, No. 16, at Elmira, Wednesday evening, March 16, 1927.

I was met at the train by that prince of good fellows, M.·. Ill.·.GEORGE R. HEMENWAY, Past Grand Master, and R.·.Ill.·. HARRY I. TONG, and given an automobile ride about the city and its vicinity, which I greatly enjoyed.

At six thirty o'clock I met the Master and a number of his associate Officers and a number of the Past Masters of Southern Tier Council, and was entertained at a dinner at the Rathbun House. I was also honored by the presence at this dinner of Judge GEORGE MCCANN, without whose presence no Elmira Masonic function would seem to me to be complete.

After dinner we repaired to the Council Chamber, where I was introduced and greeted as the Official Representative of the Grand Council, and witnessed the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Master. The work was done in a very creditable and impressive manner, the Royal Master degree being

conferred by the Principal Conductor of the Work, and the degree of Select Master by the Deputy Master.

After the conferring of the degrees the Council met in a social way and refreshments were served, and I had the pleasure of meeting personally many of the Companions of Southern Tier Council.

I was also honored on this occasion by the presence of R.·. E.·.Companion CHAUNCEY B. HAMMOND, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, who is also a past Master of Southern Tier Council.

There were also present on this occasion, in addition to M.·. Ill.·.Companion GEORGE R. HEMENWAY, Past Grand Master, R.·.Ill.·.HARRY I. TONG, Grand Representative of Ohio; R.·. Ill.·.HARRY S. TIPTON, Past Grand Representative, and Ill.·. Companions CHARLES L. HART, CHARLES S. TUTTLE, WILLIAM S. BARNES, A. WILLIAM YUNGSTRUM, LOUIS A. NORTHROP and RICHARD MARLOWE, Past Masters of Southern Tier Council.

JAMESTOWN COUNCIL, No. 32

On Wednesday evening, May 11, 1927, it was my privilege to make an Official Visit to Jamestown Council, No. 32.

I was met at the train by M.·.Ill.·.Companion ROLAND K. MASON, Past Grand Master, and the Master of Jamestown Council, Ill.·.Companion HARRY INGLESON, and escorted to the hotel.

Later I was escorted to the Masonic Temple, where a dinner was served, which was participated in by the members of the Council.

After the dinner we went to the lodge room, where I witnessed the conferring of the degree of Super-Excellent Master. Jamestown Council is fortunate in having a number of Companions who fit into the different characters of the Super-Excellent degree, and when I say that the work was under the direction of R.·.Ill.·.Companion PRICE, I can hardly say more to show that the work was put on in a manner that did credit to the Council, and was an excellent expression of the ritual of this degree.

In addition to M.·.Ill.·.Companion MASON there were present on this occasion R.·.Ill.·.Companion ALBERT S. PRICE, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Council, R.·.Ill.·. JAMES H. MASON, Grand Representative, and the following Past Masters of Jamestown Council: R.·.Ill.·.Companions JOSEPH R. ROGERS, and FRED H. ANDERSON, and Ill.·.Companions CLAYTON O. JOHNSON, THEODORE H. NELSON, EDWIN E. GUSTAFSON, and GEORGE W. HOSIE.

TRIANGLE COUNCIL, No. 85

On Wednesday evening, May 25, 1927, it was my privilege to make the first Official Visit ever made to Triangle Council, No. 85, at Jamaica, L. I.

I was met at the Pennsylvania Hotel in New York City by the Master, Ill.·.EDWARD L. HEIN, and the Deputy Master, Companion RICHARD H. BURTON, and entertained at dinner.

After the dinner we proceeded to Jamaica, where I witnessed the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and the work was done in a very creditable manner.

There is certainly a wonderful field for a Council in Jamaica, and I feel that the present Officers appreciate the responsibility that rests upon them, not only to see that the work is rendered in a manner that will bring credit upon the Council, but to put forth every effort to see that a reasonable part of the material which lies right at their door is brought into the Council.

CORNING COUNCIL, No. 53

I tried to make an Official Visit to Corning Council, No. 53, but the Master informed me that it was impossible to get enough of the Companions together to open the Council. M.·.Ill.·.Companion HEMINGWAY also went to Corning personally and tried to arrange a meeting, but was unsuccessful. I would suggest that the condition of Corning Council be referred either to the Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite, or to a special committee.

BINGHAMTON COUNCIL, No. 24

I made an appointment to make a visit to Binghamton Council, No. 24, but about a week or so before the visit the Master informed me that the date set would come the same night as the Scottish Rite dinner following the spring reunion. I tried to arrange a later date, but was unable to arrange one that did not conflict with another visit.

REPORT OF R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES H. JOHNSON

Grand Captain of the Guard

PALMYRA COUNCIL, No. 26

On Tuesday, February 8, 1927, the Official Visit for the year was made to Palmyra Council, No. 26. This Council which through so many years has been doing faithful work in the Cryptic degrees, arranged a pleasant evening for the Visitor. After the dinner the Council opened its regular Assembly and the ritual was well done. It was a pleasure for the visitor to be introduced by a dear friend and distinguished Mason, M.·.W.·. S. NELSON SAWYER. The interest which Companion SAWYER has shown in the Council has been very helpful and much appreciated by the Companions. No degrees were exemplified, the evening being devoted to addresses given by the Visitor and Past Grand Master SAWYER.

The Council was also favored by the presence of the following distinguished visitors: M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, Grand Recorder; R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES M. COLTON, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES M. BUCK, Grand Representative of Delaware; R.·.Ill.·.S. NELSON SAWYER; R.·.Ill.·.JAMES H. L. GALLAGHER, and Ill.·.RALPH D. SESSIONS.

This Council, like others in the small communities, suffers from lack of material and consequently the work at times becomes difficult. However, the spirit of the organization was fine and there is reason to believe that the Council will continue to exert in the Fraternity the beneficient service it has rendered in the past.

Zabud Council, No. 84

On Thursday, February 24, 1927, the Official Visit was made to Zabud Council, No. 84, at Freeport, Long Island. The Officers and Past Masters entertained the Official Visitor before the visit and the Assembly was opened in due form. The members of the Chapters of the Royal Arch had been invited and several were present. There were no degrees exemplified and the Official Visitor was asked to emphasize the relation of the Cryptic Rites to the general scheme of Masonry. The means of travel are so highly developed in Long Island that this Council ought to have a very satisfactory future. There is a very distinct place for it in the scheme of Masonry in this section of the State. The cooperation between the members and the Officers has certainly put the Council in its proper position.

Skoi-Yase Council, No. 75

On Friday, March 11, 1927, the Official Visit was made to Skoi-Yase Council, No. 75, at Waterloo. The Official Visitor had the usual opportunity to meet the Officers and Past Masters of the Council before the Assembly and was much impressed by the apparent enthusiasm for the Rite. The Council had not held its regular Assemblies for about two months owing to the absence of the Master in England visiting relatives, among whom was a very sick father. It was therefore a very happy surprise to find a good attendance at the Council and a great interest in its work. Both the attendance and spirit would indicate that this Council has fine possibilities and should function in Cryptic Rite Masonry to a greater extent than it ever has in the past. No degrees were exemplified and the evening was given over to the Official Visitor who endeavored to impress upon the Companions the value of the very evident possibilities that were present and all about them.

Central City Council, No. 13

On April 13, 1927, the Official Visit was made to Central City Council, No. 13, at Syracuse. It is an inspiration to visit

this distinguished body and it was especially so on the evening of the Official Visit when a class of about thirty was received. There were several outstanding features connected with the visit and perhaps the one to be mentioned first was the absence of our very dear friend HOWARD PLAISTED. There are few men in the State better known for their zealous and untiring labors on behalf of the Craft than Companion PLAISTED, and to visit a Masonic Body in Syracuse and not to see him personally or to hear of his activity was a source of great regret. His knowledge of ritualistic work and his ability to adapt it were remarkable and it will be many years before anyone can really take his place. His memory will linger longer than the present generation shall last.

Another outstanding feature was the work of M.˙.Ill.˙.Companion GREENLAND. At the beginning of the year he set himself the personal task of securing one hundred applications. At the time of the Official Visit the task was almost completed. What this means everyone who is acquainted with the work of the Council will appreciate. This is a record which probably has never been equalled in this Jurisdiction and probably not in any other.

The exemplification of the degree is also worthy of special mention. Without entering into any discussion as to comparisons, it must be admitted that the rendition of this Council is most impressive and calculated to have a very salutary effect upon the minds of the candidates.

There were present such distinguished visitors as M.˙.Ill.˙. GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, R.˙.Ill.˙.CHARLES M. COLTON, Ill.˙. FRANK SEARS, and Ill.˙.REN W. CROCKETT.

CATSKILL COUNCIL, No. 78

On April 25, 1927, the Official Visit was made to Catskill Council, No. 78, and the meeting was a very delightful one. There came from all over this section of the State friends and acquaintances so that the room was well filled. Cairo, Coxsackie, Kingston and points North, East, West and South sent delegations. There was also present R.˙.Ill.˙.WILLIAM F. SEBER, Grand Steward, who took time to accompany the Official Visitor to Catskill. This was much appreciated.

The spirit of the occasion was very pleasing and the work of the Council very satisfactorily done.

There were present, in addition to R.˙.Ill.˙.Companion SEBER, R.˙.Ill.˙.W. FRANK DAVIS, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of the State of South Carolina, R.˙.Ill.˙.LEON L. PARKER, Past Grand Representative, State of North Dakota, Ill.˙. ROBERT G. GRAVES, Master Ancient City Council, No. 21, and Ill.˙.SAMUEL STERN, Past Master Ancient City Council, No. 21.

REPORT OF R.˙.Ill.˙.JEROME L. CHENEY

Grand Conductor of the Council

DEWITT CLINTON COUNCIL, No. 22

My first visit of the Cryptic year was made to DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, at Albany, on February 17, 1927, and it was rather of a unique experience as Official Visits go. The Master of the Council, Ill.˙.HERBERT H. HOWARD, knowing that DeWitt Clinton, No. 22, was the home Council of M.˙.Ill.˙.EUGENE E. HINMAN, the accomplished chairman of the Ritual Committee of the Grand Council, and that he tries out all the new ideas of that Committee upon the Companions of his Council, had the idea that I would concede their qualifications from a ritualistic standpoint, and would welcome an innovation in the form of the entertainment provided. Consequently he did not exemplify any of the work, and had provided a series of addresses for the instruction of the Companions present. That worked very well except for the fact that he had billed me as the star attraction, evidently measuring all Grand Council Officers by the standard set by that incomparable Masonic orator, R.˙.Ill.˙.CHARLES H. JOHNSON, Grand Captain of the Guard, who is also a member of this Council. The innovation evidently was attractive, for the room was filled to overflowing with the largest crowd of Cryptic Masons which has greeted me in any of my Council Visits, including many distinguished craftsmen from surrounding Councils. I appreciated their attendance and only wish that I could give them credit by mentioning them by name, but I have mislaid the list with which I was furnished by the Recorder, R.˙.Ill.˙.PETER SCHUMACHER, and dare not trust my memory.

My entertainment began with a banquet at the Albany Club, tendered by the Officers and Past Masters. We then proceeded to the Temple, where I was introduced, received and welcomed by the Master. After the exercises of the evening were concluded, another collation was awaiting us, to which we did full justice. The whole affair was very successfully conducted, and the many courtesies which I received will live in my memory for many years. Would that some other Councils should make such innovations as this!

Rotica Council, No. 12

My visit to Rotica Council, No. 12, was made on March 7, 1927. As I was holding Court in Utica on that day, the Principal Conductor of the Work, Companion Nettleton, who lives in Utica, very kindly conveyed me back and forth by automobile, so that my work would not be interfered with. Upon arrival at Rome, I was entertained at dinner at the Elk's Club. I was afterwards introduced within the Secret Vault and welcomed by the Master, and addressed the Council. The work of the evening was the Royal Master degree, and it was performed in a very creditable manner, as was the full form opening. I feel that I ought to congratulate this Council upon its accomplishment. It is a new Council and the Companions started with no knowledge of the work and with no background of Cryptic Masonry in the different communities within their Jurisdiction, nor were there any other Councils near enough so they could conveniently get instruction or education. When all the difficulties of the situation are taken into consideration, I think they have succeeded remarkably well, and we need have no fear for the future of this Council.

St. George's Council, No. 74

My visit to St. George's Council, No. 74, at Schenectady was made on April 13, 1927, and was featured by the presence of the Grand Master, M.·.Ill.·.James A. Smith, a member of the Council, and an attendance which taxed the capacity of the

commodious meeting place of the Council. There were a large number of visitors from the different Councils in the Capitol District, including M.·.Ill.·.Eugene E. Hinman, Past Grand Master; R.·.Ill.·.William F. Seber, Grand Steward; R.·.Ill.·. Henry V. Burger, R.·.Ill.·.George W. Axtell, R.·.Ill.·.Frank H. Sargent, R.·.Ill.·.Louis N. Ellenbogen, R.·.Ill.·.Frank Richardson, R.·.Ill.·.Zina C. Lewis, R.·.Ill.·.William Lee, Grand Representatives; Ill.·.C. E. McArdle of Oxford Council, No. 14, Maine; Ill.·.Loyal L. Davis of Joseph Warren Council, No. 81; Ill.·.A. D. Bartholomew of Washington Council, No. 52; Ill.·.Companions H. H. Howard, E. C. Eaton, Jr., and W. R. Marden of DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22; Ill.·.H. MacKenzie of Tyrian Council, No. 43; Ill.·.Companions W. S. Prescott, G. B. Wright, F. M. Lawrence, J. E. Spencer and F. L. Penoyer of Cryptic Council, No. 39; Ill.·.Companions G. H. Ashman, W. A. Atwood, E. E. Green and E. C. Vedder of St. George's Council, No. 74.

After a dinner at the Van Curler Hotel, I was received and welcomed by the Master, Ill.·.Samuel S. Forster, and the Super-Excellent degree was conferred on twenty candidates. The manner in which this degree was conferred demonstrated that it is perfectly feasible to confer this highly dramatic degree in any Council, as no effort was made for stage effects, special scenery and equipment or elaborate costumes, and yet the degree as presented was interesting and instructive. It would be well worth while if the Officers of the weaker Councils, who feel that they cannot put on this degree in full form because of lack of equipment and the scarcity of histrionic ability, should visit St. George's Council, and pattern their own work upon what will be there exhibited to them.

Doric Council, No. 19

My visit to Doric Council, No. 19, was made on April 25, 1927. I was met at the station by the Master and M.·.Ill.·. George Edward Hatch, Grand Recorder, and escorted to the Sagamore Hotel, where I was entertained at dinner, the other guests being the Officers and Past Masters of the Council. I was then taken to the Masonic Temple, where the Council was in waiting and introduced into the Secret Vault, where I was

officially received by the Master. The Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred on three candidates in a very creditable manner. What impressed me most was the celerity with which business was transacted. There were no waits and no lost motion, the result being that the business of the evening was fully transacted and the Council closed at a reasonably early hour, leaving plenty of time for social enjoyment, yet permitting the Companions to return to their homes in due season. I was particularly honored by the presence of M.·.Ill.·.Willard S. Bradt, Past Grand Master; M.·.Ill.·.George Edward Hatch, Grand Recorder; R.·.Ill.·.Charles M. Colton, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; R.·.E.·.Ednor A. Marsh, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, and my associate in the Active Membership of the Supreme Council, A.·.and A.·.S.·.R.·., Ill.·.John B. Mullan, 33°.

Flatbush Council, No. 80

On April 26, 1927, I visited Flatbush Council, No. 80, in Brooklyn. R.·.Ill.·.John A. Derthick met me at the hotel in New York, and was my guide through the mazes of Brooklyn, finally landing me at a restaurant where the Officers, Past Masters and guests of the Council were gathered for dinner. After this pleasant ceremony was concluded, I was again taken in charge and escorted to the Flatbush Masonic Temple, where the Assembly of the Council was convened and I was officially received and welcomed by the Master. The Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred on eleven candidates, after which the Super-Excellent degree was conferred on twenty-seven candidates. I was particularly impressed with the precision with which the ritual was exemplified, as evidencing the careful attention being paid by the Officers in the discharge of their duties. So far as I could see this Council is in a very flourishing condition. The attendance was good and a large number of visitors were present to do me honor, particularly M.·.Ill.·.James Chambers, M.·.Ill.·.Oliver H. LaBarre, Past Grand Masters; R.·.Ill.·.John A. Derthick, Grand Marshal; R.·.Ill.·.Henry G. Story, Grand Representative; Ill.·.Wm. A. Meyers of Adelphic Council, No. 7; Ill.·.Daniel W. Ballou of Brooklyn Council, No. 4; Ill.·.Christian O. Schaw and Ill.·.Albert C. Markard of Columbian Council, No. 1; Ill.·.Harold S. Embree

of Adoniram Council, No. 36, and Ill.˙.David C. Pitcher and Ill.˙.David M. Boe of Flatbush Council, No. 80.

Bruce Council, No. 15

My visit to Bruce Council, No. 15, was postponed as late as possible owing to the desire of the Officers to have the visit made after the Council was established in the new rooms which were in process of building, but because of delays which always occur in work of this character, the rooms were not ready until the time for the annual election was rapidly approaching. In order that the visit might be made during his term, at the request of the Master a special Assembly was called for May 31, 1927, and I appeared at that time. The meeting was held in the temporary quarters which had been used pending the building, and the attendance was small, but the warmth of my welcome was not affected by the incongruity of the surroundings. I was met at the railroad station in Buffalo by R.˙.Ill.˙.William C. Shapleigh, Past Master, and driven to Lockport by automobile, and as I was obliged to leave that night, he very kindly drove me back to Buffalo after the exercises were concluded, a courtesy which I very much appreciated, and for which I tender my sincere thanks.

After I had been formally received and welcomed, the Royal Master degree was conferred in full for my benefit, and I was thereby enabled to get an idea of the work which this Council can do and will do, when it gets out of the confusion incident to its being without a permanent home. The Companions are looking forward with considerable satisfaction to the occupancy of the new temple in the Fall. This is one of the old Councils of the State and has always borne an honorable reputation, and is now fully measuring up to its past history.

Report of R.˙.Ill.˙.E. Parker Waggoner

Grand Lecturer

Alph-Omega Council, No. 71

It was my privilege, accompanied by Ill.˙.Henry L. Frey, Past Master of Keystone Council, No. 20, to visit Alph-Omega Council, No. 71, at Medina, on January 24, 1927.

This was the first time I was privileged to visit Medina in any Masonic capacity and I was very graciously received. Needless to say a Masonic meeting in that flourishing town is not a success without the presence of our good Companion M.·.P.·. GEORGE A. NEWELL.

After a tour of inspection through their new temple conducted by Companion NEWELL, it was my privilege to witness the conferring of the Royal and Select Master degrees in a very able manner by a splendidly trained corps of Officers.

This Council is showing good progress and I believe will show a splendid gain this year.

I was honored on this occasion by the presence of the following Illustrious Companions: MARCUS L. LIDDELL, Bruce Council, No. 15, Lockport, and CHARLES A. MACK, Alph-Omega Council, No. 71, Medina.

There was also a delegation in attendance from Batavia who are members of this Council.

DUNKIRK COUNCIL, No. 25

It was my great privilege on Wednesday, March 2, 1927, to visit this splendid Council.

I was accompanied from Buffalo by two Companions from Keystone Council, No. 20.

Dunkirk Council, No. 25, has been laboring under considerable difficulties during the past year or so owing to the fact that business activity in that town has been somewhat at a standstill. The outlook for the future is somewhat brighter and I look forward to seeing this Council make some splendid gains in the near future.

In view of the fact that they had no candidates the Officers exemplified the work in the Royal Master's degree which was done very creditably. The Officers are proficient in their work and the records of this Council are kept in an exceptionally fine manner. Much credit is due to their Recorder.

I was honored on this occasion by the presence of nine Past Masters of Dunkirk Council, No. 25, as well as a delegation of eight Companions from Jamestown headed by Ill.·.HARRY INGLESON and R.·.Ill.·.ALBERT S. PRICE.

While the average attendance at their Assemblies during the past year has been twenty I was much gratified by the fact that fifty-five were in attendance at this Assembly.

Zarthan Council, No. 83

I visited Zarthan Council, No. 83, on Thursday, March 10, 1927.

This is a small struggling Council and while the gain during its first years has not been exceptionally large, I believe that within a short space of time it will have a substantial membership.

The territory covered by this Council is a manufacturing center and the prosperity of the district is spasmodic.

No work other than the opening and closing was done and there was not much opportunity to judge as to the correctness of their work. Each of the Officers however shows ability and with the prospect of work in the near future as outlined in the suggestions made during my visit, I believe they will give a very good account of themselves.

My visit to this Council was very pleasant and I was most cordially received by all those present.

Every Past Master of this Council was present at the Assembly.

Hornellsville Council, No. 35

This Council was visited on Friday, April 1, 1927, after a very thrilling and semi-disastrous trip in which my automobile was turned over into a ditch. I succeeded in arriving at Hornell in time for the dinner which preceded the Assembly and was very graciously received by the Master, Ill.˙.Guy L. Loper and our good friend R.˙.Ill.˙.Philip M. Nast, Jr.

At the Assembly, which was held at the usual hour, the Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred after I had been received officially.

The Officers of this Council put on a splendid piece of work and while they have not been securing the number of candidates which might be desired, I believe that this Council will show splendid gains hereafter.

All of the Officers are proficient in their work and the Council is splendidly equipped with paraphernalia.

After the ceremonies of the evening, a delightful lunch was served in the banquet room.

I was honored on this occasion by the presence of several distinguished Companions, among them E.·.Clarence C. Proctor, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York.

St. Lawrence Council, No. 71

This visit was made on Tuesday, April 12, 1927.

The Assembly was held in the Masonic Temple at Canton, N. Y., which is the home of R.·.Ill.·.Frank F. Williams, Master of the Council.

There were no candidates but the Officers exemplified the Royal Master degree.

The territory of this Council is somewhat scattered and they have had considerable trouble in being able to secure candidates, none having been received this year.

I made several suggestions to the Officers in an effort to assist them in securing more work, and also in being more proficient in the rendition of the ritual, and I believe that it will result in a better report from this Council next year.

The Officers are enthusiastic and willing and deserve encouragement and support.

The surrounding Councils can render a helping hand very materially.

Bath Council, No. 40

This visit was made on Tuesday, May 31, 1927.

It required two preliminary trips to Bath interviewing those who are most active in the Cryptic Rite before sufficient interest could be aroused to complete arrangements for this meeting.

This added effort was not in vain as I believe the membership of Bath Council has taken on a new lease of life and will be heard from regularly in the future.

It was my privilege on this occasion to be accompanied by R.·.Ill.·.Washington A. Russell, Ill.·.Henry L. Frey and Companion Harold R. Prouse, all members of Keystone Council, No. 20, and with their very able assistance I was able to confer the Royal and Select Master degrees on a class of four candidates at the request of the Officers of Bath Council.

Every Officer of Bath Council with one exception was present, with a total attendance of thirty-two, and the interest shown, as well as the promises made, indicated that renewed interest has been taken in this work and the dormant condition of Bath Council, No. 40, will no longer exist.

The reception which they gave me and my associates will long be remembered by us as very cordial and friendly and they spared no effort to make our stay with them pleasant.

Much credit should be given the Officers of Bath Council, No. 40, for what they are trying to do.

Report of R.·.Ill.·.John A. Derthick

Grand Marshal

Adoniram Council, No. 36

My first visit of the year was on January 20, 1927, at Flushing where Adoniram Council, No. 36, is now located. I was met at the station by Ill.·.Harold S. Embree, Master of the Council, and taken to the Y. M. C. A. for dinner. We afterwards went to the Masonic Temple, the Council was opened and I was escorted into the Council by R.·.Ill.·.George O. Linkletter, Deputy Grand Master, and formally presented. I addressed the Council at some length on Masonic topics and witnessed the work of the evening. This Council will benefit very much by its removal to Flushing and I look for fine results in the very near future. I was honored by the presence of R.·.Ill.·.George O. Linkletter, Deputy Grand Master; M.·.Ill.·.James Chambers, M.·.Ill.·.Oliver H. LaBarre, and M.·.Ill.·.Joseph L. Lockhart, Past Grand Masters; R.·.Ill.·.Matthew S. Cumner,

R.·.Ill.·.Caleb Fisher and R.·.Ill.·.Edwin L. Brooks; and Ill.·.Companions Charles Weller, Clare E. Burtis and Edward C. Krapp.

Peekskill Council, No. 55

On March 14, 1927, I went to Peekskill, to visit Peekskill Council, No. 55. I was met at the station by Ill.·.Frank H. Whitney who took me to the hotel for dinner. We then went to the Masonic Temple and at eight o'clock I was presented to the Council by R.·.Ill.·.George E. Briggs, cordially received by Ill.·.Companion Kruger and presented to the Companions, after which I addressed them at some length on various Masonic topics. There was no work and the evening was devoted to social intercourse. Several petitions were presented and there is no doubt but that new material will soon present itself to aid the Officers in building up this Council.

The following distinguished Companions were present at the Assembly: R.·.Ill.·.George E. Briggs and R.·.Ill.·.Caleb Fisher; Ill.·.Companions Frank H. Whitney, Edward J. Wilson, H. Field Horne, Carl G. Pfeiffer and Elbert F. Utter.

Ancient City Council, No. 21

My visit to Ancient City Council, No. 21, at Kingston, occurred on April 9, 1927. Arriving at five P. M. I went direct to the hotel where I was met by Ill.·.Robert Groves, the Master, and with R.·.Ill.·.W. Frank Davis and Companion Coles enjoyed a very fine dinner. At eight o'clock we went to the Masonic Temple where I witnessed the opening of the Assembly and was presented to the Companions by R.·.Ill.·.Companion Davis. As this was a special Assembly no work was scheduled, but the evening was devoted to getting better acquainted. I found several Companions who were old time Masonic friends which made the evening very pleasing to me. The progress of this Council has not been rapid owing to the very limited field it has to draw from, but the growth will be a steady one. The assistance of R.·.Ill.·.W. Frank Davis will be of much help and

my prediction is a very flourishing Council in a few years. Ill.˙.Samuel Stern, Past Master of Ancient City Council, No. 21, and Ill.˙.Robert Townsend, Master of Catskill Council, No. 82, honored me by their presence.

Huntington Council, No. 76

On Friday April 15, 1927, accompanied by Companion Arthur Moeller, Captain of the Guard of Flatbush Council, No. 80, I went to Huntington, and visited Huntington Council, No. 76.

We arrived at the Assembly Chamber at eight o'clock and witnessed the opening of the Council in good style, after which I was presented to the Companions by R.˙.Ill.˙.E. B. Hawkins, welcomed by the Master, Ill.˙.Kurt J. Galow, and addressed the Companions on timely Masonic topics. There was no work but I was pleased to see several petitions presented.

I was honored by the presence of R.˙.Ill.˙.A. E. Lowndes, R.˙.Ill.˙.E. B. Hawkins, Ill.˙.Henry Murphy and Ill.˙.C. E. Cutting.

Temple Council, No. 79

My visit to Temple Council, No. 79, occurred on May 7, 1927.

I received a very pleasing surprise when at Rochester, N. Y. M.˙.Ill.˙.George Edward Hatch boarded the train and accompanied me to my destination. We were met at the station by Ill.˙.G. Edward Sims, the Master of the Council, who drove us around the wonderful Falls for a short time, after which he escorted us to the hotel for dinner. We then went to the Masonic Temple and I was presented to the Companions of the Council and addressed them on Masonic topics. The degrees were very ably conferred by the Officers of the Council on a class of five, one of the candidates being Companion William Laughlin, the Mayor of the city. I was honored by the presence of Ill.˙.Solomon Kimpel, as well as our Past Grand Master, George Edward Hatch.

WATERTOWN COUNCIL, No. 34

On June 11, 1927, I went to Watertown and visited Watertown Council, No. 34. I was met at the station by the Master of the Council, Ill.˙.LEONARD NENNING, R.˙.Ill.˙.DANIEL R. BLINN and Companions GREENE, COOPER and DAWSON, who escorted me to the hotel and with them I enjoyed a very fine dinner.

At eight o'clock we went to the Masonic Temple and I was formally presented to the Companions assembled and addressed them on timely Masonic topics. Two new members were added to the roll by initiation and it was my good fortune to install the Officers elected for the ensuing year. With the new Officers in readiness for the Fall season, I am sure that this Council will make good progress the coming year.

REPORT OF R.˙.Ill.˙.WILLIAM F. SEBER

Grand Steward

KING SOLOMON COUNCIL, No. 31

Returning from a trip to Europe on Thanksgiving Day, I hurried home and the next afternoon, November 26, 1926, left for Poughkeepsie, being met at the station and escorted to the Masonic Temple where in due time I was received, being introduced to the Council by R.˙.Ill.˙.Companion S. WRIGHT BUTLER, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council.

After being received, I witnessed the conferring of the Royal Master degree on three candidates, two of whom were father and son. The degree was exemplified in a very beautiful manner, particularly the work of the Principal Conductor of the Work, R.˙.Ill.˙.Companion BUTLER, who has served in this office for over a quarter of a century.

I enjoyed a very pleasant evening and found the Council in good shape, but the excellent ritualistic work should be rewarded by a better attendance of the Companions.

After the working of the degree, the Companions adjourned to the banquet hall, where a bountiful luncheon was put on and a social hour enjoyed.

My first visit was a very pleasant one and I feel that I made some very valued friends.

UNION COUNCIL, No. 2

Tuesday afternoon, December 21, 1926, I journeyed to New York City, where I was met at the station by M.·.Ill.·.Companion OLIVER H. LABARRE, who escorted me to the Schnorer Club in the Bronx, known far and wide for the pleasures it can give its members and their guests.

After enjoying a delightful banquet, at which eleven Past Masters of Union Council, No. 2, were present, we journeyed to the Council Chamber, where in due time, I was presented to the Council by M.·.Ill.·.Companion LABARRE and most graciously received by the Master, Ill.·.CLARENCE F. HEATH.

The Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred on a class of eleven candidates by a degree team composed entirely of Past Masters of the Council, R.·.Ill.·.EDWARD FEIH being the director of the work and under his able supervision the degrees were exemplified in a beautiful manner.

After the ritualistic work, the Companions repaired to the banquet hall where they were joined by their ladies and a social hour was enjoyed.

I was honored on this occasion by the presence of three Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council, M.·.Ill.·.MARTIN Q. GOOD, M.·.Ill.·.OLIVER H. LABARRE and M.·.Ill.·.JOSEPH L. LOCKHART, and the following: R.·.Ill.·.FRANK A. SPENCER, R.·.Ill.·.EDWARD FEIH of Union Council, No. 2, and R.·.Ill.·.J. CALEB FISHER of Phoenix Council, No. 70; Ill.·.Companion EMBREE of Adoniram Council, No. 36; Ill.·.Companions DWIGHT O. PALMER, HARRY AERY, ARTHUR A. BARR, NICHOLAS PECORA, C. LINWOOD MORRELL and ERNEST E. WILSON, all of Union Council, No. 2; Ill.·.WILLIAM J. MORGAN, Ill.·.WILLIAM RANNEY WILSON, Ill.·.CHARLES PEPPEL and Companion WILLARD C. CURTISS, Principal Conductor of the Work of Columbian Council, No. 1.

JOHNSTOWN COUNCIL, No. 72

On Wednesday evening, May 11, 1927, I officially visited Johnstown Council, No. 72. Accompanied by Ill.˙.FRED W. POWERS, Past Master of Bloss Council, No. 14, I journeyed to Schenectady, where we met our Grand Master, M.˙.Ill.˙.JAMES A. SMITH, and proceeded to Johnstown, by automobile.

Arriving at the beautiful Masonic Temple, we were met by the Master, Ill.˙.Companion HERBERT T. CLEMANS and other Officers of Johnstown Council, No. 72. After a very fine dinner, served in the Banquet Hall by the Eastern Star Chapter at Johnstown, we repaired to the Assembly rooms where the Council was opened in full form by the Officers. I was formally introduced by R.˙.Ill.˙.ARTHUR B. WASSUNG and cordially welcomed by the Master.

During the evening, R.˙.Ill.˙.Companions ARTHUR B. WASSUNG and HERBERT T. CLEMANS were presented beautiful aprons, the presentation being made by the Grand Master.

Another pleasing incident, was the presentation of a Certificate of Honorary Life Membership to our Grand Master by Ill.˙.FRED L. CARROLL, to which the Grand Master responded in his usual happy manner.

The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred on one candidate in a creditable manner and it is very evident that the Companions take an active interest in the work of the Council as the Assemblies are well attended throughout the year. Too much credit cannot be given to R.˙.Ill.˙.HERBERT T. CLEMANS who has served four years as Master of this Council. He has been a leader in the Cryptic Rite in this section for some time past and has surrounded himself with a very capable corps of Officers.

It was particularly pleasing to me to have the Grand Master present, also my good friend Ill.˙.FRED W. POWERS, Past Master of Bloss Council, No. 14, with the following Past Masters of Johnstown Council, No. 72: R.˙.Ill.˙.ARTHUR B. WASSUNG, Ill.˙.FRED L. CARROLL, Ill.˙.ABRAM BAIRD, and Ill.˙.EDWARD M. BARINGER.

My visit was a very pleasant one and I feel that I made some valued friends.

Cryptic Council, No. 37

On Thursday evening, May 12, 1927, I officially visited Cryptic Council, No. 37, at Saratoga Springs. Accompanied by Ill.·. Fred B. Hancox, Master of Bloss Council, No. 14, we trolleyed to Saratoga Springs, where we were met by the Master, Ill.·. John E. Spencer. We journeyed to the Casino, located in Congress Park, where Masonic Bodies are now meeting, owing to the destruction by fire last December of their beautiful Masonic Temple.

At six thirty o'clock about one hundred and twenty of the Companions were given a splendid banquet, served by the ladies, after which we repaired to the Lodge Room, where I was introduced to the Council by M.·.Ill.·.Frank M. Adee in a most eloquent manner and cordially welcomed by the Master.

The members are enthusiastic Cryptic Rite Masons and the Council is one of the best attended Bodies meeting in the temporary Temple. The Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred upon eight candidates in a very creditable and painstaking manner.

A rather large delegation of Companions from Joseph Warren Council, No. 81, Glens Falls, was in attendance. Among those present were: Ill.·.Frank L. Moore, Master, Ill.·.Loyal L. Davis, and R.·.Ill.·.William Lee, Past Masters of Joseph Warren Council, No. 81, Glens Falls; Ill.·.Fred B. Hancox, Master of Bloss Council, No. 14, Troy; and Ill.·.Ollie Childress, Past Master of Bloss Council, No. 14, Troy. The following Past Masters of Cryptic Council, No. 37, were present: M.·.Ill.·.Frank M. Adee, Ill.·.Will W. Smith, Ill.·.Frank M. Lawrence, Ill.·.Fred A. Storrs, Ill.·.Walter S. Prescott, and Ill.·.Fred L. Pennoyer.

Hudson Council, No. 62

It was my pleasure on Monday evening, April 11, 1927, to pay an Official Visit to Hudson Council, No. 62, located at Hudson.

I was met at the station by Ill.·.Amos Burton the Master of the Council, and escorted to the Masonic Temple, where I met some of the Companions, and after visiting with them a

while, we repaired to the Secret Vault where I was introduced to the Companions by R.·.Ill.·.Bruce C. Risley and cordially received by the Master.

The Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred on three candidates by the Officers of the Council in a very creditable and impressive manner. I found the Officers and Companions enthusiastic, and conditions point to continued success and prosperity. My visit to Hudson Council will linger long in my memory.

