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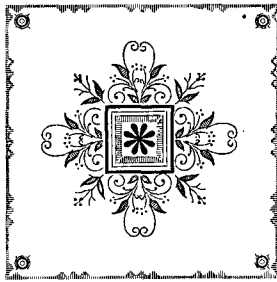
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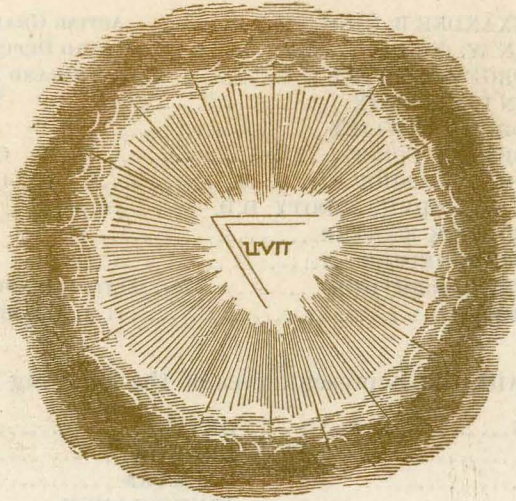


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ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL R.: & S.: M'S.:
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

GRAND COUNCIL ROOM,
MASONIC HALL, COR. SIXTH AVE. & 23D ST.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select
Masters of the State of New York convened in Annual As-
sembly in the City of New York, on Tuesday, September 8th,
A.D. 1891, Anno.: Dep.: 2891, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT.

R. III. ALEXANDER B. KING	ACTING GRAND MASTER.
R. III. JOHN W. COBURN	ACTING GRAND DEPUTY MASTER.
R. III. GEORGE A. NEWELL	GRAND P. C. OF W.
R. III. JOHN F. BALDWIN	" TREASURER.
R. III. GEORGE VAN VLIET	" RECORDER.
R. III. ALBERT W. FORCE	" C. OF THE G.
R. III. THOMAS J. BISHOP	" C. OF THE C.
R. III. Rev. W. D'ORVILLE DOTY, D.D.	" CHAPLAIN.
R. III. FREDERICK KANTER	" MARSHAL.
R. III. A. OPPENHEIMER	" LECTURER.
R. III. ARTHUR MCARTHUR	ACTING GRAND STEWARD.
III. JOHN HOOLE	GRAND SENTINEL.

Together with the Representatives of the following Councils :

COLUMBIAN.....	No. 1	ONTARIO	No. 23
UNION	" 2	DUNKIRK	" 25
BROOKLYN.....	" 4	PALMYRA	" 26
ADELPHIC	" 7	KING SOLOMON.....	" 31
CENTRAL CITY	" 13	OLEAN	" 33
BLOSS	" 14	CRYPTIC	" 37
BRUCE	" 15	CORNING	" 53
SOUTHERN TIER.....	" 16	PEEKSKILL.....	" 55
BUFFALO	" 17	ITHACA.....	" 68
DORIC	" 19	NEPPERHAN.....	" 70
KEYSTONE	" 20	ALPH-OMEGA.....	" 71
DE WITT CLINTON....	" 22		

And permanent members as follows :

G. FRED. WILTSIE	PAST GRAND MASTER.
GEO. M. OSGOODBY	PAST G. M. & PAST G. G. M.
JOHN J. MARTIN	PAST GRAND MASTER.
JOHN L. BROTHERS	" " "
R. C. CHRISTIANCE	" " "
JOHN W. COBURN	PAST G. M. & PRESENT G. G. DEP. M.
PETER FORRESTER	PAST T. I. M. OF COUNCIL NO. 1
WILLIAM SHERER	" " " " 4
GEO. NICHOLSON	" " " " 4
EDWARD M. L. EHLERS	" " " " 7
JESSE B. ANTHONY	" " " " 14
JOHN A. DAVIS	" " " " 22
GEORGE SCOTT	PAST G. M. OF N. J.

With Representatives from the following Grand Councils :

ARKANSAS.....	Represented by Comp.	C. S. HANKS.
CANADA.....	“	“
CONNECTICUT.....	“	GEO. MCGOWN.
ENGLAND, WALES, &c....	“	P. M. W. VERHOEVEN.
FLORIDA.....	“	GEO. M. OSGOODBY.
GEORGIA.....	“	JOHN F. BALDWIN.
ILLINOIS.....	“	JOHN W. CORURN.
INDIANA.....	“	W. M. POSTLEY.
KANSAS.....	“	GEO. A. NEWELL.
KENTUCKY.....	“	“
LOUISIANA.....	“	W. H. WYMAN.
MAINE.....	“	“
MARYLAND.....	“	“
MASSACHUSETTS.....	“	WM. DOWNES.
MICHIGAN.....	“	JOHN J. MARTIN.
MISSOURI.....	“	PETER FORRESTER.
MINNESOTA.....	“	JOHN L. BROTHERS.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	“	ALEX. B. KING.
NORTH CAROLINA.....	“	GEO. VAN VLIET.
NEW JERSEY.....	“	REV. W. D'O. DOTY.
OHIO.....	“	“
OREGON.....	“	“
PENNSYLVANIA.....	“	WM. SHERER.
RHODE ISLAND.....	“	“
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	“	FRED. KANTER.
TENNESSEE.....	“	ALBERT W. FORCE.
VERMONT.....	“	“
		RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form, and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master received and welcomed the Representatives of other Grand Councils, and tendered to them, and through them, to the several Grand Bodies which they represented, the greetings of the Grand Council of the State of New York.

On motion, all Companions Select Masters in good standing were invited to seats, as visitors, during this Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, except at such times as prohibited by the Constitution.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the previous As-

sembly was dispensed with (printed copies being in the hands of the Representatives).

A letter was received from M.:I.: JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr., Grand Master, announcing his inability to be present at this Assembly, by reason of sickness in his immediate family.

A letter was also received from R.:Ill.: JOHN B. HARRIS, Grand Steward, accounting for his absence from this Annual Assembly.

The following address of M.:Ill.: JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr., Grand Master, was then read, and ordered published in the Proceedings.

ADDRESS.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:

Another year of Cryptic Masonry has passed into history. We meet again to review the past and to legislate for the future. It is with great pleasure that I greet you again, wishing you a continuance of that prosperity that has been thus far vouchsased to us by the All Wise Master. And now, having united in prayer and thanksgiving to the Supreme Master of the Universe, let us take up our implements, resolved to do such work as shall advance the safety, honor and welfare of the Cryptic Rite.

OBITUARY.

Death summons away in the midst of his day and usefulness many a beloved Companion, and the evening shades of existence close around him forever. On the 19th day of May, in the City of New York, M.:I.: CHARLES W. BROWN, Past Grand Master, went to his reward. The Committee on Fraternal Dead will present an obituary notice of our deceased Companion, but as a part of the history of Cryptic Masonry, I give such data connected with his masonic life as I have been able to collect. He was born June 5th, 1838, in Oswego Co., New York. He was made a Mason, on the 25th of April,

1864, in Morton Lodge, No. 63. He was the first Master of Cornucopia Lodge, No. 563, holding that office from 1864 to 1867. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st Masonic District in 1875-76, and for several years prior to his death he was the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Washington, near that of New York. He received the degrees of Capitular Masonry in Zetland Chapter, No. 141, in 1865, and was a petitioner for Pentalpha Chapter, No. 206, and remained a member of it until his death. He was received and greeted in Union Council, No. 2, May 21, 1869; he was the first Master of Pentalpha Council No. 36, in 1869-70, and held that office also during the years 1874-5.

He affiliated with Adelpic Council, No. 7, April 4th, 1885. In 1873-74 he was Grand Marshal of the Grand Council. In 1874-75 Grand Conductor of the Council. In 1875-76 Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. From 1876 to 1880 he was Grand Deputy Master, and in 1880 he was elected Grand Master of this Grand Council, which office he held for one year. From 1875 to the time of his death he represented the Grand Council of Rhode Island near this Grand Council. He was a member of Morton Commandery, No. 4, K. T., and had attained the 32^d in the A.:A.:S.:R.: of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Upon receiving notice of his death, I issued the following letter :

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTER MASONS
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

BRANCHPORT, June 4th, 1891.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND AND SUBORDINATE COUNCILS
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK :

COMPANIONS :—*The strong hand of Death has levelled in the humiliation of the Grave* our beloved Companion MOST ILLUSTRIOUS CHARLES W. BROWN, PAST GRAND MASTER, who died in the City of New York, on the 19th ult., in the fifty-fourth year of his age.

Companion BROWN was endeared to a large circle of friends in this Grand Council by his courteous and genial nature, his unswerving devotion to, and his

long and faithful services for the welfare of, the Cryptic Rite, and his undying love of the principles of Freemasonry.

His loss will be deeply felt, greatly regretted by all who knew him, and none will mourn more sincerely than this his own Grand Council.

In testimony of our affection for him, I hereby order that this circular be read in each Council of ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS, in this State, at its next regular assembly after its receipt, and that the usual badges of mourning be displayed for the ensuing sixty days. Fraternaly,

JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr.,
Grand Master.

ATTEST :

GEO. VAN VLIET,
Grand Recorder.

We mourn the death of ALBERT JONES, a Past Master of Buffalo Council, No. 17. In his death the Cryptic Rite in Buffalo has lost an ardent supporter. He died during the last assembly of the Grand Council.

We unite with our Sister Grand Council of South Carolina, in sorrow at her bereavement, in the death of Companion W. H. D. GAILARD, who was our Representative near that Grand Council.

In the death of Companion ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, the Grand Council of Massachusetts loses one of her most brilliant and talented members, whose ready pen and instructive tongue have done so much to educate the craft throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Companion ALBERT PIKE, who, for many years, has stood as a landmark in Freemasonry, has also passed away. His erudition and learning as shown in his writings upon masonic subjects have made his name familiar to the whole masonic world.

Companion CHAPMAN died upon the 20th of March, and Companion PIKE upon the 2d of April. It was remarkable that these two Companions, both whose lives had been bound up in the same cause, should have passed away within a fortnight of each other. "They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in death they were not divided."

We are taught that "Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion;" consequently wherever the chords of sorrow in a brother's breast are swept by the hand of affliction, the masonic heart should throb in sympathy throughout the world. I am sure I express the sentiments of this Grand Council when I extend your heartfelt sympathy to all Companions, wherever dispersed, upon whom the rod of affliction has fallen.

OFFICIAL VISITATION.

In accordance with the resolution of the Grand Council I issued the following circular:

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

BRANCHPORT, October 1st, 1890.

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

In obedience to the usual resolution of the Grand Council, I herewith make the assignment of the Councils for visitation by the Grand Officers. I trust that every Grand Officer will feel the necessity of making these visitations; and in doing so that he will not only give careful attention to the condition of each Council that he is appointed to visit, but that he will use all proper means at his disposal to encourage the Officers and companions in their work in the S. V. .

I have included among the Councils thus apportioned several that are dormant, and I ask each Grand Officer to give particular attention to such of these as shall fall to his lot. In this work I feel constrained to ask the very best endeavors of my associate Grand Officers. Its importance will be recognized at once. Let us try to present to the Grand Council at its next Assembly as small a list as possible of dormant Councils,

The work which is thus brought before us is, however, not to be confined to the Grand Officers. This letter is to be read in every Council in this State, and I ask the Officers and Members to aid by their presence and encouragement in preparations for the visitations of the Grand Officers, and I particularly ask each Companion to do what he can during the ensuing year for the furtherance of the Cryptic Rite. Is there not at least one Companion in each Council who can by word or by letter do something to encourage a Companion of a dormant Council and thus aid in the important work before us? If such there be I ask his assistance.

I desire that the Officers of each Council correspond at their earliest convenience with the Grand Officer assigned to visit them, and try to bring about the

visitation as soon as possible, so that timely notice may be given to the Companions.

The Grand Officers should report to me on the 1st of September next, or as much earlier as possible.

Fraternally,

JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.,

Grand Master.