I was honored on this occasion by the presence of the following: R.·.Ill.·.Frederick W. Spencer, R.·.Ill.·.Bruce C. Risley, Ill.·.Fred C. Gorham, Ill.·.Cortez L. Buchman, Ill.·. Samuel Transue, and Ill.·.William P. Boright, Past Masters of Hudson Council, No. 62; Ill.·.Robert E. Townsend, Master; Ill.·.Howard E. Muller, and Ill.·.R. J. Stahl, Past Masters of Catskill Council, No. 78; Ill.·.Harry Bayer, Past Master of King Solomon Council, No. 31.

Tyrian Council, No. 43

On Friday evening, May 27, 1927, I made my last Official Visit, which was to Tyrian Council, No. 43, Plattsburgh.

The Masonic Bodies of Plattsburgh are meeting in temporary quarters, owing to the fact that they sold their property two years ago. This has proved to be quite a handicap to the members of the Council, who have been obliged to change their regular night Assembly, and only three meetings of the Council have been held since the Official Visit of a year ago. A new Temple is in process of erection and will undoubtedly be ready for occupancy in the early Fall and it is the opinion of the members of the Council that when they get back to meeting on their regular night the interest in the Council will immediately revive.

In spite of the handicap, I found a splendid spirit, particularly in the continued activity of the Past Masters of the Council, who are very loyal.

I was met at the station by Ill.·.Harvey MacKenzie, Master of the Council, and, in company with R.·.Ill.·.Companion McIlwaine and Companion Fuller, I had a delightful drive through

the beautiful Adirondack country, which finally ended at Dannemora Prison. On returning to Plattsburgh, a very fine dinner was enjoyed at six thirty o'clock by the Companions present, which was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

The meeting of the Council immediately followed the dinner, and although the attendance was small, considerable interest was shown. I was introduced in the Secret Vault by R.˙.Ill.˙.Companion N. R. McIlwaine, who is a Charter member of the Council and its present Recorder and one whose interest in the Cryptic Rite has never waned.

The Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred on two candidates in a very creditable manner, the Council using rather interesting equipment in the conferring of the degrees which adds considerably to their impressiveness.

The election of Officers followed and I am sure with the completion of the new Temple that interest in Tyrian Council, will be revived and that they will take their place with the other Councils in that section of the State.

My visit was an extremely pleasant one, and one that I shall always remember.

Among those present were: R.˙.Ill.˙.N. R. McIlwaine, R.˙.Ill.˙.H. C. Hitchcock, Ill.˙.H. A. Stutchbury, and Ill.˙. H. W. Gage.

Report of R.˙.Ill.˙.Albert S. Price

Grand Standard Bearer

Keystone Council, No. 20

Keystone Council meets in the temple of the Lodge of the Ancient Landmarks, in a room sumptuously furnished and equipped. In such surroundings inferior work would stand out by striking contrast. I was impressed on October 19, 1926, with exactly the opposite situation,—the intelligence and dignity with which Keystone's Officers confer our beautiful degrees. Their formal dress harmonized well with their environment, and it was apparent that their able work was not a special level attained for a demonstration to the Visitor; it has every appearance of being the standard which is ordinarily maintained. Music is very pleasingly used. No costumes are used in the two degrees,

but there is a large equipment for the Super-Excellent Master degree. The candidate of the evening must have been much impressed with the Royal and Select Master degrees.

The Charter is well kept. The records of Recorder WAGGONER are in excellent condition and well systematized.

The visitor was especially honored by the presence of several Masonic leaders: M.·.Ill.·.FRED E. OGDEN and M.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM S. RISELAY, both Past Grand Masters of the Council; the M.·.E.·.Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, WASHINGTON A. RUSSELL; R.·.Ill.·.E. PARKER WAGGONER, Grand Lecturer; R.·.Ill.·.GEORGE A. DAVIS, JR., Past Grand Lecturer. The welcome presence of Ill.·.A. A. DERDENGER of Buffalo Council, No. 17, indicates that these two Councils are entering an era of increasing cooperation. From all of these Companions, and especially from the Master, Ill.·.R. STANLEY RUTHVEN, your Visitor received many courtesies which he is pleased to acknowledge to them and to you.

COLUMBIAN COUNCIL, NO. 1

Something of a thrill is involved in an Official Visit to the first of all Councils. Columbian Council, No. 1, has an inspiring past of more than a century, and is maintaining its high standard in the present. It is a pleasure to see these Officers take an exacting care that the work shall be effectively done, and to note the active interest of the Past Masters. Music, both instrumental and vocal, is made to contribute importantly to the degrees; it is of a high quality, and was rather touchingly employed in the reception of the Visitor. In the work presented at the time of this visit on February 3, 1927, there was nothing to criticize and much to praise.

The old Charter of 1823 is carefully preserved and is presented to the Visitor with enviable pride.

The visitor was honored by the presence of M.·.Ill.·.MARTIN Q. GOOD, M.·.Ill.·.JAMES CHAMBERS and M.·.Ill.·.JOSEPH L. LOCKHART, Past Grand Masters; R.·.Ill.·.GEORGE O. LINKLETTER, Deputy Grand Master; Ill.·.WILLIAM A. MEYERS, Master of Adelphic Council, No. 7; and ten Past Masters of this Council: M.·.Ill.·.MARTIN Q. GOOD, Ill.·.JAMES STEWART, Ill.·.CHAUNCEY E. GOODRICH, Ill.·.WILLIAM B. TINDLE, R.·.Ill.·.

JOHN B. ADKINS, Ill.·.GEORGE HERRING, Ill.·.CHRISTIAN O. SCHAW, Ill.·.WILLIAM J. MORGAN, Ill.·.ALBERT C. MARKARD, and Ill.·.WILLIAM RANNEY WILSON.

The Master, Ill.·.and REV. JOHN J. BOTT, and his associates, extended to me many thoughtful courtesies during my stay in the city, and in my reception in this Council, which is one of our best.

KING HIRAM COUNCIL, No. 18

I visited King Hiram Council, No. 18, on April 13, 1927. The Council has the services of many who have held office in other Masonic Bodies and who bring to the Council that advantageous training. It retains in large measure the interest and cooperation of several of its able Past Masters, which is a decided advantage. On the evening of the visit there was a good attendance of these past Officers; and the Visitor was honored by the presence of High Priest LIBERMAN and Commander HARROP.

The Master, Ill.·.Companion FRED S. THOMPSON, conferred the Royal Master degree on one candidate and the Select Master degree on two. The work as a whole was good, and some parts were excellent. It is always a pleasure to recognize thoughtful and intelligent rendering of the ritual; and some of those parts which we all regard as exacting were finely done. An effort is to be made to reduce the amount of unpaid dues. Recorder HARROP's records are in excellent condition.

The Visitor received many courtesies and was made to feel entirely at home in this friendly Body.

SALAMANCA COUNCIL, No. 82

Salamanca Council, No. 82, though only five years old, is certainly one of the thoroughly alive Councils of this Jurisdiction. There was an attendance of thirty-nine out of a total membership of sixty on the occasion of the Official Visit on April 18, 1927; and, in addition, some nineteen visitors: R.·.Ill.·.E. PARKER

WAGGONER, Grand Lecturer; Ill.·.Companion R. STANLEY RUTHVEN, Master of Keystone Council, No. 20, and several Companions came from Buffalo; R.·.Ill.·.FRANK H. NORTON, Ill.·. CHARLES H. DERBY, Master of Olean Council, No. 33, and several Companions attended from Olean; and the Visitor was accompanied by R.·.Ill.·.JAMES H. MASON, Ill.·.HARRY INGLESON and Companion JOHN DAVIDSON of Jamestown Council, No. 32.

Following a dinner for the Council Companions and several Royal Arch Masons, Ill.·.R. STANLEY RUTHVEN and Grand Lecturer WAGGONER spoke on the Cryptic work.

Two candidates were obligated in the Royal and Select Master degrees, and then came the real work of the evening, the Super-Excellent Master degree. This is an ambitious undertaking for a small Council, but the cast of twenty-three men showed a high standard, and the degree was conferred with notable success on thirteen candidates. This achievement shows what can be done by energy and cooperation in even a small Council. Salamanca's work was excellent and deserved all the praise which was spoken.

I was cordially received by Ill.·.ARTHUR M. LLOYD, the Master, and his able Officers. I was gratified by the large attendance and the presence of so many from outside the city; and we all spent a thoroughly profitable evening.

OLEAN COUNCIL, NO. 33

Olean Council, No. 33, was visited on May 25, 1927. Although two candidates were awaiting the degrees and a third was elected that evening, they were unable to be present and in consequence the degrees were not conferred. The opening and closing, however, were creditably done and indicate that the Master, Ill.·. CHARLES H. DERBY, and his Officers would do the work well. R.·.Ill.·.FRANK H. NORTON, Past Master, and Grand Representative of Arizona, is Recorder, and his records are, as we would expect, in thoroughly good condition. Recent developments lead this Council reasonably to expect greater prosperity in the near future. The Council is acquiring a safe for its Charter and records.

The evening closed with a social session during which interesting Council matters were discussed.

All of the living Past Masters of the Council were present: Ill.·.Companions WILLIAM L. MYRICK, ISAAC P. COLLINS, JOHN G. MURDOCK, HENRY E. HALL, FRANK H. NORTON, and JOHN M. SELTZER. I was further honored by the presence of a delegation of six from Salamanca, including R.·.Ill.·.A. EDWARD KRIEGER, Grand Representative of Illinois, Ill.·.CLIFFORD C. CHENEY, Past Master, and the present Master, Ill.·.ARTHUR M. LLOYD.

FULTON COUNCIL, No. 50

The visit to Fulton Council, No. 50, was made May 27, 1927. This was the night of the annual election of Officers, and so there was no degree work. The annual reports show no gain and no loss in membership, and a healthy financial condition. I am convinced that this Council with better enthusiasm could doubtless be a very important factor in Masonry here, for it has able material.

There was a fine attendance at this meeting, several Past Masters being present. The Assembly was preceded by an excellent dinner, served by the ladies of the Officers, and practically all who attended the dinner stayed for the Assembly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that a Charter be granted to Lafayette Council, U.·.D.·., located at Yonkers, New York.

I recommend that a Charter be granted to Oneonta Council, U.·.D.·., located at Oneonta, New York.

I recommend that a sufficient amount be appropriated to pay the expenses of our incoming Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, to Denver, Colorado, in attending the Assembly of the General Grand Council to be held September 26 and 27, 1927.

Conclusion

We will soon reach the point in our session where it is proper, and I believe is expected, that the gavel of authority should be transferred from the present to the incoming Grand Master. In so doing I can only say that while the accomplishments of the year have not been those which might have been expected, and certainly are less than I had hoped, I have nothing but most happy recollections of my term of office. The cooperation I have received from all the workers in the Grand Council Line and the cordiality and kindness with which I have been received by the members of Masonic Bodies is, and will be to me, a most pleasant memory. While I have no desire to select for special commendation any member of the Grand Line I do believe however that, in common with other Grand Masters, it is but fitting to pay tribute to the excellence of the work, the unfailing courtesy and the kindly assistance of our Grand Recorder, as were it not for him I certainly would have had a lot of trouble, and I take pleasure in making this statement.

"Companions, my official duties end here but my interest and, so far as my limitations permit, service to the Grand Council will not by any means cease." Companions, the deliberations of the 104th Annual Assembly await your pleasure.

James A. Smith,

Grand Master.

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

Report of Grand Treasurer

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

Syracuse, N Y., August 22, 1927.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

Your Grand Treasurer presents the following as his Annual Report:

RECEIPTS

1926 Aug. 23	Balance on hand per last report	$ 9,204.00
1927 Aug. 2	Received from Grand Recorder	8,000.00
17	" " " "	500.00
22	" " " "	867.33
20	" " Bank Interest	37.50
		$18,608.83

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid	Warrant	846.	Jerome L. Cheney, Expenses Official Visits	$ 66.31
"	"	853.	Edward H. Lisk, Inc., Printing	258.75
"	"	854.	George A. Newell, Grand Treasurer Expenses	25.00
"	"	855.	Ossian Lang, Preparing Correspondence Report	300.00
"	"	856.	LeRoy & Hirsch, Printing	15.98
"	"	857.	LeRoy & Hirsch, Printing	13.50
"	"	858.	Buffalo Fire Office, Grand Treasurer Bond	5.00
"	"	859.	Pay of Officers and Representatives	2,053.85
"	"	860.	General Grand Council Dues	259.78
"	"	861.	Grand Recorder's Salary, Rent, etc	166.67
"	"	862.	Edward H. Lisk, Inc., Printing	45.75
"	"	863.	Eugene Crawford, Reporting Annual Assembly	38.70
"	"	864.	Hotel Van Curler, Entertainment of Guests	258.08
"	"	865.	Grand Recorder's Salary, Rent, etc	166.67
"	"	866.	Grand Recorder, Entertainment of Guests	48.30

"	"	867.	Edward H. Lisk, Inc., Printing.....	31.00
"	"	868.	Edward H. Lisk, Inc., Printing.....	23.50
"	"	869.	Grand Recorder's Salary, Rent, etc...	166.66
"	"	870.	Zimmerli Business Corp., Book Cases for Office	42.12
"	"	871.	Grand Recorder's Salary, Rent, etc...	166.67
"	"	872.	Edward H. Lisk, Inc., Printing.....	17.50
"	"	873.	LeRoy & Hirsch, Printing.....	12.45
"	"	874.	Grand Recorder's Salary, Rent, etc...	166.67
"	"	875.	General Grand Recorder, Rituals.....	10.00
"	"	876.	Edward H. Lisk, Inc., Printing.....	1,435.79
"	"	877.	Grand Recorder's Salary, Rent, etc...	166.66
"	"	878.	Grand Recorder, Appropriation for Office Expense	150.00
"	"	879.	Grand Recorder's Salary, Rent, etc...	166.67
"	"	880.	Edward H. Lisk, Inc., Printing.....	61.10
"	"	881.	Grand Recorder's Salary, Rent, etc...	166.67
"	"	882.	George O. Linkletter, Expenses, Official Visits	93.63
"	"	883.	Grand Recorder's Salary, Rent, etc...	166.66
"	"	884.	Charles E. LeRoy, Printing.....	10.45
"	"	885.	Albert S. Price, Expenses, Official Visits	85.68
"	"	886.	William F. Seber, Expenses, Official Visits	41.89
"	"	887.	Charles H. Johnson, Expenses, Official Visits	65.91
"	"	888.	E. Parker Waggoner, Expenses, Official Visits	67.15
"	"	889.	John A. Derthick, Expenses, Official Visits	84.86
"	"	890.	Grand Recorder's Salary, Rent, etc...	166.67
"	"	891.	Charles W. Timmerman, Grand Master's Apron	45.00
"	"	892.	Dieges & Clust, Past Grand Master's Jewel	75.00
"	"	893.	Jerome L. Cheney, Expenses, Official Visits	69.93
"	"	895.	Charles M. Colton, Expenses, Official Visits	33.94
"	"	896.	E. Parker Waggoner, Expenses, Official Visits	24.00
"	"	897.	Edward H. Lisk, Inc., Printing.....	94.75
"	"	898.	James A. Smith, Grand Master's Expenses	365.50
"	"	899.	Grand Recorder's Salary, Rent, etc...	166.66
"	"	900.	Grand Recorder's Salary, Rent, etc...	166.67
August	22,	1927.	Balance on hand.....	10,278.68
				$18,608.83

I also report that I have in my hands U. S. 4% Liberty Loan Bonds of the value of $2,500.00, belonging to the Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. NEWELL,

Grand Treasurer.

Report of Grand Recorder

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

Syracuse, N. Y., August 22, 1927.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

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

Cash receipts for the year have been as follows:

For Grand Council dues and fees	$8,704.40
Sale of Rituals	13.00
Dispensation fees for Special Assemblies	10.50
Interest on Securities in possession of Grand Treasurer	579.43
Dispensation fee for Lafayette Council, U.·.D.·.	20.00
Dispensation fee for Oneonta Council, U.·.D.·.	20.00
Charter fee for Lafayette Council, U.·.D.·.	10.00
Charter fee for Oneonta Council, U.·.D.·.	10.00
Total receipts from all sources	$9,367.33

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

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

On hand August 23, 1926	$121.52
Appropriation 1926	150.00
Total	$271.52
Disbursements during the year	211.87
Total amount on hand August 22, 1927	59.65

STATISTICS

Registered members May 31, 1926		12,991
Companions greeted during the year	560	
Companions affiliated during the year	20	
Companions restored during the year	13	
Charter members new Councils	10	603
Total		13,594
Companions died during the year	210	
Companions dimitted during the year	25	
Companions suspended during the year	176	
Companions dropped at own request	51	462
Registered members May 31, 1927		13,132
Net gain for the year		141

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE EDWARD HATCH,
Grand Recorder.

Report of Grand Trustees

The Grand Trustees presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

Syracuse, N. Y., August 22, 1927.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

Total assets as reported, August 23, 1926		$13,231.62
Received:		
Interest on Liberty Bonds	$106.25	
Erie County Savings Bank, Interest to July 1, 1927	38.97	
East River Savings Institution, Interest to July 1, 1927	147.79	
National Savings Bank, Interest to July 1, 1927	165.05	
National Bank of Watervliet, Interest to July 1, 1927	4.99	
Union Trust Company of Jamestown, Interest to July 1, 1927	103.12	566.17
Total		$13,797.79
Disbursed:		
To Grand Recorder: Interest accumulations for year ending July, 1, 1926		579.43
Total assets July 1, 1927		$13,218.36

The above Funds are invested as follows:

Erie County Savings Bank, Buffalo, N. Y.	$ 999.36
East River Savings Institution, New York, N. Y.	3,378.09
National Savings Bank, Albany, N. Y.	3,782.48
National Bank of Watervliet, Watervliet, N. Y.	114.79
Union Trust Company, Jamestown, N. Y.	2,443.64
Fourth Liberty Bonds	2,500.00
Total amount	$13,218.36

The Bank Books and Fourth Liberty Bonds are in possession of the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

ROLAND K. MASON,
OLIVER H. LABARRE,
HERBERT W. GREENLAND,
Grand Trustees.

Report of Foreign Correspondent

THE GRAND RECORDER:

R.·.Ill.·.OSSIAN LANG, our Foreign Correspondent who is in Europe on a mission for the Grand Lodge, has sent in his Annual Report and it is now in my hands.

On motion, the Report was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

Time Fixed for the Election of Officers

On motion, the election of Officers was made a special order of business immediately after the reading of the journal Tuesday morning, August 23d.

Report of Committee on Credentials and Returns

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

Syracuse, N. Y., August 22, 1927.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

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 the Grand Council:

Columbian, No. 1.....George E. Bradbrook.....Master
Willard C. Curtiss.....Deputy Master
William W. Grimes.....
.....Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Union, No. 2.....Harry Aery .....Proxy for Master
William Martin....Proxy for Deputy Master
Frank I. Felter.....P.·.C.·.of the W.·...

Brooklyn, No. 4.....

Adelphic, No. 7.....Roland E. Ellis.....Master
William W. Graham.....Deputy Master
J. Oscar Goetz.....P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Rotica, No. 12.....Benjamin B. Gilbert.....Master
Merton E. Nettleton.....Deputy Master
Raymond M. Roberts....P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Central City, No. 13.....Erwin George Nichols.....Master
William F. Timmerman.....Deputy Master
James S. Wilcox.....P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Bloss, No. 14.....Fred B. Hancox.....Master
Louis N. Ellenbogen. Proxy for Deputy Master
William F. Seber.....
.....Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Bruce, No. 15.....Alfred W. Sill.....Master

Southern Tier, No. 16....Frank Brockway Blossom.....Master
Harry W. Van Campen.....Deputy Master
A. H. Borthwick.....
.....Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Buffalo, No. 17.....George L. Hodgson.....Master
Esbon B. Rew....Proxy for Deputy Master
Joseph H. Dance.....P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

King Hiram, No. 18.....John E. Heywood.....Master
James G. Noakes..Proxy for Deputy Master
John T. Leach. Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Doric, No. 19.....Albert E. Chadwick.....Master
George J. Vetter..Proxy for Deputy Master
Harry G. Greensmith.....
.....Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Keystone, No. 20.....William C. Bingham.....Master
William S. Riselay. Proxy for Deputy Master
E. Parker Waggoner.....
.....Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Ancient City, No. 21.....Edward N. Snow.....Master
W. Frank Davis..Proxy for Deputy Master

DeWitt Clinton, No. 22...Jerry B. Badgley.....Master
Frederick A. Nicholson.....Deputy Master
Arthur B. Gregg.Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Binghamton, No. 24.....E. Stanley Pier.....Master
Hugh Hearon .....Deputy Master

Dunkirk, No. 25.....George C. Schwertfager.....Master
John C. Schwertfager.Proxy for DeputyMaster

Palmyra, No. 26.....Russell M. Bareham.....Master
Earl D. Salem.....Deputy Master
Alfred C. Hopkins.....P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

King Solomon, No. 31....Paul A. H. Weiss.....Master

Jamestown, No. 32.....C. V. Elmer Gustafson.....Master
Reynold Q. Norquist.....Deputy Master
Albert S. Price.Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Olean, No. 33.....

Watertown, No. 34.....C. Howard Greene.....Master
Harry S. Dawson.....Deputy Master

Hornellsville, No. 35.....Duncan Boughner .....Master
George H. Grosvenor.....
.....Proxy for Deputy Master
Philip M. Nast, Jr.....
.....Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Adoniram, No. 36.....Edwin L. Brooks.....Proxy for Master
George O. Linkletter.....
.....Proxy for Deputy Master
Harold S. Embree.....
.....Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Cryptic, No. 37.....Charles P. Reeves.....Master
Walter S. Prescott.Proxy for Deputy Master
Frank M. Adee.Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Bath, No. 40.....

Tyrian, No. 43.....Harry Clay Hitchcock....Proxy for Master

Fulton, No. 50.....Clarence G. Van Skoik.....Master
George A. Coates.....Deputy Master
Roy E. Reynolds.Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Washington, No. 52.....

Corning, No. 53.....Harrie O. Anderson.....Proxy for Master

Peekskill, No. 55.....Thomas F. Willock.....Master

Hudson, No. 62.....Amos Burton.....Master

Phoenix, No. 70.....John Burden .....Master
Arthur J. Morrison.....P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Alph-Omega, No. 71.....Daniel F. H. Allen.....Proxy for Master

Johnstown, No. 72.....Robert L. Dawson.....Master
Arthur B. Wassung.....
.....Proxy for Deputy Master
Ferdinand E. Schoeffler..P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

St. George's, No. 74.....Henry V. Burger.....Proxy for Master

Skoi-Yase, No. 75.....Alfred W. Burnham.....Master

Huntington, No. 76.....Kurt J. Galow.....Master
William W. Hawkhurst.....
.....Proxy for Deputy Master
Floyd E. Baylis. Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
St. Lawrence, No. 77.....Edwin L. Weegar.....Master
John S. Hazen.....Deputy Master
Frank F. Williams.....P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Catskill, No. 78.....Rudolph J. Stahl.....Proxy for Master
Temple, No. 79.....Frederick Diemer .....Master
Charles F. Cushing. Proxy for Deputy Master
Thomas W. Aitken.....
.....Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Flatbush, No. 80.....John A. Derthick.....Proxy for Master
Arthur Harold Moeller..P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Joseph Warren, No. 81....Frank L. Moore.....Master
William Lee.....Proxy for Deputy Master
Salamanca, No. 82.....Frederick C. Pifer.....Master
A. Edward Krieger.....
.....Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Zarthan, No. 83.....
Zabud, No. 84.....Gilbert C. Shadwell.....Master
John Wood .....Deputy Master
Louis Benzer .....P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Triangle, No. 85.....Edward L. Hein.....Master
Richard H. Burton.....Deputy Master
Lafayette, U.·.D.·.....Arthur W. Peene.....Master
Fred G. Newbery.....Deputy Master
Oneonta, U.·.D.·.....Alfred J. Stratton.....Master
Ursil A. Ferguson.....Deputy Master
William E. Ford.....P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE EDWARD HATCH,
JOHN BURDEN,
GEORGE L. HODGSON,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address

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

Syracuse, N. Y., August 22, 1927.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

The Committee, to which was referred the Address of the Grand Master for sub-division and reference, respectfully recommends;

That the portion relating to the Fraternal Dead of this and other Jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

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

That the action of the Grand Master, relating to the appointing and accrediting of Grand Representatives as reported by him, be heartily approved. The list contains the names of many Companions who have been thus rewarded for long and faithful service.

That the sections relating to Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That the recommendations of the Grand Master regarding the Granting of Charters to Lafayette Council, U.·.D.·., located at Yonkers, N. Y., and Oneonta Council, U.·.D.·., located at Oneonta, N. Y., be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That the recommendations of the Grand Master regarding the appropriation of sufficient funds to pay the expenses of our incoming Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work to the Assembly of the General Grand Council at Denver, Colorado, September 26 and 27, 1927, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Your Committee having the opportunity of carefully studying the report of the Grand Master's activities of the past year, is of the opinion that the affairs of this Grand Council have been given extraordinary attention, which is evidenced by a greater growth in membership and the present satisfactory condition of the Rite.

This Grand Council has reason to be proud of the splendid administration and leadership of Most Illustrious JAMES A. SMITH.

Fraternally submitted,

ROLAND K. MASON,
GEORGE E. BRADBROOK,
JERRY B. BADGLEY,
Committee.

From Labor to Refreshment

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment until 9:30 o'clock, Tuesday morning, August 23d.

Entertainment

As in previous years when the Grand Council has met in Syracuse the Companions of Central City Council did everything in their power to entertain the Companions and their ladies and make their visit a pleasant one.

On Monday the ladies were taken on an automobile trip with a luncheon at the noted King's restaurant at Cicero and the Companions were entertained at luncheon at the Masonic Temple and later enjoyed an automobile ride to various points of interest.

In the evening a banquet was tendered at the Hotel Onondaga to the Companions and their ladies at which Companion JAY B. KLINE acted as Toastmaster and addresses were made by our distinguished guests and some of our own members.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION

The Grand Council was called from Refreshment to Labor, Tuesday morning, August 23, 1927, at nine-thirty o'clock. Officers and Representatives as at the previous session, with R.·.Ill.·. WILLIAM F. SEBER, Grand Steward, in his station.

R.·.Ill.·.and REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D.D., Grand Chaplain, was escorted to the Altar and offered the following

PRAYER

Our Father and our God, our eyes with gladness greet the Light of the new morning and the prospects of a pleasant day. We are thankful for the retrospect; for all we have enjoyed. Thankful that the past is secure in Thee, in Thy keeping. But our souls, as David sang, wait for the Lord more than they that wait for the morning. I say more. Thou art our sun. Give us grace. Be with us. Make this a memorable session. Bless all our motions and all our emotions. If we shall feel a little shadow this morning because we are to separate, bless us, we pray Thee; help us to know if darkness shadow our path it will be but temporary, and we will reach the shining hills of day if we trust in Thee and continue our climbing. Bless those who are to rest from the official labors of this Grand Council, with assurance that they wrought well. May they hear the commendations of their beloved Companions, Well done, good and faithful servants. Bless those who shall take an ascending step upon the stairs of official duties. Keep them all in Thy guidance. May our paths lead to that meeting of the Super Eternal Grand Council, where, when the roll is called, may every one of us answer, Present, through Thy grace and Fatherly Providence in which we trust. In the Name of our Father, we ask it all, and offer our morning praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

The record of the session of August 22nd was read and approved.

Election of Officers

M.·.Ill.·.JAMES A. SMITH, Grand Master:

In accordance with the resolution of yesterday, the next order of business is the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

I will appoint as Tellers Most Illustrious Companions JAMES CHAMBERS, HERBERT W. GREENLAND and JOSEPH L. LOCKHART. Companions, you will prepare your ballots for the office of Grand Master.

Named for Grand Master

Ill.·.E. L. BROOKS:

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council, after the close of the glacial period there was left that strip of rock and sand which we now call "Long Island." Contrary to the prediction once made, that particular strip has become one of the garden spots of the east, with a population which exceeds thirty-six States in the Union. It is only natural that with such growth that the spirit of Freemasonry should find root and produce leaders to carry on its work. One of those leaders is our good Deputy Grand Master, who lives in the hills of Long Island, the most beautiful section of it, and who is well and favorably known from one end to the other of the jurisdiction, affectionately, as "GEORGE." On behalf of the Councils of Long Island, as well as Adoniram, No. 36, through membership in which I am privileged to place his name in nomination, I ask the privilege of casting one ballot bearing the name of GEORGE O. LINKLETTER for the office of Grand Master of this Grand Council.

M.·.Ill.·.JAMES A. SMITH, Grand Master:

Companions, you have heard the request which has been made, that one ballot be cast, bearing the name of GEORGE O. LINKLETTER for Grand Master. Is there any objection? If not, Companion BROOKS you have that privilege.

M.·.Ill.·.JAMES A. SMITH, Grand Master:

Have all balloted who wish? If so, I declare the ballot closed. The Tellers will canvass the vote and announce the result.

M.·.Ill.·.JAMES CHAMBERS:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, your Tellers find that all the ballots cast bear the name of GEORGE O. LINKLETTER.

M.·.Ill.·.JAMES A. SMITH, Grand Master:

I declare Companion GEORGE O. LINKLETTER duly elected to the office of Grand Master.

Companion LINKLETTER, you have been unanimously chosen by this Grand Council to serve it as Grand Master for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

R.·.Ill.·.GEORGE O. LINKLETTER:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I want to thank the Companions of this Grand Council for this compliment and honor, and to assure you that insofar as the ability is given me I will serve you as well as I can. I shall sincerely try to the best there is in me to bear this extra burden so that it will not be detrimental to the Grand Council and the Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York. I do accept.

The following were elected:

GEORGE O. LINKLETTER.	Elected	Grand Master
CHARLES M. COLTON..	"	Deputy Grand Master
CHARLES H. JOHNSON.	"	Grand P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
GEORGE A. NEWELL...	"	Grand Treasurer
GEORGE EDWARD HATCH	"	Grand Recorder
JEROME L. CHENEY...	"	Grand Captain of the Guard
JOHN A. DERTHICK...	"	Grand Conductor of the Council
E. PARKER WAGGONER.	"	Grand Lecturer
ALBERT S. PRICE.....	"	Grand Marshal
WILLIAM F. SEBER....	"	Grand Standard Bearer
S. ORMOND GOLDAN...	"	Grand Steward
ROLAND K. MASON....	"	Grand Trustee, for three years

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

REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D.D.....Grand Chaplain

RT. REV. DAVID LINCOLN FERRIS, D.D.....Grand Chaplain

HARRY W. PANGBURN.....Grand Sentinel

Amendment to General Regulations

M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, Grand Recorder:

I have a matter of some importance that I desire to bring before the Grand Council at this time. As you know, it has been increasingly difficult for some years past to find Councils that were able and willing to entertain the Grand Council at its Annual Assembly. This has been principally because of the large expense connected with the sessions. Fully three-fourths of our Councils are not able to entertain us because of inadequate hotel accommodations, and it has devolved upon a dozen or less of our Councils to take care of these Annual Assemblies. You

will recall that last year no invitations were extended to us. At the last moment, and most opportunely, Companion CHENEY said that Central City Council would step into the gap and graciously invited us to this city again, and we are here today as their guests. This year it has been impossible to find a Council whose members felt they could entertain us next year. Last night, after the banquet, your Officers had a conference, and they decided they would present a proposition to the Grand Council this morning, which, we believe, will solve this difficulty. Up to the present time but few Councils have paid anything towards this expense. The idea we have now is to increase our per capita payment to the Grand Council ten cents, the amount so raised to be used in defraying in part the expenses of our Assemblies, so that every Council in the State will contribute something towards the expense of running the Grand Council Sessions. This requires an amendment to our General Regulations. The amendment can only be made at this time by unanimous consent. I believe if you will consider the matter carefully that you will see that it is eminently fair to all of the Councils. No one will be burdened by the additional amount, and all will be contributing to the cause.

I might say, further, that this will bring in a fund of about $1,300.00 We do not mean we are going to turn over all this $1,300.00 unreservedly for the entertainment of the Grand Council. We have felt this year one thousand dollars would probably be sufficient, the other three hundred dollars can remain in the treasury for emergencies. Some places will require more money than others and it may be necessary some other year to have the thirteen hundred dollars. We feel, however, that with the assessment of ten cents per member it will give us a sufficient amount to properly take care of the Annual Assemblies of the Grand Council.

For the purpose of bringing it before the Grand Council at this time, I move that the General Regulations of the Grand Council be amended, so that this particular part of the first section of the General Regulations of the Constitution of the Grand Council shall read:

"Every Council shall pay for each of its members annually seventy cents."

The motion was seconded and after a number of Companions had spoken in its favor, it was unanimously carried.

Duplicate Charter Granted

M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, Grand Recorder:

I have been requested on behalf of Cryptic Council, No. 37, to ask that the Grand Council authorize the issuance of a duplicate Charter to that Council, to take the place of the one which was destroyed in the fire which burned their Masonic Temple a few months ago.

I move that the Grand Recorder be authorized to issue a duplicate Charter.

Motion seconded and carried.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business

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

Syracuse, N. Y., August 23, 1927.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business of the last Annual Assembly respectfully reports that there was no business left over from the last Assembly to be acted upon this year.

Fraternally submitted,
MARTIN Q. GOOD,
ROLAND E. ELLIS,
FRANK L. MOORE,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Constitution and Laws

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

Syracuse, N. Y., August 23, 1927.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

Your Committee on Constitution and Laws respectfully reports that nothing has been presented to it for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,
JAMES CHAMBERS,
HARRY AERY,
FRED B. HANCOX,
Committee.

Proposed Amendments to Constitution

M.·.Ill.·.EUGENE E. HINMAN presented the following amendments to the Constitution:

To amend Section 2, paragraph 1, line 6, by adding the following sentence:

"All of the above named degrees of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master must be conferred upon each candidate, either in short or full form, before he can consumate his membership by signing the By-Laws."

To amend Section 23, page 16, paragraph 1, line 5, by adding "Super-Excellent Master," making that whole line read, "confer the degrees of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master."

To amend Section 34, page 21, by adding at the end of the section the following paragraph:

"In the case of an affiliate from a foreign jurisdiction, where the degree of Super-Excellent Master is not obligatory, the petitioner, if elected, shall be given the obligation and instruction in the secret work before signing the By-Laws."

These amendments will come up for action at the next Annual Assembly.

Report of Committee on Charters and Dispensations

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

Syracuse, N. Y., August 23, 1927.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully examined the books, records and certificates of both Lafayette Council, located at Yonkers and Oneonta Council, located at Oneonta, and find the records of both to be in excellent condition.

They having complied fully with the provisions of Section 23, Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Council, and

the Officers who inspected the work of each Council having certified that the Officers are qualified to confer the Degrees of Royal and Select Master, we recommend that Charters be granted and issued as follows:

To Companions ARTHUR W. PEENE, Master; FRED G. NEWBERY, Deputy Master; CARD J. MILLER, Principal Conductor of the Work and other Companions, to form a Council in Yonkers, County of Westchester, to be known as Lafayette Council, No. 86.

To Companions ALFRED J. STRATTON, Master; URSIL A. FERGUSON, Deputy Master; WILLIAM E. FORD, Principal Conductor of the Work and other Companions, to form a Council in Oneonta, County of Otsego, to be known as Oneonta Council, No. 87.

Respectfully submitted,
OLIVER H. LABARRE,
ALBERT E. CHADWICK,
AMOS BURTON,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Grievances and Appeals

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

Syracuse, N. Y., August 23, 1927.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals is pleased to report that no matter requiring its attention has been presented to it and that peace and harmony prevail throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,
GEORGE R. HEMENWAY,
ERWIN G. NICHOLS,
C. HOWARD GREENE,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Time and Place

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

Syracuse, N. Y., August 23, 1927.

To the Grand Council:

Your Committee on Time and Place recommends that the next Annual Grand Assembly be held at Glens Falls, September 10 and 11, 1928.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph L. Lockhart,
Frederick Diemer,
Edward L. Hein,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite

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

Syracuse, N. Y., August 22, 1927.

To the Grand Council:

The Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite held a meeting on January 31, 1927 at Albany at the time of the Grand Chapter Convocation. Steps were taken at that time which resulted in the forming of Oneonta Council, U.·.D.·., at Oneonta, New York, the preliminary work being under the direction of R.·.Ill.·.Companion Herbert T. Clemans.

Your Committe is also pleased to report that Lafayette Council, U.·.D.·., was instituted at Yonkers, New York, the credit

for which belongs almost entirely to Ill.˙.Arthur W. Peene, Past Master of Phoenix Council, No. 70.

Some preliminary work has been done in other localities which your Committee trusts will result in the forming of other Councils in the not distant future.

While some of our Councils have done no work during the past year, most of them have been active and the net gain in membership this year exceeds that of 1926. Your Committee believes that the outlook for the year to come is a bright one.

Fraternally submitted,

George Edward Hatch,
John A. Derthick,
Herbert A. Clemans,
Committee.

Report of Grand Lecturer

The Grand Lecturer submitted the following Annual Report, which, on motion, was received and referred to the Committee on Ritual:

Syracuse, N. Y., August 22, 1927.

To the Grand Council:

After reviewing the annual reports of the Grand Lecturer for a number of years past it would seem almost superfluous for one with only one year's experience behind him to offer further suggestions, and yet opportunity for improvement is always before us and we ought to do everything possible to show progress.

It was my privilege during the past year to visit several Councils, seven of them officially including one Under Dispensation, and I could not help but be impressed with the deep interest shown. Throughout the State in all Masonic Bodies there seems to be a desire to render better and more intelligent

work. This can have but one result, the improvement and advancement of our several Rites.

My interest in the Cryptic Rite is of long standing. Several years ago I began my labors in the Secret Vault and have continued on year after year with but one thought in mind, that of furthering the interests of this branch of Masonry, which I believe is one of the richest in our whole system. No one can receive the degrees of Royal and Select Master without securing for himself a fund of knowledge and information, which if considered seriously is bound to help in making him a better man and Mason.

Suggestions have been made in times past relative to making some slight changes in our Degrees in order to have them more thoroughly understood and appreciated.

I, too, have a suggestion to make and shall offer it to the Ritual Committee at the first opportunity. The thought which I have in mind is not really a change but simply an amplification. It pertains to the second section of the Select Master Degree. If each of you will spend a moment or two and reflect on this part of the work, particularly that relating to making the deposit, you cannot help but realize that there is ample room for improvement. The suggestions which I will offer are the result of several hours of study, not only on my part but others who have worked with me, and I feel that they are worthy of careful consideration. Should the Ritual Committee feel as I do you will hear more of them.

Personally I desire to express to the Grand Officers and the members of this Grand Council my deepest thanks for having the privilege of serving you during the past year and to pledge you my continued support.

Fraternally submitted,

E. PARKER WAGGONER,

Grand Lecturer.

Report of Committee on Ritual

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

Syracuse, N. Y., August 23, 1927.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

During the past year the Committee on Ritual has been watching the work of the three degrees and we believe that they have been conferred by a large majority of the Councils with satisfacton.

For some time we have heard criticisms directed to that part of the Select degree where the ceremony of deposit is portrayed. It has been clear to us that the ceremony is rather too brief for so important an event and some of the Companions of Buffalo, with the assistance of the Grand Lecturer, have developed a ceremony at that point which the Committee believes will enhance the degree. This we submit herewith and recommend that it be printed in leaflet form and be made permissable. Later if found to be desirable it can be incorporated in our required work.

The Committee recommends that in the Royal Master degree the Conductor of the Council present the candidates in both sections instead of having the Captain of the Guard do so in the first section.

The Super-Excellent Master degree appears to be giving satisfaction to those Councils who have conferred it in its present form. We do not feel that we should recommend any material changes at this time but continue to use it for another year, when if still satisfactory we believe that all three degrees should be printed in one volume and issued to Councils. At that time any minor changes found desirable can be made, thus avoiding the necessity of making changes or corrections after printing.

Several jurisdictions have made the degree of Super-Excellent Master obligatory, requiring that candidates shall at least receive it in short form by being obligated and instructed in the secret work before signing the By-laws. This makes it an integral part of our Rite in the fullest sense and does away with the deserved criticisms that it is only an appendage. Having learned the secret work of the degree we think that many Masters will feel more encouragement to confer it in full form at least once a year.

In order to do this it will be necessary to amend our Constitution and notice of such amendment will be presented at this session.

The report of the Grand Lecturer indicates a real desire to serve you in developing your Degrees and we commend him to you whenever he can assist.

Fraternally submitted,

EUGENE E. HINMAN,

EDWARD FEIH,

Committee.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Dead

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

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions, the purpose of the report of the Committee on our Fraternal Dead is to cause to pass before the magic mirror of memory the forms of those who have vanished, and to hear again by the radio of remembrance the voices that are stilled.

Those Companions who lately walked beside us, shared our secrets, participated in our pleasures, pondered our problems, aided our counsels.

Also to do ourselves the pensive pleasure of paying our due of this transient memorial, in the clamor of present interests that demand consideration.

The "American Legion" of New York City have lighted on their altar in Washington Square a flame which they have named "The Eternal Fire," purposing to allow it never to be extinguished, as a memorial to their departed comrades. We, less ambitiously, yet as reverently, kindle on the altar of our recollection this transient memorial to those to whom we can offer nothing more at our annual reunions.

Snowy marbles, or gray granite, wrought in artistic designs, fleck the land and adorn our cemeteries, memorializing the places where are laid the forms of those whom "We have loved and lost awhile."

But, if while we memorialize our absent, we do not, or cannot also *immortalize* them,—then these memorials are a questionable honor to them, or beneficial comfort to ourselves, making debatable the line:

" 'Twere better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all."

Nero, the ancient tyrant, has for centuries worn the crown of cruelty, in that he wrapped his condemned victims in garments soaked in pitch; suspending them on poles, he lighted them to serve as torches for his circus, which, while spectacular, was a speedy release, but some near contemporary of his time, a Caligula or Tiberius, conceived the climax of horrors, by binding face to face with chains his condemned, a corpse to bear about until corrupting decay should contaminate the living, to life's ending.

And so we are bound by golden chains of tender memories to the departed, whom we cannot and would not forget, but they who meditate their absent as *dead,*—if all that was admirable and lovable of their personalities is extinct—binds to his life a corpse and perhaps 'twere better to forget, and adopt the motto of the atheists, the sensualists, lest the corruptive contamination of materialism which kills the hope of reunion

"In the land of the true,
Where we live anew—in the beautiful
isle of Somewhere."

Solomon, King of Israel, "in all his glory,"—our first Grand Master, is not Monarch, in our Masonic regard—but gets his renown from the gift of the widow's son, the stone neither regular oblong or square, "refused by the builders," yet recognized by Solomon as the "head stone of the corner," the prop and completion of the Royal Arch.

Above in value, and significance, Companions, all our Masonic traditions, and emblems, first and foremost, is the sprig of acacia. What were our Lights, Rites, Tokens, Symbols, Words, Grips, of either of our Orders, if the lessons from the sprig of acacia fail us? And mystery, and Romance, and Teaching beyond superficial thinking, is that the sprig of acacia draws its unfading, rejuvenant, evergreenness, from the fact that it is rootless, with no clinging hold on the six sextillion tons of earth beneath, it has waved its vernal beacon, for thirty cen-

turies toward the abysses of the ethereal, the spiritual, as if saying, as did the Angel in Joseph's Garden, two thousand years after, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? They are not here; they are risen."

Another rootless tree, on the hill called *Calvary,* which is probably the identical one on which two thousand years prior the Weary Companion sat to rest, and rising caught hold of the near shrub, which having no root easily giving way excited his inquiry, and thus established the "Sprig of Acacia."

The rootless Cross of Jesus, the Son of God, and the rootless Acacia, of the son of a Syrian Widow, occupied the same locality, and voice the same teaching, the first receiving the body of our Ancient Grand Master, Hiram, from the rubble of the temple, the other rescuing those who trust in it, from the rubbish of ruined lives.

Without either—whence is there incentive to moral bravery?

Our Patron Paul of Malta does not risk the Great Adventure of Immortality for Man all on the resurrection of a once crucified Jew. A moment's look into his larger logic, thus:

Because Jesus, "Son of God and Son of Man" (as he delighted to name Himself) recognized Man as Sons of God, and Sons of Women, He "came out from the Father, came into the world," took on Himself their nature, made Himself "a little lower than the Immortals for the suffering of death," that by dying He might destroy him that hath the power of death, that drives, or draws us to it, the adversities of life,—

To make us to realize that we are by *birth* Sons of God, "Heirs with Him, joint heirs with Jesus Christ," sharing our infirmities, and we, His infinities, so He is not ashamed to call us brethren.

Sharing destinies that we might share destination,—"I go to prepare places for you." "This day with me, in paradise," promised the repentant felon, on the cross beside His own.

If death ends all for *us,* it *did for Him.* "If the dead rise *not,* neither is Christ raised." Enthusiasm for virtue is paralyzed; we retrogress toward barbarism and the blanket.

Harry Lauder, with whom we have laughed so often, when his son (whom he had hoped to make a Laird of Scotland) fell in the battle of the Somme, said: "In such griefs as mine, some

turn to suicide, and some to drink, but I turned to God and so go singing on my way."

Therefore, worse than all, the crowning crime of disloyalty to the sprig of acacia, and the Cross on Calvary, is traitorism to that which makes man more than a super brute. "The soul that rises with us, our life's star, had somewhere else its setting, and cometh from afar." Man is *soul.* He has a body. The soul in him is the measure of his worth, the emphasis of the "Widow's Son" and the "Virgin's Son," is all on *that.*

The redeeming tragedies, and triumphs of the *brow* of the *hill Golgotha,* named also Calvary, though two thousand years *separate* them, yet entwine their branches, shading and refreshing the sorrow-stricken, and storm driven, under the adversities of time, are intermingled yet. Hence our fraternities of the Crypt, and the Cross, blend in our Masonic fellowships.

In closing, listen to our Patron St. Paul of the "Order of Malta," rising to his sublimest sentences, written to the Christ followers in corrupt Corinth:

"First and foremost, I passed on to you that which I also received, that Christ died, that He was buried, that He rose again, that He was seen of men, singly, in groups of dozens and hundreds, and last of all by Himself. How then say some among you, there is no resurrection of the dead?" And then the larger logic for the "larger Hope, the Cosmic Claim, the universal expectancy, the Anchor of the *Soul,* the *Compass,* which, like Lindberg's, points the course, through the fogs and mist, and sleet of life's adverse experiences. "If the dead rise not, neither is Christ raised." "Ye are yet in your sins and we who challenge persecution and martyrdom are but perjured witnesses."

Although the unthoughtful may sneer at the Christian religion, or call it a delusion, illusion, euthanasy, a mirage of the mind, yet history, nor experience shows nothing other feeding such virtues, or virility, as are nourished by the fruit of the *rootless trees* of Golgotha and Calvary. Who dares to look into the vortices, the bottomless abysses, of the Acacia withered or an unrisen Christ? Which the better motto for life or death, for time or eternity, that of Corinth's cabaret, conviviality, "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow *we* die" or the cheering cry of the Crusader, in Pauline cheer, "seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of onlookers, let us run with persistence the race set before us." After the record won, comes Reward.

"Wherefore, Companions, be ye steadfast immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, seeing that no labor is in vain in the Lord."

Fraternally submitted,

S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D.D.

A Resolution of Thanks

R.·.Ill.·.ALBERT S. PRICE:

Last year at our Annual Assembly, when it became known we were to have the privilege of coming to Syracuse this year, we were all delighted to accept the invitation, and the anticipations which were formed then have now become a realization and not one is disappointed. I think every one feels very grateful to Central City Council for all the courtesies so very graciously and cordially extended to us from the start yesterday until the present moment and we are sure to the conclusion of our presence, and every one has been carefully looked after and the comfort and pleasure of every one have been arranged.

In appreciation of all they have done for us, I want the privilege of moving that this Grand Council give them our cordial thanks and our hearty appreciation.

The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Report of Committee on Finance and Accounts

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

Syracuse, N. Y., August 23, 1927.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

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

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

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

Your Committee recommends:

That the Grand Recorder be authorized to have printed 750 copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Assembly, and that he be authorized to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer in payment therefor.

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

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

That the Grand Trustees be directed to pay the Grand Recorder the interest which has accrued from July 1, 1926 to July 1, 1927, on the funds and securities in their hands.

That the sum of $1,000.00 be appropriated to be used in the entertainment of the Grand Council at its next Assembly.

That the sum of $750.00 be appropriated for the expenses of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in attending the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council to be held at Denver, Colorado, September 26, and 27, 1927.

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

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

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

Pay of Representatives at this Annual Assembly.....	$1,922.26
Expenses of the Grand Treasurer.....	25.00
Fraternal Correspondent	300.00
Stenographer for this Annual Assembly.....	48.40

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST C. JOHNSON,

PHILIP M. NAST, JR.,

Committee.

Installation of Officers

The newly elected Officers were then installed by M.·.Ill.·. WILLIAM S. RISELAY, M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE R. HEMENWAY acting as Grand Marshal.

Most Illustrious GEORGE O. LINKLETTER, Grand Master, now presided.

Presentations

M.·.Ill.·.HERBERT W. GREENLAND:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, may I address a few words to Past Grand Master SMITH?

Companion SMITH, thirteen years ago you made your appearance in the Council as Principal Conductor of the Work in your own home town and two years later as Master of your Council. In 1920, in this room, you were elected Grand Steward. Your sun has advanced until you have reached meridian. You are past the meridian, the sun is going in the west, but we hope it will be a very long time before it sinks from view. Not one member of the SMITH family has held office in the Grand Council as Grand Master, with your exception. You are to be congratulated. You have now become a Past Grand Master of this Grand Council and entitled to wear this Jewel. I hope you will wear it for many years with pleasure and profit to yourself and to the credit of the Grand Council which you have so well served.

M.·.Ill.·.JAMES A. SMITH:

The historical section of this degree has been most interesting and instructive. I really was not aware when I first showed up—had hardly given that matter consideration. However, I want to thank you for your very kind words. Of course, I might say that the SMITH family is always looking for something. You have had evidence of that fact in this State.

Seriously, I have had a lot of fun on this job. Most of it has been due to the kind of men who have worked with me in this Grand Council and made the relationship so beautiful. I have enjoyed the service very much. I am going to come around once in a while and see if the other fellows get as much fun as I have had.

I thank you for this further evidence of your kind consideration towards me.

M.·.Ill.·.JAMES CHAMBERS:

Had I the wit of Most Illustrious Companion SMITH or the command of language of Most Illustrious Companion GREENLAND, I might be able to entertain you in the performance of the little ceremony that has been delegated to me and which I gladly acquiesced in for the reason that it affords me much pleasure to act in this matter.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, it is noticed that upon entering your official duties you are not clothed as befits a Most Illustrious Grand Master of this Grand Council, there is nothing whereby you can be recognized. Therefore, I have been requested by this Grand Council to present you an official covering, whereby you may advertise yourself and proclaim yourself as one of a number of Companions who have been at the head of this Grand Council.

We trust that during your year in office you may have all the success that can possibly attain, and that when the year is closed you may think of the pleasant and happy times you have had and the peace and harmony which will prevail throughout the Cryptic Rite.

In the name of your Companions, I ask you to accept this Grand Master's Apron and wear it on all proper occasions.

M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE O. LINKLETTER, Grand Master:

Most Illustrious Companion CHAMBERS and Companions, I can assure you that while this is not entirely unexpected, I am not prepared to express my appreciation in words befitting the occasion. I duly appreciate the presentation of this Apron and I trust that I shall wear it with credit to those who have presented it to me and I shall feel pleasure and honored in wearing it.

Standing Committees

Grand Master LINKLETTER announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

R.·.Ill.·.ERNEST C. JOHNSON R.·.Ill.·.PHILIP M. NAST, JR.
Ill.·.DAVID A. KENNEDY

RITUAL

M.·.Ill.·.EUGENE E. HINMAN R.·.Ill.·.EDWARD FEIH
R.·.Ill.·.A. EDWARD KRIEGER

CONDITION AND EXTENSION OF THE RITE

M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE EDWARD HATCH R.·.Ill.·.JOHN A. DERTHICK
R.·.Ill.·.HERBERT T. CLEMANS

FRATERNAL DEAD

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

PRINTING

M.·.Ill.·.JAMES A. SMITH M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE EDWARD HATCH

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

R.·.Ill.·.OSSIAN LANG

Closing

No further business offering the record of the days proceedings was read and approved and R.·.Ill.·.S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D.D., Grand Chaplain offered the following

PRAYER

May the peace of God that passeth all philosophy and all theology, but is possible in human experience, may the peace of God possess us and accompany us and guide us by His council. If, in parting here we meet no more in this Grand Council, may He gather us to his Glory at His Right Hand, for his Namesake, we ask. Amen.

The Grand Council was then closed in Ample Form.

GEORGE O. LINKLETTER,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS STATE OF NEW YORK

George Edward Hatch

Grand Recorder.

Officers of the Grand Council

Elected and Appointed and in Office
August 23, 1927

GEORGE O. LINKLETTER, 333 East Turnpike, Manhasset....Grand Master
CHARLES M. COLTON, 223 Linden St., Rochester...Deputy Grand Master
CHARLES H. JOHNSON, State Capitol, Albany..Grand P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
GEORGE A. NEWELL, Medina.....Grand Treasurer
GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, 846 Lincoln-Alliance Bank Bldg., Rochester
..... Grand Recorder
JEROME L. CHENEY, 400 Court House, Syracuse
.....Grand Captain of the Guard
JOHN A. DERTHICK, 65 Waldorf Court, Brooklyn
.....Grand Conductor of the Council
E. PARKER WAGGONER, 452 Delaware Ave., Buffalo.....Grand Lecturer
ALBERT S. PRICE, 406 Fenton Bldg., Jamestown.....Grand Marshal
WILLIAM F. SEBER, Manufacturers National Bank, Troy
.....Grand Standard Bearer
S. ORMOND GOLDAN, 25 West 74th St., New York City..Grand Steward
ROLAND K. MASON, 609 Lakeview Ave., Jamestown.....Grand Trustee
(Term expires 1930)
HERBERT W. GREENLAND, White Memorial Bldg., Syracuse..Grand Trustee
(Term expires 1929)
OLIVER H. LABARRE, 131 East 29th St., New York City...Grand Trustee
(Term expires 1928)
REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D.D., 67 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie
..... Grand Chaplain
RT. REV. DAVID LINCOLN FERRIS, D.D., 325 Park Ave., Rochester
..... Grand Chaplain
HARRY W. PANGBURN, 6 Grand St., Glens Falls.....Grand Sentinel
OSSIAN LANG, Masonic Hall, Room 1821, 46 West 24th St.,
New York City.....Foreign Correspondent

Officers of the General Grand Council

OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
of the United States of America
1927-1930

O. FRANK HART, Columbia, S. C.....General Grand Master
WARREN S. SEIPP, Baltimore, Md.....General Grand Deputy Master
WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Fargo, N. D...General Grand Principal Conductor
CHARLES N. FOWLER, Salina, Kan.....General Grand Treasurer
HENRY W. MORDHURST, Culver, Ind.....General Grand Recorder
ROBERT A. WOODS, Princeton, Ind.....General Grand Captain of Guard
NELSON WILLIAMS, Hamilton, Ohio..General Grand Conductor of Council
ARTHUR D. PRINCE, Lowell, Mass.....General Grand Marshal
BERT D. ASHBROOK, El Reno, Okla.....General Grand Steward

IN MEMORIAM

The following Companions have been reported as having died during the year ending May 31, 1927.

Columbian, No. 1	Charles Marius Sorensen	June	19, 1926
	Frederick Robertson Candee	Nov.	6, 1926
	Charles Edwin Gehring	Jan.	21, 1927
	Frederick William Kurtzer	Mar.	5, 1927
	Henry A. J. Hunt	Mar.	26, 1927
	Edgar D. Davis	May	5, 1927
Union, No. 2	Charles J. Martin	May	13, 1927
Brooklyn, No. 4	Frank Robert Anderson	Dec.	26, 1925
	J. A. H. Dressel	Feb.	6, 1926
	Otto T. Hendricks	May	6, 1926
	Nathan L. Teeple	May	20, 1926
	Frank Johnston	May	25, 1926
	Frederick William Turney	June	20, 1926
	Paul M. Goodrich	July	9, 1926
	William A. Force, Jr.	July	20, 1926
	William Gould	Sept.	22, 1926
	Edward O. Camp	Nov.	17, 1926
	Harry W. Phillips	Jan.	29, 1927
	James W. McInnes	Feb.	2, 1927
	William A. Raymold	Feb.	9, 1927
	Cornelius S. L. Tuynman	Feb.	19, 1927
	Henry Lange	Mar.	27, 1927
	William Brownlow Gardner	May	13, 1927
	Louis Henry Bernard Haase	May	18, 1927
Adelphic, No. 7	Elisha G. Abbott	July	20, 1924
	William Snoswell	April	15, 1925
	Charles M. Taylor	June	24, 1926
	Peyton Terry Morrehead	June	28, 1926
	Charles F. Olpp	July	28, 1926
	Elias Whitney	July	30, 1926
	J. Ward Follette	Sept.	7, 1926
	James M. Simpson	Nov.	3, 1926
	Thomas Edward Norburn	Nov.	6, 1926
	Charles F. Kelley	Dec.	11, 1926
	Earl Harrison Leavitt	Dec.	18, 1926
	George Griffin Mead	Dec.	31, 1926
	Ernest Pancoast Fink	Jan.	5, 1927
	William Augustus Wood	Jan.	10, 1927
	William D. McInroy	Jan.	29, 1927
	Chris H. Lutgens	Feb.	26, 1927
	J. Harper Hunt	Mar.	3, 1927
	Richard A. Berrien	Mar.	10, 1927
	George F. King	Mar.	18, 1927
	Harry DeF. George	May	10, 1927
Central City, No. 13	Charles William Keck	Sept.	25, 1926
	Clark Henry Norton	Oct.	10, 1926

	Heiford Hixson	Nov.	7, 1926
	Bartlett Smith	Nov.	7, 1926
	Leslie Shelley Dodge	Dec.	6, 1926
	Richard Hezekiah Stevens	Dec.	15, 1926
	Howard Everett Plaisted	Feb.	22, 1927
	George Alexander Hill	Mar.	1, 1927
	George Louis Wood	April	16, 1927
Bloss, No. 14	Joseph Bowman, Jr.	May	12, 1926
	Joseph E. Simmons	May	15, 1926
	Moses M. Brooks	May	26, 1926
	Farrington L. Mead	June	6, 1926
	Arthur C. West	June	17, 1926
	Edwin L. Schackelton	June	18, 1926
	Robert F. Rainey	July	18, 1926
	A. T. Burdick	Aug.	21, 1926
	Henry R. Doring	Aug.	29, 1926
	John C. Ross	Sept.	13, 1926
	Albert M. Wright	Nov.	8, 1926
	Lee Chamberlin	Nov.	29, 1926
	Sigmund Seligsohn	Nov.	29, 1926
	William F. Hedges	Dec.	2, 1926
	William H. Nealor	Dec.	19, 1926
	Arthur L. Strang	Jan.	24, 1927
	Fred E. Wells	Jan.	25, 1927
	Charles W. Green	Jan.	28, 1927
	James Chambers	Mar.	5, 1927
	Edward H. Wiswall	April	18, 1927
Bruce, No. 15	William L. Beck	Aug.	17, 1926
	John P. Devereaux	Feb.	23, 1927
	Philip M. Smith	April	19, 1927
	Joseph E. Baker	May	29, 1927
Southern Tier, No. 16	Carl H. Fey	Sept.	6, 1926
	Charles Swan, Jr.	Oct.	18, 1926
	John Carter Sheely	Nov.	18, 1926
	Henry Edgar Chapman	Jan.	6, 1927
	John W. Roof	April	19, 1927
	Ross Charles Lamoreaux	May	4, 1927
Buffalo, No. 17	John Henry Kummer	May	30, 1926
	Fred O. Murray	Aug.	21, 1926
	William J. Donaldson	Oct.	30, 1926
	Henry Post	Oct.	30, 1926
	Edward F. Dold	Dec.	7, 1926
	Daniel W. Emerling	Feb.	5, 1927
King Hiram, No. 18	J. Herbert Walsh	Feb.	7, 1927
Doric, No. 19	Arthur E. Wood	May	24, 1926
	Clarence D. Van Zandt	June	17, 1926
	Thomas Leahy	June	24, 1926
	Abner Punnett	July	4, 1926
	Fay Brown	July	10, 1926
	Joseph Cook	July	12, 1926
	Edward J. Hirschman	July	21, 1926
	William H. Stearns	Sept.	17, 1926
	Isaac M. Van Zandt	Oct.	7, 1926
	Charles L. Ackerson	Oct.	12, 1926
	William J. Freckleton	Oct.	26, 1926

	Histen T. Ballard	Nov.	7, 1926
	James B. Pierce	Nov.	8, 1926
	Will H. Holmes	Dec.	2, 1926
	Frank H. Dennis	Jan.	15, 1927
	William Stalker	Jan.	21, 1927
	Albert E. Fletcher	Jan.	22, 1927
	Henry S. Hanford	Jan.	26, 1927
	Griff D. Palmer	Feb.	9, 1927
	Edward D. Hasley	Feb.	12, 1927
	Lewis C. Manvel	Mar.	16, 1927
Keystone, No. 20	William Naeher	June	10, 1926
	Ralph W. Bixby	Aug.	21, 1926
	William M. Kambat	Sept.	9, 1926
	Wilfred McD. Nathan	Sept.	23, 1926
	Henry B. Laucks, Jr.	Oct.	5, 1926
	Charles A. Clements	Oct.	14, 1926
	Frederick A. Busch	Dec.	7, 1926
	William T. Dambrow	Dec.	31, 1926
	Julius Grezinger	Mar.	16, 1927
Ancient City, No. 21	Oscar L. Eastman	July	6, 1926
	John Rouse Gillett	Jan.	15, 1927
DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	Louis Carl Smith	June	17, 1926
	Henry C. Plantz	June	23, 1926
	Charles Falchoner Severight	July	19, 1926
	James T. Keith	Aug.	5, 1926
	Edward H. Leggett	Aug.	6, 1926
	James Coulter Campbell	Aug.	26, 1926
	William Frank Sohni	Oct.	2, 1926
	Frederick G. Page	Oct.	7, 1926
	Henry C. Littlefield	Oct.	21, 1926
	Edward L. Schmidt	Oct.	22, 1926
	Charles W. Gray	Oct.	24, 1926
	Alexander David Ogsbury	Nov.	24, 1926
	Frederick Louis Mix	Dec.	14, 1926
	Edward Paddock	Dec.	24, 1926
	Jesse J. Brooksby	Dec.	28, 1926
	Daniel H. Cook	Jan.	28, 1927
	George Parks McMurray	Feb.	8, 1927
	Pierre Alfred LeBlanc	April	9, 1927
	Emil Deiches	April	10, 1927
	Charles H. Vandecar	May	5, 1927
	Charles H. Collins	May	9, 1927
	Peter Lahr, Jr.	May	10, 1927
	Edward F. Banfill	May	12, 1927
Dunkirk, No. 25	Charles C. Congdon	April	28, 1926
	Conrad Reese	June	7, 1926
	Frank B. Barnard	Sept.	19, 1926
	Jotham C. Haggett	Dec.	11, 1926
	Edward James West	Jan.	22, 1927
	Benjamin S. Harrison	Mar.	8, 1927
	Fred Wellington Watkins	April	25, 1927
Palmyra, No. 26	James P. Ballou	Nov.	10, 1926
	Ernst A. P. Krabbenschmidt	Nov.	10, 1926
	Frank J. Rich	Jan.	6, 1927
	John K. Williamson	Mar.	5, 1927
	Edson J. Blyth	April	17, 1927

King Solomon, No. 31.	John M. Janes	Sept.	1, 1926
	Clarence Sagne	Sept.	8, 1926
	John McGlasson	Nov.	23, 1926
Jamestown, No. 32.	Harry G. Clemenger	Aug.	16, 1926
	Arthur L. Trantum	Sept.	13, 1926
	Arthur J. Straight	May	12, 1927
Olean, No. 33.	Max Wolfram	Aug.	13, 1926
Hornellsville, No. 35.	James H. Stewart	May	10, 1926
	William A. Walker	Aug.	20, 1926
Adoniram, No. 36.	Alfred S. Stevens	Jan.	19, 1927
Cryptic, No. 37.	Seymour A. Ford	June	28, 1926
	Deyoe Lohnas	July	1, 1926
	George M. Ellsworth	Aug.	5, 1926
	Frederick E. Brickner	Aug.	21, 1926
	Adam Miller	Dec.	13, 1926
Tyrian, No. 43.	Andrew Nelson Henderson	May	24, 1926
	George Henry Rymers	June	7, 1926
Corning, No. 53.	Jerome S. Billington	Aug.	15, 1926
Peekskill, No. 55.	Elmer E. Seymour	Jan.	12, 1927
	Isham G. Harris	April	22, 1927
Hudson, No. 62.	Peter Lahr	Sept.	29, 1926
	Richard C. Payne	Nov.	1926
Phoenix, No. 70.	Charles W. Montross	June	19, 1926
	Albert F. Gescheidt	Dec.	24, 1926
	Wesley S. Roedel	Dec.	29, 1926
	Edwin C. Ruth	Mar.	31, 1927
Alph-Omega, No. 71.	James E. Gubb	Feb.	22, 1927
Johnstown, No. 72.	George H. Howarth	Aug.	26, 1926
	Thomas H. Hutchinson	Sept.	7, 1926
	Fred E. Ulcher	Nov.	12, 1926
	George Walters	Dec.	9, 1926
	Borden D. Smith	Dec.	30, 1926
	Adam J. Engell	Jan.	18, 1927
St. George's, No. 74.	Edmund W. Cowie	July	2, 1926
	Clarence C. Gould	Nov.	4, 1926
	Frank H. Melins	Dec.	17, 1926
	Ralph E. Moore	Jan.	6, 1927
	John A. Morton	Mar.	27, 1927
	George Henry Johnson	April	12, 1927
	William G. Huston	May	30, 1927
Skoi-Yase, No. 75.	Newman I. Shedden	July	15, 1926
	Charles A. Genug	July	28, 1926
	James W. Gibson	Aug.	7, 1926
	Charles J. Root	Jan.	17, 1927
	Benajah B. Knight	Feb.	9, 1927
Huntington, No. 76.	Edward Ellsworth Wenchill	Jan.	15, 1927
Catskill, No. 78.	Osborn A. Cole	Nov.	7, 1926
	Orrin S. Griffin	Mar.	9, 1927
Temple, No. 79.	Frank Blake	Nov.	2, 1926
	Joseph Alfred Phillips	Feb.	20, 1927
Flatbush, No. 80.	Robert Swinton Watt	Mar.	11, 1927
	George William McNeil	April	27, 1927
Joseph Warren, No. 81.	Jay Willard Celly	Sept.	23, 1926

Officers, Location and Date of Assemblies of Constituent Councils

Name	No.	Master.	Deputy Master.	P. C. of the Work	Recorder.	Where Located.	Stated Assemblies.
Columbian	1	George E. Bradbrook	Willard C. Curtiss	Howard V. Hennigar	Martin Q. Good	New York City	1st Thursday, 1 p. m.
Union	2	Howard P. Willson	Milton E. Ellis	Frank I. Felter	Richard M. Backus	New York City	3rd Tuesday
Brooklyn	4	James C. Deery	Walter L. Banta	Frederick G. Gottsch	Lewis R. Lochhead	Brooklyn	3rd Saturday except July and August
Adelphic	7	Roland E. Ellis	William W. Graham	J. Oscar Goetz	Harry A. Bingham	New York City	1st Saturday
Rotica	12	Benjamin B. Gilbert	Merton E. Nettleton	Raymond M. Roberts	Earl C. Pressey	Rome	1st Monday
Central City	13	Erwin G. Nichols	Wm. F. Timmerman	James S. Wilcox	Samuel R. W. Marriott	Syracuse	2nd Wednesday
Bloss	14	Fred B. Hancox	C. Edward Catlin	Otis M. Hawley	Fred A. Richardson	Troy	1st Friday
Bruce	15	Alfred W. Sill	A. Irving Johnson	Herbert B. Cannon	Arthur C. Gloger	Lockport	4th Monday
Southern Tier	16	Frank B. Blossom	Harry W. Van Campen	Henry J. Worth	A. H. Borthwick	Elmira	3rd Wednesday
Buffalo	17	George L. Hodgson	Albert W. Snyder	Joseph H. Dance	Gustave C. Foerch	Buffalo	2nd Thursday
King Hiram	18	John E. Heywood	Paul R. Chappell	Donald A. Wilson	F. Maurice Harrop	Auburn	2nd Wednesday
Doric	19	Albert E. Chadwick	Raymond E. Westbury	Harvey H. Newcomb	Luther H. Miller	Rochester	4th Monday
Keystone	20	William C. Bingham	Harold R. Prouse	Clarence F. Walters	E. Parker Waggoner	Buffalo	3rd Tuesday
Ancient City	21	Edward N. Snow	George C. Kent	Karl Schwarzwaelder	W. Frank Davis	Kingston	3rd Friday
DeWitt Clinton	22	Jerry B. Badgley	Fred'k A. Nicholson	D. Lester Williams	Peter Schumacher	Albany	3rd Thursday except July and August
Binghamton	24	E. Stanley Pier	Hugh Hearon	Raymond H. Moody	Roy C. McHenry	Binghamton	4th Wednesday
Dunkirk	25	Geo. C. Schwertfager	Joseph Dopler	Albert G. Walter	Richard H. Heppell	Dunkirk	1st Wednesday
Palmyra	26	Russell M. Bareham	Earl D. Salem	Alfred C. Hopkins	M. Francis Cathers	Palmyra	2nd Tuesday
King Solomon	31	Paul A. H. Weiss	Francis C. Ryan	John G. Moller	Albert E. Schwartz	Poughkeepsie	4th Friday except July, Aug. and Dec.
Jamestown	32	C. V. Elmer Gustafson	Reynold O. Norquist	Frank E. Hause	Roland K. Mason	Jamestown	1st Wednesday
Olean	33	Charles H. Derby	Grover C. Deckman	C. E. G. Sederholm	Frank H. Norton	Olean	2nd Wednesday
Watertown	34	C. Howard Greene	Harry S. Dawson	H. Roy Allen	Leslie M. Cooper	Watertown	Last Friday
Hornellsville	35	Duncan Boughner	John B. Hagadorn	Andrew D. Travis	George H. Grosvenor	Hornell	1st Friday
Adoniram	36	Henry B. Slater	Abraham U. Whitson	James E. Wintress	Clare E. Burtis	Flushing	2nd Thursday
Cryptic	37	Charles P. Reeves	Richard J. Mahar	Charles F. Flammer	Arthur L. Churchill	Saratoga Springs	2nd and 4th Thursdays
Bath	40	Hoxie W. Smith	H. Belmont Lee	Elmer Kleckler	Charles L. Davison	Bath	1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Tyrian	43	Stewart James Frazier	Seth St. John Allen	Carl Robert Myers	Newton R. McIlwaine	Plattsburgh	4th Friday except June
Fulton	50	Clarence G. Van Skoik	George A. Coates	Leigh R. Lybolth	William E. Howard	Fulton	Last Friday
Washington	52	Ralph L. Rush	William W. Jeffers	C. Clinton Holt	Hermon E. Sullivan	Whitehall	2nd Friday
Corning	53	George W. Pratt	William B. Adams	George F. Showers	Harrie O. Anderson	Corning	3rd Thursday
Peekskill	55	Thomas F. Willock	Elbert F. Utter	Carl F. Pfeiffer	Lewis Allport	Peekskill	2nd Thursday except Sept. Dec. Mch. and June
Hudson	62	Amos Burton	Thos. H. M. Hathaway	William H. Graves	William A. Merrell	Hudson	2nd Monday
Phoenix	70	John Burden	George S. Wyman	Arthur J. Morrison	Ralph B. Eckert	Mt. Vernon	2nd Friday
Alph-Omega	71	Edwin M. Phillips	John B. Cobb	Frank W. Mallison	Charles A. Mack	Medina	4th Monday
Johnstown	72	Robert L. Dawson	Chauncey C. Thayer	Ferdinand E. Schoeffler	Nathaniel W. Wheadon	Johnstown	2nd Wednesday
St. George's	74	William F. Jacob	Raymond T. Viets	Henry J. Van Slyck	Hanford Robison	Schenectady	2nd Wednesday
Skoi-Yase	75	Alfred W. Burnham	Elery H. Messer	Milton P. Sandford	Robert M. Holcomb	Waterloo	2nd Friday
Huntington	76	Kurt J. Galow	Clifton F. Gardiner	Wm. F. Hunninghouse	Allison E. Lowndes	Huntington	3rd Friday except July and August
St. Lawrence	77	Edwin L. Weegar	John S. Hazen	Frank F. Williams	Bert C. Spaulding	Potsdam	2nd Tuesday
Catskill	78	James L. MacNee	Floyd S. Parks	William H. Wiles	Albert S. Paulsen	Catskill	4th Monday
Temple	79	Frederick Diemer	William H. Hunt	Wm. T. N. Outhwaite	William Zinter	Niagara Falls	1st Friday except July and August
Flatbush	80	Charles Alva Gamble	Jay Stone Woodruff	Arthur Harold Moeller	W. Burt Cook, Jr.	Brooklyn	4th Tuesday
Joseph Warren	81	Frank L. Moore	Robert S. Brayton	William J. Climar	Loyal L. Davis	Glens Falls	1st Friday
Salamanca	82	Frederick C. Pifer	Howard E. Hancock	Thomas V. Pifer	A. Edward Krieger	Salamanca	2nd Monday
Zarthan	83	William H. Young	Adam Hotaling	Charles Hatcher	Clyde R. Wilcox	Ilion	2nd Thursday
Zabud	84	Gilbert C. Shadwell	John Wood	Louis Benzer	John R. P. Goller	Freeport	4th Thursday
Triangle	85	Edward L. Hein	Richard H. Burton	Albert A. Lang	Eugene H. Vanderbilt	Jamaica	4th Wednesday
Lafayette	86	Arthur W. Peene	Fred G. Newbery	Card J. Miller	Joseph H. McCarthy	Yonkers	2nd Monday
Oneonta	87	Alfred J. Stratton	Ursil A. Ferguson	William E. Ford	Raymond D. Millar	Oneonta	4th Wednesday