ATTEST :

GEO. VAN VLIET, *Grand Recorder.*

- R. I. ALEX. B. KING, G. D. M., Troy.
 DORIC, No. 19.....Rochester.
 PALMYRA, No. 26.....Palmyra.
 UTICA, No. 28.....Utica.
 CRYPTIC, No. 37.....Saratoga Springs.
 ZABUD, No. 46.....Schuylersville.
- R. I. GEORGE A. NEWELL, G. P. C. OF W. Medina.
 CENTRAL CITY, No. 13.....Syracuse.
 BATAVIA, No. 27.....Batavia.
 OLEAN, No. 33.....Olean.
 ITHACA, No. 68.....Ithaca.
 KONHOCTON, No. 40.....Bath.
- R. I. JOHN F. BALDWIN, G. T., 42 Vesey St., New York.
 COLUMBIAN, No. 1.....New York.
- R. I. GEORGE VAN VLIET, G. R., 16 Eighth Avenue, New York.
 BROOKLYN, No. 4.....Brooklyn.
 NEPPERIAN, No. 70.....Yonkers.
- R. I. ALBERT W. FORCE, G. C. OF THE G., Ithaca.
 SOUTHERN TIER, No. 16.....Elmira.
 BINGHAMPTON, No. 24.....Binghampton.
 CORNING, No. 53.....Corning.
 ADDISON, No. 69.....Addison.
- R. I. THOMAS J. BISHOP, G. C. OF THE C., Albany.
 BLOSS, No. 14.....Troy.
 KING SOLOMON, No. 31.....Poughkeepsie.
 HUDSON, No. 62.....Hudson.
 SING SING, No. 64.....Sing Sing.
- R. I. & REV. W. D'ORVILLE DOTY, D.D., G. CHAPLAIN, Rochester.
 BUFFALO, No. 17.....Buffalo.
 ONTARIO, No. 23.....Penn Yan.
 ALPH-OMEGA, No. 71.....Albion.
- R. I. FREDERICK KANTER, G. MAR., 813 Broadway, New York.
 DE WITT CLINTON, No. 22.....Albany.
 DEERPARK, No. 54.....Port Jervis.
 PEEKSKILL, No. 55.....Peekskill.
- R. I. A. OPPENHEIMER, G. LECT., Buffalo.
 BRUCE, No. 15.....Lockport.
 KEYSTONE, No. 20.....Buffalo.
 DUNKIRK, No. 25.....Dunkirk.
 HORNELLSVILLE, No. 35.....Hornellsville.
- R. I. JOHN B. HARRIS, G. STEW., Brooklyn.
 UNION, No. 2.....New York.
 ADELPHIC, No. 7.....New York.

These visitations have not all been made, but the Grand Officers, in their reports, have given good and sufficient excuses for such failure. From their reports, however, or from personal visitation, or from correspondence, I am able to assure the Grand Council of the continued and increasing prosperity of the Cryptic Rite in this State.

DORMANT COUNCILS.

I have given much attention to the Councils that from one cause or another have done no work and made no returns for some years past, but whose existence has not been terminated by act of the Grand Council. In some instances the results have been very gratifying, and I am able to report that Cryptic Council, No. 37, at Saratoga Springs, has resumed work with a corps of earnest and enthusiastic officers, who have already given evidence that we may expect in the near future to see Cryptic Masonry take its proper position among the masonic bodies in that village.

Hornellsville Council, No. 35, has been given new life, and with the zealous Companions in that prosperous city to aid and support it, there will be "no such word as fail." I have received much encouragement that this good work will continue if properly fostered.

I earnestly recommend to the Grand Council, and particularly to my successor in office, to take such action as shall hold out every inducement to the Dormant Councils to resume work.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the past year I have, at the request of the Grand Masters of the following Grand Councils, appointed the following Companions Representatives of this Grand Council near their own Grand Councils :

SOUTH CAROLINA.....H. F. MILER.
 WISCONSIN.....W. W. DAGETT.

I have accredited the following Companions as Representatives of the following Grand Councils near this Grand Council :

CANADA.....	GEORGE MCGOWN.
GEORGIA.....	JOHN W. COBURN.
INDIANA.....	GEORGE A. NEWELL.
CALIFORNIA.....	BYRON S. FRISBIE.
WISCONSIN.....	WILLIAM MORGAN LEE.
VERMONT.....	RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE.
RHODE ISLAND.....	FREDERICK KANTER.

I have also asked the Grand Councils of Scotland and Mississippi to make an interchange of Representatives with us. I have thus far received no response from Scotland.

From Mississippi I have received notice that since the Grand Council of New York has become a constituent of the General Grand Council, it has ceased to be the peer of the Grand Council of Mississippi; hence the latter cannot recognize it by appointing a Representative to it, or receiving one from it. This, coming as it does from the inventor of the "Merger," and from a Grand Council which would now be quietly reposing in the arms of Capitular Masonry had it not been for the organization of the General Grand Council, seems to be the most arrogant presumption. This subject has been treated at length by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whose report I would particularly invite your attention.

NEW COUNCIL.

On the 4th day of July I issued my dispensation to Companion PHILIP KECK, as T.:I.:M.:., Companion FRANK HANSON, as I.:D.:M.:., and Companion JOHN A. KARG, as I.:P.:C.:W.: of a new Council to be located at Johnstown, Fulton Co., to be known as JOHNSTOWN COUNCIL. This Council has within its jurisdiction abundant material for its future growth, and its geographical position is such that it does not interfere with any Council already established. It

will fill a long felt need in the masonic facilities in that part of the State, and I earnestly recommend that a Warrant be granted to it, and trust that its life may be a long one of usefulness and profit to the Cryptic Rite.

DECISIONS.

I have rendered the following decisions upon questions that have been submitted to me :

1. A member of a dormant Council who was in good standing when his Council cease work, has the same right to visit Councils that a member of an active Council has.
2. A Council can, between the time of the election and installation of its officers, perform any regular work or transact any regular business at a stated assembly.

INSIGNIA.

I have been asked to give a description of the apron for members of a subordinate Council. I find that the General Regulations are silent upon the size and shape of the apron, and I recommend that the General Regulations be amended by adding to Section 8 the words "rectangular, fourteen inches in depth and seventeen inches in width, and having a triangular flap, the point of which shall reach to the centre of the apron."

I have granted the following

DISPENSATIONS

to Councils to elect and install Officers :

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| January 14th. | Central City Council, No. 13. |
| " 28th. | Utica Council, No. 28. |
| " 31st. | Ontario Council, No. 23. |
| May 9th. | Cryptic Council, No. 37. |

THE CORNER STONE OF THE MASONIC ASYLUM.

On the 25th of February I received a communication from the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, in-

viting the Grand Council to assist in the ceremonies of Laying the Corner Stone of the Masonic Asylum at Utica. This I accepted on behalf of the Grand Council, and I issued the following letter to the members of the Cryptic Rite :

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

BRANCHPORT, March 16th, 1891.

“ AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY.”

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York, and to all Royal and Select Masters in fraternal accord with this Grand Council :

GREETING :

The Committee of Freemasons having in charge the erection of the Masonic Home at Utica have designated May 21st, 1891, as the date for laying the Corner-stone of that edifice.

M. W. JOHN W. VROOMAN, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, has extended an invitation to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters to assist in the ceremonies on that occasion.

As it is important that the Committee of Arrangements be informed at the earliest possible moment of our participation, it is my order that this letter be read at the first regular assembly of each Council after its receipt, and that action be taken at once to determine how many Companions will be in attendance at the ceremonies above mentioned, and report to me (without delay) the result of such action.

I trust that every Grand Officer will be present, and that every Council will be represented at least by its first three officers.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.,
Grand Master.

ATTEST :

GEO. VAN VLIET,
Grand Recorder.

Accordingly, upon the 21st day of May, the Grand Council took its place in the line of march as assigned by the Grand Marshal R. I. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, and proceeded to the site of the Asylum. There were present nearly all of the Grand Officers and representatives of many of the Councils of the State.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

It was my privilege to represent this Grand Council in the General Grand Council of the United States of America in its fourth Triennial Assembly, at Minneapolis, Minn., on July 21st. The sessions of this assembly were well attended by the Representatives of the several constituent Grand Councils, and by many visitors from the independent Grand Councils, as well as by the Representatives of the Councils subordinate to the General Grand Council. The work of the General Grand Council was marked by that harmony that has always been characteristic of this Body. At the election of officers our own JOHN W. COBURN was advanced to the second place in the Council.

CONCLUSION.

You will see from the report of the Grand Recorder that our own condition is most favorable, our increase over last year is 124, showing a steady healthy growth. We should not, however, allow this encouraging condition of the Cryptic Rite to dull our energies, but should renew our efforts to do all we can to keep the Councils up to the high standard that they have recently taken. No success can be attained without hard work, unselfish devoted work. It should be the pleasure, as well as the duty, of each of the Grand Officers to visit the Councils assigned to him, and be not merely an idle onlooker, but determined to do what he can to infuse new life and energy into each officer and member. No one should accept an office in this Grand or in any subordinate Council unless he will do his duty and do it well. The duty of the Grand Council to a subordinate does not cease with granting a charter, something more is required than merely to receive the annual dues of subordinates. The Grand Council is directly responsible for any failure in the Cryptic work in this jurisdiction. Those of you my Companions who accept office in this body, pledge yourselves thereby to give your best en-

deavors to promote the success of Cryptic Masonry. Is it saying too much that you should be held to a strict accountability? That you must be required to do your work or else make room for those who will? I am now about to vacate this position with which you have honored me, and as I do so, I reflect that although I have labored long and faithfully yet my work is not completed. He who follows me must take up this work where I lay it down, and while it can never be finished, it will ever be the ardent desire of the Grand Master to retire with the satisfaction of having faithfully performed his duty to the craft.

JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.,
Grand Master.

On motion, the Address was referred for sub-division and reference of its several parts to appropriate committees, to Companions R. C. CHRISTIANCE, SAMUEL BENNETT and P. M. W. VERHOEVEN.

On motion, it was ordered that the following telegram be forwarded to the M.:Ill.: Grand Master JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr., assuring him of our sympathy :

“The Grand Council now in session expresses sincere and loving sympathy for its Most Illustrious Grand Master in his sorrowful affliction, by reason of the illness of a member of his family near and dear to his heart, which recalled him to his home while on his way to attend this Assembly.

GEO. VAN VLIET,
Grand Recorder.”

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

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

Your Grand Treasurer presents the following :

RECEIPTS.

For the current year from the Grand Recorder.....	\$1,173 50
Balance on hand, as per last report	328 96
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	\$1,502 46

DISBURSEMENTS.

On Warrant No. 590—Grand Recorder, Salary and Expenses	\$320 50
“ “ “ 591—Chairman of Com. on For. Cor.....	75 00
“ “ “ 592—Grand Master's Expenses	15 00
“ “ “ 593—Grand Sentinel Services & Expenses.	25 00
“ “ “ 594—Printing	11 25
“ “ “ 595—Rent of Room and Safe	20 00
“ “ “ 596—Pay of Representatives	476 66
“ “ “ 597—General Grand Council Dues	13 00
“ “ “ 598—Printing Proceedings, 1890.....	200 00
“ “ “ 599—Grand Chaplain's Jewel.....	12 00
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Balance on hand.....	\$334 05

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. BALDWIN,

NEW YORK, Sept. 8th, 1891.

Grand Treasurer.

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

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

The receipts of the Grand Council for the current year have been as follows:
 For dues, as acknowledged in printed Proceedings of Annual Assembly, held
 Sept. 9th, 1890 \$1,172 50
 Attaching seal to 2 certificates 1 00
 Total \$1,173 50

The Number of Companions received and greeted during
 the year was 270
 Affiliated 4
 Restored 12 286
 Suspended during the year 89
 Dimitted 35
 Died 36
 Expelled 2 162
 Net increase 124
 Which added to the number as per last report 2997

Makes a registered membership in good standing of 3121 Comps.

On August 4th, 1891, I received from MRS. SARAH A. BROWN, Administratrix of the Estate of our late Companion CHARLES W. BROWN, the sum of Four hundred and sixty-two 71-100 (462 71) dollars, being the entire amount of principal and interest in his hands at the time of his death, as Treasurer of the Library Committee.

This amount I deposited in the Manhattan Savings Institution to the credit of the Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,



Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees :

	<i>On Credentials and Returns.</i>	
GEO. VAN VLIET.	A. D. McMASTERS.	C. C. GARRETT.
	<i>Warrants and Dispensations.</i>	
GEO. E. W. STIVERS.	THEO. M. BARBER.	WM. H. CASS.
	<i>Constitution and By-Laws.</i>	
GEO. M. OSGOODBY.	JOHN. J. MARTIN.	G. FRED. WILTSIE.
	<i>Finance and Accounts.</i>	
JOHN W. COBURN.	RICHARD M. LOCKLEY.	WM. H. WYMAN.
	<i>Unfinished Business.</i>	
JOHN V. B. GREEN.	CONRAD WEHNES.	SAMUEL BENNETT.
	<i>Fraternal Dead.</i>	
REV. W. D'O. DOTY.	E. M. L. EHLERS.	JESSE B. ANTHONY.
	<i>Grievances and Appeals.</i>	
C. S. HANKS.	FRANKLIN T. DAVIS.	W. F. CHANDLER.
	<i>Special Committee on Dormant Councils.</i>	
ROBT. B. STILES	JOHN L. BROTHERS.	GEO. MCGOWN.