Abstract of Returns from Constituent Councils

Council No.	NAME OF COUNCIL	No. of Members May 31 1926	Greeted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Dropped at own Request	Expelled	No. of Members May 31 1927	Amount of Dues & Fees
1	COLUMBIAN	530	23	1	2	6	...	4	...	...	546	$ 353 00
2	UNION	362	33	2	...	1	1	35	5	...	355	267 70
4	BROOKLYN	649	32	...	1	17	3	5	10	...	647	437 40
7	ADELPHIC	699	30	1	...	20	1	14	9	...	686	464 90
12	ROTICA	71	13	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	85	62 60
13	CENTRAL CITY	746	80	...	...	9	2	...	1	...	814	567 60
14	BLOSS	1156	14	...	3	20	1	8	...	...	1144	714 60
15	BRUCE	187	1	...	...	4	...	27	7	...	150	113 70
16	SOUTHERN TIER	321	10	...	...	6	...	1	4	...	320	207 60
17	BUFFALO	277	6	...	...	6	...	7	2	...	268	175 20
18	KING HIRAM	110	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	112	70 50
19	DORIC	750	15	...	...	21	2	..	1	...	741	472 50
20	KEYSTONE	418	11	2	..	9	...	12	4	...	406	268 30
21	ANCIENT CITY	72	4	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	74	49 20
22	DEWITT CLINTON	1199	26	...	...	23	1	...	1	...	1200	758 40
24	BINGHAMTON	48	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	41 30
25	DUNKIRK	260	...	...	...	7	...	1	...	...	252	156 00
26	PALMYRA	264	...	...	...	5	3	1	...	...	255	158 40
31	KING SOLOMON	292	8	...	1	3	...	...	1	...	297	187 20
32	JAMESTOWN	291	3	...	...	3	...	5	3	...	283	179 10
33	OLEAN	58	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	53	34 80
34	WATERTOWN	79	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	56 40
35	HORNELLSVILLE	226	5	...	2	2	2	12	...	...	217	143 10
36	ADONIRAM	213	21	1	...	1	...	..	1	...	233	159 80
37	CRYPTIC	318	12	1	2	5	1	5	...	...	322	209 30
40	BATH	86	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90	111 60
43	TYRIAN	190	6	...	...	2	1	2	...	...	191	123 00
50	FULTON	115	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	115	69 00
52	WASHINGTON	115	...	2	2	..	...	4	...	...	115	70 00
53	CORNING	89	...	...	...	1	...	..	1	...	87	53 40
55	PEEKSKILL	81	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	79	48 60
62	HUDSON	217	14	...	...	2	...	10	...	...	219	151 20
70	PHOENIX	238	8	1	...	4	...	3	...	..	240	155 30
71	ALPH-OMEGA	112	7	...	...	1	1	3	...	...	114	77 70
72	JOHNSTOWN	357	13	...	...	6	3	...	1	...	360	233 70
74	ST. GEORGE'S	683	21	2	...	7	1	...	...	...	698	442 30
75	SKOI-YASE	153	3	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	151	96 30
76	HUNTINGTON	143	11	...	...	1	...	7	...	...	146	102 90
77	ST. LAWRENCE	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	28 80
78	CATSKILL	266	5	...	...	2	...	4	...	...	265	167 10
79	TEMPLE	111	12	...	...	2	1	2	...	...	118	84 60
80	FLATBUSH	94	19	2	...	2	...	...	..	...	113	85 90
81	JOSEPH WARREN	73	4	...	..	1	...	...	...	...	76	49 80
82	SALAMANCA	46	16	1	...	..	1	...	...	...	62	52 10
83	ZARTHAN	33	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	33	19 80
84	ZABUD	117	6	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	124	90 70
85	TRIANGLE	*36	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	29 60
U.D.	LAFAYETTE	.....	19	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	** 34	28 50
U.D.	ONEONTA	.....	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	***27	34 50
	TOTALS	12991	560	20	13	210	25	176	51	...	13132	$8,704 40

(*) Includes 8 signers of Petition for Dispensation not yet reported as dimitted and counted under other Councils and not included in column total.

(**) Includes 13 signers of Petition for Dispensation not yet reported as demitted and counted under other Councils and not included in column total and also 2 from other Jurisdictions.

(***) Includes 4 signers of Petition for Dispensation not yet reported as demitted and counted under other Councils and not included in column total.

Net gain for the year 141.

Permanent Members of the Grand Council

Being Past Masters of Constituent Councils living and in good standing

Tabulated in order of seniority.

Columbian Council, No. 1.

James H. Curtin	Charles Peppel	George Herring
Martin Q. Good	W. Knight Vernon	Christian O. Schaw
James Stewart	Charles N. Hulburt	William J. Morgan
Chauncey E. Goodrich	Edwin Raymond Knox	Albert C. Markard
Charles Grosch	John B. Adkins	William R. Wilson
William Boyd Tindle	Oliver L. Menard	John J. Bott

Union Council, No. 2.

Alexander P. Milligan	Edward Feih	Nicholas Pecora
J. Stewart Wilson	Roy S. Houck	C. Linwood Morrell
John Bramwell	Henry J. Huemmer	Ernest E. Wilson
Oliver H. LaBarre	Arthur A. Barr	Clarence F. Heath
Frank A. Spencer	Harry Aery	
Joseph L. Lockhart	Dwight O. Palmer	

Brooklyn Council, No. 4.

Adolph C. Wenzel	James W. Palmitier	Charles H. Hadlock
John L. Judge	Henry P. Stevens	Axel J. Hallbeck
William Bamber	Clarence G. Franklin	Daniel W. Ballou
Charles C. Rhodes	Henry M. Rynehart	William J. Moore
George A. Lutz	William R. Salter	Benjamin S. Dubell

Adelphic Council, No. 7.

William Downes	John W. Kirby	Jeremiah Hunter
Thurber F. Russell	John J. Pheelan	Matthew S. Cumner
James Chambers	Percy W. Willard	John F. Birmingham
Charles H. Stoddard	Willam Frank Russell	Henry Heller
Henry DeWitt Hamilton	Harry A. Bingham	S. Ormond Goldan
Henry W. Remington	Major D. Hanna	William A. Meyers

Rotica Council, No. 12.

William F. Tremain	Earl C. Pressey	Harry A. Sinclair
William F. Harris	Thomas Parke	

Central City Council, No. 13.

George B. Cathers
Henry A. MacGruer
Jerome L. Cheney
Lawrence Thompson
John Peter Listman
Elmer J. Clark
Herman G. Rees
George K. Hancock
William H. Hall
William L. Cummings
Christian Lehmann
Chester D. Crowell
Willard C. Hay
Lloyd J. Richardson
Samuel R. W. Marriott
David D. Mohler

Bloss Council, No. 14.

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

Bruce Council, No. 15.

John A. McLaughlin, Jr.
Mark D. Welsher
Frank W. Travis
William C. Shapleigh
Burton A. Preish
Robert E. Emerson
Howard E. Long
Harry E. Brees
Ross C. Holley
Lewis E. Morey
Arthur A. Davenport
Elgie G. Knowles
Arthur C. Gloger
Marcus L. Liddell
F. Randall Thompson
Jesse M. Bell
Lauren P. Young

Southern Tier Council, No. 16.

Charles L. Hart
Henry Mander
Guy W. Shoemaker
James M. Randall
Charles S. Tuttle
George R. Hemenway
Jesse L. Churchill
Harry S. Tipton
Chauncey B. Hammond
Edgar E. Wemple
William S. Barnes
Harry I. Tong
A. William Yungstrum
Louis A. Northrop
Richard Marlowe
Ralph M. Newell

Buffalo Council, No. 17.

William Dempster
John H. Clark
Edgar C. Neal
Peter Post
James R. Newman
Charles A. Fero
William J. Koepf
Wesley M. Backus
Frank W. Tyler
Andrew Gustave Koepf
Edward A. Jones
Peter G. Klumpp
Arthur Solomon
W. Philip Caine
James M. Todd
Esbon B. Rew
Samuel F. Hamilton
Augustus A. Derdenger

King Hiram Council, No. 18.

Fred J. Humphryes
Arthur Tailby
Alpha L. Dewdney
John T. Leach
James G. Noakes
Henry D. DeGroff
Lewis E. Martin
Noble D. Merritt
Irving C. King
Joseph W. Douglas
F. Maurice Harrop
George T. Clarke
Fred S. Thompson

Doric Council, No. 19.

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

Keystone Council, No. 20.

Fred E. Ogden
George Clinton
Earl N. Blood
William S. Riselay
Elias Haffa
Henry W. Root
Wilbur H. Funk
Frederick A. Fell
George W. Curtis
Esslie V. Kraft
Virgil J. Ullman
J. William Prouse
E. Parker Waggoner
John G. Rieger
H. Morton Curtis
Washington A. Russell
George A. Davis, Jr.
Henry L. Frey
R. Stanley Ruthven

Ancient City Council, No. 21.

Samuel Stern
W. Frank Davis
William McCullough
Robert G. Groves

DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22.

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

Binghamton Council, No. 24.

Frederick W. Putnam
Roy C. McHenry
Charles H. Wareing
Elmer E. Davis

Dunkirk Council, No. 25.

Hiram A. Matteson
John W. Ware
Horace C. Pentecost
Harry B. Lyon
Albert E. Nugent
Richard H. Heppell
Thomas W. Pentecost
James C. Powell
Oscar C. Segebarth
Fred Z. Shoemaker
James M. Champlain
John C. Schwertfager
Matthew J. Scholtes
Thomas H. Harvey
Henry W. Wirtner

Palmyra Council, No. 26.

S. Nelson Sawyer
Alfred C. Hopkins
Lynn E. Briggs
Samuel Hall Hunt
Arthur DeWitt Becker
James H. L. Gallagher
Harry H. Hunt
Ralph D. Sessions
Roy Pullman
W. Ray Converse
Earl Braman

King Solomon Council, No. 31.

Thomas Finley	John C. Van Zile	Harry Bayer
Walter E. Walker	Edward J.MacClelland	Frederick M. Stark
S. Wright Butler	Henry B. Schryver	Martin F. Bollinger
Walter W. Kingston	Harry F. Margwarth	Edw. T. F. Randolph

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Harry L. Briggs	Clayton Oscar Johnson	James H. Mason
O. Nelson Rushworth	Henry Marvin Lund	Edwin E. Gustafson
Roland K. Mason	Chauncey A. Moon	George W. Hosie
Joseph R. Rogers	Fred H. Anderson	Roscoe W. Clark
Hugo E. Sellvin	Albert S. Price	Harry Ingleson
Edwin Archibald Ridell	Theodore N. Nelson	

Olean Council, No. 33.

William L. Myrick	Henry E. Hall	Charles H. Derby
Isaac P. Collins	Frank H. Norton	
John G. Murdock	John M. Seltzer	

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Daniel R. Blinn	John H. O'Brien	Leonard M. Nenning

Hornellsville Council, No. 35.

H. Tobias Harris	Philip M. Nast, Jr.	Guy L. Loper
William H. Prangen	John B. Hagadorn	
Frank Donahue	Fred Stephenson	

Adoniram Council, No. 36.

George O. Linkletter	Edwin L. Brooks	Thomas B. Furman
Clare E. Burtis	Edward C. Krapp	Harold S. Embree

Cryptic Council, No. 37.

John Bennett	Walter S. Prescott	Frederick L. Pennoyer
Frank M. Adee	Will W. Smith	John E. Spencer
Jurian Miller	George B. Wright	
Frank M. Lawrence	Frederick A. Storrs	

Bath Council, No. 40.

Edw. A. Messerschmitt	Henry J. Donnelly	Ernest V. Case
H. Belmont Lee	Jesse M. Pridmore	Ralph J. Buckmaster
Frank E. Rowe	Clinton W. Richardson	Hoxie W. Smith
Albert B. deGroat	John R. Griswold	
Elmer Kleckler	Charles L. Davidson	

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Newton R. McIlwaine	Herbert A. Stutchbury	George K. Hawkins
Harry Clay Hitchcock	Hosea W. Gage	Harvey MacKenzie

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Fred W. Snyder	Amos M. Druse	George O. Snyder
Charles F. Loomis	William S. Hillick	William H. Singleton
John C. Murray	Woodis B. Halstead	
William E. Howard	Roy E. Reynolds	

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Otis A. Dennis	William J. Williams	C. Clinton Holt
Clarence E. Parker	Dewey A. Forbush	Gordon Z. Dean

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Charles A. Dyckman	Harry C. Todd	Lewis Allport
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Frederick H. Simmons	Alfred D. Wolff, Jr.	Amos Burton
Frederick W. Spencer	Bruce C. Risley	

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Franklin T. Davis	Horace P. Hollister	George Thompson
Ossian Lang	Stephen Preston, Jr.	John R. Morse
J. Porter Freeman	Adolph Wade	Henry B. Brown
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William H. Mason	Chester D. Babcock	

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William F. Story	Robert R. Douglass	Everett E. Green
Robert B. Johnston	James H. Deal	Samuel S. Forster
Frederick A. Hull	George W. Axtell	
James A. Smith	George H. Ashman	

SKOI-YASE COUNCIL, No. 75.

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Robert Takel, Jr.	Hubert H. Senior	William C. Buchholz
Arthur E. Dilts	Clayton H. Pinckney	George Semmens
William C. Shanks	Robert M. Holcomb	

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Clarence E. Cutting	Emmett B. Hawkins	
Burdge P. MacLean, Jr.	Henry A. Murphy	

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Frank F. Williams

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Rudolph J. Stahl	Howard E. Muller	Robert E. Townsend

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Charles F. Cushing	Solomon Kimpel	G. Edward Sims
Charles R. Phelps	Thomas W. Aitken	

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William Lee	Harry W. Pangburn

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Clifford C. Cheney	Arthur M. Lloyd

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Herbert H. Williams	Clyde R. Wilcox
Bernhard F. Lynd	Henry Fred Millar

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John L. Raynor	George Wood	David A. Kennedy

TRIANGLE COUNCIL, No. 85

Edward L. Hein

LAFAYETTE COUNCIL, No. 86

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Living Past Grand Masters

GEORGE A. NEWELL, G.·.M.·., 1893-1894.....Medina
JOHN P. DEAL, G.·.M.·., 1901.....Troy
WILLARD S. BRADT, G.·.M.·., 1902.....Rochester
IRVING L'HOMMEDIEU, G.·.M.·., 1904.....Medina
FRED E. OGDEN, G.·.M.·., 1906.....Buffalo
FRANK M. ADEE, G.·.M.·., 1908.....Saratoga Springs
WILL L. LLOYD, G.·.M.·., 1910.....Albany
MARTIN Q. GOOD, G.·.M.·., 1911 .....New York
GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, G.·.M.·., 1914.....Rochester
OLIVER H. LABARRE, G.·.M.·., 1916.....New York
EUGENE E. HINMAN, G.·.M.·., 1917.....Albany
JAMES CHAMBERS, G.·.M.·., 1918.....New York
ROLAND K. MASON, G.·.M.·., 1919.....Jamestown
HUGH H. KENDALL, G.·.M.·., 1920.....Corning
HENRY A. MACGRUER, G.·.M.·., 1921.....Syracuse
WILLIAM S. RISELAY, G.·.M.·., 1923.....Buffalo
JOSEPH L. LOCKHART, G.·.M.·., 1924.....New York
GEORGE R. HEMENWAY, G.·.M.·., 1925.....Elmira
JAMES A. SMITH, G.·.M.·., 1926.....Schenectady

Grand Representatives

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

			Appointed
ALABAMA	Chester D. Babcock	Mt. Vernon	1924
ARIZONA	Frank H. Norton	Olean	1924
ARKANSAS	Edgar E. Wemple	Elmira	1923
CALIFORNIA	Hermon E. Sullivan	Whitehall	1920
COLORADO	Harry B. Lyon	Dunkirk	1923
CONNECTICUT	Matthew S. Cumner	New York City	1926
DELAWARE	Charles M. Buck	Rochester	1926
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	Harry Clay Hitchcock	Plattsburgh	1926
ENGLAND			
FLORIDA	Charles H. Stoddard	New York City	1924
GEORGIA	Louis N. Ellenbogen	Troy	1925
ILLINOIS	A. Edward Krieger	Salamanca	1924
INDIANA	Arthur A. Barr	New York City	1925
IOWA	Charles H. Hadlock	Brooklyn	1924
KANSAS	Edward C. Eaton, Jr.	Albany	1927
KENTUCKY	Arthur B. Wassung	Johnstown	1920
LOUISIANA	William F. Tremain	Rome	1924
MAINE	Roy S. Houck	New York City	1924
MARITIME PROV'S.	William Lee	Glens Falls	1926
MARYLAND	Henry G. Story	Brooklyn	1926
MASSACHUSETTS	John F. Birmingham	New York City	1925
MICHIGAN	Edwin L. Brooks	Elmhurst	1925
MINNESOTA	Esbon B. Rew	Buffalo	1926
MISSISSIPPI	Clayton H. Pinckney	Romulus	1924
MISSOURI	George B. Cathers	Syracuse	1926
MONTANA	Bruce C. Risley	Hudson	1924
NEBRASKA	Frank W. Tyler	Buffalo	1924
NEVADA	George Wood	Merrick	1927
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Frank F. Williams	Canton	1926
NEW JERSEY	Emmett B. Hawkins	Huntington	1926
NORTH CAROLINA	George W. Axtell	Schenectady	1924
NORTH DAKOTA	Thomas W. Aitken	Niagara Falls	1926
OHIO	Harry I. Tong	Elmira	1927
OKLAHOMA	Henry V. Burger	Schenectady	1926
OREGON	Walter W. Kingston	Poughkeepsie	1924
PENNSYLVANIA	Arthur DeWitt Becker	Buffalo	1926
RHODE ISLAND	Washington A. Russell	Buffalo	1925
SCOTLAND	George Edward Hatch	Rochester	1924
SOUTH CAROLINA	George Herring	Brooklyn	1927
SOUTH DAKOTA	Roy C. McHenry	Binghamton	1926
TENNESSEE	James H. Mason	Jamestown	1925
TEXAS	John B. Hagadorn	Hornell	1924
VERMONT	Herbert T. Clemans	Johnstown	1926
WASHINGTON	Eugene B. Sanford	Albany	1925
WISCONSIN	Daniel R. Blinn	Watertown	1924

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ALABAMA	Jacob U. Ray	Woodstock
ARIZONA	Morris Goldwater	Prescott
ARKANSAS	John C. Bone	Batesville
CALIFORNIA	Robert Hewitt DeWitt	Yreka
COLORADO	Charles H. Dudley	Colorado Springs
CONNECTICUT	W. C. Twombly	Danbury
DELAWARE	Henry M. Laws	Wilmington
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	L. Whiting Estes	Washington
ENGLAND & WALES	Frederick C. Van Duzer	London
FLORIDA	Charles H. Ketchum	Key West
GEORGIA	Jack G. Standifer	Blakely
ILLINOIS	Fred W. Krengel	Chicago
INDIANA	Arthur J. Smith	Tipton
IOWA	Thomas G. Allison	Council Bluffs
KANSAS	Robert H. Montgomery	Oswego
KENTUCKY	John T. Kincaid	Lexington
LOUISIANA	William A. Briant	New Orleans
MAINE	Edwin F. Hillman	Portland
MARITIME PROV'S.	W. Leonard Ellis	St. John N. B.
MARYLAND	Geo. A. Smith	Baltimore
MASSACHUSETTS	Wm. B. Lawrence	Medford
MICHIGAN	Emerson M. Newell	Fenton
MINNESOTA	Frederick L. Lawrence	Northfield
MISSISSIPPI	Clyde J. Van Arsdall	Indianola
MISSOURI	Victor H. Falkenhainer	St. Louis
MONTANA	E. W. Spottswood	Missoula
NEBRASKA	Francis E. White	Omaha
NEVADA	Fred L. Potter	Elko
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Clarence E. Stickney	Keene
NEW JERSEY	Marion H. Hall	Newark
NORTH CAROLINA	Henry P. Austin	Hamlet
NORTH DAKOTA	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
OHIO	Oliver D. Everhard	Barberton
OKLAHOMA	Edson A. MacMillan	Ada
OREGON	William Otis Patterson	Canyon City
PENNSYLVANIA	James H. Reeder	Williamsport
RHODE ISLAND	William S. Greene	Providence
SCOTLAND	John Sime	Edinburgh
SOUTH CAROLINA	Edward W. Baldwin	Florence
SOUTH DAKOTA	Harry B. Reynolds	Terraville
TENNESSEE	Levin B. Handy	Memphis
TEXAS	Lee R. Conro	Goldwaite
VERMONT	Christie B. Crowell	Brattleboro
WASHINGTON	Abraham L. Miller	Vancouver
WISCONSIN	Edmund S. Baker	Portage

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

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

ANNUAL MEETING	ROYAL MASTER	ROYAL DEPUTY MASTER	ROYAL WARDEN	ROYAL TREASURER	ROYAL RECORDER	
1810..Sept. 2..	Thomas Lownds.....	John E. Russell....	William Craig.....	Peter Roome.....	Jones Humbert, Jr...	.....
1811..June 21..	"	Robert Young.....	John Utt.....	"	"	.....
1812.. " 21..	"	"	S. O. Smith.....	John P. Roome.....	Peter Roome.....	.....
1813.. " 21..	"	Robert Howard.....	John "	"	"	.....
1814.. ..	"	"	"	"	"	.....
1815.. " 21..	"	Asa Hall.....	Robert Young.....	"	"	.....
1816.. " 21..	"	Edward Higgins.....	Lewis Seymour.....	"	"	.....
1817.. " 21..	"	"	Garret Morgan.....	William Craig.....	Silas Lyon.....	.....
1818.. " 28..	"	Levi Nathan.....	Silas Lyon.....	H. Westervelt.....	B. W. Peck.....	.....
1819..July 2..	"	John G. Munn.....	Garret Lansing.....	Silas Lyon.....	John W. Gibbs.....	.....
1820..June 21..	Silas Lyon.....	Garret Lansing.....	Hosea Dodge.....	C. Bacon	Thomas Slade.....	.....
1821.. " 21..	"	"	"	Ransom Beach	"	.....
1822.. " 21..	Oliver M. Lownds...	William F. Piatt....	Tobias W. Bedell....	Edward Higgins.....	"	.....

	ROYAL CONDUCTOR	ROYAL MARSHAL	ROYAL SENIOR MARSHAL	ROYAL JUNIOR MARSHAL	ROYAL HERALD	ROYAL GUARD
1810.....	George Woodruff....	John Mariner.....	John Utt.....	Zebedee Ring.....	Henry P. Roome....	.....
1811.....	"	John P. Roome	Zebedee Ring.....	John Mariner.....	"	.....
1812.....	John Utt.....	John E. Rich.....	Darius Knight	Suel Dodge.....	George Woodruff....	.....
1813.....	"	"	"	"	"	.....
1814.....	"	"	"	"	"	.....
1815.....	"	Edward Higgins.....	Francis Dubnor.....	Garret Lansing.....	John Utt	James Verryann.....
1816.....	"	Garret Morgan.....	John Utt.....	Thaddeus Seymour..	John Niles.....	.....
1817.....	"	Samuel Maverick....	Levi Nathan.....	John Thompson.....	William McKinney ..	Hosea Dodge.....
1818.....	"	Joseph Potter.....	Gair Blanchard.....	Tobias W. Bedell ...	Samuel Maverick....	" .....
1819.....	"	"	"	P. T. Deceevee.....	B. W. Pack.....	" .....
1820.....	Joseph Potter.....	P. T. Deceevee.....	.....	Thomas Jones.....	"	John Utt.....
1821.....	J. C. Leffingwell....	"	Garret Morgan.....	B. W. Pack.....	Isaac B. Camp.....	" .....
1822.....	Ransom Beach.....	Isaac B. Camp.....	J. L. Moore	R. Byrne.....	Aaron Kemp.....	" .....

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

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

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

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FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, MAY 27, 1854.

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

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

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1887..Sept. 6..	New York..	John L. Brothers..	R. C. Christiance.	John N. Macomb, Jr.	John F. Baldwin ..	George Van Vliet..	Alexander B. King	George A. Newell .
1888.. " 4..	" ..	R. C. Christiance..	John N. Macomb, Jr.	Alexander B. King	" ..	" ..	George A. Newell .	Thomas J. Bishop.
1889.. " 10..	" ..	John N. Macomb, Jr.	Alexander B. King	George A. Newell .	" ..	" ..	Albert W. Force..	" .
1890.. " 9..	" ..	"	"	"	" ..	" ..	" ..	" .
1891.. " 8..	" ..	Alexander B. King	George A. Newell .	John F. Baldwin ..	Peter Forrester ...	" ..	" ..	Frederick Kanter..
1892.. " 6..	" ..	"	" .	" ..	" ...	" ..	" ..	" ..
1893.. " 5..	" ..	George A. Newell .	John F. Baldwin ..	A. Oppenheimer...	" ...	" ..	" ..	" ..
1894.. " 4..	" ..	" .	" ..	" ...	" ...	" ..	" ..	" ..
1895.. " 3..	" ..	John F. Baldwin ..	A. Oppenheimer...	Albert W. Force ..	" ...	" ..	Frederick Kanter..	James B. McEwan.
1896.. " 1..	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ...	" ..	" ..	" ..
1897..Aug. 31..	" ..	A. Oppenheimer...	Frederick Kanter..	James B. McEwan.	" ...	" ..	Theodore M. Barbe	John P. Deal.....
1898.. " 30..	" ..	Frederick Kanter..	James B. McEwan.	George McGown...	" ...	" ..	John P. Deal.....	Willard S. Bradt..
1899.. " 29..	" ..	James B. McEwan.	George McGown...	John P. Deal.....	" ...	" ..	Willard S. Bradt..	John R. Gardner ..
1900.. " 28..	" ..	George McGown...	John P. Deal.....	Willard S. Bradt..	" ...	" ..	John R. Gardner ..	N. H. Freeland ...
1901.. " 20..	Buffalo	John P. Deal.....	Willard S. Bradt..	John R. Gardner ..	" ...	" ..	N. H. Freeland ...	Irving L'Hommedieu
1902.. " 26..	New York..	Willard S. Bradt..	John R. Gardner ..	Irving L'Hommedieu	" ...	" ..	Charles Stewart ...	Fred E. Ogden ...
1903.. " 25..	New York..	John R. Gardner ..	Irving L'Hommedieu	Charles Stewart ...	George A. Newell .	" ..	Fred E. Ogden ...	Benjamin Strasser.
1904.. " 30..	Saratoga....	Irving L'Hommedieu	Charles Stewart ...	Fred E. Ogden ...	" .	" ..	Wm. H. Andrews .	Frank M. Adee ...
1905.. " 29..	Brooklyn ...	Charles Stewart ...	Fred E. Ogden ...	Wm. H. Andrews .	" .	" ..	Frank M. Adee ...	M. S. MacKenzie .
1906.. " 28..	Troy	Fred E. Ogden ...	Wm. H. Andrews .	Frank M. Adee ...	" .	" ..	M. S. MacKenzie .	Will L. Lloyd...
1907.. " 27..	New York..	Wm. H. Andrews .	Frank M. Adee ...	M. S. MacKenzie .	" .	" ..	Will L. Lloyd...	Martin Q. Good...
1908.. " 25..	Rochester...	Frank M. Adee ...	M. S. MacKenzie .	Will L. Lloyd...	" .	Charles T. Lunt ..	Martin Q. Good...	H. W. Greenland .
1909.. " 31..	New York..	M. S. MacKenzie .	Will L. Lloyd...	Martin Q. Good...	" .	" ..	H. W. Greenland .	J. Harris Balston..
1910.. " 23..	Albany	Will L. Lloyd...	Martin Q. Good...	H. W. Greenland .	" .	" ..	J. Harris Balston..	George E. Hatch..
1911.. " 22..	Jamestown..	Martin Q. Good...	H. W. Greenland .	J. Harris Balston..	" .	" ..	George E. Hatch..	William H. Ellis..
1912.. " 27..	Syracuse....	H. W. Greenland .	J. Harris Balston..	George E. Hatch..	" .	M. F. Hemingway	William H. Ellis..	Edward H. Lisk ..
1913.. " 25-26	Poughkeepsie	J. Harris Balston..	George E. Hatch..	William H. Ellis..	" .	"	Oliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman
1914.. " 24-25	Schenectady.	George E. Hatch..	William H. Ellis..	Oliver H. LaBarre	" .	"	Eugene E. Hinman	James Chambers ..
1915.. " 16-17	Buffalo	William H. Ellis..	Oliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman	" .	"	James Chambers ..	Edwin Buchman ..
1916.. " 21-22	Peekskill....	Oliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman	James Chambers ..	" .	"	Roland K. Mason .	Hugh H. Kendall.
1917.. " 27-28	Albany	Eugene E. Hinman	James Chambers ..	Roland K. Mason .	" .	"	Hugh H. Kendall.	Henry A. MacGruer.
1918.. " 26-27	Corning	James Chambers ..	Roland K. Mason .	Hugh H. Kendall.	" .	"	Henry A. MacGruer	George S. Haswell
1919.. " 25-26	Jamestown..	Roland K. Mason .	Hugh H. Kendall.	Henry A. MacGruer.	" .	"	George S. Haswell	John C. Welch....
1920.. " 23-24	Syracuse....	Hugh H. Kendall.	Henry A. MacGruer	George S. Haswell.	" .	Geo. Edw. Hatch..	John C. Welch....	William S. Riselay
1921.. " 22-23	New York..	Henry A. MacGruer	George S. Haswell.	John C. Welch....	" .	" ..	William S. Riselay	Joseph L. Lockhart
1922.. " 28-29	Troy	George S. Haswell.	John C. Welch....	William S. Riselay	" .	" ..	Joseph L. Lockhart	Geo. R. Hemenway
1923.. " 27-28	Buffalo	William S. Riselay	Joseph L. Lockhart	Geo. R. Hemenway	" .	" ..	James A. Smith...	Geo. O. Linkletter.
1924.. " 25-26	Rochester...	Joseph L. Lockhart	Geo. R. Hemenway	James A. Smith...	" .	" ..	Geo. O. Linkletter.	Charles M. Colton.
1925.. " 24-25	Elmira	Geo. R. Hemenway	James A. Smith...	Geo. O. Linkletter.	" .	" ..	Charles M. Colton.	Charles H. Johnson
1926.. " 23-24	Schenectady.	James A. Smith...	Geo. O. Linkletter.	Charles M. Colton.	" .	" ..	Charles H. Johnson	Jerome L. Cheney.
1927.. " 22-23	Syracuse....	Geo. O. Linkletter.	Charles M. Colton.	Charles H. Johnson	" .	" ..	Jerome L. Cheney.	John A. Derthick..
1928..Sept.10-11	Glens Falls.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Time of Meeting	Place of Meeting	Grand Marshal	Grand Standard Bearer	Grand Steward	Grand Lecturer	Grand Chaplain	Grand Chaplain	Grand Sentinel
1887	New York	Thomas J. Bishop.		John G. Barker	Samuel C. Pierce	John G. Webster		John Hoole
1888	"	Samuel C. Pierce		John B. Harris	A. Oppenheimer	W. D'Orville Doty		"
1889	"	Frederick Kanter		"	"	"		"
1890	"	"		"	"	"		"
1891	"	Richard T. Lockley		William H. Wyman	"	"		"
1892	"	"		"	"	"		"
1893	"	"		"	George McGown	"		"
1894	"	J. B. McEwan		Theodore M. Barber	"	"		"
1895	"	John P. Deal		Willard S. Bradt	"	"		George Skinner
1896	"	"		Theodore M. Barber	"	"		"
1897	"	W. S. Bradt		William H. Sims	"	"		"
1898	"	John R. Gardner	N. H. Freeland	Irving L'Hommedieu	John W. Coburn	"		"
1899	"	N. H. Freeland	Irving L'Hommedieu	George R. Hodgkins	"	"		"
1900	"	Irving L'Hommedieu	George R. Hodgkins	Charles Stewart	"	Warren C. Hubbard		John Malcolm
1901	Buffalo	Charles Stewart	Fred E. Ogden	Benjamin Strasser.	"	"		William H. Small.
1902	New York	Benjamin Strasser.	Wm. H. Andrews	Frank M. Adee	"	"		"
1903	"	Wm. H. Andrews	Frank M. Adee	M. S. MacKenzie	Charles S. Butler	"		James W. Scaggs
1904	Saratoga	M. S. MacKenzie	Will L. Lloyd	Harwood Dudley	"	"		Herman Traugott
1905	Brooklyn	Will L. Lloyd	Harwood Dudley	Martin Q. Good	"	"		Charles Teson
1906	Troy	Harwood Dudley	Martin Q. Good	H. W. Greenland	"	"		William H. Small.
1907	New York	H. W. Greenland	J. Harris Balston	George E. Hatch	Charles T. Lunt	"	John Laubenheimer	Matthew J. Steele.
1908	Rochester	J. Harris Balston	George E. Hatch	William H. Ellis	Eugene E. Hinman	"	"	William H. Geety
1909	New York	George E. Hatch	William H. Ellis	Edward H. Lisk	"	"	S. Wright Butler	Wm. H. Gladding.
1910	Albany	William H. Ellis	Edward H. Lisk	Oliver H. LaBarre	"	"	"	Charles D. Wilson
1911	Jamestown	Edward H. Lisk	Oliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman	Charles M. Colton	William A. Masker	"	Charles Blasdel
1912	Syracuse	Cliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman	James Chambers	"	"	"	Joseph Titus
1913	Poughkeepsie	James Chambers	Edwin Buchman	Roland K. Mason	"	"	"	James L. Foote
1914	Schenectady	Edwin Buchman	Roland K. Mason	Hugh H. Kendall	"	"	"	John Malcolm
1915	Buffalo	Roland K. Mason	Hugh H. Kendall	Henry A. MacGruer	"	"	"	Leonard Sharpe
1916	Peekskill	Henry A. MacGruer	George S. Haswell.	John C. Welch	"	"	"	Wm. H. Gladding.
1917	Albany	George S. Haswell.	John C. Welch	Emil H. Schmidt	"	"	"	R. E. Sunderlin
1918	Corning	John C. Welch	Emil H. Schmidt	William S. Riselay	"	"	"	Jay Pickard
1919	Jamestown	William S. Riselay	J. L. Lockhart	G. R. Hemenway	"	"	"	James H. Melligan
1920	Syracuse	Jos. L. Lockhart	Geo. R. Hemenway	James A. Smith	"	"	"	Henry C. Fry
1921	New York	Geo. R. Hemenway	James A. Smith	Geo. O. Linkletter	"	"	"	John L. Ayers
1922	Troy	James A. Smith	Geo. O. Linkletter	Charles M. Colton	Albert S. Price	David L. Ferris	"	John Fox
1923	Buffalo	Charles M. Colton.	Charles H. Johnson	Jerome L. Cheney.	"	"	"	Walter B. Joslyn
1924	Rochester	Charles H. Johnson	Jerome L. Cheney.	John A. Derthick	"	"	"	Charles S. Tuttle
1925	Elmira	Jerome L. Cheney.	John A. Derthick.	Albert S. Price	George A. Davis, Jr.	"	"	James L. Foote
1926	Schenectady	John A. Derthick	Albert S. Price	William F. Seber.	E. Parker Waggoner	"	"	James C. Melligan
1927	Syracuse	Albert S. Price	William F. Seber.	S. Ormond Goldan	"	"	"	Harry W. Pangburn
1928	Glens Falls.							