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

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

Your Special Committee respectfully report that the address of the Grand Master has received due consideration, and we recommend as follows :

That so much as relates to the Fraternal Dead be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as relates to Dormant Councils be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as relates to the New Council be referred to the standing committee on Warrants and Dispensations.

That so much as relates to Decisions, Special Dispensations and Insignia, be referred to the standing committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

That so much as relates to the duties of Office be referred to the Grand Council and the Grand Master for the ensuing year for careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. CHRISTIANCE,
SAMUEL BENNETT,
P. M. W. VERHOEVEN, } Committee.

M. P.: GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the Report of said Committee as follows, which was, on motion, received and ordered printed in the Proceedings :

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

Your Committee on Correspondence would respectfully and fraternally report, That we have found it, as is usually the case, extremely difficult to obtain the Proceedings of all of our sister Grand Bodies, or even to procure information from many whose Proceedings are not printed, and we are obliged to send this report in without having any information from Alabama, California, Nebraska, or Pennsylvania. We have waited until the last moment, hoping to receive information from these jurisdictions, but are now forced to close without having received any.

In our Report last year, considering the fact that there was no subject of paramount importance to engross the efforts of our Companions in the different States at that time, in reference to the advancement of the Cryptic Rite, we suggested that the subject of making the Cryptic degrees pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood, should again be taken up and advanced to the front with the hope that a successful determination of the question in our favor might be arrived at. In reading over the reviews and opinions which are expressed in the different Grand Jurisdictions, some in favor of the proposition, others opposed to its being again brought up under the belief that such efforts would be without avail, we are inclined to the opinion that the subject should be continued in agitation until each and every Grand Jurisdiction can move along in one solid phalanx, engaged in earnest, aggressive work tending to the accomplishment of that success in this line to which, it is claimed on the part of Cryptic Masons, we are entitled.

We leave this question for the working of the leaven in the different Grand Jurisdictions, and if it is concluded that the time has come when this question should again be presented for consideration, we are ready to do our part towards its consummation, or if not now, whenever it is deemed proper to enter upon the work.

We have not yet received the Proceedings of the General Grand Council for its Triennial Assembly held at Minneapolis last July, and as it will more properly come within the province of our Grand Master to make a report in his address to you of the actions of that Assembly, we leave the entire subject for his presentation. Unfortunately, at the last moment, we were prevented from attendance by important business engagements in Court, which could not be deferred, much to our regret, but our Grand Council was ably and well represented by our Grand Master, Past M. I. Comp. JOHN W. COBURN, and by M. E. Comp. WILLIAM J. McDONALD.

Our Review at this time will cover the Proceedings and condition of the Rite in twenty-nine Jurisdictions, as follows :

Arkansas,	Kentucky,	New Hampshire,
Connecticut,	Louisiana,	North Carolina,
Canada,	Maryland,	Oregon,
England and Wales,	Massachusetts,	Ohio,
Florida,	Maine,	Rhode Island,
Georgia,	Minnesota,	South Carolina,
Illinois,	Mississippi,	Tennessee,
Indiana,	Missouri,	Vermont,
Iowa,	Michigan,	Wisconsin,
Kansas,	New Jersey	

We commence with

ARKANSAS—1890.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly was held at Little Rock, November 28th. M. I. FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Master, presided. Ten subordinate Councils were represented, together with Representatives from twelve Grand Councils, including the Representative from New York. The Address of the Grand Master, while brief, exhibited considerable work for the preceding year, principally of local interest. One new Council established under dispensation and one dormant Council re-organized. The condition of the Rite is encouraging in this jurisdiction.

The ritual adopted by the General Grand Council was adopted as the standard ritual in this jurisdiction.

The degree of Super-Excellent Master was communicated to the officers and representatives of this Body by M. I. GEORGE L. KIMBALL, Past Grand Master, who received the same at the session of the Grand Council, Georgia, 1889, and who had been authorized by the M. P. General Grand Master to communicate the same to Companions entitled to receive it in this State. The other business of the Body was of the usual routine character.

The Grand Master, whose address is Little Rock, was re-elected, and Comp. J. A. HENRY, same address, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Next Assembly at Little Rock.

CONNECTICUT—1891.

The Seventy-third Annual Assembly of this Body was held at New Haven, on May 11th. Twenty Councils were represented. Representatives from ten Grand Councils were present, including the Representative from New York. M. P. GEORGE A. KIES, Grand Master, presiding.

The Address of the Grand Master is devoted to matters principally of local interest and not necessary, for that reason, to present here, excepting, perhaps, that the attention of the Body was called to the fact that there was no provision made by it exempting members of long standing from discipline for non-payment of dues, and he recommended the adoption of such a provision. This was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported :

“That no Cryptic Mason who has been in good and regular standing for thirty years shall be liable to discipline for non-payment of dues.” This was adopted. Why make it thirty years? Why not make it the usual “generation period”? We do not think that this resolution, in its literary meaning, is of a character that will commend itself to the liberal-minded of our Connecticut Companions upon consideration. It does not exempt those specified from payment of dues, only exempts them from discipline in case they fail to pay; leaving them under the odium of not paying their dues under circumstances where the payment cannot be enforced. Why not squarely wipe out all claim for dues from the class named? They are surely entitled to such action from their long years of labor?

The work was exemplified by Harmony Council to the satisfaction of the Body. Hereafter, there is to be a Committee of five Past Grand Masters who are to witness the exemplification of the work at each Annual Assembly, and to note its imperfections, if any, individually, and to make their individual criticisms at the ending. This ought to keep the Ritual pure if any thing would do so.

The Report on Correspondence is not from our old friend and Companion, WILLIAM WALLACE LEE, but is from one who has gained distinction in the same line in other Masonic Bodies, and hence it shows a degree of ability that could not be expected from a neophyte. In the introductory remarks of Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, who has assumed the reportorial garb in this Body, he says:

“Like the Hindu maiden, who, on the banks of the Ganges, lights the oil in her tiny shell and sets it adrift on the bosom of its broad waters, an acceptable offering to the unseen powers, and as a messenger conveying her love to those who have gone out from her to a land invisible, and uttering her prayers with faith to believe that her little bark will perform its mission, somehow, and somewhere: so we launch our report on the broad and open sea of Masonic literature, trusting that the object of its mission to advance and uplift the cause of this great brotherhood, in conveying good-will to humankind, will somehow and somewhere not fall in its object.

“Freemasonry is a conservative instructor, and in the rapid disintegration of ecclesiastical thought and superstitious tradition, was never more needed than now. Amid all the ‘isms’ and ‘ologies’ that are forcing themselves upon the mind of the world, there is much to shake the foundations of pure, moral and religious thought, and lead into a blank, cruel and remorseless Atheism.

“Freemasonry holds to the eternal verities of ‘trust in God,’ some revelation in His Will, and the immortality of the soul, and by contemplating the books of nature and revelation, one is led to ponder and wonder on man’s condition—on man’s superiority over other creatures surrounding him, and through the possession of a contemplative mind, we are able to realize the nearness of the Great Creator Himself, who is the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.”

Comp. WHEELER reviews fifteen Jurisdictions, including New York for 1890. He gives us about four pages in his review, quoting what we had to say on the pre-requisite question, with approval, but expressing his fear that the desired result could not be attained. He says:

“We should be most happy if this result could be attained, but we fear that it cannot. It would complete our American System, and we believe the Commandery would not suffer in consequence.”

He gives in full our Table of data, showing the history of the Cryptic Rite, dates of organization of Grand Councils, mergers into Royal Arch Chapters, etc., and is pleased to say of it, that it “is worthy of re-production,” as valuable information.”

In his conclusion he states that he finds the Rite progressive, and in effect that the out-look is encouraging.

M. I. A. **ATHERTON L. BARNES**, New Haven, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. **JOSEPH K. WHEELER**, Hartford, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Annual Assembly will be held at Hartford, on Monday preceding the first Tuesday of June, 1892.

CANADA—1891.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Body was held at Toronto, Ontario, on March 31st. M. I. **G. J. BENNETT**, Grand Master, presiding. All of its subordinates were represented, together with Representatives of other Grand Councils, including the Representative from New York.

The Proceedings of this Body have not been printed for several years, and we are indebted to the Present Grand Master for a brief report of the Assembly, given us by letter in answer to our inquiries.

He informs us that he intends to have the Proceedings printed during the present year. We have no further information except that there was a good attendance and an increased degree of interest exhibited in the Rite.

M. I. **DANIEL F. MACWATT**, Barrie, Ont., was elected Grand Master, and R. I. **S. J. SANDFORD**, Barrie, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Assembly will be held at Toronto, in June, 1892.

ENGLAND AND WALES—1890-1891.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown (North America excepted), was held at Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W. C., on May 15th, 1890. M. I. **The Earl of Euston**, Grand Master, presiding, with a full corp of officers present, together with the Representatives of its subordinate Councils.

The Grand Representatives of ten sister Grand Councils of the United States were present, together with the Representative of the General Grand Council, U. S. A.

The Grand Treasurer's Report showed a balance in the Treasury of £86 11 1.

The Grand Lecturer reported that he had, during the past year, visited every Council to which he had been invited, and he expressed his entire satisfaction with the manner in which the Ritualistic work had been performed. He also stated that each Council had qualified itself to do its own work, and that it was a source of great pleasure to him to be able to witness the Ceremonials without the necessity of himself taking part.

The degree of Royal Master was exemplified in full by the Grand Lecturer with the assistance of the Grand Officers to the satisfaction of the Body, after which a banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of the M. I. **The Earl of Euston**, Grand Master.

The annual meeting for this year was held at the same place on March 5th. M. I. The Earl of Euston, Grand Master, presiding, with a full corp of officers present, together with Representatives from subordinate Councils and Grand Representatives from twelve sister Grand Councils of the United States, and also the Grand Representative from the General Grand Council of the United States.

The Proceedings show that the various Councils subordinate are making fair progress, and that with the exception of one each have held their stated meetings regularly. The Colonial Councils are reported as being dormant.

The cordial and fraternal relations with the Grand Councils of the United States and Canada is especially noted, and the thanks of the Body is expressed for the Report of the Proceedings of the Grand Councils of the U. S., which are sent to it, and which is stated as being expressive of "ample proof of the great interest in the Cryptic Rite taken by our American Companions, and of the success which has rewarded their labours."

The Treasury of this Body appears to continue to be well supplied with pounds, shillings and pence.

After the appointment and salutation, according to ancient custom, of the officers for the ensuing year, the degree of Royal Master was fully exemplified, and adjournment was then taken to a banquet held at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the M. I. The Earl of Euston, Grand Master.

The Proceedings contain a list of Grand Representatives appointed by this Body near sister Grand Councils, as well as of those accredited to it, and also contains the names and addresses of the Grand Recorders of the several Grand Councils of North America which are in correspondence with this Body. We are glad that these tables are added. The Proceedings also contain a table of "Succession of Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, and other Grand Officers since the formation of the Grand Council." This table is one of great historical interest, and is, we believe, an example worthy of emulatioⁿ by the Grand Councils of the United States, giving as it does the names of each of the Grand Officers, their years of service, together with the dates of the decease of such as have died. The Proceedings also contain a full list, alphabetically arranged, of the Council Companions in that jurisdiction, which is also a matter of interesting Masonic history and worthy of imitation in other jurisdictions.

This Grand Council has a constituency of seventeen subordinates, some of which are in distant colonies, Tunis, Malta, Tasmania, Australia and New Zealand.

The amount of Masonic information contained in the printed proceedings of this Body has been greatly increased from former years, and tends to exhibit the progressive zeal and enthusiasm of the Companions of the Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction, and we beg to offer our congratulations to our Illustrious Companions for their marked advancement, well deserved and only attained by their worthy efforts.

FLORIDA—1890-91.

The Eighteenth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Pensacola, November 5th. M. I. GEORGE S. HALLMARK, Grand Master, presiding.

The Proceedings for this year are not printed, but we are in receipt of a circular which gives us a brief statement of its acts, which are of local interest and of the usual routine character.

New York was duly represented by R. I. JAMES A. CHAFFIN. There are but three subordinate Councils in this Jurisdiction, each of which was represented. The Council at Key West was represented by proxy, as the geographical position of Florida is such that to have a Representative attend from it he would have to travel several hundred miles at his own expense.