Foreign Correspondence

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

Grand Councils continue to report losses in membership. This year there are twelve of them. The various attempts to account for the slump, advanced thus far, do not sound quite convincing. Getting down to "normalcy" may be a comforting excuse. Only it would seem to suggest that things were abnormal before.

No doubt there was a "rush" into Masonry immediately after the War. But a not unreasonable question would be why the men got into Lodges and Chapters and Councils at all. If they did not find in Masonry what they were looking for, perhaps the committees on investigation were remiss in their inquiry into the characters of the candidates and the motives behind the petitions these presented.

That would be one explanation.

A broader and more important answer would be that there is need for self-examination all around. We ought to find out whether newly-made Masons really were given proper opportunity to become interested in the work of the Fraternity and get a vision of what it is all about. May be that all this is of primary concern only to the Lodge. But then again: Are we not, all of us, members of the Lodge and so have a share in whatever neglect there has been?

And here is another point: We know that Chapter and Council can make up—and often do make up—in many ways for the shortcomings of the Lodge. They can supply the "further light" which may be needed to have the newcomer wake up to the mission of Masonry. Have we failed to meet our opportunity there? We who are members of the Chapter as well as of the Council? It is a question worth considering.

Coming right down to immediate responsibilities, in the Councils: In what way or ways can we help to hold men in Masonry, who have shown interest enough at least to want to see what the Cryptic Rite has to offer? Here we have the crucial test whether we are making good the claims that are advanced for the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

There is a social side which is of great, if not paramount,

importance. We who have held on through the years know how precious the friendships are that have sprung from the companionship of the Council. But those who just drop in to see what we are doing do not always see this.

They ought to be made to see it, and what is more they ought to be made to feel it, that the Council offers exceptional opportunities for Companions to become acquainted with one another intimately. They ought to be made to feel it from the moment they enter our Secret Vault. After the Degrees have been conferred, five to ten minutes might well be given to "refreshment" which is Masonic parlance for informal, free, social intercourse. Then is the time to let the new comer be assured by everybody that he is welcome; that every Companion is glad that he has come; that he will come again as often as he can to share in the privileges of the Council.

After the Assembly has been closed, the breaking of bread together provides a splendid chance for still further strengthening the newly formed ties. In many Councils it is a custom to have the candidate tell of his impressions of the Degrees: This also makes for closer companionship.

And why should not companionship be carried a step further? By drawing in occasionally those that are nearest and dearest to the new comer and to all the members and friends. A Hallowe'en Night, a Valentine Night, or what not. At least one if not several of the sociable occasions would be enjoyed by the youngest in the family circle of the member as well as the older folk. Children are more apt to remember the dates of the social evenings: They will keep the rest of the family advised and persuaded to be present. Experience has shown that features of this kind are effective means for attracting and holding the Companions, besides giving their families a taste of what Masonic fellowship means.

The deeper Masonic lessons symbolized by the ceremonies of the Degree will not suffer: They will become a more vital influence because of the other things. How much interest those lessons will create depends chiefly upon the leadership of the Council, particularly the Master and those who officially control the situation. With the addition to the sociable side to which reference has been made, we shall have a double hold on the Companions. At any rate they may find themselves attracted by either one or the other offering.

The problem comes down to the simple proposition that the Companions must bestir themselves to provide that every Companion will find the fellowship worth while and one not easily yielded up. The financial end does not offer any real difficulties. The Recorder with the aid of others can and ought to attend to that. If there is real companionship the back-sliders can be followed up and drawn in again.

If all this is true and practical, there ought to be no such losses in membership as have been recorded by many Grand Councils in the last few years. It all comes to this: Admit only those who are worth having and then interest them and hold them by real practice of our teachings, especially in the promotion of Masonic sociability.

The progress which Cryptic Masonry has made despite the falling off of membership here and there, is portrayed in the reviews that follow. They cover thirty-eight Grand Jurisdictions. May they be found helpful and interesting!

All of which is respectfully submitted,

OSSIAN LANG,

Foreign Correspondent.

Alabama	1926	Minnesota	1926
Arkansas	1926	Mississippi	1927
California	1927	Missouri	1927
Colorado	1926	Montana	1926
Connecticut	1927	Nebraska	1926
Delaware	1926	Nevada	1926
District of Columbia	1926	New Hampshire	1926
Florida	1927	North Carolina	1926
Georgia	1927	North Dakota	1927
Illinois	1926	Ohio	1926
Indiana	1926	Oklahoma	1927
Iowa	1926	Oregon	1926-1927
Kansas	1927	Pennsylvania	1927
Kentucky	1926	Rhode Island	1926
Louisiana	1927	South Carolina	1927
Maine	1927	Tennessee	1927
Maryland	1926	Texas	1926
Massachusetts	1926	Washington	1926-1927
Michigan	1927	Wisconsin	1927

ALABAMA—1926

89th Annual Assembly *Montgomery* November 30th

M.·.Ill.·.William Samuel Gamble, G.·.M.·.

Twenty-four Councils. 5,054 members; net gain, 5. Cash balance, $2,672.81.

Present: All Grand Officers; fourteen of the twenty-three living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty-two Councils; thirty-two Grand Representatives, New York as usual not accounted for.

The Grand Master managed to visit during the year just two Councils—two, that's all. He attended also the meeting of the Washington Memorial Association. If he did aught else he was too modest to report it in his Annual Address. The courteous Committee on Grand Master's Address congratulates the Grand Council on "his efficient labors in behalf of Cryptic Masonry." So much for that.

Everybody is agreed that "peace and harmony prevail!" Good!

An exchange of Representatives with the new Grand Councils of Delaware and Nevada was voted.

Grand Officers elected: Norman Gunn, *Jasper,* Grand Master; Robert McL. Strong, Deputy Grand Master; Robert E. Howard, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; John Wilson Terry, Grand Treasurer; George A. Beauchamp, *Montgomery,* Grand Recorder.

The nintieth Annual Assembly will be held at Montgomery on December 6th.

Correspondence

Companion Francis Marion Stillwell covers thirty-eight Grand Councils in his report: There is a foreword and a "Conclusion." In the former he lays down the Ring rule that "About the Round Table courtesy should prevail, without personalities that call for self-defence." In the "Conclusion" he decides that "The Super-Excellent so-called degree rises anon to vex, to retard, to arouse fictious interest; but unworthy of the consideration occasionally bestowed." Super-Excellent Master fans will take due notice thereof.

New York for 1925 is treated most handsomely. Companion STILLWELL quite evidently is pleased with our doings, excepting in only one thing: to wit, our establishing the Super-Excellent Master and thereby making "a Select Master a little lower than an Angelic Super-Excellent Master." All we, like sheep, have gone astray there, alas!

"Foxy Grandpa" is what CHENEY of New Hampshire is dubbed for an uncautious remark and is asked why he failed to "comment about a certain guest at the last Triennial banquet, who when asked to have some 'corn' passed the glass."

Many good stories appear here and there in the reviews. One way of bringing life into dry times. After-dinner speakers will appreciate the hint.

ARKANSAS—1926

64th Annual Assembly *Little Rock* November 19th

M.·.Ill.·.MARK P. OLNEY, G.·.M.·.

Thirty Councils. 1,573 members; net gain, 21. Cash balance, $1,544.25, plus $500.00 in Liberty Bonds.

Present: All Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain; eleven Past Grand Masters; Representatives of seventeen constituent Councils and two U.·.D.·.; twenty-two Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master JOHN C. BONE for New York.

The Grand Master visited every active Council in the State and some that had not been doing any Work or were only partially functioning—22 of them, all but two entirely inactive ones. Arkansas is to be congratulated on having had so zealous a leader in charge of their Cryptic affairs. The effects of his good work will no doubt make themselves felt in the new year.

The sum of $200.00 was donated to the Tuberculosis Hospital for children at Booneville, which is being provided by the Masons of Arkansas.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the new Grand Council of Delaware.

Grand Officers elected: SHEM E. HOLLABAUGH, *Marshall*, Grand Master; CHARLES EUGENE SMITH, Deputy Grand Master;

J. D. McCLOY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; E. AUDIGIER, Grand Treasurer; FAY HEMPSTEAD, *Little Rock*, Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Little Rock on November 18th.

No Correspondence Report.

CALIFORNIA—1927

67th Annual Assembly *Santa Barbara* April 18th

M.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM L. DUGGAN, G.·.M.·.

Thirty-three Councils. 9,662 members; net gain 266. Cash balance, $9,427.99. Balance in Relief Fund, $115.61.

Present: All Grand Officers; nine of the fifteen living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of the thirty chartered Councils and delegates from the three Councils U.·.D.·.; thirty Grand Representatives, Past Grand Master ROBERT H. DEWITT responding for New York.

Lucky California! Prosperity everywhere and—a Grand Master who actually made good on his promise to visit every Council in the State. He had the determination, the enthusiasm and up-and-do-itness to overcome all obstacles. So he carried forward the work from the point to which it had been brought by his predecessors—and these, too, had worked with unusual zeal. Once more: Lucky California! Perhaps it is good judgment more than luck, good judgment in the selection of leaders, with an eye single to who will work best and best succeed.

The Grand Master reports that among the notable acquisitions of the year is a centenarian who, on August 15, 1926, celebrated the hundredth anniversary of his birth. He was greeted as a Select Master in Pasadena Council, on November 30th.

There having been "an unreasonably large number of suspensions," for N. P. D. no doubt, the Grand Master suggests that every Council ought to have a committee which will interview all members about to be suspended and either get them to pay up or, if there are among them Companions who cannot meet their obligations, to secure for these an extension of time.

The point is that every possible effort should be made to hold what we have.

A detailed report is presented by the Grand Master of the observations made by him on his visits to the Councils, showing an intimate knowledge of affairs throughout the Jurisdiction. Many helpful suggestions are added pointing out practical steps for still further enhancing the attractiveness and impressiveness of the Cryptic degrees and advancing the Rite in California all along the line.

An abundantly deserved generous tribute is paid by the Grand Master to the Grand Recorder. Companion DAVIES is an invaluable asset to the Grand Council, as he is to all Masonic bodies in which his interest is enlisted. The Proceedings edited by him all bear the imprint of his loyal personality and are models of good Craftsmanship.

Blessed California!

The Committee on Reports of Grand Officers says that the Grand Master has given a "demonstration of service, loyalty and sacrifice never exceeded by any former Grand Master." And that Committee was composed of three Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Council, in 1923, established an Educational Loan Fund for which were appropriated $400.00 a year. From the Grand Secretary's Report it appears that loans were awarded last year to three girls, one receiving $840.00, another $250.00, and the third $35.00.

This year the sum of $500.00 was appropriated to form a Special Grand Council fund to be administered by a "Committee on Educational Assistance of the Grand Council." The money, by resolution, will be made available for aiding orphans and half orphans of Master Masons of California "to secure such education in college or such technical or trade schools as will enable such boys and girls to undertake such active duties in life as will prepare them for better citizenship."

Generous California!

Grand Officers elected: CHARLES H. KING, *Sebastopol,* Grand *Master;* MATTISON B. JONES, Deputy Grand Master; HIRAM S. HUTCHINGS, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; WILLIAM W. DOUGLAS, Grand Treasurer; THOMAS ABRAHAM DAVIES, *San Francisco,* Grand Recorder.

The sixty-eighth Annual Assembly is to be held at San Diego, on April 16, 1928.

CORRESPONDENCE

The report is of course the work of that lovable Companion, Past Grand Master FRANCIS H. E. O'DONNELL, who in the ten years he has spent with us at the Round Table has won all hearts. His reviews are among the best to be found in the Cryptic field. It is evident that he enjoys his work and devotes to it his best strength. The report was started "on a sunny morning in June" and completed just before Christmas. He says his desire is "to write something constructive, instructive, entertaining and companionable without the least taint of argumentation, cynicism, caustic criticism, or anything other than good fellowship actuates the reviewer." He has made good on all that. If we were not so far behind with the work on our own report which ought to have been finished and in the lenient Grand Recorder's hands long before this, we should want to give our readers some of the kindly reflections and helpful suggestions scattered through his reviews. But we must n't. The story of New York for 1925 is told fully and appreciatively. Over four pages are devoted to our Proceedings. Thanks for everything.

COLORADO—1926

32d Annual Assembly *Denver* September 20th

M.·.Ill.·.LEE R. HORN, G.·.M.·.

Fourteen Councils. 2,468 members; net gain, 12. Cash balance, $2,745.80. Total cash assets, $3,745.80.

Present: All Grand Officers, except the Grand Conductor of the Council; twelve Past Grand Masters; Representatives of all the constituent Councils; thirty-four Grand Representatives, among them Companion CHARLES H. DUDLEY responding for New York. We want to thank Companion DUDLEY for being present; in the past we have not often enjoyed the satisfaction of knowing that the Representative of New York was present at the Annual Assembly.

The Grand Master visited six Councils but tells little about the work.

The Companions of Colorado are looking forward to the time of the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council to be held in Denver in 1927.

Past Grand Master ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER, who was for many years the Grand Recorder and also had a place at the Correspondents' Round Table, died on September 21, 1925. He had taken an especial interest in the Council, though his energies were devoted mainly to the Grand Lodge, in which he was a tower of strength.

Grand Officers elected: FRANK I. EWING, *Greeley*, Grand Master; WILLIAM S. PICKERILL, Deputy Grand Master; WILLIAM T. BRIDWELL, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; WILL D. GRISARD, Grand Treasurer; WILLIAM W. COOPER, *Denver*, Grand Recorder.

CORRESPONDENCE

Companion FRANK D. BURNS presents his first report. Thirty-three Jurisdictions are reviewed. With an eye to essentials the facts are left to speak for themselves, though a word of good Masonic comment is injected now and then. We are pleased with the report and hope Companion BURNS will continue with us. One page is devoted to New York for 1925.

CONNECTICUT—1927

109th Annual Assembly *Hartford* June 1st

M.·.P.·.T. FRANK CASSIDY, G.·.M.·.

Twenty-four Councils. 10,913 members; net gain, 155. Cash balance, $4,018.57.

Present: All Grand Officers; fifteen of the twenty-three surviving Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty-one of the twenty-four constituent Councils; twenty-four Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master WILLIAM C. TWOMBLY representing New York.

The Grand Master takes a cheerful and sensible view of the "slowing up" in petitions for membership in the Council, he says:

"I find in going over the Grand Recorder's report that we have made a net gain of 155 members for the year making our total membership 10,913. We have all watched the slowing up in the number of candidates since the "grand rush" after the War with considerable satisfaction for we are now experiencing a normal, healthy growth, whereas, the unusual number of candidates seeking admission a few years ago was not all gain. In the effort to get as many through as possible, the candidates were not given all they should have received and then again many came in apparently through curiosity or mob psychology. Not having received the real teachings of the Order they were not held by Masonry and the result all over the country has been a decided increase in the number of those who have had N. P. D. placed after their names."

Not making any official visits himself the Grand Master accompanied everyone of his Inspecting Officers and witnessed the work of eleven Councils.

New York had the pleasure of entertaining him at its Annual Assembly at Schenectady. Our own JAMES ARGYLE SMITH is complimented highly on the manner in which he conducted the banquet, he says: "I never heard a more rapid fire toastmaster in my life" is a pleasant comment. The Connecticut Brethren were interested to hear that our Grand Master lived at one time at Hartford, Connecticut.

The Annual Assemblies of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Jersey, were also attended by the Grand Master. He took part in many other Masonic functions.

Recommendation is made that Inspectors should not use printed or written copies of the Ritual on their visits to the Councils.

It may be news to many that some Councils in Connecticut have no membership dues at all. It appears to have no mailing list of their membership. The Grand Master says that the most surprising thing about it, to him, is how those Councils raise the per capita tax on the membership.

Past Grand Master THOMAS W. MORGAN was drafted to take over the Grand Recorder's work on the death of Companion STURDY who had held the office for many years.

The sum of $144.30 was raised and sent to Florida for relief in the stricken region there. The check was returned with thanks and information that there was no longer need of funds.

The reports of the various Inspecting Officers present much interesting information. An amendment was presented by Past Grand Master TWOMBLY providing that any member who has been in good standing in a Connecticut Council for twenty-five

years and is exempt from further dues in his Council, should be exempt from Grand Council per capita tax. The amendment will lie over until 1928. A number of minor changes in the Ritual were adopted.

Grand Officers elected: FREDERIC A. BEEBE, *New London,* Grand Master; ARTHUR H. PARKER, Deputy Grand Master; ARTHUR L. CLARK, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; D. FAIRCHILD WHEELER, Grand Treasurer; THOMAS W. MORGAN, *Hartford,* Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in New London, on the first Wednesday in June, 1928.

CORRESPONDENCE

For the first time in many years there is no Correspondence Report. Companion GEORGE AMBROSE STURDY whose reviews have been among the best and whose reports have been our pleasure to enjoy for several years past, died on July 30, 1926. He was an able newspaper man and published at one time the *New London Telegraph* and later the *New London Globe.* It appears he was born in Ireland, in 1859, and there he learned the printer's trade. He was a close reader of Proceedings and reviewed them in a vigorous, direct manner. While critical he was ever ready to speak a good word for any commendable act he ran across and gave encouragement to all that did their best. We are sorry to lose him. Connecticut will go on with the good work he had in charge! Companion FREDERICK W. EDGERTON of New London has succeeded Companion STURDY in the Correspondent chair.

DELAWARE—1926

1st Annual Assembly *Wilmington* October 6th

M.·.Ill.·.HARVEY W. BENTLEY, G.·.M.·.

Three Councils. 224 members. Cash balance, $156.65.

It is a real joy to read the first report of this youngest Grand Council. Everything is neat and sweet and hopeful. Of

course there is not much to be reported; in this Delaware is no worse off than a few of the much older Jurisdictions.

There were distinguished visitors from the Grand Councils of New Jersey, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. All in all the first birthday was a pleasing success.

The Grand Master's Address is simple and modest in tone and rings true. Of his Grand Council he says, "We may be few in numbers but we are steadfast in our purpose."

Waivers of Jurisdiction were granted to a Maryland Council to permit it to confer the Cryptic degrees on two Companions residing in Delaware.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address says this of the Grand Master:

"We feel that he has been an inspiration to the Councils by his many visitations and the instruction that he has given on these visits."

We believe it. He also attended the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of New Jersey, while the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work took in the Grand Council of New Hampshire.

Gunning Bedford Council, No. 1, at Wilmington has 146 members; Adoniram Council, No. 2, at Dover, 34; Joppa Council, No. 3, at Georgetown, 54. The latter Council greeted seven Companions during the year; Adoniram, three; Gunning Bedford, two.

Grand Officers elected: HARVEY W. BENTLEY, *Wilmington,* Grand Master, ROYDON L. HAMMOND, Deputy Grand Master; GEORGE O. FEARON, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; JOHN MCMILLAN, Grand Treasurer; MARSHALL M. CARPENTER, *Wilmington,* Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly is to be held at Wilmington on October 5, 1927.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1926

7th Annual Assembly *Washington* February 6th

M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE L. LOHRER, G.·.M.·.

Five Councils. 1,699 members; net *loss,* 12. Cash balance, $750.84.

Present: All Grand Officers; four Past Grand Masters; one Past Deputy Grand Master; Representatives of all the five chartered Councils; twenty-four Grand Representatives, Companion L. WHITING ESTES for New York among them.

Visitors from outside the District were Grand Master DONALD J. SARGENT of New Jersey; Past Grand Master ARCHIBALD STEWART MAURICE of Pennsylvania; Grand Master ALBERT E. GORHAM and Past Grand Master NATHAN WARD of Maryland.

The Grand Master is content with things as they are. While many who have been indifferent to the privileges of the Rite have been eliminated, the faithful remainder are zealous and enthusiastic Cryptic Masons and their number is gratifying. A new Council has been organized and has now a substantial number of members. The work of the Grand Lecturer is commended highly. The Super-Excellent degree has been conferred twice in the District during the year, and the rendition and explanation of the work is pronounced superb. The Grand Master attended Assemblies of all the Councils in the District, and the Deputy Grand Master also visited all of them officially. The Grand Master also enjoyed the conferring of the degree of Super-Excellent Master in Concordia Council of Baltimore and was represented by the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Recorder at the Eightieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania. A dinner was tendered by the Grand Officers to General Grand Master BERT S. LEE on the occasion of the latter's attendance at the Washington Memorial Association meeting at Alexandria, Virginia.

The Grand Lecturer organized a School of Instruction which met once a month during the working season. He visited every Council at least three times and one Council ten times. He finds that in most of the Councils the Officers are zealous for the improvement of the ritualistic work as to accuracy, uniformity and impressiveness.

A resolution proposed on the recommendation of the Grand Master fixes the minimum fee for the degrees of the Council at ten dollars. It is to be voted upon in 1927.

Grand Officers elected: RICHARD A. ROSEBERRY, *Washington,* Grand Master; EDWARD BURKHOLDER, Deputy Grand Master; JOHN W. KIMMERLING, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; MARK F. FINLEY, Grand Treasurer; JOHN A. COLBORN, *Washington,* Grand Recorder.

The eighth Annual Assembly is to be held in Washington, on February 5, 1927.

CORRESPONDENCE

The District is to be complimented on the excellent Correspondence Report submitted by Past Grand Master HORACE P. MCINTOSH. It reveals a keen interest in the progress of the Rite, gives a discriminating and comprehensive view of the Cryptic field, has a pleasant word of commendation where it is deserved and is well written. New York of 1925 is presented in an appreciative spirit. Good work!

FLORIDA—1927

47th Annual Assembly *Jacksonville* May 16th

M.·.Ill.·.CARY B. FISH, G.·.M.·.

Eighteen Councils. 2,062 members; net gain, 235. Cash balance, $2,325.14.

Present: Nine of the eleven Grand Officers; six of the thirteen living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of thirteen constituent Councils; twenty-nine Grand Representatives. New York not among them.

The Grand Master's Address deals largely with the losses and great suffering caused to thousands of human beings by storms and floods, particularly in the Southern States, and refers to the ready and generous response of the Masons of America to the many calls for help. Just praise is accorded to the administrators of the relief funds. It is pointed out that the cost of collection and disbursement amounted to less than one per cent, so that over ninety-nine cents of every dollar found their way to the needy. Emphasis is laid on the duty of every Mason to be ever ready to help by every means within his power to relieve suffering whenever and wherever there is need.

A Committee on Foreign Correspondence was appointed, but there is no report.

Grand Officers elected: R. J. MCMASTER, *Tampa,* Grand Master; E. E. MACY, Deputy Grand Master; R. J. KIRSHPAUGH,

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; E. L. WIRT, Grand Treasurer; WILBER P. WEBSTER, *Jacksonville,* Grand Recorder.

The forty-eighth Annual Assembly is to be held at Jacksonville, on May 14, 1928.

GEORGIA—1927

84th Annual Assembly *Macon* April 26th

M.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON, G.·.M.·.

Sixty-seven Councils. 5,875 members; net gain, 193. Cash balance, $2,616.54.

Present: All Grand Officers; nine Past Grand Masters; Representatives of forty-four chartered Councils; thirty-four Grand Representatives, among them, for New York, Companion JACK G. STANDIFER who is now the Grand Conductor of Council.

General Grand Master BERT S. LEE honored the Assembly by his presence, and being a LEE he was made doubly welcome. He replied with a stirring address from which I would like to quote just this part of one sentence:

"Men come into Masonry with a desire of learning more of this great Institution of ours that they may fit themselves as citizens in the town, the country or the city, in which they live, to carry forward into the every-day walks of life the ideals which our forefathers handed down to us in ages that have gone."

Companion BERT S. LEE was elected an honorary member of the Grand Council of Georgia.

The Grand Master, being of the Clan RICHARDSON, spoke some very plain words on the need of making good on professions of charity. He said:

"Since my first visit to the Annual Assembly, our meetings, with few exceptions, seem to have accomplished nothing more than the social pleasures of fraternal intercourse, the reading of reports, the election and installation of officers and the closing of the Grand Council.

"If there be one fundamental principle upon which we can agree, concentrate and cooperate, it is the tenet of benevolence. Our Grand Council of Georgia is not alone remiss in the failure to observe and carry out this tenet. Viewing the activities of practically all sister Grand Councils as well as the General Grand Council, there is the absence of any real organized benevolent service. These words are not spoken in criticism or condemnation but in deep disappointment and keen regret.

"We are more than our brother's keeper—we are our brother's

brother—we are companions of his sorrow and misfortune, as well as his joy and his success.

"In our own jurisdiction, there is a priceless opportunity for Council benevolence. The story of the Alto Tubercular Cottage for Children has been written on the walls of our temples and enscrolled on the tablets of our hearts. Over and over again have been uttered the words that 'there is no place in Georgia for a tubercular little child.' Yet, Companions of the Council, we continue to stand idle and withhold aid from little children doomed to die.

"As Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia last year I had hoped to lay the cornerstone of the proposed Tubercular Cottage which Georgia Freemasonry is sponsoring. The second disappointment comes in the fact that I shall retire as Grand Master of the Council without the plans of benevolence having been perfected.

"But as your Grand Master, as your Companion and your friend, I can speak with my heart on my lips and plead with you to aid in this worthy benevolence.

"At the last Annual Assembly the Grand Council voted an increase in the per capita tax from fifty to seventy-five cents. It is the earnest suggestion of your Grand Master that with this increase in the per capita tax, this Grand Council make proper annual appropriations for the Tubercular Cottage for little children."

He referred also to the great flood disaster in the Mississippi Delta and urged, "for the sake of humanity as well as our obligations," Grand Council should contribute $250.00 for the relief of the flood sufferers. Grand Council accepted the recommendation wholeheartedly and appropriated the money.

A collection was taken up for the "Penny Box Fund," which yielded $25.54. This Fund is intended to supply the means for establishing industrial training at the Masonic Home of Georgia to prepare the young people there for the duties of practical life.

Grand Officers elected: NATHANIEL H. BALLARD, *Atlanta,* Grand Master; JOHN T. WALDROP, Deputy Grand Master; F. O. MILLER, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; EDGAR A. MCHAN, *Macon,* Grand Treasurer-Recorder.

The eighty-fifth Annual Assembly is to be held at Macon, on April 24, 1928.

CORRESPONDENCE

Companion FRANCIS A. JOHNSON has passed from the Grand Master's chair to the Correspondent's chair. Let us salute him. But why do his home-folks call him Gloomy Gus? His reviews furnish no explanation. Under Connecticut he calls himself a "dreamer" and then bursts into poetry. Then he tells O'HARA—he of Ohio—to come down to Georgia and he will show him a "peach of time" and adds that "peaches ripen in June." Fail to

see where the gloom comes in. New York for 1925 is well presented. In the "prologue" to the report we find this timely serious word:

"Masonry, today is confronted by a condition that will require an united front to withstand. There is no place in our ranks for petty jealousies and differences. It is incumbent upon us, from the rank and file of the fraternity to the Grand East, to feel a personal responsibility for the future progress of the order and the preservation of our fondest traditions and highest ideals."

If all Gloomy Guses are as companionable as our Georgia friend, we want more of them at the Round Table. Welcome, Gloomy Gus!

ILLINOIS—1926

74th Annual Assembly *Decatur* September 22d

M.·.Ill.·.G. P. Van Cleve, G.·.M.·.

Seventy-seven Councils. 25,177 members; net gain, 875. Cash balance, $43,994.25.

Present: All Grand Officers; eleven Past Grand Masters; Representatives of sixty-five chartered Councils; Representatives of twenty-seven Grand Councils, New York not among them.

The Grand Master did some visiting in the State and attended the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Missouri. He tells with evident pleasure of his having seen the Super-Excellent degree conferred in a dignified manner by several Councils, but suggests elsewhere that in some Councils they have been rough with the candidates. The Committee on Grand Master's Address speaks of the "zeal and fidelity" displayed by him and that his report "is an epic." All this may be true, but the Address does not show anything of the kind. However, the committee ought to know.

An amendment to the By-Laws was adopted making the minimum fee fifteen dollars. An attempt to increase the amount for Chicago failed.

Everybody had hoped that Illinois would join the General Grand Council. An appropriate resolution was presented to effect that good object, but the die-hards succeeded in having action

deferred. The question will come up again, at the Annual Assembly in 1927.

The Committee on Chartered Councils presented a most interesting report setting forth in detail the conditions in all parts of the State. The analyses of gains brings out the encouraging information that the percentage increase in membership has been greater in the Councils than in the Royal Arch Chapters and the Commanderies: Grand Commandery gain, 666, or 1.87%; Grand Chapter, 2,586, or 3%; Grand Council, 875, or 3.74%.

Illinois is one of the four Grand Councils which remember their Mother; the contributions to Grand Lodge institutions show that the sum of $1,000.00 was donated to the Illinois Masonic Hospital and $150.00 to the Masonic Bureau of Service and Employment. They also made a contribution of $100.00 to the Eastern Star Home which takes care of widows and orphans of Masons.

A U.·.D.·.Council at Chicago was given a Charter.

Grand Officers elected: GEORGE E. WILKINSON, *Alton,* Grand Master; JAMES K. LAMBERT, Deputy Grand Master; B. J. METZGER, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; O. L. CALDWELL, Grand Treasurer; GEORGE W. WARVELLE, *Chicago,* Grand Recorder.

The seventy-fifth Annual Assembly will be held at Rockford on September 28, 1927.

CORRESPONDENCE

As in his preceding thirty-four Annual Reports, so in his thirty-fifth M.·.Ill.·.Companion GEORGE W. WARVELLE proems his tabloid reviews by laying stress on the need and desirability of brevity in telling the story of Proceedings. He has shown how to condense, and he does it well. Thirty-eight Grand Councils are reviewed in seventeen pages. New York for 1925 is given half a page of courteous consideration.

The "General Impressions" which follow the tabloids summarize Uncle GEORGE'S reflections on the things most worth while in the year's crop. He speaks of the return to "our old time stability;" asks what is a "Past" Officer; refers with a wise word of counsel to the symbolism of the Sacred Delta which he said should not be permitted to be broken but kept whole as a landmark, for an acute angle has no significance

and can not be made a substitute; dwells, as he is wont to do, and this time at greater length, on the Super-Excellent Master degree which is apt to overshadow the real substance of the Rite; and closes with his usual thoughtful analysis of mem bership statistics.

New York is shown to be seventh in numerical strength, with Ohio away ahead of all, and Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania following in rotation and keeping ahead of us. In number of greetings we are sixth in line, surpassed by Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. We drop down to seventh place again in relative net gains, with Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania taking precedence. Texas which is the biggest of the big, is not included, because of the wellknown "cumpulsory" feature which gives candidates for the Chapter no choice but compels them to apply at the same time for subsequent admission to the Council.

Thanks to our Uncle for his helpful "Impressions."

INDIANA—1926

71st Annual Assembly *Elkhart* October 19th-20th

M.·.Ill.·.Henry Kling, G.·.M.·.

Seventy-four Councils. 19,850 members; net *loss*, 74. Cash balance, $7,787.64. Total cash assets, $29,787.64.

Present: All Grand Officers; sixteen of the nineteen living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of seventy-three Councils; thirty-one Grand Representatives, New York among the thirteen absentees.

The Grand Master reports that he received "many cordial invitations to attend stated and called Assemblies of subordinate Councils, also several of the Grand Councils of other Jurisdictions," but he felt "compelled to decline all of them, though in all cases gratefully acknowledged." The Committee on Reference of Grand Master's Address made no comment. We sympathize with them. We turned to the Committee on Unfinished Business to see what they had to say about the Address, but they, too, were silent. So we shall do the same.

The Councils did fairly well as far as taking in new members is concerned: 628 greeted, 171 affiliated, 35 restored. But the losses were heavy: 274 dimitted, 379 suspended (for non-payment of dues no doubt), 14 expelled, and 241 died. Of course no one can keep death away. But how about the rest? "If the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted." Official leadership does mean something.

The Grand Recorder is to be congratulated on the fact that "all Councils made annual returns and paid dues within the time limit."

The Grand Lecturer is "happy to report that the Officers of the Councils, generally, are very proficient in the work of conferring the degrees."

Fraternal recognition was extended to the new Grand Council of Delaware.

Past Grand Master HENRY WILLIAM MORDHURST having completed forty years of service as General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, the assembled Companions took pleasure in extending congratulations and asking the blessings of Heaven upon him. HENRY the stalwart was overcome by the emotions which the thoughtful tribute of his devoted friends stirred in his big heart. We should like to have been there to let him know that we of New York love him, too. He is a pillar of strength in the Rite.

Another outstanding good thing done was the donation of $300.00 to the National Masonic Tubercular Sanitoria. A substantial amount was contributed to the Indiana Masonic Home.

The neat volume of Proceedings is embellished by a number of interesting half-tones of the Elkhart Masonic Temple where the Annual Assembly was held, and of portraits of Past Grand Masters and other distinguished leaders of the Grand Council of Indiana, together with one of M.·.P.·.BERT S. LEE, General Grand Master, 1924 to 1927.

Grand Officers elected: DONALD JAMES PICKETT, *Greenfield,* Grand Master; CHARLES HENRY BROWN, Deputy Grand Master; CHARLES S. MURPHY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; VESTAL WARREN WOODWARD, Grand Treasurer; ROBERT ARCHER WOODS, *Princeton,* Grand Recorder.

The seventy-second Annual Assembly is to be held at Marion October 18, and 19, 1927.