R. I. Comp. JOHN CARLOVITZ, Grand Recorder, writes us :

"It has been reported that the Grand Council of Florida is dead, 'so says Mississippi,' but we have always been represented at the Assemblies of the General Grand Council, and paid our dues. Because we are poor and small in number has not lessened our energy and perseverance, and our Constitution is such that even if but one Council survives, the presence of the Grand Officers at any time of a regular Assembly, constitutes the Grand Council, such provision being as follows :

"SECTION I, ARTICLE IV. This Grand Council having been established under the usual Masonic customs and laws of the Royal Craft, and, being once formed shall continue to exist as long as it shall have members enough, permanent or otherwise, to open a Council irrespective of the representation from Subordinate Councils."

"You will thus see that it will take a long time yet to kill us out ! Our Grand Chapter at its last session appointed a Committee to inquire into our existence, but to date I have not heard a word from that Committee, excepting a letter from a party at Ocala who wrote me on the subject, proposing that the degrees had better be conferred in the Chapter. I do not know the Companion who wrote me as a Council Mason, but I have sent him copy of our Proceedings, as far as printed, to convince him that this Grand Council is by no means dead. I have not since heard from him. Two years ago a Companion at Orlando, who had formerly been a member in Kentucky tried to start a Council at that place, but when it was required that the Petition for a Dispensation should be accompanied by the Dinit of each of its signers the Dinit could not be produced, and I presume that the movement to have the Council degrees conferred in the Chapter comes from parties unaffiliated, suspended for non-payment of dues or expelled. If we cannot get genuine material except to pick up such trash who do not mean to pay dues, the Grand Council better die out and have a decent funeral which would be more honorable. I ask, as a favor, that you give this matter an extended notice in your Proceedings, if for naught else than to sustain our honor and the dignity of the General Grand Council to which we owe fealty."

The Grand Officers and Companions of this Jurisdiction deserve great credit for their exertions to and success in keeping their Grand Council from becoming extinct. On account of the small membership the dues from Subordinates have been abolished, and each individual Companion pays his pro-rata share of expenses of meeting, traveling, printing, postage, General Grand Council dues, etc., from his own pocket, and when a deficiency exists it falls upon the shoulders of our Companion CARLOVITZ.

All hail ! Companions of Florida ! of you it shall be said "Well done, good and faithful servants."

Grand Master was re-elected, address, Pensacola, and Comp. JOHN CARLOVITZ, of Milton, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Assembly will be held in Pensacola, November 4th, 1891.

GEORGIA—1891.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Body was held at Atlanta on April 29th, M. I. HENRY C. BURR, Grand Master, presiding. Ten Subordinate Councils

were represented (which includes every Subordinate in the State), together with the Representatives of other Grand Councils, not, however, including a Representative from New York; as our Representative, R. I. ANSELM STERNE, having removed from the State, a vacancy now exists.

The Proceedings have been printed but our copy was lost in the mails and our present information comes from a letter from our good friend and Companion, A. M. WOLIHIN, Grand Recorder, who has very kindly written us fully in addition to mailing us another copy (fearing that the printed matter would not reach us in time), which was well, as it has not yet come to hand. He says that the Rite is prospering and progressing steadily, and that since the last Assembly three new Councils have been started, U. D. This is an encouraging report, and to some extent credit may be given to the influence and presence of the General Grand Council at its triennial in 1889, held in that State for this result.

We understand that the Grand Master was re-elected, as well as R. I. A. M. WOLIHIN, of Macon, as Grand Recorder.

The next Assembly will be held in Macon, April 27th, 1892.

ILLINOIS—1890.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Chicago, October 29th. M. I. WILLIAM K. FORSYTH, Grand Master, presided. There were thirty-six subordinate Councils represented, together with the Grand Representatives from nineteen Grand Councils, including the Representative of New York.

The address of the Grand Master was devoted strictly to the business of the Rite. One Council (whose charter had been declared forfeited) was allowed by Dispensation to re-open and revive its work. Two other new Councils were established under Dispensation. Six Councils were visited by the Grand Master. The charters of ten Councils were ordered returned as forfeited, of which five were returned and the others reported as lost, mislaid or as being lost in the possession of Companions who had left that jurisdiction.

By a resolution adopted at the last preceding Assembly, all commissions issued to Representatives near other Grand Councils expired with the year 1889, and new commissions were issued, limited to a term of three years, to Representatives of this Body near twenty-four other Grand Councils.

The action taken by the General Grand Council at its Triennial Assembly, held in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1889, in adopting an additional Section, (15) to Article I of its Constitution, providing that "State Grand Councils shall determine the legal status of the Royal and Select Masters of their several jurisdictions," was presented with the following comment:

"This action of the General Grand Council seems to me to settle the difference of opinion that has existed between the Grand Council of Illinois and the General Grand Council for the past few years."

"The position taken by the General Grand Council of Illinois has been maintained without the sacrifice of her integrity, and if we desired to unite with the General Grand Council I am assured that the doors are now open and nothing detains us. Believing this important subject should receive the most careful consideration, I would recommend that the question of our becoming a constituent of the General Grand Council be referred to a Special Committee to report at our next Annual Assembly."

The Committee to whom was referred the Address for sub-division and reference to special committees, upon this subject, reported :

"That the recommendation of the Grand Master in relation to the appointment of a Special Committee to report at our next Annual Assembly on the question of our becoming a constituent of the General Grand Council, be concurred in."

M. I. Comps. JOHN M. PIERSON, GEORGE M. MOULTON, and NATHANIEL BOWDITCH, were appointed such Committee.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Past G. M. LEVI R. JEROME, who starts off with the maxim :

"*Magna est veritas et prevalebit.*" "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

What particular connection there is between these two diverse maxims we fail to discover.

Throughout the entire Report the same spirit prevails. The Report reviews twenty-one Jurisdictions, including the General Grand Council and our own Proceedings for 1889, but as the review is devoted principally to the difference heretofore existing between that State and the General Grand Council and its constituents, which is now a thing of the past, it is unnecessary for any review or criticism to be made at our hands.

The Rite appears to be progressing and flourishing in this jurisdiction.

M. I. GEORGE W. WARVELLE, Chicago, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. GIL W. BARNARD, Chicago, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Annual Assembly will be held October 28th, 1891, at Chicago.

INDIANA—1890.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Assembly of this Body was held at Indianapolis, October 21st. M. I. OLIVER B. SARGENT, Grand Master, presided. There were forty subordinate Councils represented, including one U. D., together with the Grand Representatives of twenty Grand Councils, including the Representative of our own Body.

The Address of the Grand Master shows one Council instituted U. D., and also two other Councils constituted by charters. The other matters contained in the Address are of local interest.

The office of the Grand Illustrious Master was abolished by unanimous vote.

The Report upon Correspondence is from the trenchant pen of M. I. HENRY W. MORDHURST, Past Grand Master, who reviews the Proceedings of twenty-two jurisdictions in addition to those of the General Grand Council for 1889, the Proceedings of New York for 1889 being included. As this review covers Proceedings for the same years which were covered by our Report in 1890, and none other, it is hardly necessary for us to make as many quotations as we would like to were that not the case, and we will have to content ourselves with calling attention in a general way to his review.

In reviewing the Proceedings of Illinois for 1889, he criticizes the statements of the Committee upon Correspondence relative to the status of the General Grand Council, in these words :

"That so able a man as Companion JEROME could write such unmitigated nonsense, is past comprehension. What a time the tail would have wagging the dog."

And he quotes Companion DRUMMOND, in his review of Illinois to sustain the position taken in reference to the healing of Chapter made Companions, establishing beyond all cavil that the Grand Council of Illinois in 1854 deliberately resolved that all Companions Royal Arch Masons who had received the degrees of the Cryptic Rite in Chapters subsequent to September 1, 1851, in Illinois, should be treated as clandestine, should not be healed, and that they could only be admitted to Councils in the regular manner.

Speaking of Companion DRUMMOND of Maine, and of his Report for 1889, he says :

"We should say that Companion DRUMMOND is the noblest Roman of all the reviewers, if he were a Roman and not an American. As it is, he certainly is the best American Masonic authority of the day, and it is a source of satisfaction to find that in every view of any importance expressed by the writer as correspondent, as well as Grand Master, especially in regard to the Illinois question, he is sustained by him. There are so many gems in his review, and he makes so many crooked things straight, that we are tempted to quote the whole of it."

The writer agrees with Companion MORDHURST in his sincere testimonial as to the standing of Companion DRUMMOND, and will add thereto by saying, that in his opinion wherever Companion DRUMMOND leads Masons may always safely follow, whether it be in Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery or Scottish Rite. None can follow his Masonic teachings without becoming wiser and better by so doing.

Upon the Pre-requisite question, Companion MORDHURST is not inclined to again attempt its adoption and does not believe that it will be successful, and under his review of the Proceedings of Minnesota, he says :

"Granting, for argument's sake, that making the degrees pre-requisite would be a good thing for Cryptic Masonry, yet when we consider that the Grand Encampment has several times had the subject under consideration, and each time has not only emphatically, but almost insolently refuse to make any concessions, why should we humble ourselves again, only to be snubbed as before? The Grand Encampment is even now chafing under the Royal Arch qualifications, and would gladly strike it out, if it could be done without offending too many of the rank and file.

"Only as late as the conclave at Washington in 1889, they snubbed his especial nonentity, the then General Grand High Priest, who thereupon mortified the General Grand Chapter with four pages of wailing and lamentation because he couldn't ride in the band wagon with the big plumbers. It was amusing to hear him say 'that an inferior body (Grand Encampment) should always show proper respect to its superiors' (General Grand Chapter), as though the former considered itself beneath the Chapter. This was the same Companion who couldn't advise the Grand Chapter of Dakota not to confer the Cryptic degrees, although he knew that the General Grand Chapter had no more to do with them than it has with the Templar Order, and he arrogantly stated that 'we as Royal Arch Masons justly claim to have reached the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry,' and 'we should know nothing as Masons but our Lodge and Chapter, as I am firmly of the opinion that we have all there is of Ancient Craft Masonry in them.'

"Why, then, say we, continue to waste our energies in a battle that can never be successful? Do as we do in Indiana, Companion LAVENING, explain matters properly to the Candidates, and in three cases out of five you get them into the Council before they go into the Commandery. And thus it is that, although we have but thirty-two Commanderies, yet there are forty-two Councils in the State.

Under "New York, 1889," speaking of our Proceedings for that year being sent to him just before their Assembly of that year, he says :

"Companion OSGOODBY kindly sent us an advance copy of the Proceedings shortly before our last meeting, but too late for review."

And in reference to the non-attendance of Indiana's Representative, he adds :

"Twenty-eight Grand Councils were represented, Indiana, as usual, not being of the number. It is time for Indiana's Representative to be doing something. If he can think of nothing else, we would suggest that he indite a tender little *billet-doux* to our Illustrious Grand Master, resigning the office that he does not fill."

This is business. If a Representative cannot attend upon the Body to which he is accredited, he should follow the course suggested. The object of having Representatives is to be represented; to be useful as well as ornamental.

Commenting further upon our jurisdiction, he says:

"New York being one of those jurisdictions where they are afraid of the wire-puller, and where, consequently, they will not permit lookers-on during the election of officers, the courtesy of inviting to seats as visitors, was extended to all Select Masters in good standing, with a string, or rather a wire, to it. Greetings were exchanged with the Grand Council of Ohio, then in session. The Grand Master, Companion RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE, submitted his address, which is patted to an alarming extent. The Council at Syracuse had been resuscitated, and wonderful to relate, a 'funeral director' had been commissioned to revive it. The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the finances to be in a fairly healthy condition. New York is the only jurisdiction that we know of, where the Grand Recorder is not permitted to publish statistics by Councils. Why this excessive secrecy we are at a loss to understand. The spirit of emulation cannot exist to any great extent where statistics of subordinates are not published."

Upon the subject of our Correspondence Report, he says:

"The Correspondence by Companion GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, Past Grand Master and Past General Grand Master, is in his usual conciliatory and fraternal vein. As we have heretofore had occasion to remark, he manages to review everything in sight, as well as that which is not in sight. Companion OSGOODBY believes with us, that Grand Bodies have the right to receive and act on petitions."

Several quotations are made from our Report of that year with fair and liberal comments.

Companion MORDHURST closes his Report as follows:

"The record of the year has been encouraging, and Cryptic Masonry continues to gain in numbers and influence. And now that all obstacles to harmony are swept away by the action of the General Grand Council, it is but reasonable to hope that even greater progress will mark the future."

"The last of the merging Grand Councils will soon be re-organized, as the Grand Chapter of Iowa will, this month, surrender the Council degrees into the proper hands. Nothing, then, remains to disturb the Cryptic world, except possibly the status of Wisconsin, and it too will be settled in a fraternal spirit consistent with the laws of Masonry, so that ultimately Comp. JEROME's lamb shall lie down with the General Grand Council's lion, and a little child shall lead them."

M. I. CHARLES W. SLICK, of Mishawaka, was elected Grand Master, and WILLIAM M. SMYTHE, of Indianapolis, Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held at Indianapolis, October 20th, 1891.

IOWA—1890.

This State is the only one of all those which adopted the "Merger" plan but which has re-traced its steps and re-organized its Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. In our Report of last year we gave a very full statement of the then condition of Cryptic Masonry in this State, and of the fact that action was then being taken for the surrender of the Cryptic Rite by the Grand Chapter to a re-organized Grand Council, and we gave a resolution in full which was adopted at the Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, by which a Committee was appointed to consider the question and to report such legislation as might seem proper to them, etc., etc.; their report to be filed with the Grand Secretary at least sixty days prior to the next Annual Convocation. This Committee performed the duty assigned to it, and M. E. F. H. LORING, Grand High Priest, in his Address to the Thirty-seventh Grand Annual Convocation of his Grand Chapter referred to the subject in these words:

"Cryptic Masonry: At your last convocation, and in obedience to your instructions, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed a Committee of five to inquire into and report upon the status of Cryptic Masonry in Iowa. Said Committee, if in their opinion, wisdom should so direct, to report a plan for the separation of Cryptic and Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. That Committee have performed the duty assigned to them and will submit a report for your action. This subject demands your careful investigation and deliberate consideration."

The Report of this Committee was presented and the consideration thereof was made a special order for the afternoon session, such report being:

"To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa:

"Your Committee, appointed at your Annual Convocation in 1889, respectfully report:

"That by agreement we met at the city of Des Moines, on the sixth day of September, 1890, and organized by selecting F. W. CRAIG as Chairman.

"We examined at some length the history of Cryptic Masonry in the United States for the last fifteen years, and considered the action that has been taken thereon both in Chapters and Councils. At about the beginning of that period, owing to a lagging interest in the Cryptic degrees in nearly all of the States, a movement was inaugurated in many of them looking to the consignment of the Royal and Select Master's degrees to the care, custody, and control of the various Grand Chapters, to be followed by the dissolution of the Grand and Subordinate Councils making such surrender, or their passage into a state of innocuous desuetude. That movement became so general that during the seven years, from the year 1876 to the 1883, the plan was followed by Mississippi, Kentucky, Arkansas, Nebraska, South Carolina, Illinois, California' (this was an error, California did not do so), 'North Carolina, Wisconsin and Iowa,' and perhaps other States. It became known in the craft as 'the Mississippi plan,' and threatened the utter dissolution of Councils in the United States, until its onward career was checked by the organization of the General Grand Council, in the year 1880.

"In 1877 a Committee, consisting of Illustrious Companions T. S. PARVIN, A. R. DEWEY, and Z. C. LUSE, was appointed by the Grand Council of Iowa to confer with a like Committee of this Grand Body and report a plan of consolidation, and the same year, at the request of that Committee, the Grand Chapter appointed a like Committee, consisting of Companions T. R. ERCANBRACK, WILLIAM PELAN, and D. S. DEERING. On the following year, 1878, the joint Committee presented a report to their respective Grand Bodies, which was adopted, and formed the plan by which the control of the Cryptic degrees fell into the hands of the Grand Chapter.

"With this proffered trust the Grand Chapter received from the Grand Council her cash assets of seventy-four and one-half dollars, which some time in the following year was placed in our Grand Chapter Charity Fund. There has been no meeting of the Grand Council of Iowa since 1878.

"When the Grand Chapter of Iowa took charge of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters it was supposed by the Royal Craft of Iowa that the dissolution of Grand Councils throughout the country would be general, and that these degrees would be gladly received by our members, especially when the same could be obtained gratuitously. But in these views so taken our members were mistaken, for in the year 1880 a General Grand Council of the United States was formed with the avowed purpose of preventing the threatened extinction of Grand Councils, and the general consignment of the Cryptic degrees to Capitular Bodies; and the Royal Arch Masons of Iowa have displayed no eagerness to possess these degrees even without money and without price. In the year 1879, the first after the merger, there was a natural rush to receive the degrees, and nine hundred and forty-nine Royal Arch Masons were made Royal and Select Masons in forty-nine Chapters, but there were then eighty-eight chartered Chapters in the State. In the following years the numbers were as follows:"

Here follows a table showing that from 1880 to 1889 inclusive there were 4,920 exalted in the Chapters, and that during the same period there were 2,549 greeted in the Chapters; this period being of ten years. The report then proceeds.

"It is evident from these figures that the merging of the degrees does not give them to a large per cent. of Chapter Masons, and yet it does reach large numbers; but the most serious difficulty is the fact that Chapter-made Council Masons are not recognized in other jurisdictions as Council Masons, and the Iowa mode of greeting is held to be clandestine."

"Every other State which adopted 'the Mississippi plan' has retraced her steps and re-organized or re-established Grand and Subordinate Councils; and every other State except Illinois has declared adherence to the General Grand Council of the United States of America.

"With this state of facts your Committee are of the opinion that there is no important principle involved, for the vindication of which we are called upon to be out of harmony with other Capitular Jurisdictions in this Republic, and if the Cryptic degrees are to be maintained in Iowa they should be so conferred that our Royal and Select Masters may be known as such in all parts of the world, the chief value of any Masonic degree being its universal recognition.

"Again, the work of the legitimate four degrees of the Chapter is at best elaborate enough for a single set of officers, and it is oftentimes a severe task to impose two more degrees which are elaborate and beautiful enough to make a grand system of themselves upon officers who already have as much as other engagements will permit them to do well. The few Chapters which continue to confer the Cryptic degrees would most certainly feel a relief to release those degrees, which now seem to be so often conferred upon unwilling candidates, to another Body.

"Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:"

"Resolved, that the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa surrender jurisdiction of the Council degrees, known as the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, in the manner and upon conditions and limitations, as follows:

"First. This Grand Body invites the Grand Officers of the Grand Council of the State of Iowa, as constituted in the year 1878, to re-establish the Grand Council of the State of Iowa and assume jurisdiction of said degrees.

"Second. That in case the persons who were Grand Officers of the Grand Council of the State of Iowa in 1878 shall fail to re-establish such Grand Council and assume jurisdiction of said degrees on or before August 1st, 1891, then the State of Iowa shall be considered as territory subject to the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council of the United States.

"Third. That until a Grand Council of the State of Iowa shall assume jurisdiction of said degrees, or until a Council of Royal and Select Masters shall be formed in this State by the Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States, said degrees shall remain under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body.

"Fourth. Provided a Grand Council of the State of Iowa shall be re-established, as contemplated in clause first hereof, this Grand Chapter will refund from its Grand Chapter Charity Fund the sum heretofore received from the Grand Council of the State of Iowa, to wit: \$74.50 and six per cent. simple interest thereon from October 1st, 1879.

"All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

F. W. CRAIG, T. R. ERCANBRACK, T. B. LACEY, F. H. LORING, GEORGE A. QUIMBY,	}	Committee."
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Upon the consideration of this report its adoption was moved and seconded; pending the discussion thereon, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

"Resolved, that the matter of proposed relinquishment of the Cryptic degrees be deferred until the next Grand Annual Convocation; that the present Committee be continued, and authorized to confer with all proper bodies and persons, with a view to ascertain whether a plan can be devised by which the Chapters in this jurisdiction may be relieved from the duty

"of conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, and at the same time all those who have received those degrees under the auspices of the several Chapters in this jurisdiction under the consolidation effected in 1878, be fully protected and retained as Royal and Select Masters."

And so the matter will rest until the next Convocation which will be held at Boone, October 22d, 1891.

We are given to understand, by private correspondence, that the report of the Committee will then be, in all probability, adopted. It was approved of by the last Grand High Priest, and is also approved of by the present Grand High Priest, as well as by the prominent Companions of that Body.

The re-organization of a Grand Council in Iowa, whether as an independent Body, or as a constituent of the General Grand Council, will be hailed with joy and congratulations by every Grand Council in the Union, as well as by its subordinates and members. And it is sure to come.

KANSAS—1891.

The Annual Assembly of this Body was held at Fort Scott, on February 16th. M. I. THEOPHILUS P. RODGERS, Grand Master, presiding. Ten Councils were represented. No statement is made as to whether there was any attendance from sister Grand Councils or not, and as the name of our Representative does not appear in the Proceedings as being present in any capacity, and from the further fact that by the table given the names of the elective Grand Officers of this Body from its organization down, it appears that our Representative, Past Grand Master DAVID BROCKWAY, has removed from that jurisdiction, we judge that there is an opening there for a new appointment.

From the Address of the Grand Master we gather that the return of its subordinates show a gratifying increase in membership, and that one new Council was instituted during the year. The other matters contained in the Address are of local interest only. The business of the Body was mostly of the usual routine.

The Report of the Committee upon "Council Returns" contains some suggestions which might prove to be beneficial in other jurisdictions, and we quote :

"The returns of the current year bear evidences of a disregard of clerical accuracy and neatness, which is not at all in keeping with the growing importance and prosperity of the Cryptic Rite of this jurisdiction. We practice mysticism ; we employ symbols ; we conduct our work in the darkened recesses of the Crypt ; but the zealous practice of our Rite does not demand that the records of our labors should be so deeply buried in the Crypt of indifference and inaccuracy that not even ages can reveal them. Our faithful brethren of ancient times buried their treasures in the secret recesses of the Ninth Arch only that they might be preserved, for they used the utmost precaution to make them intelligible to the Craft of all ages. There might be a serious question raised by the symbolic student, as to whether the work of this jurisdiction, in point of the record furnished, is in consonance with the ancient spirit. The returns contain enough information to warrant us in congratulating the Craft on the increased activity of the past year. The work throughout the State has been largely in increase of that of last year, and only one Council has failed to confer any degrees."

There is no mysticism employed by Comp. BESTER G. BROWN, the writer of this report, in concealment of his ideas upon the subject matter of such report, and his dry suggestions as to what "the zealous practice of our Rite does not demand," is good, decidedly good, and will be appreciated by our brethren of the quill. We hope that we may hear from him again. He should be further utilized for the good of the Craft in general, and particularly in the interests of the Crypt.

Certain questions were submitted to the Grand Master for his decision relative to the status of Royal Arch Companions upon whom had been conferred the Cryptic degrees in "Chapter Councils."

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved of the Grand Master's decisions, and which were in accordance with well defined Masonic law, and being so, it is unnecessary to give such questions at length.

The Ritualistic Work was exemplified by the officers of Zabud Council to the satisfaction of the Grand Body; the Ritual used being that recommended by the General Grand Council.

There is no Report upon Correspondence. The names of the Officers and Companions of Subordinate Councils are given in an appendix.

M. I. JAMES H. MCCALL, of Wichita, was elected Grand Master and Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, of Kansas City, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Assembly will be held at Leavenworth, February 15th, 1892.

KENTUCKY—1890.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Body was held at Louisville, October 21, M. I. JAMES W. STATON, Grand Master, presiding. The Representatives of twelve Councils were present; four other Councils made returns but had no Representatives present; three Councils made no returns. Grand Representatives were present from fourteen Grand Councils, including the Representative from New York.

In the Address of the Grand Master, he mentions his appointment of our Comp. WILLIAM H. WYMAN, of Dunkirk, as the Grand Representative of that Body to our own Grand Council. Considerable space is given in the Address to some questions which were raised by the Grand Master in reference to the re-appointment of a former Representative near the Grand Council of Ohio, but which appears to us as being a work of splitting hairs in order to raise a fine question which, it seems to us, was entirely unnecessary, and of such a nature that we should not give it the space which it would occupy in order to present further criticism thereon.