The reviews of HENRY MORDHURST have all the old-time virility and straightforwardness, with the savor somewhat mellowed perhaps. He wonders what New York's Masonic overseas Mission may be after. It started from a desire to do our share toward healing the wounds of the War, to bring comfort and messages of goodwill to Brethren who were cast down by the upheavals and heartrending misery all around them, and to learn and serve. The work has grown through the hundreds of personal contacts established until now the correspondence with Brethren abroad has become one of the finest Masonic influences for mutual good and the strengthening of the Craft in other lands as well as in our own Jurisdiction. The Lord has blessed the undertaking and made it a vehicle for exchanges of frank fraternal confidences which has given a more profound meaning to the Brotherhood of Man and opened our hearts and eyes to a vision of world-wide cooperation for the good of all mankind. The five points of fellowship have been put to practical test, and we feel we are the richer for the experience. Nothing that pen may write or tongue explain can equal in results what heart to heart communion does. That's our answer, HENRY. And I know *you* know.

New York for 1925 is presented with fairness.

This time there is a "Conclusion" which we must appropriate for the service it may render among ourselves and elsewhere:

"We have had quite a jolt this year, for the reports show that Indiana had a net loss in membership, the first since 1885. Suspension for non-payment of dues, of course, being the principal reason. It seems to this writer that our Inspector (we now call him Lecturer) should be required to see that all dues are promptly collected and to report to Grand Master for discipline any Council which fails to clear its books annually. If dues were, as they should be, collected in advance there would be no difficulty, and very little loss in membership. We have progressed so wonderfully in putting our Councils on a high plane of efficiency that we should go one step further and also see to it that there are few suspensions for N. P. D.

"The record of the year tells that the slump has been general. All Grand Councils, with but two or three exceptions, have had severe setbacks and next year, no doubt, will show a general improvement, but Indiana, at least, should never again be placed in the humiliating position of reporting a loss. There need not be great gains, for these are not always desirable, but we ought to be able to hold on to what we have, and this should not be hard to do."

IOWA—1926

27th Annual Assembly *Dubuque* October 12th

M.·.Ill.·.James Hamlin Sterling, G.·.M.·.

Thirty-two Councils. 7,314 members; net *loss,* 73. Cash balance, $4,527.95. Total cash assets, $18,527.95.

Present: All Grand Officers; eleven Past Grand Masters;; Representatives of thirty constituent Councils; twenty-nine Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master A. H. Conn responding for New York.

The Grand Master worked hard, did considerable visiting and tried his best to arouse the Councils to greater effort. His endeavors bore fruit in some quarters. But carelessness and lethargy in other places kept things back. The net loss in membership is accounted for by 272 suspensions for non-payment of dues and 99 dimissions. "Cryptic Masonry seems to be slipping in Iowa," he says. The pursuit of entertainment and pleasure no doubt is a condition which has to be reckoned with. But incompetent and indifferent Officers are chiefly responsible for the poor showing in most of the Councils. One Council is reported "very much asleep," another with a membership of 300 is lacking in "energy and loyalty," one callel "Ernest" has been "asleep for several years," another could bring out only five members on the occasion of the Grand Master's visit and "nothing was accomplished." And so it goes.

A total of $1,526.00 of unpaid dues causes the Grand Master to declare that this is something the Councils "should be ashamed to have upon record, because it represents disloyalty and indifference." He does not mince matters, and insists there would be less cause for complaint if the Officers of the slipping Councils were alive to their opportunities and took more interest in the conduct of affairs:

"It is an easy matter to find where the energetic Masters and Recorders are, by looking over the abstract of the reports sent to the Grand Recorder, and in their Councils is where we find enthusiasm, loyalty, and an increase in membership, the smallest number of suspensions and the lowest per cent of unpaid dues. The titles of Master and Recorder are not empty ones, but mean work, if the incumbent would be loyal to his Masonic obligations."

The Committee on Grand Master's Address also lays its hands on the sore spot and says:

"We regret that the report for the year again shows a loss in mem-

bership—272 Companions having been suspended for non-payment of dues—this added to the 323 suspended for the same reason the previous year totals 595 members so suspended in two years. Here is food for thought!

"Your Grand Master says, 'Business is necessary in the proper conduct of a Council and is most dependent upon the Recorder—look well to this station.' Past Grand Master Potter said, 'A refusal to pay dues (except for inability to pay) is a shameful violation of a Masonic obligation.' If the Recorders will collect the dues when due the same as a business man collects his bills, reminding those Companions who are able but inclined to 'not pay' that by so doing they are 'violating a Masonic obligation' we believe that many suspensions in the future can be avoided, many might be reinstated and the item of 'unpaid dues' be reduced to a minimum, so we repeat the Grand Master's injunction—look well to the office of Recorder."

The Grand Recorder says that only three Councils report all dues paid, while the other twenty-nine report $1,526.00 unpaid dues, in amounts ranging from $1.00 to $200.00 a Council.

And the Custodian of the Work also adds a word:

"The matter of unpaid dues is perennial and calls for strenuous action on the part of the officers of the Councils as well as the members of the Grand Council. It seems to your Custodian that the Masters and Recorders are very largely to blame for the extreme amount of unpaid dues."

The thought which strikes at the center is that the Officers must make clear to their Councils that neglect to pay bills that are due is a violation of Masonic obligation and marks a man as lacking in common honesty. It is a hard word, but it needs to be said when men who are able to pay will not respond when called upon to do so. The duty of Master and Recorder is to keep an eye on the delinquent list and keep the members from falling behind.

Grand Council voted an appropriation of $500.00 from the General Fund to aid and assist in promoting the work of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanitoria Association of New Mexico.

The Grand Master-elect spoke on the principles of the Cryptic Rite.

Grand Officers elected: PERCY EDGAR BROWN, *Ames*, Grand Master; RALPH B. SLIPPY, Deputy Grand Master; E. W. F. HOLLER, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; ALBERT H. HOLT, Grand Treasurer; D. M. BROWNLEE, *Sioux City*, Grand Recorder.

The twenty-eighth Annual Assembly is to be held at Creston on October 11, 1927.

Past Grand Master EDWARD M. WILLARD opens his interesting report with a word on the importance of zeal and efficiency in conducting the affairs of the Councils, especially in the rendition of the ritual so that the candidates may be impressed and inspired by the teachings of the Cryptic Rite. Forty-three reviews are presented. They are brief but telling. New York for 1925 receives courteous mention.

KANSAS—1927

59th Annual Assembly *Wichita* February 21st

M.·.Ill.·.ELMER F. STRAIN, G.·.M.·.

Nineteen Councils. 6,688 members; net gain, 137. Cash balance $3,431.86. Total cash resources, $5,431.86.

Present: All Grand Officers except the Grand Chaplain; thirteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of all the nineteen Chartered Councils; thirty-four Grand Representatives, among them Companion ROBERT H. MONTGOMERY responding for New York.

In the Grand Master's printed Address are inserted two interesting pictures which give an idea of the mysterious memorial deposit on the top of Pike's Peak, to which there have been many references in the past. For the interest of the Companions we quote what is said about it:

"Upon the summit near the north or almost precipitous wall of that great granite eminence called Pike's Peak rests what to many of our members is almost a myth—our memorial deposit. From that visional vantage point where mountain, valley and plain spread in panorama most inspiring, comes a sense of GOD'S greatness. Awe, inspiration and appreciation possess the soul and knit it into kinship with the Great Spirit of Creation. Here in that most wonderful natural arena, their hearts aflame with its grandeur, yet subdued by memories of the dead, shall the Grand Council of 1999 composed of our children's children and grandchildren open the box and receive its message. May the inspiration of that ceremony be as far reaching as was the original.

"The years of a generation having passed since Ellsworth Council, No. 9, with dispensations from our Grand Master, the Grand Master of Colorado, the General Grand Master and permission from our Government, made that memorable pilgrimage and sponsored the deposit and attendant ceremonies, it is appropriate that we be informed briefly of

the events that our interest may be in keeping with the importance of the occasion. Seventy-three pages of grippingly interesting history are found in the bound volume of Proceedings of 1895 to 1908. Every detail of the six days of tour and activity is set out, including the conferring of the degrees on the top of Pike's Peak, Garden of the Gods, and in the Broadway Theatre, Denver, upon a class of 206, the banquet at the Windsor Hotel and the full text of the ceremonies of deposit by our Grand Council, together with photographs. Each Council is urged to read this history during 1927 to as nearly one hundred per cent of its membership as possible."

An account is given of the box which is ten inches long by eight inches wide and deep. The story then proceeds:

"After the deposit had been made by the Master of Ellsworth Council, No. 9, R.·.Ill.·.EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, who was then Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and in the presence of the entire caravan, containing many Masons of rank from far and near, the vault was closed and a bronze tablet in the form of an equilateral triangle, appropriately inscribed, placed above it.

" 'This memorial deposit in its place of rest above the clouds, beaten by the storms, swept by the fierce blasts, and bathed in the nearer glow of GOD'S eternal sunshine, shall remain as the sacred trust and treasure of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Kansas, unopened and unmolested for the period of one hundred years, and at the close of the twentieth century, whose dawn is now breaking upon us, this memorial casket shall be opened to the world with appropriate ceremonies by some successor to my office, and our memorial to JEHOVAH and to our mystic rite be read and known of all men. To the fulfillment of our official pledge we shall solemnly charge our successors in the Eastern chair.' "

The Grand Master attended the Grand Council Assembly of Missouri and enjoyed the experience. He also visited some of the Councils in the State. Some things in his report sound good but we cannot quite make out what is meant: perhaps our readers will get the hidden thought and be inspired. We refer to this paragraph:

"If the lights of Cryptic Masonry are to be a beacon they must be filled and trimmed each month. The most perfect power is electricity because it evenly and constantly attacks the load. Speaking in terms of power our Councils may be compared to the modern motor vehicle with engines varying from one to twelve cylinders. The once-a-year Council is the one-cylinder chug-chug of history, uncertain as to whether it will go or return. Better results are found in those Councils likened to the fours and sixes. The operation of a line twelve machine is pleasing and exhilarating and that monthly meeting Council typified by it is productive of personal power which co-ordinated brings inspiration, work and wages. Some of you ought to heed the apparent admonition and trade in your old bus."

Right in the first sentence we are stumped as to who is to be filled once a month, and what is to be trimmed. The succeeding similes only complicate matters.

Recognition was extended to the new Grand Council of Delaware.

The Committee on Reports of Grand Officers praises the Grand Master and does it in a way that indicates how highly they think of him.

Grand Officers elected: OTTO R. SOUDERS, *Wichita,* Grand Master; CHARLES W. MILLER, JR., Deputy Grand Master; ARTHUR H. STRICKLAND, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; HARRY E. PEACH, Grand Treasurer; ALBERT K. WILSON, *Topeka,* Grand Recorder.

The sixtieth Annual Assembly will be held on February 20, 1928, at Topeka.

CORRESPONDENCE

Companion ALBERT K. WILSON is a seasoned Masonic leader. In the introduction of his reviews he points out a line along which one is sure to arrive at a clear idea of who and what is responsible for the slipping of so many Grand Councils. He writes:

"The increase in the number of Grand Jurisdictions showing a net loss can scarcely be attributed to natural results following the large increase in membership during the war period as considerable time has elapsed and we are presumed to have reached a normal condition. We must therefore look elsewhere for a cause for this apparent apathy or lack of interest manifested through the small net increase, as shown by the tables attached to this report.

"As intimated one year ago, the Addresses of most Grand Masters do not indicate that a very great amount of time was devoted to the service of Cryptic Masonry in the respective Jurisdictions. While we do not propose to offer as a criterion the results of the efforts put forth by our own Grand Master during the past year in bringing about an increased interest in our own Jurisdiction, as manifested by the number upon whom the degrees were conferred, yet it cannot be questioned that his great interest in the work of Cryptic Masonry and his numerous visits to our Councils have done much to bring about these results. In the opinion of the writer a different condition would exist in Cryptic Masonry today if the same amount of time were devoted to its upbuilding as is employed by many Companions in sponsoring and devoting their talent in the propagation of the almost innumerable outside organizations, many of which predicate their membership on Freemasonry; in other words, 'As ye sow so shall ye reap.' The beautiful lessons brought out in the Cryptic degrees are worthy of the patronage of any Royal Arch Mason."

The reviews are well written as always and supply much practical help to those who will consult them. Two pages and a half are devoted to New York for 1925.

KENTUCKY—1926

99th Annual Assembly *Louisville* October 18th

M.·.Ill.·.John W. Bishop, G.·.M.·.

Fifty-three Councils. 4,670 members; net *loss,* 182. Cash balance, $3,916.63. Total cash assets, $5,916.63.

Present: All Grand Officers; twenty-one of the twenty-five living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of forty-two chartered Councils; thirty-one of forty-three Grand Representatives, New York among the twelve absentees.

The Grand Master constituted one new Council and installed the Officers. Outside of that he made just one "visitation." But he says that he "will always look back on this year as one of the brightest and best" in his life.

Net loss in membership: 182! Whatever the reasons may be, and the Grand Recorder advances several for the great falling off, there remains the question whether things might not have looked better if more attention had been given to visiting the Councils.

Speaking of "Our Grand Master" the Grand Recorder writes:

"Companion Bishop has made an excellent Grand Master. There has not been a great deal of work to perform, but what there was, he has done with promptness and exactitude. He has made a dignified, gracious Grand Master, and he is highly commended for the work he has done, and the Grand Council should be congratulated."

192 Companions were greeted, 14 admitted, 15 reinstated. So far so good. It shows that many thought well enough of the Council to want to be in it. But what of those who were in? 55 dimitted, 290 suspended, 2 expelled. If "there has not been a great deal of work to perform," the real condition of things can not have been known; that is how it looks to an outsider.

All honor to the Grand Council: An appropriation of $1,000.00 was made toward the construction of buildings for the new Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Kentucky. The vote in favor of it was unanimous.

Grand Officers elected: Carl J. Crouch, *Louisville,* Grand Master; W. O. Pierce, Deputy Grand Master; Gordon Sulser, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Isaac T. Woodson, Grand Treasurer; G. Allison Holland, *Lexington,* Grand Recorder.

The Centennial Assembly will be held at Louisville on October 17, 1927.

CORRESPONDENCE

Companion W. W. CLARKE'S report is full of good things and interesting throughout. He comments but little and always in appreciative spirit. The proffered quotations are well chosen, and all outstanding matters are noted briefly. Good work!

LOUISIANA—1927

72d Annual Assembly *New Orleans* February 7th

M.·.Ill.·.CHARLES P. RATCLIFF, G.·.M.·.

Fourteen Councils. 1,910 members; net *loss,* 33. Cash balance, $1,589.33. Total cash assets, $3,889.33.

Present: Ten of eleven Grand Officers; six Past Grand Masters; eighteen Grand Representatives, New York among the many missing ones. How many Councils were represented is not reported.

The Grand Master finds that one Council located at Natchitoches is "dormant" and has held no meetings for several years. He recommends that the Charter be recalled. Grand Council approved the proposition and acted accordingly.

"My labors have indeed been light," the Grand Master says, and the record of his activities proves his statement.

Two Councils held no meetings during the year, two others met twice. Nine meetings for the year is the maximum for only two Councils.

The Grand Lecturer reports:

"The Cryptic Rite of this Grand Jurisdiction needs a great deal of attention and support by the Officers of the Grand Council. Just about half of the Councils now in existence are showing any considerable activity, or holding their regular Assemblies; and while Masonry in all of the branches has fallen below the normal condition of activity, the Cryptic Rite is in worse condition than any other branch; and only continued effort, and encouragement by the Grand Officers, can bring it up to a reasonable standard."

It may be that the new Grand Master and his staff will take due notice of this and really get down to work. Let us hope so.

Recognition was extended to the new Grand Council of Delaware.

Officers elected: CAREY P. DUNCAN, *Shreveport,* Grand Master; HERMAN J. DUNCAN, Deputy Grand Master; JOSEPH M. TULLY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; WILL MOSS, Grand Treasurer; JOHN A. DAVILLA, *New Orleans,* Grand Recorder.

The seventy-third Annual Assembly is to be held at New Orleans on February 6, 1928.

CORRESPONDENCE

Companion JOHN A. DAVILLA has rendered a real service to the Rite by starting his fine report with this sadly needed bit of admonition:

"In presenting our Seventh Annual Review, we cannot refrain from expressing our impression that the different Grand Councils, this particular year, remind us of neglected step children. Bad enough to be between 'the devil and the deep blue sea,' a finality to nothing and a prerequisite to nothing else, they have with very few exceptions, been permitted to drift along without any supervision or any visits from the executives or their representatives and, as a consequence, we find them suffering from a badly weakened physical condition and crying aloud for the physician and nurse.

"There is absolutely no necessity for these beautiful degrees being dependent upon any other branch of Masonry, but there is a crying need for greater interest and activity on the part of those in official positions who are offering too many excuses for non-performance."

It would be a good idea to have these trenchant words printed on gummed slips and pasted in the hat of the Grand Masters of all slipping Grand Councils. And the other Grand Masters may also want to be reminded of them now and then. The "harmony" which is reported in the Addresses from the East when there is nothing else to be said for the record of the year, might be allowed to take care of itself, along with the information that "time is flying" and other padding stuff: They can find harmony in the cemetery if that is all they want.

JOHN DAVILLA writes a good report. New York for 1925 gets particularly generous consideration. For all of which we thank him.

MAINE—1927

73d Annual Assembly *Portland* May 4th

M.·.Ill.·.FRANKLIN R. REDLON, G.·.M.·.

Seventeen Councils. 8,577 members; net *loss,* 40. Cash balance, $4,289.26.

Present: All Grand Officers; thirteen of the eighteen living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of all the Councils; thirty-three Grand Representatives, among them Companion EDWIN F. HILLMAN for New York.

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of Massachusetts paid a fraternal visit and were given a hearty welcome.

Grand Master REDLON'S personal business affairs appear to have left him but little time for visiting Councils in the State. He did go to Massachusetts twice, attending the Centennial celebration and the Annual Assembly there.

The Grand Recorder explains how the apparent loss in membership really does not tell the story accurately. 131 Companions died. That certainly was not the fault of the Councils. The dimissions amounted to 30, but the re-instatements reached exactly the same number. So that does not count against the Councils. 140 were suspended for non-payment of dues. This is explained by the law in Maine, by which being behind in the payment of dues for one year, without good reason, means suspension, so as to save the Councils from wasting good money on unprofitable material. Moreover, two Councils held their annual meeting one month too late to have their greetings included in the year's record. All of which taken into consideration shows Maine to have made gratifying progress, according to the Grand Recorder who says that "every Council in the State is in active, healthy condition." The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers agrees with him and notes "with more or less pride and justification" that the interest in the work is kept up and all is well.

Grand Officers elected: HENRY R. GILLIS, *Calais,* Grand Master; EDWIN F. HILLMAN (New York's Representative near Maine), Deputy Grand Master; WILSON D. BARON, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; CONVERS E. LEACH, Grand Treasurer; CHARLES B. DAVIS, *Portland,* Grand Recorder.

The seventy-fourth Annual Assembly is to be held at Portland, on May 2, 1928.

CORRESPONDENCE

The reviews of Companion CHARLES B. DAVIS always make delightful reading. This is his sixth report. It supplies an excellent summary of the high spots of the various Proceedings, and it is all done in a friendly sort of way. The remark that "there is nothing new in the Cryptic field" reminds us of the report of a Grand Lodge Committee which began with the statement: "The Committee on Antiquities has nothing new to report." The story of New York for 1926 is well told and we are grateful for all the good things said about us.

MARYLAND—1926

53d Annual Assembly *Baltimore* December 15th

M.·.Ill.·.ALBERT E. GORHAM, G.·.M.·.

Sixteen Councils. 4,951 members; net *loss,* 14. Cash balance, $5,477.26.

Present: All Grand Officers; four Past Grand Masters; Representatives of all the sixteen chartered Councils; sixteen Grand Representatives, New York among the host of absentees.

After telling of time's inexorable flight and the ashes of the past on which we are walking, the Grand Master presents a really gratifying record of service. He did much visiting in and out of the State. And he is very modest withal in telling about it.

Recognition was extended to the new Grand Council of Delaware which is really an offshoot of Maryland.

Officers elected: DR. JOHN C. PFEIFER, *Frostburg,* Grand Master; J. WALTER BEUSCHEL, Deputy Grand Master; CHARLES H. CARROLL, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; GEORGE COOK, Grand Treasurer; GUSTAV A. EITEL, *Baltimore,* Grand Recorder.

The 54th Annual Assembly will be held at Baltimore December 14, 1927.

No Correspondence Report.

MASSACHUSETTS—1926

100th Annual Assembly *Boston* December 6th

M.·.Ill.·.Arthur D. Prince, G.·.M.·.

Thirty Councils. 15,630 members; net *loss* 18. Cash balance, $5,499.84. Total cash assets, $28,398.29.

Present: All Grand Officers; four Past Grand Masters; ten Past Deputy Grand Masters; eight Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work; Representatives of all the thirty constituent Councils; twenty-two Grand Representatives, New York not among them.

Many distinguished guests from other Grand Councils were welcomed: Past Grand Masters Moore and Williamson from the Maritime Provinces; Deputy Grand Master Gundmundson, Past Grand Master Sargent and Companion Voorhies from New Jersey; Grand Master Stebbins and Grand High Priest Sanderson from New Hampshire; Past Grand Master Knight from Rhode Island; Grand Master Redlon from Maine; Grand Master Crowell from Vermont; Grand Master James A. Smith, Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder George Edward Hatch, and Past Grand Masters Good and Hinman from New York; Grand Master Cassidy and Past Grand Master Parker, of the Grand Council and the three principal Officers of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

The Grand Master reports that he visited every Council at least once during his term of office, and some more than once. He also attended the Annual Assemblies of the Grand Councils of New Jersey and Maine; Assemblies of Columbian Council, No. 1, of New York City, and the Council in the Canal Zone; and was received as the official head of the Grand Council of Massachusetts in Lodges and Chapters in Havana (Cuba), the Canal Zone, and Panama, as well as in the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

What he says of the Condition of the Rite in Massachusetts reflects the state of things in most parts of the country and suggests so clearly and helpfully the remedies to be applied practically that it may well find a place here:

"We must confess that a net loss of eighteen in membership, as the Grand Recorder's report will show, is not a matter of self congratulation,

yet it is felt that this result is but a natural reaction after a period of very fat years.

"As we are largely, if not entirely, dependent for increase in members upon the newly exalted Royal Arch Masons, we may expect our activities will be influenced by the greatly reduced number of applicants for Masonic degrees.

"Yet the Capitular Rite will show a substantial net gain in membership, proving to me that our Councils generally have not been conducted in a maner to attract the interest of the Royal Arch Mason.

"We have at times boasted that the average attendance at Council Assemblies was greater than in other Rites. An analysis of the attendance figures does not uphold this statement. The percentage of attendance for the entire Jurisdiction is 11% for the past year.

"It is true that many of the more active Councils will show an average as high as 25% and more, but the percentage for the entire Jurisdiction is reduced by the attendance figures at the Councils which have the largest membership.

"Every one of the Constituent Councils is solvent, but very few are in affluent financial circumstances. The dues in many of the Councils are too low to meet the present overhead cost of conducting them properly. Only a few can pay the annual overhead expenses from dues collected.

"These are matters to which the Masters of Councils should give their attention and remedy as rapidly as possible.

"Every Council should be able to live comfortably on the amount of dues collected and the fees from initiates should be placed in permanent funds.

"The reports from the Inspecting Officers indicate that there is a constantly growing respect for Cryptic Masonry among the members, who are appreciating more and more the value of the lessons taught in these degrees.

"This result is attendant on the increasing care with which our Officers are presenting them and the elimination of every suspicion of levity. The story of the Secret Vault is told with a dignity which commands the respect of all who are privileged to listen to it.

"On the whole, in spite of the present attitude of marking time, I consider the condition of our Jurisdiction as safe and satisfactory, looking forward to a natural growth and improvement as the years go by."

Reference is made to the wonderful celebration of the Hunredth Anniversary of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, of which we shall speak more fully later on.

In the concluding part of the Address the lovable, sterling personality of the Grand Master reveals itself so winningly, and the thoughts he offers are so inspiring that we shall pass on to our readers the words of his appeal to the hearts of the Companions:

"One cannot avoid the feeling of regret in laying aside responsibilities that have become second nature, but this is entirely smothered by the memories of the joys of service and the riches of friendship. For when all is said and fully convinced of the value of Freemasonry

to humanity, there remains what to me is the choicest Jewel of the Craft: Friendship. It discovers the qualities and character in a man that remain concealed in almost every other contact.

"Without friendship, our Craft could not accomplish what it sets out to do—our beneficence would come to naught and without the foundation of friendship, the efforts to build character in the hearts and minds of men would fail.

"So my parting word to you is an exhortation to develop and practice the quality of friendship. Let us find the good which is in every man and by our friendship help him to cast out the evil.

"Make of our friendship a thing that other men will value and in making themselves worthy of it, will raise themselves to a higher level, and in the end we will find that we too, will have advanced farther on the road to perfection than we ever dreamed possible.

"Happy is Cryptic Masonry in the emphasis it places on Friendship."

ARTHUR D. PRINCE is a master-builder. The influence of his personality and work has been and will continue to be a blessing to the Cryptic Rite, as it has been and is in the Grand Lodge and the field of Freemasonry generally. His constructive leadership is ever in demand and always generously placed at the service of the Craft. May GOD preserve his vigor through many years to come for the good of all of us!

Companion WALTER S. YOUNG, Superintendent of the Schools of Worcester delivered an address which is characterized as "masterly" but is not published.

The Committee on Ritual has given much thought and labor to its particular task. As regards the Super-Excellent Master degree it reports that the adopted Ritual should be allowed to stand the test of time and use and that "its merits should not be confused by continually altering its form or language." A "Dialogue of the Ninth Arch" has been provided and will be made part of the work of the Select Master degree, without otherwise changing the Ritual. A slight change is suggested in the disposition of the furniture, the sanctum sanctorum being represented about the Altar in the second as well as the first section of the Royal Master degree. A form of changing from one degree to another is also presented in the interest of uniformity. The report closes with this general statement:

"The Committee on Ritual is not in sympathy with any desire to change or amend the present Rituals of the Royal and Select degrees. The Work of these Degrees is so admirable in every way and so much interwoven in the fabric of our Cryptic System as to be a substantial and enduring part of the Rite. Its beauty and value can not easily be enhanced by change. This applies to the Work of the Degrees—not necessarily to the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, which, in some details, possibly may need close analysis and comparison with a view to

uniformity and accuracy. It is also true that those responsible for Ritual matters may find occasion, from time to time, to recommend certain floor movements tending to improvement over the customary forms and to uniformity in practice throughout this Grand Jurisdiction."

After the installation of the new Grand Master, the retiring Grand Master presented to his successor in office the key to the coffer containing the deposit made at the Centennial Anniversary, of which we shall speak presently, with the request that the key be duly transmitted to his successor to be continued in the charge of the future Grand Master until the year 1976, when the coffer is to be opened.

Grand Officers elected: OLIN D. DICKERMAN, *Newton*, Grand Master; ALBERT D. MILLIKEN, Deputy Grand Master; HENRIE C. FAY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; WALLACE C. KEITH, Grand Treasurer; DEAN K. WEBSTER, Assistant Grand Treasurer; FREDERICK T. COMEE, *Boston*, Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Boston on December 12, 1927.

CORRESPONDENCE

We read with keen regret that Past Grand Master EDWIN S. CRANDON has been sick throughout the year and could not write the usual Annual Review which for the past eleven years has been a helpful and greatly appreciated feature of the Massachusetts Proceedings. We trust that he may recover soon that we may have the pleasure of welcoming him back to the Round Table.

Massachusetts is to be congratulated in having been able to draft Past Deputy Grand Master ALMON B. CILLEY for the preparation of the Report on Fraternal Correspondence. He assumed the burden under great handicap, but his reviews are discriminating and well written. There is but little comment, and the facts are allowed to tell their own story. It is a good report and helpful throughout. New York for 1925 is favored by two reviews, one prepared by Companion CRANDON from an advance summary of what was done at our Elmira Assembly, and the other by Companion CILLEY from the complete volume of Proceedings.

CENTENNIAL ASSEMBLY

The celebration of the 100th birthday of the Grand Council of Massachusetts must have been an inspiring affair. Those who

are interested should try to get a copy of the Proceedings or at least a reprint of the part relating to the Centennial.

Distinguished Masons from all parts of the country were present. LEON M. ABBOTT, as Sovereign Grand Commander, spoke for the 265,000 Scottish Rite Masons in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. He said a word about Massachusetts that tells the story of the Grand Council in a nut shell; he says:

"We have been exceedingly fortunate in Massachusetts in having men to represent the Cryptic Rite who express in the largest possible measure the true tenets and principles of Masonry. They have given emphasis in their individual lives to those things which we seek to establish in the hearts of men, and so best forward the work of the Rite and of the Craft."

JOHN ALBERT BLAKE who as General Grand High Priest presided over 800,000 American Masons, talked pleasantly for a brief moment. It was probably his last public appearance before his death which occurred on November 27, 1926. His many years of service have been of great benefit to Freemasonry.

BERT S. LEE, as General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States, also spoke a brief word.

Nine Grand Councils were represented by their Grand Masters or the Deputies, of them MARTIN Q. GOOD and EUGENE E. HINMAN represented the Grand Council of New York.

ARTHUR D. PRINCE as Grand Master opened the formal exercises with a brief address which gave an atmosphere of dignity and thoughtfulness to the whole program. In it he quotes a poem by an "Unknown Author"—we wish someone would send us the name—which shall be quoted here for the inspiration it conveys.

"An old man going a lone highway
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fears for him,
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

" 'Old man,' said a fellow pilgrim near,
'You are wasting your strength with building here.
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm deep and vast and wide.
Why build you this bridge at eventide?'

"The builder lifted his old gray head.
'Good friend, in the path I have come,' he said,
'There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been as naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim.
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him.' "

Author Unknown.

The Rev. DR. JAMES STANLEY DURKEE, the new Pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, New York, was introduced as the speaker of the day, and a wonderful talk he gave. The two thoughts which he made his text were these: "The Secret Vault is but history concealed. The Keystone is but prophecy revealed."

A most impressive ceremony was the placing of a deposit of certain articles in a suitable receptacle which was then sealed and is to be preserved in the archives of the Grand Council, not to be opened until the Sesquicentennial in 1976.

The closing number was a brief message by M.·.P.·.BERT S. LEE in which he referred to an important happening in the History of the Cryptic Rite, as follows:

"About the middle of the period that you are closing today Cryptic Masonry in this country of ours—which, as you know, was Cryptic Masonry of the world—was in a very dangerous and precarious condition. Councils throughout this country were giving up their Charters and Grand Councils were dissolving. It seemed that Cryptic Masonry, that branch of Masonry which you and I love so much, was destined to lose its existence as a separate Body and to be gathered up and incorporated into another branch of Freemasonry.

"During that time a meeting of representative Masons was held in Portland. Among that band were a number of earnest, zealous, and enthusiastic members of your Grand Council. These men suggested to JOSIAH DRUMMOND that he undertake to gather together the Cryptic Masons of the United States with the idea of forming a General Grand Body of some nature, so that there might be enlisted the leaders of this Order to perpetuate Royal and Select Masonry to posterity.

"Following that meeting there was gathered in New York City in 1871 a small band of earnest, zealous and consecrated Royal and Select Master Masons. These men undertook to do a tremendous work during those times, but they were inspired with the zeal and fidelity which they had learned in the Secret Vault, and which has been so beautifully demonstrated here today in the completion of this one hundred years of work.

"From that small beginning grew what we now know as the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, a band of more than 200,000 selected men who have gone into Freemasonry because of a sincere desire for more Masonic light and information."

MICHIGAN—1927

69th Annual Assembly *Grand Rapids* May 17th

M.·.Ill.·.Neil E. Reid, G.·.M.·.

Seventy Councils. 15,768 members; net gain, 10. Cash balance, $3,261.28.

Present: All Grand Officers; fifteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of sixty-five of the seventy chartered Councils; thirty-six Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master Emerson Merriman Newell for New York. By the way, the Grand Recorder indicates in the case of both Representatives and Grand Representatives who is in attendance and who is not. Good thing. The "not present" may touch non-casehardened consciences and help build up attendances.

Among the visitors from outside the State were Grand Master Thomas L. Cochrane of the Grand Council of Canada; Ewing V. Burns, Grand Captain of the Guard, Ohio; and Thomas McKee representing Grand Master Walter P. Brown of Pennsylvania.

"The work in Michigan is reviewed," the Grand Master says in his Address and reports that "there is in general, throughout the entire State, a very wholesome and vigorous interest in the work of the Cryptic Rite." He himself is the best explanation of the advance that has been made. His enthusiasm has been an effective revival force. He visited twenty-nine Councils and inspired them by his vigorous personality. He attended also the Annual Assemblies of the Grand Councils of New York, Illinois, Ohio, and New Jersey, and participated in the Centennial Exercises and Special Assembly of the Grand Council of Massachusetts. The high tribute he pays to the universally beloved Charles A. Conover as Michigan's efficient Grand Recorder has given us particular pleasure. The Grand Lecturer, Past Grand Master Frank Scadden, also is commended "for his fidelity, industry and zeal and for the good results of his efforts."

Here is good news indeed: The Grand Master believes that "affiliation with the General Grand Council would have a considerable beneficial effect on Michigan and on the Councils in Michigan. This is how he presented the matter:

"I have given considerable attention during the year to the subject of the Grand Council of Michigan affiliating with the General Grand

Council of the United States. The affiliation does not require the affiliating Grand Council to surrender its sovereignty and it is practically at the option of the Grand Council when it will withdraw if it considers at any time that it is desirable for the Grand Council affiliating to withdraw from the General Grand Council. Wisconsin saw fit to withdraw, were permitted and afterwards during the present year have now again reaffiliated. The larger Grand Councils numerically, where the spirit of the Cryptic Rite is most active, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, and other Grand Councils, seem to suffer from no ill effect from the affiliation as are feared apparantly by some Companions in Michigan. They find the affiliation to be most excellent and most desirable and voluntarily continue therein after several years experience. I believe that the affiliation with the General Grand Council would have a considerable beneficial effect on Michigan and on the Councils in Michigan. If the Grand Council shall not consider itself well enough informed to vote upon the subject at this Assembly, I would recommend that a committee be appointed to carefully consider the proposition, and that the incoming M.·.Ill.·.Grand Master be authorized to attend the ensuing Triennial Assembly at Denver for that purpose."

The proposition that a committee be appointed for investigation and report on the matter was adopted.

We must quote yet one more paragraph from the Grand Master's remarkable Address, as it lays emphasis on a fundamental object of Freemasonry, which needs to be pushed into the foreground every now and then, when the times seem to demand it:

"Masonry is a system of morality. We recognize that our system of morality has been developed at costly price of human loss, suffering, and agony during the numberless generations that have preceded us. Our morality is the priceless heritage of countless ages and is the design drawn upon the trestle board of human life as the handiwork of our Supreme Grand Master. The thoughtless may scoff at morality, the foolish may perish by disobeying its principles and the weak and headstrong will consider it a rock of offense. Crime waves may come and crime waves may go but Masonry keeps on its teachings by its signs and symbols and by the prestige of its great and glorious name. Its work is imperishable. Masonry prizes all the body of the moral law, and the Cryptic Rite especially regards that great and priceless gem called Fidelity. By our united efforts we provoke and challenge each other to better work and to nobler achievements until at last we shall arrive at the goal of perfect manhood."

The Committee on Jurisprudence pays a unique compliment to the Grand Master. The report has all the earmarks of having been prepared by LOU B. WINSOR. Anyway this paragraph certainly sounds like coming from him:

"It is forced upon the mind of your Committee on Jurisprudence that if we always had such a fine legal mind in the office of Most Illustrious Grand Master as we have enjoyed the past year there would really be no occasion for a Committee on Jurisprudence, and the only real necessity for this report is to put ourselves in evidence and so perpetuate, if possible, the possibility of continuing the practice of honoring three of the Companions of this Grand Council by appointing them as a Committee on Jurisprudence."