Speaking of the Legislation of the General Grand Council which concedes the right of the several Grand Councils to define the *status* of their own membership, the Grand Master erroneously states that such legislation conceded the right of the several Grand *Chapters* to define such *status*. We think this must have been an error of the printer or of the one who prepared the manuscript for the printer, as the Grand Master would hardly have made such a blunder in designation, knowing him, as we do, to be a careful writer and usually very accurate in his statements. Upon the subject matter of such legislation, he very properly says :

"If a Chapter-made Council Mason, who is affiliated, desires to visit a Council under the jurisdiction of a Grand Council owing allegiance to the General Grand Council, he is not asked whether he was made in a Chapter or a Council. Of non-affiliates we have nothing to say or do. If they still hold to their non-affiliation they have no one to fall back on for protection, and if they present themselves as visitors and get snubbed, it is their own fault. By non-affiliates I mean those made in Chapters during the 'merger,' and declared non-affiliates by the action of the Grand Council on its resuscitation. * * * The cause of complaint and bitterness towards the General Grand Council having been removed, so far as I am concerned,

"I am ready to bid it and its constituents God-speed, wishing it and them prosperity and usefulness. As for union with it, I see no reason to change the views heretofore held and expressed both by this Grand Council and myself."

This portion of the Grand Master's Address was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence which made its report, the same being adopted, in which they say upon this subject :

"We hail with pleasure this evidence of liberality on the part of this new Body of Cryptic Masonry, and now most cordially extend to it the right hand of fellowship, but suggest that the time is not yet ripe for an agitation of the subject of union."

Past G. M. HENRY B. GRANT being the chairman of said Committee, we hope that the subject of union will yet be favorably considered and incline to the belief, based upon the wording of this report, that union will soon be consummated.

There was no Report upon Correspondence presented, which we regret.

The Constitution was amended by the adoption of two new sections (8 and 9) to Article I, by which the so-called "Cerneau Rites" are declared to be clandestine, irregular and unmasonic; and by which this Grand Body announces and recognizes as Masonic and legitimate and regular certain Grand and Supreme Bodies, and Bodies of their own grade recognized by them respectively, and Bodies Subordinate, or in obedience to them, respectively, which are specifically mentioned and named in such amendment; the list of which Bodies is too long to insert entire herein, but which includes as part thereof, "The General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, and the Grand Councils of the several States and Territories, and Grand and Subordinate Councils recognized by them and in fraternal relations therewith." The Amendment also provides that any Royal and Select Master in its jurisdiction "who shall hold any Masonic intercourse of any kind with any Body or Rite, or any member of any Body or Rite not hereinbefore declared to be regular, legitimate or Masonic, shall be guilty of a Masonic offense, and shall be expelled."

This Amendment also provides tests to determine whether visitors to or a member of any Council is in fellowship with any Masonic Body (so-called) which is by it determined to be clandestine.

We have further to say upon this subject under Massachusetts :

M. I. GEORGE A. LEWIS, of Frankfort, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. LORENZO DOW CRONINGER, of Covington, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Assembly will be held, as near as we can figure it out, on October 7, 1891, at Louisville.

LOUISIANA—1891.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Assembly of this Body was held at New Orleans, February 12th. M. I. HENRY C. DUNCAN, Grand Master, presiding.

Four Councils were represented, and the Representatives of seventeen Grand Councils, including the Representative of New York, were present.

The Address of the Grand Master was quite brief and of local interest only. The institution of one new Council is pledged, and it is stated that there is every

reason to believe that the invigorating influences now dawning in Cryptic Masonry in this State will soon cause the Rite to make marked advancement.

There is no Report on Correspondence, which is a subject of regret to us.

The Grand Master, whose address is Alexandria, as well as Comp. RICHARD LAMBERT, of New Orleans, Grand Recorder, were re-elected. The next Assembly of this Body will be held at New Orleans on February 11th, 1892.

MARYLAND—1890.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Body was held at Baltimore, November 12th, M. I. HENRY C. LARABEE, Grand Master, presiding. Three subordinate Councils out of four were represented together with the representatives of sister Grand Councils, including New York.

No Address was delivered by the Grand Master. The Proceedings have not been printed, and we are under obligations to R. I. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, Grand Recorder, for a very full statement of the proceedings of this Assembly, and for which he will accept our thanks.

The Grand Lecturer reported a condition of stability in these subordinate Councils and in the Rite throughout this jurisdiction, and also saying that the future prospects of the Rite were much more favorable to an advancement than to the reverse.

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder, the Address of each of whom being Baltimore, were re-elected.

A brief report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, in which report he presented a table of statistics compiled by himself of the condition of the Rite in the several jurisdictions of the United States, and which we take pleasure in repeating in full, as the information contained therein is of great general interest; and our Companions of the Rite in other jurisdictions, as well as in our own, will have no opportunity of reference thereto without sending specially for it (the Proceedings not being printed), unless we so present it.

“CONSTITUENTS OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL:

<i>“Jurisdiction.</i>	<i>Active Councils.</i>	<i>Membership.</i>	<i>Royal Arch Masonry.</i>	<i>Percentage of Cryptic to Royal Arch Masonry.</i>
“ ARKANSAS	15	339	1,689	20.0
“ CALIFORNIA	9	974	4,650	20.9
“ FLORIDA	3	61	441	13.8
“ GEORGIA	10	307	1,667	18.4
“ INDIANA	42	1,881	5,099	36.8
“ KANSAS	10	415	3,917	10.5
“ LOUISIANA	3	165	584	28.2
“ MAINE	11	1,058	4,690	22.5
“ MARYLAND	4	311	1,342	23.1
“ MASSACHUSETTS	24	3,433	10,722	32.0
“ MINNESOTA	6	568	3,275	17.3
“ MISSOURI	5	266	5,265	5.0

<i>"Jurisdiction.</i>	<i>Active Councils.</i>	<i>Membership.</i>	<i>Royal Arch Masonry.</i>	<i>Percentage of Cryptic to Royal Arch Masonry.</i>
" NEBRASKA.....	7	250	2,176	11.4
" NEW HAMPSHIRE..	10	1,026	2,607	39.3
" NEW YORK.....	22	2,867	15,646	18.3
" OHIO.....	44	3,100	11,432	27.1
" OREGON.....	3	133	851	15.6
" SOUTH CAROLINA..	5	94	407	23.0
" TENNESSEE.....	7	334	2,097	15.9
" VERMONT.....	18	919	2,226	41.2

" INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.

" CONNECTICUT.....	22	2,315	4,610	50.2
" ILLINOIS.....	32	1,704	13,106	13.0
" KENTUCKY.....	22	578	2,373	24.3
" MICHIGAN.....	45	2,429	9,753	24.9
" MISSISSIPPI.....	8	161	1,072	15.0
" NEW JERSEY.....	6	370	2,736	13.5
" NORTH CAROLINA..	no returns			
" PENNSYLVANIA....	21	1,554	12,467	12.4
" RHODE ISLAND....	no returns			
" WISCONSIN.....	"			

" RECAPITULATIONS.

" No. of Active Councils, Constituents of General Grand Council.....	258
" No. of Active Councils, Independent Grand Councils.....	156
" Total number of Active Councils in United States.....	414
" Number of Cryptic Masons under General Grand Council.....	18,501
" Number of Cryptic Masons under Ind. Grand Councils.....	9,111
" Total number of Cryptic Masons in United States.....	27,612
" Number of Royal Arch Masons in G. G. Council jurisdictions.....	80,703
" Number of Royal Arch Masons in Ind. Grand Council jurisdictions..	46,117
" Total number of Royal Arch Masons in United States.....	126,900
" Average percentage of Cryptic to Capitular Masons in jurisdictions	
" under General Grand Council, 22.9; under Independent Grand	
" Councils, 19.7; total, 21.7."	

MASSACHUSETTS—1890.

The Annual Assembly of this Body was held at Boston, December 10th, M. . I. . DANIEL W. JONES, Grand Master, presiding. The Representatives of twenty Councils were present, and the Grand Representatives from twenty sister Grand Councils were also present.

In the address of the Grand Master, the decease of our lamented friend and Companion, our co-laborer in Correspondence, Past M. . I. . and Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN, is mentioned with the tribute of affection.

In our last report we gave our tribute of affectionate remembrance to this beloved Companion. In this connection we would state that a most excellent portrait of Companion DADMUN is contained in the printed Proceedings of this year, and for which the Grand Council of Massachusetts is entitled to the thanks of the friends and intimates of the deceased, and whose numbers constitute a legion.

The condition of Cryptic Masonry in this State is very gratifying, there being four hundred and twenty-three Companions greeted during the past year, seventy more in number than in the year preceding. The present number of affiliated Cryptic Masons in this State is 3,800.

At the visitation of the Grand Master to one of the Councils, the Recorder neither attended nor did he send the Records and By-Laws for examination, and he was required to present them to the Grand Recorder before a fixed day for his examination. This the Recorder neglected to do, neither did he give any excuse for his neglect of duty; the Grand Master therefore very properly suspended the Recorder from his office for wilful neglect of duty, which action was gratifying to the Master of the Council, as it should be, and the universal verdict will be that the sentence was not too severe, but served him right.

The following questions were presented for decision by the Grand Master :

"1st. A brother received the Lodge and the Chapter degrees, then lost one arm fighting for his country. He now applies for the Council degrees. Can he lawfully take them?"

The answer was :

"Yes; a man's fitness to receive Masonic degrees depends on the condition of his head, rather than on the condition of his arms."

This is the only decision which it is important for us to mention, but which does not appear to have been passed upon by the Committee on Laws in any manner. As far as such condition is to be considered in connection with receiving the Cryptic degrees, the condition arising subsequent to the Lodge degrees being conferred, we would agree with it.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand, securely invested, of \$2,818.48, the list of securities showing that this Grand Body is getting to be considerable of a "bloated bond-holder," and if it succeeds in making as good a success "in cutting off coupons," as it does in adding members to the Crypt, it will do much better than any of its sisters.

Seventy-five Dollars was appropriated to defray the expenses of the Representative to the General Grand Council.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, who reviewed the Proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, including New York for 1890, and in addition the General Grand Council. After mentioning the decease of Comp. DADMUN, in the outset of his review, he says :

"The outlook in Massachusetts has never been so bright for the Cryptic Rite as it is now. The increase in membership has been large, and the additions have been of a character that gives added strength and influence. This is but the legitimate result of active, earnest and persistent work by the officers, both Grand and Subordinate. We have now an active membership of 3,800, and we know that there has never been a time in our history when so much and such general attention has been given to the proper illustration and work of our ritual. We believe that still brighter and better days are in store for us, because the new men who come in with us are of one mind, that these degrees are as legitimate and beautiful a part of Ancient Craft Masonry as any in the whole line."

Under Kentucky, the Amendment to the Constitution, to which we have already called attention, has called from him this comment :

"We note with surprise that this Grand Council has adopted an Amendment to its *Constitution* denouncing all Masons who act with or as 'so-called Cernean's,' and stating in set terms 'the Bodies which the Grand Council of Kentucky believes to be legitimate.'"

We were also surprised at the adoption of this amendment, as we do not be-

lieve it to be wise for the Cryptic Rite to set itself up as a judge of the legality of Bodies outside of its own affiliation. The Cryptic Rite is the summit and perfection of and finishes the degrees of Masonry which are known as the Ancient York Rite—the real Ancient Craft Masonry; and with the questions which are in dispute as between the different Bodies of the Scottish Rite as to legality, regularity and originality, it has, in our opinion, no authority to judge. We do not say this with the intention of having it understood that our personal opinion is with either side of the mooted question, nor do we want our own position to be defined in this review; outside of it and individually, we would not be backward in expressing our views upon the subject, but consider it has no place in Cryptic Masonry.

In reviewing our own Proceedings for last year, he does not favor the further agitation of the pre-requisite question, saying:

"We think Council Masonry has gained what it has of strength and beauty, by manfully, persistently, and faithfully relying on its own merits, and if it will continue to do this we need have no fears for our future. But if we are continually to call on the Grand Encampment of the United States to sustain us, we are likely to lose ground, and our own study and observation lead us to believe that that august body of Templars is much more likely to change its requirements, so as to admit Master Masons who have not received the Chapter degrees, than it is to make the Council degrees a pre-requisite. Of course there are some careful and earnest workers among us who believe that this pre-requisite business would be a great boon to our Councils, but on the other hand, we have never known a lazy, dilatory officer, who would not lift his hand for the advancement of his Council, but what was always ready to give as an excuse for his failure to do his plain duty that 'we can't do anything because the Commanderies will not make these degrees pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood.' We believe that one good earnest man, who loves and believes in Masonry, will do more good as a member of any Council than any fifty men who might come in because they were driven to do it for the sake of getting something else. No, Companions, let us work in such a way that when a Companion receives these degrees he will say, 'they are the most impressive and instructive degrees that I have ever seen.' Do this and your Councils will have all the work they can possibly do. * * * Comp. Osgoodby again makes the report on Correspondence, and he also is strongly in favor of trying to make the Council degrees a pre-requisite to the Orders."

He quotes the notice which we gave last year of the decease of Comp. DAD-MUN in full, and also says, speaking of our report:

"His review covers twenty-seven Grand Councils, and is carefully prepared and well written throughout."

In this Jurisdiction they have in use a diploma, which is authorized specially by the Grand Council, and the officers both of the Grand and of subordinate Councils are *forbidden to sign any other*, and in reference to it Comp. BOWEN explains:

"This diploma is printed from a finely engraved steel plate, prepared at the expense of the Grand Council, and the Subordinate Councils are required to present one to each Companion on whom they confer the degrees."

This fact is significant as an explanation, in part at least, of the enthusiasm and zeal of our Cryptic Companions in that Jurisdiction. We can readily see and appreciate the influence invoked by this course of procedure. We believe that it would work well in our own jurisdiction, as Companions of the Craft would prize such a diploma very highly, and it would be such an innovation upon the usual customs in vogue at the conferring of degrees in the different Masonic Bodies that it would attract the attention and appreciation of intelligent Companions.

Comp. BOWEN does not believe in the use of printed Rituals, whether in cipher or otherwise, and thinks it would have been much better for Masonic Bodies of

every name and description, if such a thing as a printed Ritual was unknown.

The minimum fee for the Cryptic degrees is Fifteen Dollars in this Jurisdiction.

The review of Comp. BOWEN is a very creditable one, and he has taken hold of his duties as a reviewer as though he had been engaged in that line for years. We hope to hear from him again.

M. .I. . WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE, of Medford, was elected Grand Master, and R. .I. . Comp. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, was re-elected as Grand Recorder.

Since the Assembly of this Grand Body was held, we have received the announcement from the Grand Master under date of March 24, 1891, that Comp. CHAPMAN died suddenly at his residence in Boston on the 20th of that month, and that Comp. SERANUS BOWEN, of Boston, had been appointed Grand Recorder, *pro tempore*, until the next Annual Assembly. Comp. CHAPMAN was a Past Grand Master in that Jurisdiction, and had been filling the office of Grand Recorder for many years. We have not the data at hand for his Masonic history, but must leave that to the Committee who will have the same in charge at this Assembly, as well as to our Grand Master to whom it more properly belongs at the present time to present his eulogy.

The next Annual Assembly will be held,—When? Where? We wait an answer.

MAINE—1891.

This Grand Council held its Annual Assembly at Portland, on May 6th, M. .I. . DENISON E. SEYMOUR, Grand Master, presiding. Twelve Councils out of thirteen were represented. Representatives of sister Grand Councils, including M. .P. . Companion DRUMMOND, Representative of New York, were present.

Two Charters were granted for new Councils.

A Committee was appointed to wait upon the Grand Commandery of this State, and to request that such Body instruct its Representatives to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars, to ask of it that the degrees of the Cryptic Rite should be made pre-requisite to the conferring of the Orders of Knighthood.

There are in this jurisdiction thirteen Councils with thirteen hundred and twenty-six members, and in the past year one hundred and forty-nine candidates were received and greeted.

M. .P. . Companion DRUMMOND was re-appointed as the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The information contained above is derived from a letter dated September 2d, inst., from Companion STEPHEN BERRY, Assistant Grand Recorder, who will please accept our thanks for his kindness. Without this information we would have been compelled to omit Maine from our review.

The Proceedings of this Body have not yet been printed for 1891. We have not received a copy of the printed Proceedings of this Body for *two years past*, and have therefore been unable to give such a review and report of its Proceed-

ings, and particularly of the views of the Correspondence Report as we would have liked to have done, and such a one, as we know, would have been appreciated by the Companions of our own Grand Council. We hope that we will soon receive the Proceedings for the past two years, and that in future we may have them so as to make such a report of the Proceedings of this Grand Body as it is entitled to.

We understand that the fault for non-receipt of those Proceedings does *not* lay at the door of the Grand Recorder, as three copies for *last year* were sent to our Grand Recorder, who re-mailed one copy to our Grand Master, one to the writer, and retained one himself for the Grand Council library, all of which appears by his record. The copy mailed to the writer was never received, being in some way lost *en route*.

M. .I. . DENISON E. SEYMOUR, of Calais, and R. .I. . IRA BERRY, Portland, were each re-elected as Grand Master and Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Portland, May 4th, 1892.

MINNESOTA—1890.

The Twenty-first Annual Assembly of this Body was held at Minneapolis, October 13th, R. .I. . ANDREW P. SWANSTROM, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, in the absence of the M. .I. . Grand Master. Six Councils were represented. Representatives were present from twenty other Grand Jurisdictions, including New York. In the absence of the Grand Master, his address was presented by the presiding Deputy, and from it we gather that one new Council was established U. D. A net gain of 96 members was made during the year. Charters were granted to two Councils which had been working U. D. The condition of the Cryptic Rite in this Jurisdiction is most favorable and continually advancing. The remainder of the address is devoted to local matters and not of general interest.

A fine portrait of M. .P. . Comp. GEORGE W. COOLEY, is contained in the Proceedings, and he was received and greeted with the honors due his exalted station as the General Grand Master of the United States.

M. .I. . FREDERICK JOSS, who was the fifth Grand Master of this Body, deceased April 4th, 1890. His Masonic history is presented by the Grand Master, and an appropriate eulogy given to his memory.

Another fine portrait adorns the pages of the printed Proceedings, that is, of M. .I. . GILES W. MERRILL, seventh Grand Master of this Body.

The Report upon Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. JOHN H. RANDALL, who reviews with decided ability the Proceedings of twenty other Jurisdictions, including New York for 1889 and 1890, and also the General Grand Council.

Under California, after quoting the remarks of Comp. CASWELL (which we gave last year), upon the pre-requisite question, he says :

“ Well, as Companion LEE would say, ‘ let’s spit on our hands ’ and go grubbing ‘ around the roots of that opposition, and it will not be long before we let daylight through them.

“ Concentrated effort will accomplish wonders, and with right and justice on our side, there is no reason why our claims should not be recognized.”

Under Illinois, after quoting from Comp. JEROME's comments upon that portion of Grand Master LEYERING's Address which presented the urgency of pre-requisition, in which Comp. JEROME said :

"This, to use a slang phrase, is a *chestnut*, the day having long passed since it was hoped to induce the dull, sluggish and selfish Grand Encampment to take an interest in anything outside of the 'fuss and feathers' of the Knight Templar Order."

He says :

"From the above, Comp. JEROME, while admitting the justice of the claim, appears to be willing to waive all rights because the Grand Encampment did not give the matter the consideration it deserved. 'This won't do, doctor! You have proven yourself too able a warrior to sound a retreat thus early in the fray. The situation *then* and *now* is entirely different; *then* it was a weak body, without any influence to speak of, was struggling for a mere existence; the best plea it could offer was that of *charity*, and a hope that with the help of another body it might be able to stem the tide that seemed ready to overwhelm it. *Now* how changed the outlook; it lives, has grown and prospered, has received recognition as an independent working body of Masonry from all Grand Bodies that have had occasion to place themselves on record. Few dispute the fact that the end we seek is correct in theory. Why then further delay the attainment of that end by every legitimate means within our reach? The Grand Council of Illinois can certainly exercise sufficient influence over the representatives of its Grand Commandery to assure their support of a measure which, sooner or later, must be brought before them for consideration. Join hands with us doctor, and give us that aid, at least, in support of the only question that has not 'passed to rest,' and let us place the Council degrees in their natural sequence, and bind in one complete system the whole of 'American Masonry.'"

Many, many years ago, Comp. JEROME was associated with the writer in an attempt to present this question to the Grand Encampment at its Triennial held in Cleveland, and the manner in which the members of the Committee present were then treated undoubtedly still remains vividly present with him. We cannot see any reason to find any fault with his present views upon this subject; but at the same time we believe that the time must come, and that in the early future, when this question will be the absorbing one for the Grand Encampment to meet and pass upon. We believe that with an united effort on the part of the different jurisdictions in pushing the matter, that it will come out in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, requiring that the reception of the degrees of the Council shall be a condition of the conferring of the Orders of Knighthood. We do not go so far as to term the Grand Encampment a "dull, sluggish and selfish" Body, for we do not so think; it is simply from the fact that a fear exists upon the part of some of its fraters that such a requirement would have a tendency to prevent additions to the rosters of its constituents. Dispel this belief, and the way is open to the early recognition of the rights of Cryptic Masonry. Some incline to the belief that the requirement that its candidates shall have the degrees of Capitular Masonry conferred upon them before receiving the Orders, will be abrogated; and its material drawn directly from the Lodge. When such a time comes, if ever, the knell of the Grand Encampment will have sounded, as far as its connection with Masonry is concerned. It is to be remembered that the Orders of Knighthood are not in or of themselves "Masonic," and that they are only considered as being allied to Masonry by the *sufferance of the Lodge itself*. When such a question is to be considered, it will be a proper suggestion to make that the only requirement to be insisted upon as making eligible candidates for the Orders, should be, that they are physically strong enough to bear up under the weight of the ornamental "arms and accoutrements" with which they are invested and so cut loose from the semblance of Masonry, which

would then only exist in the imagination of those having "the wish for a father to the thought."

There is much in the view taken by Comp. RANDALL, as he presents it, in reviewing the comments of Comp. JEROME, and we incline to the belief that the last named Companion will be found doing earnest work in the way of carrying out the desire of Cryptic Masons in this regard. Old times will be forgotten, and the new work of the hour will bring all of the Grand Councils into close communion for the best advancement of our beloved Rite. If this be thought to lie in the line of a pre-requisition, as it is termed, there will the workers be found, earnest and sincere in their efforts, holding fast to the final consummation in success. If, on the contrary, it is not agreed that this work shall be undertaken at the present, let some other work be suggested, by which the Councils and Companions may find congenial labor in the line of the advancement of the Rite, or they will rust, decay, and soon deteriorate beyond recall. Many quotations are made from the reports of the writer, as contained in and commented upon by other Companions of the Reportorial Staff, and for the kind and complimentary expressions so made we can only say that we appreciate them all; that we believe that they make the duties of life more pleasant to perform, the pleasures of life more enjoyable, and tend to enhance the anticipations of that future life where labors will have ended, where the full fruition of enjoyment is to be had, and where we may meet those who have gone in advance, and with whom we have labored and loved both in prosperity as well as when the darkest clouds of adversity seemed to envelope us in its blackness.

New York is favored with nearly *seven* pages of space in this review, and the views of the writer are quoted frequently with approval relative to different subjects arising in different jurisdictions. He also presents the views of our Grand Masters for the past two years preceding our Assembly of 1890, with marked approval. Upon the pre-requisite question, he takes all that was presented by Grand Master MACOMB in his address of last year, as well as the matters presented by the writer, including the Table prepared, and gives to his Body with the remarks :

"Companion GEORGE M. OSGOODBY still wields the pen for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. In a report of thirty-eight pages he reviews the proceedings of twenty-seven Jurisdictions and the General Grand Council. * * * In his preliminary remarks he launches right into the question of 'pre-requisition,' and it is so heartily in accord with the opinions of the Companions of this jurisdiction that we must quote his opening entire."

And after so doing he further says :

"This is a valuable reference Table, but we are glad to see that there is to be some changes noted in the list of the Independent Councils, with more to follow soon."

Minnesota is right upon the pre-requisite question, and favors its agitation. We are not insistent upon its being taken up for aggressive work, but we suggested it, so that the subject might be considered and action taken upon it if deemed that now was the proper time; if the Companions, who are interested in the Rite, believe that the question should not now be raised, we are content.

There are many other matters of interest in Comp. RANDALL'S review, which we would gladly present, but we must cut short, must turn to others and

"give them a show." We regret that Comp. RANDALL is to retire from the corps; but as he is to be succeeded by another able "knight of the quill," we must be content.

M. I. ANDREW P. SWANSTROM, of St. Paul, was elected Grand Master, and THOMAS MONTGOMERY, same address, was elected Grand Recorder. Next Assembly to be held at some place (we assume) within the borders of that Jurisdiction; but the name or location is not stated, on the day preceding the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, but the date that such Convocation is to be held is also hidden in the recesses of the secret archives of the Craft, as far as the printed Proceedings of this Body shows. When, oh when? Where, oh where?

MISSISSIPPI—1891.