The Grand Lecturer opens his excellent report with a most interesting and stirring appeal for carrying on the work of the Rite and "bringing the line up to the colors."

Grand Master COCHRANE of Canada and Grand Captain of the Guard BURNS of Ohio were elected honorary members of the Grand Council of Michigan.

The sum of $500.00 was appropriated for the relief of the Mississippi flood sufferers, on motion of Past Grand Master JOHN HAMPDEN KINGSLEY.

Grand Officers elected: DANIEL W. MCMILLAN, *Detroit*, Grand Master; JOHN P. WOOD, Deputy Grand Master; EDWIN J. MACMILLAN, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; DALLAS T. ALTON, Grand Treasurer! CHARLES A. CONOVER, *Coldwater*, Grand Recorder.

The seventieth Annual Assembly is to be held at Battle Creek, on May 15, 1928.

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master JOHN H. KINGSLEY has a way of brightening his reports that is utterly different from anybody else's. There are witty side-remarks, a sharp word now and then, cordial handclasps that make the fingers ache, allusions to baseball and Super-Excellent degree doings, and dry law enforcement, bluff opinions on all sorts of things—all done to get the rank and file to sit up and take notice and read what he has to say. Here are just a few samples chosen at random:

"A Sunday School teacher asked her class what they must first do in order to have their sins forgiven. A small boy replied, 'Sin.' "

"When it comes to the wear and tear of typewriter ribbons in listing titles, I have a Scotch tendency."

"I know there are those who love their names in print embellished with titles, but I don't humor them in their childish conceit."

"If he (speaking of a candidate for General Grand Chapter preferment) ever gets into official line in General Grand Chapter, he will find in that Body that of orators there is nothing else but."

"I would rather have a thrill out of a ball game than attempt to draw a lesson from the fate of the wretched Zedekiah."

"I have three crooked fingers and an enlarged knuckle acquired from 'taking them off the bat' without gloves, mask, breast protector or shin guards. A fellow had to hurry in those days, from the first base, if he did not hear a ball 'spat' in hands of the second baseman before he could touch the sack. Thrills! Sure, there is a thrill in pulling a play like that."

New York for 1926 is treated royally. Seven pages are devoted to it. But he did make one mistake when he said that the Grand Recorder failed to give " the home address of the reviewer;" the address appears on page 118 of the Proceedings for 1926. And one other: Not JOHN, but JAMES is the first name of our Grand Master. There are too many JOHN SMITHS now to let that slip get by.

Companion KINGSLEY is wholeheartedly in favor of Michigan's joining the General Grand Council which is now composed of thirty-nine Grand Councils, the only ones not yet included are Connecticut, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, and Michigan.

MINNESOTA—1926

57th Annual Assembly *Minneapolis* October 13th

M.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM A. JONES, G.·.M.·.

Eight Councils. 3,114 members; net *loss, 2.* Cash balance, $755.81. Total cash assets, $1,658.81.

Present: Ten of the eleven Grand Officers; fifteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of seven chartered Councils; twenty-six Grand Representatives, but no sign of New York.

The Grand Master opens his brief Address with these words:

"All Masons are builders. Some, by reason of natural ability, industry, circumstances and environment, are able to produce finer work than others who may be less favorably situated. But no builder can achieve anything really worth while, who does not first build up high ideals within himself and let his imagination have full play—within the limitations allowed by those ideals."

There being in the State only eight chartered Councils and two U.·.D.·. he was determined to visit them all. It was not his fault that six only enjoyed the benefit of his presence, the others failed to cooperate in the fixing of dates. He also attended the Mid-Summer Meeting at the Masonic Home and was present at the cornerstone laying of the Guest Lodge at that institution.

Speaking of the "Advancement of the Rite" he points out one fact about Cryptic Companionship which we all of us know

is real and which may well be used with Royal Arch Masons who have not yet become convinced that the Council has something precious to offer them. He says:

"That fine fraternal spirit and close companionship, so peculiar to the Cryptic Rite, is our dearest possession, and should be cultivated on every possible occasion. It is the natural by-product of the Council Degrees and has a value far exceeding our ability to determine or even imagine."

But where this holds true there ought to be less withdrawals and suspensions for non-payment of dues than the Grand Recorder's report enumerates. With 155 new members added during the year the net result still is a *loss* of two of the total membership. And the reason? We cannot tell. The facts are these: Eighty-six "stricken from the Roll," 39 "withdrawn," and 32 died a natural death.

The two Councils U.·.D.·. did no work at all during the year, and therefore they could not be chartered.

Minnesota is to be commended that with a very modest treasury they still donated $100.00 to the Masonic Home, in response to a recommendation by the Grand Master.

Grand Officers elected: ROBERT FIRTH, *Duluth,* Grand Master; GEORGE W. LEIGH, Deputy Grand Master; ALBERT IHM, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; THOMAS G. LEE, Grand Treasurer; JOHN FISHEL, *St. Paul,* Grand Recorder.

The fifty-eighth Annual Assembly will be held at St. Paul on October 12, 1927.

CORRESPONDENCE

M.·.Ill.·.Companion CHARLES S. SCHURMAN presents his sixteenth annual Report. That he is interesting goes without saying with all who have read him before. Sham does not go with him. He thinks straight, sees straight and hits straight. That good leadership with pep in it is the great need is insisted upon again and again. And it cannot be urged too often. We can not get anywhere without it. Putting a man in the Grand Master's chair with any other thought in mind, geographical, always being around or whatnot, is what is holding back things in so many Jurisdictions. This from CHARLEY appeals to me particularly and may well be taken to heart by those who start a man in line:

"You cannot get anything constructive out of a man who has nothing of the constructive in his make up. Where you have the constructive type of man at the head things go along all right, but unfortunately it is only seldom that this sort of personage is selected to head Masonic Bodies, Grand or constituent. We might as well face the facts as they are."

Here is your keynote. The men are there, but they must be looked for; they don't hang around. The Grand Councils which are going concerns are awake to that fact and prosper.

The closing words of Companion SCHURMAN's report show again how deeply he feels the need of making the most of our precious heritage:

"If more were made of the Grand Council might it not exert a reflex influence which would lead the Officers to make more of the constituent Body? Could not a program be arranged that would be attractive and profitable? Is there not an advantage in visitation between Grand Bodies, and would it not enhance the importance in which the Rite would be held by the members? Is it not our duty to arrange for instruction along the lines of the history, connection between the Bodies of the York Rite, and the importance of the Council in the system? It seems to us that a little effort in this direction would not only be pleasing to the Representatives who travel sometimes considerable distances to attend the Annual Assembly, but would bear fruit in greater interest in the constituent Councils. Men are interested in that about which they are best informed, and dissemination of information seems to this writer to be one of the functions of the Grand Body."

MISSISSIPPI—1927

72d Annual Assembly *Meridian* April 13th

M.·.Ill.·.ROBERT W. HINTON, JR., G.·.M.·.

Forty-four Councils. 4,183 members; net gain, 31. Cash balance, $5,267.15.

Present: All Grand Officers; Representatives of thirty-one chartered Councils; thirty-three Grand Representatives, an unusually fine showing, but New York did not show up.

Grand Master NORMAN GUNN of the Grand Council of Alabama was given a hearty welcome.

The Grand Master reports that "after due consideration from every standpoint, we decided to meet with the Grand Commandery from now on." That means that a great advance was

made toward establishing more firmly the independence and dignity of the Grand Council, by breaking away from the old combination arrangements whereby all Masonic Bodies met in the same week and at the same place. Now and hereafter there will be less embarrassment of rival attractions to divide interest. Under the former plan Grand Council had to be content with only two or three hours in which to dispose of its business.

The review of the year's work shows a healthy condition in this Jurisdiction, aside from a gratifying increase in membership. The Grand Master generously gives the credit to the "untiring and unselfish" labors of the Grand Lecturer, Companion WILLIAM H. CARTER. The District Conventions held by the Grand Lecturer have been particularly helpful toward building up the morale of the Councils.

Recognition was extended to the new Grand Councils of Delaware and Nevada.

The unrepresented Councils will be asked to explain their reasons for failure to comply with the law.

The sum of $100.00 was donated to the Natchez Protestant Home.

One hundred and seventeen Companions were suspended for non-payment of dues, two were expelled for U. M. C., forty-two dimitted. On the other hand, one hundred and seventy-four were greeted, nineteen affiliated, fifty-nine reinstated.

Grand Officers elected: JAMES N. WILLIAMS, *Indianola,* Grand Master; J. ROBERT ROWZEE, Deputy Grand Master; CLARENCE S. CULLENS, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; J. FOGGO DIXON, Grand Treasurer; EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, *Meridian,* Grand Recorder.

The selection of time and place of the 73d Annual Assembly was left to a Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master HENRY C. YAWN presents his second annual report. The reviews are clear-cut and interesting, setting forth everything worth noting, with a word of appropriate comment here and there. One page is devoted to the story of New York for 1925.

MISSOURI—1927

62d Annual Assembly *Marshall* April 25th

M.·.Ill.·.JOHN M. WALLER, G.·.M.·.

Twenty-one Councils. 11,942 members; net *loss,* 549. Cash balance, $10,282.38. Total cash resources, $23,282.38.

Present: All Grand Officers; thirteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty constituent Councils; twenty-three Grand Representatives; New York not among them.

The Grand Master extended recognition to the new Grand Councils of Nevada and Delaware and arranged a formal exchange of Representatives. His action was approved without comment.

He visited sixteen Councils, some of them more than once, and says he enjoyed "the pleasant, personal contact," though he suggests that a more liberal expense allowance be made for his successors in office, "so that they may not be hampered in this important line of their duty." While he found the work creditable in all the Councils visited by him, he expresses the hope that the Councils will have the degrees conferred entirely by their own members "rather than watch the Grand Officers and itinerant stars perform for them."

A high tribute is paid to the Grand Lecturer, Past Grand Master LOUIS MOLLER, who was his constant companion on his visits.

The large decrease in membership does not disturb him. On the contrary, he believes the clean-up was for the good of the Rite and that the records now reflect more clearly the actual condition with reference to the *bona fide* membership than they have done for some years. One Council suspended 188 members for N. P. D., after having paid on them more than $600.00 for per capita dues to the Grand Council, for which they presumably never will be reimbursed. The percentage of suspensions was particularly large in the rural sections. The record shows that 602 were greeted, 15 affiliated, and 66 reinstated; on the other hand, 944 were suspended, six expelled, 136 dimitted, and 138 died.

Three Councils have more than 1,500 members each, Shekinah Council, No. 24, leading with 1,997. Two of these Councils figure among the ten largest in the world, Indianapolis (Ind.)

holding the record in that category with 2,968, closely followed by Providence (R. I.) with 2,921.

A message of greeting was wired to M.·.P.·.Companion BERT S. LEE, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States, who is one of Missouri's own honored Past Grand Masters, whom official duties had kept away from the Annual Assembly for the first time in many years.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address suggests that the Councils may reduce to some extent at least, the number of suspensions by personal visits of zealous Companions to those who have fallen behind in their obligations.

The sum of $500.00 was appropriated for flood-relief in Southern Missouri.

General Grand Master BERT S. LEE some time ago had a handsome trophy cup made to be awarded to the Council which showed the largest net gain in membership. It was won by Josephus Council, located at Albany.

Grand Officers elected: FRANK B. MCATEE, *Springfield,* Grand Master; THOMAS H. REYNOLDS, Deputy Grand Master; KIPP C. JOHNSON, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; GIBBON W. CARSON, Grand Treasurer; RAY V. DENSLOW, *Trenton,* Grand Recorder.

The sixty-third Annual Assembly is to be held on April 23, 1928, at Mexico.

CORRESPONDENCE

This is Companion RAY V. DENSLOW's fifth Annual "Trip through the Crypt." A picture of Nebuchadnezzar goes with it. As he ferries us back and forth from Missouri to each of the other States upon the Stygian waters, he talks about Nebuchadnezzar and his contemporaries and the good and the wicked with which Super-Excellent Masters are supposed to be acquainted, though we sort of feel that they never knew before that "that Babylonian hair and beard had a little kink all its own." It might be well to set that warning to music after a style of the something that had a little meaning of its own. Speaking seriously, they who read the introduction will have a good preparation for the proper rendition of the Super-Excellent degree.

The reviews have a pleasant touch which only RAY V. can give. New York for 1926 is well presented in three pages. The Address of our Grand Master looked too long for him, not knowing perhaps that the routine padding is not read but is put in merely as a matter of record. So he may want to recall Missouri's orders to have the Grand Master "shot before sunset." And to think that the Correspondent of New York is called "a believer in pre-requisition!" We happen to know him and can imagine what he will think when he reads that.

MONTANA—1926

17th Annual Assembly *Livingston* July 12th

M.·.Ill.·.ALFRED J. ROWLAND, G.·.M.·.

Nine Councils. 943 members; net gain, 24. Cash balance, $1,883.09. Total cash assets, $2,833.09.

Present: All Grand Officers except the Grand Treasurer; eight Past Grand Masters; Representatives of the nine chartered Councils and one Council U.·.D.·.; twenty-two Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master EDWARD W. SPOTTSWOOD for New York.

The report of the Grand Master treats only of routine matters.

The Grand Recorder reported that the Proceedings of the 1919 to 1922 Assemblies would be printed soon, he having found most of the material which had been lacking to prepare a complete account. The volume has been published and we have been favored with a copy, for which we return our thanks.

Livingston Council, U.·.D.·., exemplified the Cryptic degrees. Its Dispensation was continued for another year.

Grand Officers elected: HENRY C. PICKETT, *Helena,* Grand Master; MILES S. PARSONS, Deputy Grand Master; ED. FREDLUND, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; STARRATT J. BURGESS, Grand Treasurer; LUTHER T. HAUBERG, *Helena,* Grand Recorder.

Time and place of 1927 Assembly not announced.

NEBRASKA—1926

47th Annual Assembly *Omaha* December 7th

M.·.Ill.·.George S. Ticknor, G.·.M.·.

Twenty Councils. 3,383 members, same number as the year before. Cash balance, $2,796.00.

Present: Eight of the ten Grand Officers; eleven Past Grand Masters; Representatives of sixteen Councils; twenty Grand Representatives, New York not among them.

The Grand Master has been greatly handicapped by physical disability, not having known "a single moment of ordinary health and vigor" since his election to the office of Grand Master. Finding that Grand Council had never made provision for the Grand Recorder's salary, he urges that it is about time that this matter be definitely fixed.

Though one hundred and sixty-five were received and greeted and sixteen members added by affiliation, the losses are such as to keep the membership exactly what it was the year before. Thirty-one died, twenty-two dimitted, one hundred and sixty-five lost by suspension. One Council reports a loss of fifty-three members, fifty-two of them by suspension. There is no indication that this particular Council was visited by any Grand Council Officer.

Recognition was extended to the new Grand Council of Delaware.

The salary of the Grand Recorder was fixed at $300.00 a year.

The book of Proceedings is well organized and very neat in every way.

Grand Officers elected: Clarence M. Davis, *Ord,* Grand Master; Seward E. Cogswell, Deputy Grand Master; James W. Wynkoop, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; James M. Robertson, Grand Treasurer; Lewis E. Smith, *Omaha,* Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Omaha on December 6, 1927.

No Correspondence Report.

NEVADA—1926

1st Annual Assembly *Reno* June 9th

M.·.Ill.·.ADAMS F. BROWN, G.·.M.·.

Three Councils. 136 members. Cash balance, $126.90.

The Grand Master's Address gives a brief account of the rise of Cryptic Masonry in the State of Nevada. It appears that four Councils were formed in 1896, but that they came to an untimely end soon after. Determined to start the work again, Companion ADAMS F. BROWN organized Nevada Council, No. 1, R.·.and S.·.M.·. at Goldfield, Nevada. This Council has made steady progress and is now located at Tonopah, with a membership of seventy. The interest of M.·.P.·.FAY HEMPSTEAD, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, was enlisted, with the result that two other Councils were set to work. Finally the three Councils joined together and organized the Grand Council of Nevada. This was on June 9th, 1925.

Turning now to the Grand Recorder's report we learn that the organization meeting of 1925 "in reality was merely the declaration of an intention." The building up of the operating machinery entailed considerable work and much sacrifice of time and money on the part of the Officers.

On October 22, 1925, the Grand Master issued a Dispensation to fourteen Companions of Nevada Council, No. 1, to form a Council, in the City of Reno, which now has twenty members and was given a Charter at the Assembly.

A good foundation has been laid for steady development, and the Grand Master believes that "Cryptic Masonry will grow and flourish during the coming years."

The constituent Councils were given permission to retain the original Charters which they received from the General Grand Council, "with proper notation as to the formation of the Grand Council of Nevada."

Grand Officers elected: CHARLES E. WHITESIDES, *Elko,* Grand Master; WILLIAM A. BROWN, Deputy Grand Master; HORACE J. BROWN, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; JACOB B. HUMPHREY, Grand Treasurer; GEORGE L. SWARTZ, *Elko,* Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1926

65th Annual Assembly *Concord* May 17th

M.·.Ill.·.John A. Blackwood, G.·.M.·.

Sixteen Councils. 3,729 members; net gain, 3. Cash balance, $5,081.26.

Present: All Grand Officers; fourteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of four constituent Councils; twenty-two Grand Representatives, New York not attending.

One-quarter of the Grand Master's Address is taken up by obituaries, but this is because the report is so short, taking up less than nine pages.

The Grand Master visited a number of the Councils and is quite satisfied with what he saw and heard.

Past Grand Master Andrew N. McKinnon, of New Jersey, and George O. Fearon, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in Delaware, were greeted cordially.

The small net increase in membership is due chiefly to the large death list, (eighty), the losses by suspension and dimission were only such as one would expect to find normally.

Grand Officers elected: Bert Lawrence Stebbins, *Claremont*, Grand Master; Arthur McCartney Dunstan, Deputy Grand Master; Herbert Guy Sargent, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Charles Russell Denning, Grand Treasurer; Harry Morrison Cheney, *Concord*, Grand Recorder.

The sixty-sixth Annual Assembly will be held at Concord Monday, May 16, 1927.

Correspondence

Past Grand Master Cheney, the universally beloved Harry, he of the red neck tie, presents the report. So he did survive the 13th. The reviews are brief. They were intended to be so. And there could not have been packed into them any more than there is, because the Correspondent of New Hampshire will not take in anything that is not worth passing on to others. Thank God for Harry Cheney! The time spent with him is always pleasant.

NORTH CAROLINA—1926

50th Annual Assembly *Wilmington* May 12th

M.·.Ill.·.William Richie Smith, G.·.M.·.

Twenty-one Councils. 1,943 members; net gain 143. Cash balance, $2,413.32.

Present: All Grand Officers, with exception of the Grand Treasurer; six Past Grand Masters; one Past Deputy Grand Master; one Past Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Representatives of twenty chartered Councils; twenty-six Grand Representatives, New York once more among the missing.

The Grand Council had the pleasure of greeting Grand Master Charles K. Chreitzberg of South Carolina, who was there with Companion O. Frank Hart, Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States of America. Frank visits North Carolina whenever he has an opportunity. He has many friends there.

Nothing is reported as to what the Companions of North Carolina said to the Companions of South Carolina.

The Grand Master started out his term of office by asking all Councils to fix a date for an Official Visit to be made by him, at which they were to have degree work. The first letter not having brought much response he issued a second one and made it more personal. This time he received fifteen replies and visited all the Councils that had responded. While he found some of them doing good work and held regular meetings, a large majority lacked interest and knowledge of the Ritual. In a number of visits the Grand Master was compelled to open the local Council himself, there being no one present who knew how to do it properly. He tells of his experiences quite plainly; there is no soothing and coddling the representatives with the idea that everything is lovely and that harmony prevails everywhere. Harmony is there and plenty of it, but he finds it "akin to dullness." He thinks the word tomb should be substituted for the "secret vault" as regards several Councils in North Carolina.

He presents a number of recommendations for stirring up new interest and feels quite hopeful that during the succeeding years new Councils will be put to work and prove a valuable asset to the Grand Council.

He attended the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of South Carolina and paid a visit to the Masonic Home at Greensboro, North Carolina.

It is quite evident that his heart is in Cryptic Masonry. He writes:

"When I think of that beautiful little gem of Masonry nestling between the Chapter and Commandery which is such a necessary part of a York Rite Mason's education and when I think of how some of the Councils treat it like a red-headed step-child, I sometimes get Masonically sick. But I am persuaded to believe from the somewhat increased interest during this past year that a new day is drawing for Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina, and with the adoption of the recommendations of your Grand Master, I believe that new day will be hastened."

The Grand Recorder's report is different from anything of the sort we have ever read. It deals chiefly with the Chapter and the Commandery with only an occasional reference to the Council and Shrine. His list of visits certainly does not indicate that he traveled for the Cryptic Rite.

The Report of the Committee on York Rite Library describes an undertaking revealing a fine thoughtfulness for the comfort of the residents of the Masonic Home. $3.00 is alloted for each guest for his or her religious newspaper and preferred daily paper. Reading matter is supplied also to the children of the Orphanage.

Grand Officers elected: HOWARD G. ETHERIDGE, *Asheville*, Grand Master; JAMES W. HYLTON, Deputy Grand Master; JOHN J. PHOENIX, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; EDWARD B. NEAVE, Grand Treasurer; JOHN B. GRIGGS, *Elizabeth City*, Grand Recorder.

The fifty-first Annual Assembly will be held on May 2, 1927, at High Point.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Grand Council of North Carolina is to be congratulated in having secured the services of Companion J. EDWARD ALLEN as Fraternal Correspondent. His reports for the Grand Lodge of North Carolina have won him a high reputation. We trust he will stick to the work. It will be a help to North Carolina and all of us. In his first report he discusses various questions which are uppermost in the minds of many Companions. Incidentally he makes it known that O. FRANK HART of South

Carolina is now the Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States and that everybody looks forward to his being elected as General Grand Master at the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council on September 26 and 27. To the brief reports are added three tables of membership statistics.

NORTH DAKOTA—1927

11th Annual Assembly *Fargo* January 27th

M.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM T. JOHNSTON, G.·.M.·.

Nine Councils. 871 members; net gain, 10. Cash balance, $607.93.

Present: All Grand Officers; six of the ten living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of seven chartered Councils; twenty-two Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master WALTER L. STOCKWELL for New York.

Two Companions from Canada were given a most hearty reception.

The Grand Master's Address is very brief. He has evidently worked zealously throughout the year. His list of visitations is most commendable. He also attended the Annual Assembly of Missouri.

The Grand Recorder reports that the financial condition of the Grand Council is good and that in practically all the Councils the ritualistic work is well done and there is no lack of interest and enthusiasm.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the new Grand Council of Delaware.

Grand Officers elected: OLAF L. RUSLEY, *Carrington,* Grand Master; JOHN A. GRAHAM, Deputy Grand Master; WILLIAM A. MCCLURE, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; JAMES E. TURNER, Grand Treasurer; WALTER L. STOCKWELL, *Fargo,* Grand Recorder.

The twelfth Annual Assembly will be held at Fargo, on Thursday, January 26, 1928.

Past Grand Master E. GEORGE GUTHRIE exposed himself to a draft and since then the Grand Council has held right on to him and lets him do the Fraternal Correspondence. He has been at it for ten years now. The reviews are brief. There are only twenty of them. New York is not among them. But it is all good stuff.

OHIO—1926

97th Annual Assembly *Toledo* October 4th-5th

M.·.Ill.·.ALBERT SCHOLL, G.·.M.·.

Ninety-eight Councils. 45,517 members; net gain 1,016. Cash balance, $24,407.33. Total cash assets, $26,278.83.

Present: All Grand Officers; seventeen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of ninety-six constituent Councils; Representatives of thirty-seven Grand Councils, among them R.·.Ill.·. Companion OLIVER D. EVERHARD, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, responding for New York.

It is a real joy to get hold of a volume of Proceedings so full of good things as that of our Big Brother Grand Council of Ohio. There is real substance for you. The general make-up is attractive. The Grand Recorder has facilitated the finding of all important matters by marginal references. The meaning of membership statistics is made clear by thoughtful analyses presented in convenient tables. Thanks be for it all.

The list of distinguished guests is always a formidable one in Ohio. Quite naturally everybody wants to see for himself how Ohio did it and how she does it to win and hold the leadership in the "Cryptic" field. Michigan was represented by Grand Master NEIL E. REID, Grand Recorder CHARLES A. CONOVER, and Grand Lecturer FRANK E. SCADDEN, Past Grand Everything LOU B. WINDSOR, Grand High Priest GEORGE KING PHIPPS; Canada by Grand Master THOMAS L. COCHRANE; New Jersey by Past Grand Master THOMAS F. BALLINGER; New York by Companion HARRY I. TONG, the Representative of Ohio near New York. Besides, there were numerous official representatives of all the Ohio Masonic Grand Bodies.

The Grand Master in his Address made a stirring appeal for unselfish cooperation and real brotherhood. Masonry must be lived:

"We should live it every day—that is the plan of the Supreme Architect of the Universe—and unless we Masons set definite goals—we will make little progress. If we expect Masonry to hold aloft its hoary head, we must 'let our light shine before men.'

"Masons were planned to be temples. If we make only huts and hovels of our lives, we must lay the blame where it belongs—with ourselves.

"We Masons have a part to play in this world—what will you do?"

All Councils were inspected with most gratifying results. All reports were carefully read, compared with those of previous years, and improvements noted. The Grand Master sent to each Master and Recorder a letter of acknowledgement, expressed his thanks for the zeal and fidelity displayed, and added a word of commendation for their work during the year.

He took a particular interest also in the movement to provide for the care of tuberculosis sufferers and appointed a special committee to inquire into the tuberculosis situation in Ohio.

The list of his personal visits to constituent Councils is a most extensive one and reveals a zeal to be helpful as directly as possible to all. He traveled 10,873 miles in the carrying out of this splendid endeavor.

Conferences were held with other Grand Officers and coworkers in a number of centers and accomplished great good. These conferences and the Arch Reunions held in every part of the State gave the Grand Master an opportunity to meet the Master of each and every Council and approximately 9,000 other Companions. He attributes much of the net gain in membership during the year to the Arch Reunions. He writes:

"That these Arch Reunions were a success for the cause of Cryptic Masonry is beyond doubt. They were very largely attended. Approximately 5,000 of our Companions attended these Reunions during the past year, and it was my pleasure to meet at them the Master, or his representative, and many other Officers, of each and every Council in the respective Arches. In addition to the Officers, hundreds of Companions attended each Arch Reunion. There seemed to be a general outpouring of Companions from each of the Councils in the respective Arches, and I am satisfied that the plan thus devised and worked out met with the approval of all of the Councils in the State.

"The same spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation that I had heretofore noted at Council Reunions, in previous years prevailed in each and every one of these Arch Reunions, These Reunions have been the cause of awakening interest in many Councils in the State wherein the will to

do was good enough, but the way to do was not clear, the result being that after each Reunion there followed within the Arch a very noticeable awakening in such Councils.

"One of the results of these reunions was to teach the Officers and others participating in carrying on the work of the several Councils, how to go about it and do things for the benefit of the Council, and the lessons thus learned by these Companions have proven of inestimable value to the Craft.

"I think I may say without apology that never before in the history of Cryptic Masonry in Ohio has there been better cooperation in Councils, between Councils, and among Companions generally."

From his contact with the actual work of the Councils and the problems which are always with them, the Grand Master draws a few practical suggestions which may well be pondered everywhere. He says:

"From my experience during the past year gleaned from the inspection of Councils and personal investigation, I am of the opinion that it would be well in future that each Inspector be instructed to examine carefully into the condition of the finance and membership books kept in Councils by Recorders, especially with reference to numbers suspended for N. P. D., and that he should in all instances ascertain the amount paid by the Council to the Recorder for his services. I am led to the conclusion that in a great many instances suspensions would be avoided if the Recorder received a sufficient compensation to justify him in looking more closely after the collection of dues and keeping members in good standing. In many instances I have found that Recorders are not paid enough to justify them in any extra work to collect dues; that the business of the Council is necessarily neglected because of the failure of the Council to compensate the Recorder for the necessary time it would take him to look after his duties more closely.

"It is therefore the opinion of your Grand Master, after acquainting himself fully with the work of Recorders in Councils where they are sufficiently compensated, that such Councils are able to maintain their membership in good standing at no great expense, and it is the further opinion of your Grand Master that the proper way to compensate a Recorder is to place his compensation on a per capita basis, and that the per capita allowance to a Recorder should be not less than twenty-five cents per member in our smaller Councils, and in larger Councils not less than thirty-five cents per member."

Bringing to the attention of the Companions that the Grand Council of Ohio will be one hundred years old on January 6, 1930, he recommends that necessary preparations be made for the celebration of that event. He also proposed that Past Grand Masters WILLIAM T. S. O'HARA and FRANK W. HENDLEY be appointed to prepare and publish a history of the Grand Council. Both recommendations were adopted.

After reading the inspiring Address of the Grand Master one cannot but feel that the Committee on Topical Reference was sincere and just when it paid this tribute to him:

"It is our pleasurable duty and privilege to call to the attention of Grand Council the splendid, strenuous, exacting year's labor which his Address reflects.

"Our Grand Master's broad vision of Masonry as a living, vital force and the supreme function of his office as being that of bringing together in closer companionship the members of the Cryptic Rite, has found its partial fruition in the growing spirit of true fraternity throughout the constituent Councils so manifest to all of us, which, with the impetus imparted by him, will grow and yield even far greater results in the years to come."

The Grand Recorder tells more explicitly of the difficulties under which the Grand Master labored, the objectives he pursued and the fruit his work has borne. The statement is rather long, but it is worth the space it occupies and may well find a place here for the guidance and inspiration of others:

"Our Grand Master has shown great devotion to the cause of Cryptic Masonry. Notwithstanding the handicaps of his own impaired physical condition and illness in his family, he has accomplished all that is humanly possible in the office of Grand Master in one brief year.

"Our Grand Master had at the beginning of his administration a definite program and objectives, viz.,

"1. To institute and establish the holding of Arch Reunions. In this he has met with success, and we trust that Arch Reunions will become a permanent institution.

"2. To encourage the continuance of the holding of Annual Reunions by individual Councils and to increase the number of Councils holding them. His efforts in this matter have met with hearty response and success.

"3. To urge Councils and Recorders to exert themselves in the collection of annual dues, to the end that suspensions for N. P. D. might be decreased, and reinstatements increased, and the results obtained in both of these objectives are most pleasing and satisfactory.

"4. To increase advancements over last year. In this he did not succeed, but he did succeed in bringing about gains in other ways that amply compensate, and but for the large increase in the number of deaths this Grand Council would have shown a larger net gain in membership during his administration than last year.

"5. To encourage our Companions in more extended social intercourse and the practice of the social virtues. In this his efforts have been eminently successful.

"6. To overcome apathy and seeming indifference wherever he found it, and to urge a fair reward for faithful service. In these objectives such progress was made that we may reasonably hope for their accomplishment.

"7. To banish the word 'can't' from the vocabulary of all Cryptic Masons, and its use having been confined to very narrow limits, we believe that this objective will soon be realized.

"The zeal and enthusiasm of the craft have been greatly increased by his untiring efforts. He has been quick to see the weak points and energetic in helping to overcome them. He has met his Companions on the level, treated them as equals, and by his genial, kindly, but persistent, persuasiveness, has accomplished lasting results of great meaning and

benefit, that could have been brought about in no other way. He has asked of all others charged with the duty of carrying on the work, the full performance of their duties, and in this he has been successful, and the Grand Council may confidently expect to reap, in years to come, great benefit from his efforts in the year now passing. He has set an example which will not be easy for his successors to follow, but he has left the scene of action well set, and it but remains for them to keep the cast complete and the actors moving.

"He has encouraged Councils in whose Jurisdictions available material is scarce, to lend their efforts to procuring candidates for Chapters, that Councils might further assist in developing and spreading the light of Freemasonry as taught in the blue, scarlet and purple branches of our Order.

"That our Grand Master's efforts have been highly appreciated and approved by the craft is manifested by the fact that, while there has been great activity in the administration of the affairs of Grand Council, harmony reigns supreme, and the incoming Grand Master will find neither discord nor grievance awaiting him."

The Grand Council having been organized on January 6, 1830, the 100th Anniversary is approaching fast. The Grand Master recommends the appointment of a Committee to make the necessary preparations. The Grand Recorder gives comparative lists of Councils showing the number of candidates advanced during the year. Nine Councils held between them one hundred and nine Assemblies, took in six hundred and fifty-seven new members and showed a total net gain of four hundred. Every page shows that there has been much activity.

The National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanitoria Association was approved and a Committee of three appointed to spread education regarding the care of sufferers of tuberculosis. The sum of $100.00 was donated to the Sanatoria Association.

The sum of $200.00 was contributed to the Florida Relief Fund.

Recognition was extended to the new Grand Council of Delaware.

Each Council, U.·.D.·. is required to confer the Cryptic Degrees, including the Super-Excellent Master, before a Charter can be granted.

A very interesting report of the Ohio Masonic Home was presented by Companion WILLIAM A. BELT who is the Trustee of that Institution.

An Ark was on display that the Companions might see how it ought to look, its correct size and inscription, also the cubical stone on which it should rest.

Past Grand Master GRAFTON M. ACKLIN spoke of a meeting held at Toledo forty years ago, in 1886, and mentioned that only four survivors are left, of which he himself is one. He added that it makes him and his three comrades happy to think that as they drop out of the ranks there step forward others to take up the work and carry it on.

Grand Officers elected: HARVEY M. REIN, *Youngstown*, Grand Master; OLIVER D. EVERHARD, Deputy Grand Master; ROY S. ROGERS, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; FRANK H. MARQUIS, Grand Treasurer; WILLIAM T. S. O'HARA, *Toledo*, Grand Recorder.

The Ninety-eighth Annual Assembly will be held October 3 and 4, 1927, at Youngstown, Ohio.

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Everything and Present General Grand Steward of the General Grand Council, Companion NELSON WILLIAMS, has at last joined the ranks of the veterans; this is his twenty-first Annual Report. While his physical eyes have grown somewhat dimmer his field of vision has been greatly enlarged he says. His reviews show that he read every volume that has come to him with keen interest. Speaking of the many suspensions for non-payment of dues and other things he suggests that the lopping off of the dead limbs and careful pruning can only do good if thereby we get rid of those who join only and add nothing to the standing of the Rite while they tend "to embarrass and annoy us."

He is as helpful as ever. His kindliness speaks from every page. It is all pleasant reading, and it is informative.

New York for 1925 is well presented in two and a half pages.

Our best wishes go out to NELSE WILLIAMS!

OKLAHOMA—1927

33d Annual Assembly *Holdenville* April 19th

M.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM NOBLE, G.·.M.·.

Thirty-one Councils. 4,991 members; net gain 2. Cash balance, $6,625.99.

Present: All Grand Officers; ten Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty-five Councils; thirty-two Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master EDSON A. MACMILLAN for New York.

Grand High Priest CUSHING was there from Texas with Past Grand High Priest SAM J. HELM and was made an honorary member of the Grand Council.

The Grand Master started the year with the most laudable intention to visit all Councils in the State, but got around to only six of them. Among these was one which failed to rally a quorum for the occasion, so he staid over the meeting of the local Chapter and admonished the Cryptic Companions among those present to take more interest in Council affairs. However, there were compensations. "An excellent banquet" was enjoyed at Ada, and "an excellent chicken dinner" at Oklahoma City. The modest wish of the Grand Master was that the Grand Council might pass into the hands of a worthy successor in as good condition as it was a year before. That wish appears to have been fulfilled.

301 Companions were greeted during the year and 303 were suspended for non-payment of dues.

The Chapter and the Council at Muskogee agreed on adopting the so-called Texas Plan: The Chapter collects along with the fee for its own degrees that for the Council, and so every candidate is willy-nilly crypticised. The Grand Recorder reports that "the plan has worked well, and the Council has received more petitions than in the past year." No wonder! The Grand Recorder goes further and commends the plan to all the Councils in the State.

Past Grand Master BERT D. ASHBROOK was endorsed for a place in the official line in the General Grand Council.

Grand Officers elected: RUPERT J. DAUGHERTY, *Bartlesville*, Grand Master; DANIEL W. SWAFFAR, Deputy Grand Master; THOMAS B. FRENSLEY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; IRA B. KIRKLAND, Grand Treasurer; JAMES A. SCOTT, *Cushing*, Grand Recorder.

The thirty-fourth Annual Assembly will be held at Blackwell, on April 17, 1928.

Past Grand Master EUGENE HAMILTON reviews thirty-four Grand Councils in twenty-two pages. And it's all there and presented in admirable style. New York for 1926 is included in the list.

OREGON—1926

41st Annual Assembly *Astoria* April 13th

M.·.Ill.·.JAMES E. MARTIN, G.·.M.·.

Fourteen Councils. 2,098 members, net gain, 1. Cash balance, $1,611.80.

Present: All Grand Officers; six Past Grand Masters; Representatives of thirteen chartered Councils and two U.·.D.·.; seventeen Grand Representatives, among them Companion WILLIAM OTIS PATTERSON who responded for New York.

The Grand Recorder must have overlooked the fact that Companion WILLIAM OTIS PATTERSON who was the spokesman of the "Ambassadors" is the Grand Representative of New York near Oregon; there is no mention of his presence in the published list.

Oregon like all her Pacific sister States has magnificent distances, but that did not deter the Grand Master from resolving to visit every Council in that Jurisdiction. What is even more gratifying is that he actually visited them all. As a result he not only kept the membership from taking a great slump, but succeeded in holding such things as they were with only the dead wood eliminated. He found on his visits that the opening ceremonies were of many colors and degree, and he urges that directions be given to have the Ritual better understood and better applied. Many other practical suggestions are made in his Address. We find that he traveled 5,400 miles mostly by automobile in the discharge of his official duties, besides making other fraternal visits of which he kept no record. This is the first time in the history of Oregon that any Grand Master visited all Councils.

The Grand Recorder expresses the satisfaction of the Companions with the records sent by the Grand Master and the

good accomplished by him. Particular attention is called to two new Councils set to work by him which are flourishing and promise great strength to the Rite.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers also highly commends the Grand Master for his untiring efforts and great zeal in the promotion of the Cryptic Rite and the manner in which he handled the business of his Office.

Addresses were delivered by Grand Master JOHN T. FORSYTH and Grand Recorder HORACE W. TYLER both of the State of Washington.

The atmosphere of the report of the Proceedings of the Grand Council suggests that all had a pleasant and profitable time.

Grand Officers elected: JOHN K. KOLLOCK, Grand Master; EDMUND F. CARLETON, Deputy Grand Master; EDWARD B. BEATY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; LLOYD L. SCOTT, Grand Treasurer; J. H. RICHMOND, *Portland,* Grand Recorder.

The forty-second Annual Assembly will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 1927, at Bend, Oregon.

There is no Correspondence Report.

OREGON—1927

42d Annual Assembly *Bend* April 12th

M.·.Ill.·.JOHN K. KOLLOCK, G.·.M.·.

Fifteen Councils. 2,131 members; net gain, 22. Cash balance, $1,101.25. Total cash assets, $1,351.25.

Present: All Grand Officers; seven Past Grand Masters; Representatives of fourteen chartered Councils; twenty-two Grand Representatives, New York not among them.

In his Address the Grand Master alluded to the first Assembly in Oregon of a Council of Royal and Select Masters, held more than forty-five years since. Of the five Companions who on January 15, 1882 organized Pioneer Council, at McMinnville, under a Dispensation from the General Grand Master, he said, only one survives, the Reverend Companion J. R. N. BELL,

Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge. A telegram of fraternal greetings was sent to Companion BELL, at the suggestion of the Grand Master.

Visits to seven widely scattered Councils stand to the credit of the Grand Master.

The Grand Recorder is able to report that all the Councils reported and paid their Grand Council dues, and that not a single report had to be returned for correction. This speaks well indeed for him.

Grand Officers elected: EDMUND F. CARLETON, *Salem*, Grand Master; EDWARD B. BEATY, Deputy Grand Master; CLYDE M. MCKAY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; LLOYD L. SCOTT, Grand Treasurer; J. H. RICHMOND, Portland, Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA—1927

81st Annual Assembly *Williamsport* January 18th

M.·.P.·.S. CARBON WOLFE, G.·.M.·.

Forty-one Councils. 15,093 members; net gain, 38. Cash balance, $6,300.83. Total cash assets, $28,300.83.

Present: Seven of nine Grand Officers; fifteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty-seven chartered Councils; eighteen Grand Representatives, among them Companion JAMES H. REEDER for New York.

In Pennsylvania it is pretty well established that the chief duty of a Grand Master is to visit the Councils and inspect their work and general condition. M.·.P.·.Companion WOLFE'S list of visitations is a long one, and the report of his observations shows the serious purpose of the moving about among the Councils. He says quite justly that there is no better way for stimulating and inspiring the interest and zeal of the Companions in the work of Cryptic Masonry.

Pennsylvania sets aside $1,000.00 a year for the Grand Master's traveling expenses, of which amount $743.56 was used. The Grand Recorder's salary is $2,200.00. $500.00 is set aside to defray the expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters in

the pursuit of their official duties. The sum of $50.00 was voted to the Christmas and Entertainment Fund of the Masonic Home at Elizabethtown, and $100.00 to the Washington Memorial Fund.

Fraternal relations were established with the new Grand Council of Delaware.

A new Ritual was adopted, and the portraits of the members of the Committee which prepared it were ordered to be published in the Proceedings. The Committee was made up of two Past Grand Masters and three District Deputy Grand Masters.

Grand Officers elected: WALTER P. BROWN, *Oakmont,* Most Puissant Grand Master; WILLIAM A. BRINKMAN, Deputy Grand Master; CHARLES B. PHILLIPS, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; CHARLES W. WOLFERTZ, Grand Treasurer; RICHARD T. HUGUS, *Jeannette,* Grand Recorder.

The eighty-second Annual Assembly is to be held at Pittsburgh on January 17, 1927.

CORRESPONDENCE

Right Puissant Companion RICHARD T. HUGUS presents his third annual report which tells the story of thirty-eight Grand Councils. All matters of general interest are noted, and a word of good-natured comment is added here and there. New York for 1925 having arrived too late for review in the preceding year, it is included in the present report along with an appreciative account of the Annual Assembly of 1926.

RHODE ISLAND—1926

66th Annual Assembly *Providence* April 13th

M.·.Ill.·.WINFIELD S. SOLOMON, G.·.M.·.

Eight Councils. 5,874 members; net gain, 26. Cash balance, $3,206.49.

Present: All Grand Officers; twelve Past Grand Masters; Representatives of all the constituent Councils; twenty-five Grand Representatives, with nary a word from the one for New York.

Among the honored visitors were Grand Master DONALD J. SARGENT of New Jersey; Past Grand Master WALLACE C. KEITH

of Massachusetts, accompanied by Companion ARTHUR L. BEALS, Representative of Rhode Island near Massachusetts; Grand Master FREDERICK H. GERLACH of Connecticut accompanied by the REV. J. ROMEYN DANFORTH, Grand Chaplain of his Grand Council.

The Grand Master thoroughly enjoyed his visits to the Councils calling on them all and looking in on most of them several times. He started up an interest in intervisitations between the Councils which appears to have had excellent results: The ritualistic work is done better than ever before, the relation between the Councils has been made more cordial, and friendships between the members have been strengthened and increased.

The Grand Master attended also the Annual Assemblies of New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York. He speaks with enthusiasm of his presence at Alexandria, Virginia, on Washington's Birthday, of all he learned there and the grand monument he afterwards saw.

Referring to a report which our own Grand Lecturer made, in 1925, concerning the position of the Bible during the conferring of the Council degrees, and desiring that Rhode Island should have that matter settled also, he recommends that the Bible be open in the R.·.M.·.degree at the twenty-second chapter of Revelations; in the S.·.M.·.degree, at the thirty-first chapter of Deuteronomy; and in the S.·.E.·.M.·.degree, at the fifty-second chapter of Jeremiah. The address reflects the virility of the Grand Master.

116 Companions were dropped for non-payment of dues and 18 dimitted.

Fraternal relations were established with the new Grand Councils of Nevada and Delaware.

The question of affiliation with the General Grand Council came again to the top and once more was voted down. The diehards will no doubt have to face it again next year, and there will be less of them then. The union is bound to come in the end.

Grand Officers elected: BENJAMIN F. DOWNING, *Newport,* Grand Master; BERNARD GARDINER, Deputy Grand Master; ADELBERT E. PLACE, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; FRANK S. CONGDON, Grand Treasurer; WILLIAM R. GREENE, *Providence,* Grand Recorder; EDWARD M. WHEELER, Assistant Grand Recorder.

The sixty-seventh Annual Assembly will be held on April 12, 1927, at Providence.

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master EDWARD M. WHEELER'S report is always looked forward to with pleasure. He furnishes good solid food in an attractive manner and the genial personality of the writer is felt throughout. The secret of the success of HARRY CHENEY, whom everybody is watching is out at last. EDWARD M. writes: "In his own original and inimitable way he squeezes the fruit represented by the Proceedings of forty sister Grand Councils, and also those of the General Grand Council, collecting the juice therefrom and spreading it over forty-five printed pages." Did not think it was in HARRY to squeeze the sister Grand Councils as he seems to have done these many years.

Close to three pages are devoted to New York for 1925.

In the conclusion a number of things are talked about interestingly. There is also a list of the ten largest Councils in the world. They are recorded as follows:

	MEMBERS
Indianapolis Council, No. 2, Indianapolis, Ind.	2,968
Providence Council, No. 1, Providence, R. I.	2,921
Boston Council, Boston, Mass.	2,227
Akron Council, No. 80, Akron, Ohio.	2,166
Toledo Council, No. 33, Toledo, Ohio.	2,130
Monroe Council, No. 1, Detroit, Mich.	2,008
Mount Moriah Council, No. 2, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1,964
Cincinnati Council, No. 1, Cincinnati, Ohio.	1,936
Shekinah Council, No. 24, Kansas City, Mo.	1,917
Centralia Council, No. 34, Centralia, Mo.	1,914

SOUTH CAROLINA—1927

68th Annual Assembly *Rock Hill* April 19th

M.·.Ill.·.CHARLES K. CHREITZBERG, G.·.M.·.

Forty-one Councils. 4,188 members; net *loss,* 158. Cash balance, $1,883.62.

Present: All Grand Officers except the Captain of the

Guard; nine of the ten Past Grand Masters (fine showing!); Representatives of only twenty-six chartered Councils; twenty-two Grand Representatives, but no one to speak for New York.

The Assembly was honored by a visit from General Grand Master BERT S. LEE.

The Grand Master finds that there is "a lack of interest and general apathy" throughout the Jurisdiction of his Grand Council. "Regular Assemblies," he says, "are regular only in the fact that they are not held, and petitions for the degrees lie over from month to month without action." He places the responsibility for the discouraging condition upon the lack of proper qualification on the part of most of the Masters. He then gives his idea of what the Master of a Council ought to be. He wants him to be a man of character, a God-fearing man, who has vision and courage and executive ability, a man who appreciates the significance of the design of Cryptic Masonry and knows how to impress the truths upon the minds and hearts of the Companions, who is enthusiastic and knows how to get things done.

One visit the Grand Master was going to make had to be called off because of "a school meeting in town." In another place no Assembly could be held "on account of a conflict with a citizens' meeting in which all of the Companions were interested." He found time for only three other visits which proved a success.

Grand Officers elected: JOHN D. LEE, *Sumter,* Grand Master; LAMAR SMITH, Deputy Grand Master; E. JOHNSON BROWN, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; WALTER F. GOING, Grand Treasurer; O. FRANK HART, *Columbia,* Grand Recorder.

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master JAMES L. MICHIE presents his seventeenth Annual Review in which he tells the story of thirty-eight Cryptic Jurisdictions. It is a model of completeness and here and there is a spark of the wit for which he is known. But there is less comment, and the scissors have been kept more busy than in past years. Perhaps the record of his Grand Council for 1926 has saddened him.

TENNESSEE—1927

77th Annual Assembly *Nashville* October 13th

M.·.Ill.·.Stith M. Cain, G.·.M.·.

Twenty Councils. 2,747 members; net *loss,* 44. Cash balance, $3,693.76.

Present: All Grand Officers; thirteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of seventeen Councils; twenty-seven Grand Representatives, New York not among them.

The Grand Master is plain-spoken, modest and genial. The Address is brief but virile and informative. How much worthwhile matter he can crowd into one short paragraph is shown in this:

"All the Councils in the State have been visited by me during the year, but the condition of most of them is not encouraging. I regret very much that I was unable to do them any particular good, and I feel that all of us will have to make more strenuous effort in the future to benefit Cryptic Masonry and present its beauties to our less informed brethren. These visitations were not made at any cost to the Grand Council and I would recommend that the $100.00 appropriated for the expenses of the Grand Master be turned over to the National Masonic Tubercular Sanitoria Association."

That tells much of the man and the work he did.

Aside from leaving nothing undone to help the weaker Councils get on their feet and do the work right, he did a great thing in making clear for once that the laws governing the institution must be observed. No Dispensation was granted which would mean setting aside any plain or implied provision of the law. Requests for permission to elect Officers at any other time than that specified by the Constitution were turned down, pleasantly but firmly. To a suggestion that he recommend an amendment authorizing the Grand Master to grant such Dispensations, he answered by saying that the law should stand as it is, and adds this comment:

"If the Officers of a Council know that if they do not have a meeting in December and elect Officers, the old Officers will have to hold over for another year; it may make them anxious enough to make a special effort to have a meeting."

That is good logic and good sense. A few years more of such a stand by the Grand Master ought to be of great benefit to the Rite in Tennessee, as it would elsewhere.

Under the head of "Suspending By-Laws" the same wholesome reasoning is applied:

"In my opinion Cryptic Masonry is not considered seriously enough. The general impression seems to be that it is not necessary to pay much attention to the laws of the Grand Council, that if the law prohibits a certain thing being done, and it is desired to have a certain thing done, it is not necessary to obey the law, and that it can be set aside. When objection is made to setting such a law aside, the argument is made that in Lodges the law should be observed, but in Councils the law is very often overlooked or set aside, as strict observance is not required by the Grand Council.

"In my opinion this should not be the case, but that the laws of the Grand Council should be observed just as strictly as the laws of the Grand Lodge."

All the way through his Address the Grand Master (who is the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee) stresses self-respect as the basic condition for winning the esteem and support of the best men of the Craft, a condition which will do more for the strengthening of the Council than any other one great factor.

Just one more word from the Address:

"All the degrees in the Council are beautiful and, considering what is paid for them, the degrees are the cheapest Masonry that we have. It is cheap only in price, and, in general, Cryptic Masonry is considered entirely too cheap.... It has been considered too cheap, as the Grand Council has been taking just what it could get and was thankful for that.... The Grand Council is an independent body and should act that way."

The powerful Committee on Jurisprudence, in reporting upon the Address, pays tribute to the great work done by the Grand Master, approves his stand for strict observance of the law, but balks at some of the refreshingly frank suggestions for establishing in a telling practical manner that "the Grand Council is an independent Body and should act that way."

Referring to the decline in numerical strength, the Committee explains:

"We regret to note that the Grand Council shows a loss of membership during the year. This in a measure is attributable to the lack of work in the Royal Arch Chapters, they showing a decrease of 50% during the same period of time, and we urge that our members direct more of their energies in their respective Chapters."

But how about the dimits and suspensions for non-payment of dues? The grand Master comes far nearer to showing where the trouble must be looked for. It is always best to begin with self-examination. If that does not supply the answer, nothing else will furnish the full explanation.

An appropriate dignified "Installation Service" prepared by Grand Recorder C. H. SMART was adopted for the use of the Grand Council and the constituent Councils in Tennessee.

The sum of $50.00 was donated to the Washington National Memorial Fund.

Grand Officers elected: T. J. LUTTRELL, *Greeneville,* Grand Master; J. C. LONG, Deputy Grand Master; C. H. SIMKINS, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; CHARLES COMSTOCK, Grand Treasurer; C. H. SMART, *Nashville,* Grand Recorder.

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master M. F. FLENNIKEN, our lovable Mike, is on deck again. This is his twenty-second Annual Review, and all his old-time vigor and good-nature is there to give character to his excellent report. The best that the Proceedings supply is set forth in a pleasing manner, together with what each reviewer says of the things which appealed most to him. It makes a delightful story all the way through.

In his review of New York for 1925 he gives this bit of gratifying information concerning Tennessee's beneficent N. S. WOODWARD Student Loan Fund.

"This fund has grown to $2,200.00 and ere another year has passed we hope to increase it to $2,500.00, which in 100 years at 5% will amount to $80,000.00. What a world of good that sum will do! for we will always have deserving boys and girls who will need financial assistance in getting an education. Why not try it out in the Empire State."

He speaks of this fund again in his "Conclusion" where he writes:

"From the report of the Treasurer of the University of Tennessee as to the number assisted from the Woodward Student Loan Fund, established two years ago in Tennessee, we find sixteen students were assisted from this fund amounting to only $1,650.00. So again we have tabulated the cash on hand and invested by the Jurisdictions reviewed as amounting to the large sum of $244,490.00. Again we ask why accumulate such large sums when there are so many causes that would be benefited by the use of these monies."

It is quite evident that his heart is in this work.

Referring to the losses in membership reported by many Grand Councils, he asks the question whether the reason may not be found in the Officers of the chartered Councils.

20th Annual Assembly *Waco* November 29th

TEXAS—1926

M.·.Ill.·.W. M. OSBORNE, G.·.M.·.

Two hundred and ninety-four Councils. 39,185 (estimated) members; net gain, 954. Cash balance, $1,602.08. The statement as to net gain may not be accurate, being based on an estimate.

The Grand Master says that "the duties of the Office have not been so very laborious." As a matter of fact he does not speak of any visits to Councils or anything else that might show just what he did for the Rite during the year, except as to one thing: He writes:

"I have written to the Grand Visitors once in a communication through our *Texas Free Mason*, and through a personal letter to each of them urging them to visit their several Councils in their District and appeal to the Companions to meet, elect, install Officers and send in their Annual Report with the view of having the greatest meeting since its rehabilitation, and I am proud to say a majority replied in the affirmative for which I thank them."

And in the last paragraph of his Address we read:

"In July I learned through the Grand Recorder that quite a number of the subordinate Councils had failed to meet and elect Officers and send in their report. I wrote to quite a number of the Grand Visitors and urged them to send in their Annual Report, also a communication through our *Texas Free Mason* to the Recorders to resort to means to get the Companions to take more interest in the Council work. Some of the Councils after the regular time for electing and installing asked permission to elect. I, feeling that it may create a greater interest in Cryptic Masonry granted dispensation for same."

Yet the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports is quite pleased. It reports:

"The Committee notes with satisfaction the numerous communications and visitations made by the Grand Master to subordinate Councils, which are always calculated to arouse increased interest in those Bodies; and further that the condition generally of Councils in the State shows marked improvement, much of which may be fairly attributed to the zealous attention and encouragement of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and his coadjutors, the Grand Visitors of the several districts.

"And we specially note the effort of the Grand Master who aroused interest in delinquent Councils, and would recommend to the incoming Grand Master each and every Council reported delinquent by the Grand Master or the Grand Recorder be carefully investigated and induced to proper Masonic action and see that such Councils make returns as required by law in proper time with due remittances.

"We commend the zeal of our beloved illustrious Grand Master and his careful observation of Masonic Law and precedence as an example worthy to be followed by those who shall walk in his illustrious footsteps."

The Grand Recorder is non-commital. So there we are.

There are several indications to show that things are not what they ought to be. Take this resolution which was offered and then referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"WHEREAS: There are a large number of Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction which are failing to hold Assemblies, either stated, or for Work, owing to the difficulty in securing a quorum.

"THEREFORE: Be it resolved that Article 78, of Chapter 13, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:
Article 78.

"Quorum. Five members of a Council are required to be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business requiring a vote upon any question. A quorum being present, the vote of a less number is valid. At an Assembly called to confer degrees only, there must be five Select Masters present, but not necessarily all members of the Council doing the work.

"And also that Article 116, of Chapter 18, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:
Article 116.

"Five to elect. The ballot upon a petition or for membership must be secret, the vote must be unanimous to elect, there must be cast at least five votes, every member present when a ballot is taken is required to vote, and members of other Councils of this Jurisdiction may vote on applications for degrees but not for membership, and after the ballot has been announced it cannot be retaken. An elected candidate must receive the Royal Master's degree within twelve months after election, otherwise a new written petition will be required, to be acted upon as the original."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that "having in mind the esoteric work and the land marks" they recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

Another resolution called for the amendment of the law so that "if a Council fails to Assemble once every three months that the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council be authorized and instructed to arrest Charter of said Council."

This was evidently considered too severe, for the resolution which was adopted reads:

"If a Council fails to assemble once in six months, the Grand Master is authorized and instructed to arrest the Charter of said Council."

Fraternal recognition was extended to the new Grand Council of Delaware.

Grand Officers elected: D. C. McCord, *Dallas*, Grand Master; T. A. Doxey, Deputy Grand Master; Elam Henderson, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; L. R. Conroe, Grand Treasurer; T. M. Bartley, *Waco*, Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: *Waco*, December 5th, 1927.

Companion CLINTON P. RUSSELL whose reports it was our pleasure to read for two years, has departed; he died on December 9, 1925. He is succeeded in the Correspondent's chair by Companion SAM J. HELM who writes in a breezy style and tells a really worthwhile story interspersed with helpful comments and fine Masonic suggestions. Companion SAM we greet you, and we hope you will keep at the helm for many years to come. Texas needs you, and we like you. There!

STILLWELL of Alabama having let drop that he "knew the old Chishom trail in the days of bronchos, long-horns and prairie dogs," SAM HELM informs him that "in that country today he would find hard-surface roads, high-powered autos and so much cotton that the world can't use it at a living price, but that splendid old spirit is still there, thank goodness." It is wholesome to be reminded once in a while that our memories of things that used to be need revising from time to time. Progress is too rapid for most of us to keep up with.

SAM HELM makes progress the keynote of the whole report. But he keeps his head level. Take this note for example:

"Personally I do not believe that Masonry needs face-painting or hair-bobbing. The class thus attracted is not what Masonry needs. We need thinkers and thinking. They are not in the sus list. Let's try studying Masonry a while, and see what effect it will have."

We know what "sus" means in Latin, but in Texan it must mean something else. We're stumped, as we were when we read an earlier note about "Susses and Supers vieing with each other as topics for comment." May be he'll tell us next year.

But we were talking about progress. So here's another quotation:

"A loud report comes from the street through the office window, 'Bang!' Thirty years ago, it would have meant that a man had been shot; fifteen years ago, it would have meant that a man had been shot at; today it means that a tire has blown out. Has the meaning of Masonry changed that much, and is the change that much for the better, or has Masonry allowed a greater progress to be made by the rest of society."

That "Bang!" story may go in Texas; in Chicago and New York and some other places, I am afraid, the impressions of thirty and fifteen years are apt to get to the top even in these days.

We must not linger longer with our Texas Companion. We just wanted to pass on a touch of his lively style.

But we cannot pass by what he said of New York for 1925. The tribute paid to our Most Illustrious Companion JOSEPH L. LOCKHART is so good that all of us will read it with pleasure. After quoting from the introductory remarks of our Grand Master's Address, SAM HELM writes:

"When he (referring to Companion LOCKHART) says that they 'are the natural and inevitable results of its teachings,' he shows an insight into Masonry which is not possessed by every Companion who accepts the honor of high office. If a member has been taught Masonry and loves it, if he is indeed a good Mason, he is moved from within to so conduct himself that the fraternity may be considered all the things which GM mentioned. How important then it is that we should teach Masonry to Masons; let them stand off and behold the beautiful canvas in its entirety, as GM says.

"The good Mason does not have to flap a flag in his face to be patriotic any more than he has to parade his mother, wife and children before a Masonic body in order to love his family. All of those tender sentiments are already so deeply implanted in his heart that they are dynamic forces in his life, a part of him, controlling factors in his thoughts, words and actions. It is a pretty pass when Masons are harangued to observe the laws of common decency. If Masonic Bodies will teach Masonry and throw out all, who are not capable of being moved to higher things, we shall be making far greater progress than is accomplished by the pages devoted to buying pretty aprons and lovely jewels and enumerating the grand honors and feeds."

"Until we meet again," SAM, next year!

WASHINGTON—1926

31st Annual Assembly *Yakima* May 5th

M.·.Ill.·.JOHN T. FORSYTH, G.·.M.·.

Seventeen Councils. 3,018 members; net gain 156. Cash balance, $2,801.80. Total cash assets, $4,301.80.

Present: All Grand Officers; nine Past Grand Masters; one Honorary Past Grand Master; Representatives of thirteen constituent Councils; twenty-two Grand Representatives, New York again not among them. Last year we asked the question why we are never represented. Calling attention to the continual absence does not seem to work any change. Can't Uncle HORACE do something about it. He is the strong man of Washington.

The Grand Master served only eight months by reason of a change made in the Annual Assembly. But he crowded much work into the short space of time. He was zealous in visiting

and encouraging the Councils, kept affairs on an even keel and left behind him an impression that will yield more fruit in the future.

Recognition was extended to the new Grand Councils of Nevada and Delaware.

Grand Officers elected: WILLIAM P. WILLIAMS, *Walla Walla,* Grand Master; WILLIAM G. ROWLAND, Deputy Grand Master; HAROLD L. QUIGLEY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; HENRY L. KENNAN, Grand Treasurer; HORACE W. TYLER, *Tacoma,* Grand Recorder.

The thirty-second Annual Assembly is to be held at Spokane on May 4, 1927.

CORRESPONDENCE

The report on Correspondence is again by Companion EDWARD F. TYLER. This is his twelfth appearance. The reviews reveal great care in the preparation. Only the best things found are put down. New York for 1925 is favored by a two page review. Added to the reviews are the story of Jeremiah written by RAY V. DENSLOW, of Missouri, and a historical paper on the Cryptic Rite in Oklahoma by CHARLES E. CREAGER.

WASHINGTON—1927

32d Annual Assembly *Spokane* May 4th

M.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM P. WILLIAMS, G.·.M.·.

Seventeen Councils. 3,048 members; net gain, 30. Cash balance, $2,329.62. Total cash assets, $4,329.62.

Present: All Grand Officers; nine Past Grand Masters; Representatives of sixteen chartered Councils; twenty Grand Representatives, New York not among them.

M.·.Ill.·.Companion WESLEY C. STONE who was Grand Master in 1906 and who has been a regular attendant of Grand Council for twenty-five years, was confined to his bed by illness and sent a letter expressing his keen regret at not being able to be present this time. The Companions cheered him by a cordial message and an offering of flowers.

The Grand Master visited practically every Council in the Jurisdiction, though he lives in the extreme southeastern part of the State. He speaks very modestly of his work, but the record makes evident that he labored zealously for the Rite and met with gratifying success.

The celebration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of Tacoma Council, No. 1, appears to have been an inspiring affair. Forty-seven Royal Arch Companions received the Cryptic degrees on that occasion.

Conscientious, wide-awake, systematic, concise as he always has been, "Uncle" HORACE TYLER surpassed himself as Grand Recorder this year, there being no one else to surpass, by getting the volume of Proceedings into the mails within four weeks from the date of the Annual Assembly, thereby enabling us to include the story of Washington for 1927 in the present report.

Grand Council has started a movement to get the 1930 Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council to meet at Tacoma.

The sum of $100.00 was contributed toward the relief of flood sufferers in the Mississippi valley.

Grand Officers elected: WILLIAM G. ROWLAND, *Tacoma,* Grand Master; HAROLD L. QUIGLEY, Deputy Grand Master; OTTO A. PETTITT, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; HENRY L. KENNAN, Grand Treasurer; HORACE W. TYLER, *Tacoma,* Grand Recorder.

The thirty-third Annual Assembly is to be held at Tacoma, on May 9, 1928.

CORRESPONDENCE

Concise, comprehensive, courteous, and interesting throughout—that's the sort of report which is supplied by Companion EDWARD F. TYLER. New York for 1926 is particularly well presented. Thanks for everything!

WISCONSIN—1927

70th Annual Assembly *Milwaukee* February 16th

M.·.Ill.·.REX A. WARDEN, G.·.M.·.

Twenty-nine Councils. 9,138 members; net gain 491. Cash balance, $179.05.

Present: All Grand Officers; nine Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty-eight of the twenty-nine constituent Councils; twenty-three Grand Representatives, among them Grand Trustee EDMUND S. BAKER for New York.

The admirable work done by JOHN E. LANGDON and others before him was brought to fruition by the administration of Grand Master REX A. WARDEN, and the record is one that Wisconsin may well be proud of.

The Grand Master expressed the opinion that he could see no good reason for Wisconsin's continuing to hold aloof from the General Grand Council. Past Grand Master CHARLES E. WHELAN, the new Fraternal Correspondent, took the opposite point of view and so did the three members of a special committee, one of whom was the Grand Representative of New York near Wisconsin. A new and broader vision has come into the Rite than in recent years and those who stood for isolation and can see no good derived from personal contact with others under whatever conditions, had to give way, and a resolution to reaffiliate with the General Grand Council of the United States of America was carried. This gratifying bit of news will be welcomed everywhere.

The ever recurring argument that the Triennial of the Council is one round of festivities and social intercourse is blind to the primary fact that having a good time together is more sure to promote good fellowship and a feeling of union and cohesion than any other one thing. And having shared their joys together all will be better prepared for sympathizing with one another and to work with one another. Furthermore, those who belong have in their hands the power to make the program whatever they want it to be: all it needs is a little know-how in getting such things done.

The per capita was raised from fifteen to twenty cents a year.

Fraternal recognition was extended to the new Grand Councils of Nevada and Delaware.

Grand Officers elected: JOSEPH P. RAFENSTEIN, *Milwaukee,* Grand Master; HOWARD I. CRAWFORD, Deputy Grand Master; ORRIN H. LARRABEE, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; DAVID HARLOWE, Grand Treasurer; WILLIAM W. PERRY, *Milwaukee,* Grand Recorder.

The seventy-first Annual Assembly is to be held at Madison, February 22, 1928.

M.·.Ill.·.CHARLES E. WHELAN was Grand Master in 1921. We well remember his wonderful inspiring words touching the stirring appeal of the Royal Degree and the profound impressiveness of the Select Degree. This is Wisconsin's first appearance at the round table. We greet her and welcome Companion WHELAN into our midst. He has made an excellent start. The reviews are short. No space is wasted on things not worth mentioning. He does display a little feeling against the General Grand Council, as is evident under Indiana for example, but this and a few other things will soon look different after he has been with us for awhile.

New York for 1925 received half a page.

THE TEXAS PLAN

For the first time, to my knowledge, we are given a clear and appreciative account of the origin and workings of the Texas Plan. We are indebted to Companion SAM J. HELM for it, and he ought to know if anybody does. As the Fraternal Correspondent of the Grand Council of Texas and an enthusiastic worker in the Rite for more than a score of years, he has had the best opportunity to observe how the scheme works. There is no doubt that it has done good service, in Texas, and still does. It arose out of peculiar conditions and met the needs admirably. For ourselves we prefer the independent course and make good in conferring the degree of Select Master.

The story of the plan appears under the review of Kansas for 1926. Here it is:

"It may be well to mention that there was a Grand Council in Texas prior to the war between the States (One of the oldest Councils in California was chartered by it). Then the war came on and for four years it struggled for existence, because Texas was a vast domain, very sparsely settled, and a large portion of its men were in the army; in 1864, it disbanded after the Grand Chapter had agreed to perpetuate Cryptic Masonry as appendant degrees; in 1907, it was reorganized or rehabilitated.

"While Royal Arch Masons were discussing the desirability of re-establishing the Grand Council, it was suggested that the Grand Chapter take some step to place it on a sound footing, and the desire to do this caused a suggestion that applicants for the Capitular degrees be

advised that the Council degrees were absolutely necessary to a thorough understanding of the Chapter degrees, and that they should apply for both at the same time, the latter petition to be acted on after the Royal Arch degree had been conferred, and said action to be exactly the same as that in the Chapter.

"It was argued that Royal Arch Masons were on a different plane from an applicant for the Entered Apprentice degree, that all apprehensions concerning goats and frivolities had disappeared, and that he had now become a seeker after light in the true sense, desiring to complete his knowledge which had been left incomplete both in the Lodge and Chapter. It was then that petitions were prepared as you know them in the two bodies, separate petitions on a perforated sheet, one of which is acted on by the Chapter, and after the Royal Arch degree has been conferred, the other is presented to the Council, an investigating committee appointed and the ballot spread.

"Although this was a doubtful policy in the beginning, there has never been a case reported in which the candidate was not perfectly satisfied and, in fact, much pleased that he had received the Council degrees without further action on his part. From my own experience, which has been active work in all the American Rite bodies for more than twenty years, I am certain that Texans love the Council and a large number of them know the ritual letter-perfect, learning it from mouth to ear, enjoy the degrees to the fullest extent, and never failing to tell the newly-made Royal Arch Mason that he still has a real treat in store for him.

"It was this policy which caused many of the Grand Chapters to look askance, as they had a right to do, and the so-called Texas plan was cussed and discussed pro and con in most of the Jurisdictions. In other States today, there are zealous Companions who urge upon each candidate the necessity for immediate advancement into the Council; in others, there are zealous Knights Templar who give a candidate to understand that all of the Knights there have had the Council and it is the proper thing for him to take it—and it is of their own free will and accord in Texas, too, except in the most technical sense. I have never known of a member dimitting a Texas Council except when he was dimitting from the Chapter also."

STATISTICS OF THE

GRAND COUNCILS OF THE UNITED STATES

COMPILED 1927

Grand Councils	*Number of Councils*	*Membership*	*One Year's Net Gain*	*One Year's Net Loss*
Alabama	24	5,054	5	..
Arizona	6	552	62	..
Arkansas	30	1,573	21	..
California	33	9,662	266	..
Colorado	14	2,468	12	..
Connecticut	24	10,913	155	..
Delaware	3	224	..	..
District of Columbia	6	1,662	..	26
Florida	18	2,062	235	..
Georgia	67	5,875	193	..
Illinois	77	25,177	875	..
Indiana	74	19,850	..	74
Iowa	32	7,015	..	299
Kansas	19	6,688	137	..
Kentucky	53	4,670	..	182
Louisiana	14	1,910	..	33
Maine	17	8,577	..	40
Maryland	16	4,951	..	14
Massachusetts	30	15,630	..	18
Michigan	71	15,768	10	..
Minnesota	8	3,175	61	..
Mississippi	44	4,183	31	..
Missouri	21	11,942	..	549
Montana	10	963	20	..
Nebraska	20	3,383	..	..
Nevada	3	136	..	..
New Hampshire	16	3,729	3	..
New Jersey	13	4,075	45	..
New York	49	13,132	141	..
North Carolina	21	1,943	143	..
North Dakota	9	871	10	..
Ohio	98	45,809	292	..
Oklahoma	31	4,991	2	..
Oregon	15	2,131	22	..
Pennsylvania	41	15,093	38	..
Rhode Island	8	5,874	26	..
South Carolina	41	4,188	..	158
South Dakota	8	1,433	..	3
Tennessee	20	2,747	..	44
Texas	294	39,185	954	..
Vermont	15	1,866	..	25
Washington	17	3,048	30	..
Wisconsin	29	9,138	491	..
	1,459	333,316	4,280	1,465

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