The Annual Assembly of this Body, as re-organized, was held at Aberdeen, commencing February 10th, M. I. FREDERIC SPEED, Grand Master, presiding. Seven Councils were represented. No mention is made as to whether there were any representatives of other Grand Councils present.

The Address of the Grand Master covers about four pages of the printed Proceedings, of which about one-third in space is devoted to a defense of the scheme which was originated in that jurisdiction for the abandonment of organized Councils of the Cryptic Rite, both Grand and Subordinate, and for the conferring of the degrees of Cryptic Masonry in the bosom of Royal Arch Chapters. This scheme did not meet with the success which was anticipated by its authors, neither in their own State nor in the other States. It was called and known as the "Mississippi Plan." This name was not given to it either by the originators thereof or by the Companions of Mississippi, but was applied to it by Companions of other jurisdictions for the purpose simply of locating the plan or scheme in the State where it originated. The scheme was deemed by Companions of other jurisdictions as being one which sought to merge the Cryptic degrees into the Capitular degrees and have them all conferred in Chapters of Royal Arch Masons; and the scheme was further intended to commingle the degrees so that the Royal Master's degree of the Cryptic Rite should be conferred immediately preceding the Royal Arch degree of the Capitular Rite, and that then the Select Master's degree of the Cryptic Rite should next be conferred. This plan was really, what it was often called, a "Merger" of the Bodies or Rites. It was such an innovation of the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry, that it was not accepted generally by the Companions of the other States; it is true that the example of Mississippi was followed by nine other jurisdictions in some respects, but many of whom repudiate the idea of there having been any actual merger of the two Bodies; and even in Mississippi we understand that the order of conferring such degrees (as above stated) was never carried into effect. Of these nine jurisdictions which so followed Mississippi's example, all but one have abandoned the plan, reorganized their Grand Councils, and seven are now working the Cryptic Rite under the control of Grand Bodies of their own. One other is dead. Mississippi itself has reorganized its Grand Council and gone back to its former position of working and ad-

vancing Cryptic Masonry in Cryptic Bodies, entirely distinct and separate from the Capitular Bodies. We have given this bit of the history of the past few years briefly for the purpose of stating in as few words as possible the real situation, and a reason for making the comments which we feel called upon to present relative to this Address. The Grand Master was one of the principal, if not *the* principal one of the progenitors of this "Mississippi Plan," and it is but natural for him to justify his own acts in relation to it, but in attempting to so do we see no necessity for the expression of any bitterness of feeling because the scheme was not a success. He sets up his own opinion in reference to its legality as against the almost unanimous sentiment of Masonic writers and authorities against it. He also states in his Address as an excuse for the conferring of the Cryptic degrees in a Chapter,

"That the Royal Arch degree and the Templar Order had their inception in the Lodges, and that both were for years conferred under the sanction of a Lodge Warrant. Our own degrees originated in the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and we ourselves receive them by transmission from the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and was but a return to the first principles when we sought to preserve and protect them against possible loss within the bosom of a stronger Body of Masonry. There is nothing in the history of our plan of which we have reason to be ashamed, or which cannot be fully justified. That it did not succeed in commanding the respect and approval of the Great Body of Royal and Select Masons throughout the country is no evidence that it was not wise and expedient under the circumstances under which we were surrounded."

If it were true "that the Royal Arch degree and the Templar Order had their inception in the Lodges, and that both were for years conferred under the sanction of a Lodge Warrant," that would give no authority for the forcible assumption of jurisdiction over the Cryptic degrees by the Bodies of the Capitular Rite. In any event, it would have been much better for the Grand Master to have given his authority, to have cited the instances, the Bodies where, the dates when, as well as the location of such Bodies where such degree and such Order were so conferred under Lodge Warrants. It would also have been well had the names of those so conferring the Royal Arch degree and the Templar Order in Lodges been also given, to the end that it might be known and understood what the standing of such parties really was in Masonic ranks, whether prominent or otherwise, so as to determine whether their acts and opinions were entitled to a following or to consideration by others. This statement of the Grand Master will be challenged as to its reliability by many who are prominent in Masonic rites and history. The "return to first principles" which he mentions, was a curious return, receiving the degrees, as he says, from the Supreme Council of the Ancient and accepted Scottish Rite, and then turning them over to an entirely distinct Body, *i.e.* the Capitular branch of the York Rite. This was a "return" in a left-handed way, and one wholly unauthorized and without warrant in any principle of Masonic law; to illustrate, if A., without right, appropriates the property of B., does this justify C. in taking the property of D. without permission of the owner? We pass from this to another branch of his Address.

An attack was made by the address upon *all* National Masonic Bodies which he designates as "these generally grand humbugs," and particular pains is taken to belittle and to stigmatize the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons as well as the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars for what he

deemed "monstrous assumption of power" in those Bodies, and characterized the execution of the constitutional compacts of such National Bodies as being "intrusted to an irresponsible despotism." It seems to us that the Grand Master was somewhat bilious, or that his digestive organs had become so much out of order that they might be termed dyspeptic, and if that were the case, it would readily explain his going so far out of the way to attack other branches of Masonry for their acts, respectively, in reference to their own particular bodies in things which do not concern the Cryptic Rite in any manner, or his Grand Body in particular. Upon the subject of becoming a constituent to the General Grand Council, he declares that the assurance given to the General Grand Council at its triennial in 1889, that it would unite therewith, was wholly unauthorized, and that the Companion from his jurisdiction who gave such assurance acted without warrant. He says :

"This Grand Council, although weak in numbers, stands to-day 'peer to any laird in Scotland here,' and it will neither yield up a single atom of its powers or dignity. We have managed for more than a third of a century to get along very comfortably without a guardian, and until we fall into that state of decay and mental imbecility which renders us incapable of managing our personal estate, if you will follow my advice you will not apply for one."

We should hope that this Grand Council was more than a "peer to any laird in Scotland here," as the laird was of the lowest order in the ranks of Scotland's nobility, or if he has reference to the Grand Council of Scotland, he has a peculiar way of putting it, for the Grand Council of Scotland is, if we are rightly informed, about as dead a Body as the Grand Council of Mississippi was whilst the "Merger" or "Mississippi Plan" was in vogue.

Upon the subject of commissioning Grand Representatives to other Grand Bodies, he says :

"I have declined to commission Grand Representatives to those Councils which have abrogated their sovereign powers and surrendered them into the keeping of the General Grand Councils."

Oh bosh ! this is twaddle ! pure and simple ; is unworthy of the Companion or of the Body he was addressing. It was only intended to agitate, where there can now be no agitation. And he makes a labored argument to sustain this absurd position, and a controversy over it is hardly worthy of the steel of any Companion ; but the gauntlet being cast it is only necessary in answer to cite the action of each and every other Grand Council, not only of the United States, but of all other nationalities, upon the subject of Grand Representatives. We believe, without exception, that every Grand Council mentioned, excepting the Grand Council of Mississippi, have recognized the Grand Representative system, and have exchanged Representatives with each other ; and it is left to the Grand Master of Mississippi, singly and alone, to stand upon this foundation of quick-sand ; and while we have all been brought up in the belief "that consistency is a jewel," we are unable with the use of a powerful telescope to discern the "jewel of consistency" in this position of our Most Illustrious Companion ; as for instance, the Grand Chapter of Mississippi is a constituent of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the several Grand Chapters of the United States exchange Grand Representatives with each other, and our Most Illustrious

Companion, present Grand Master of the Grand Council of Mississippi, has been a Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, and as such, *he not only commissioned Grand Representatives to other Grand Chapters (although constituents of the General Grand Chapter), but he received Grand Representatives from such other Bodies, and was himself appointed as a Grand Representative from one or more sister Grand Chapters, and his name now appears in the list of Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Mississippi as being the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.* Here is consistency with a string to it. Oh, that the jewel of consistency might always be seen in Masonic matters! Masons may often and probably will continue to differ in opinion upon many subjects relative to Masonry, and that is to be expected as they are but human, but each one should endeavor to be, if possible, consistent with himself.

That portion of the Address which referred to the General Grand Council and to Grand Representatives, was referred to the committee on Cryptic law, and such committee made its report, recognising that this Body was sovereign in itself, owing no allegiance to any other Body, and as to the matter of Grand Representatives recommended that for the present no further action be taken, which was adopted. This report did not seem to be satisfactory in all respects, and so two members of another committee to whom the subject of representation had *not* been referred, begged leave to report that they heartily indorsed everything said upon this subject in such address.

The Address states :

“ We have passed through our darkest hours, and the sunlight of renewed prosperity is breaking in the East.”

The sum of fifty dollars was donated by this Body to MISS ANNA WALTER, daughter of the late HARVEY W. WALTER (Past Grand Master), who deceased in 1878, for the purpose of assisting her in pursuing her studies in the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania.

There is no Report upon Correspondence.

The Grand Master, whose address is Vicksburg, was re-elected, and R. I. J. L. POWER, of Jackson, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly is to be held during the week selected by the Grand Lodge and at the same place, the Grand Master to announce such day and hour so as to give ample notice to all interested.

MISSOURI—1891.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Assembly of this Body was held at St. Louis, April 22d, M. I. FLAVIUS J. TYGARD, Grand Master, presiding. Five Councils represented out of seven existing. It is not stated whether any Grand Representatives were present.

The Address of the Grand Master covers a little over one page in space, and is of local interest only.

The Body was invited to and did make a visit to the Masonic Home of Missouri during the sojourn of its members in St. Louis.

We notice that the Representative of New York to this Grand Body was present at this Assembly, he being the Grand Treasurer of the Body.

A Report upon Correspondence was presented by Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, in which he reviewed the Proceedings of nineteen jurisdictions, including New York for 1890, which has generous space allotted to it.

Under Indiana, after quoting that portion of Comp. MORDHURST'S review (which we have elsewhere presented) on the subject of pre-requisition, he says :

" We do not fully agree with you, Comp. M. We do not believe that a respectable *minority* *even* of the Grand Encampment ever entertained such-an idea, much less chafed under the Royal Arch qualification. It never amounted to the dignity of a movement ; this is a free country ; there is no law either civil, criminal, religious or Masonic, that prevents a harmless crank or a consummate ass from bobbing up serenely in any sort of a National or State convave, assembly, convocation, communication, convention, gathering, or by whatever name you may call it, and ventilating his particular ism, fad, hobby or narrow-minded dogmatic fanaticism. Of course, these single, isolated, but very few cases, cause some little flutter and stir temporarily in any such gathering. Such men of a single idea, and that generally a wrong one, get a good deal of free advertising, and that is just what they want, but as to having any serious effect upon the body at large, we deny."

Under New York, Comp. MAYO quotes that portion of the Address of Grand Master MACOMB, and also that portion of the report on Correspondence by the writer, made in 1890, as bears upon the pre-requisite question, but we do not find that he anywhere expresses his own views upon this subject.

Under Pennsylvania, speaking upon the subject of Pennsylvania's becoming a constituent of the General Grand Council, and the position taken by Pennsylvania upon that subject, after quoting from the Address of the Grand Master, he adds his comment in these words :

" But fails to say why, or give any reason for Pennsylvania declining to acknowledge any Body superior to its own. We do not see how it can be in full sympathy with all the good work of the General Body. It is a piece of arrogance on the part of Pennsylvania and a few other States in holding aloof from and not affiliating with or becoming a part of the General Grand Council and General Grand Chapter of the United States ; some of their writers and speakers seem to think that they are a considerable sight better than the world at large and the rest of mankind, but they have ignominiously failed to educe a single logical argument in favor of their position on these questions."

And in answer to Comp. MYER in his report upon the same subject, he says :

" Yes, how strangely inconsistent some good men are, and we know that there are as many good men in Pennsylvania as there are in any other part of the good Lord's moral vineyard, in proportion to population. Our maternal grandfather was a Pennsylvanian. We have been as kindly treated in various cities of Pennsylvania, and as kindly and hospitably entertained, as anywhere else in the United States, and much more so than in many other cities and States. We have a particularly kindly feeling for the good, old-fashioned, plain, true people of Pennsylvania ; but we never have been able to see through this exclusiveness, nay, even arrogance of these good workers in the S. V. V. and Royal Craft of Pennsylvania, particularly when they are so active and efficient in the Conclaves of the Grand Encampment. K. T. of the United States, having furnished the present head of that order in the person of General GOBEN, of Lebanon; and not many years ago another of her gifted sons presided with dignity and ability for three years over the deliberations of that National Masonic Body, and is to day and has been for several years the very efficient chairman of the most important committee in that same National Body, viz., HON. JAMES H. HOPKINS. Why this inconsistency ? Answer me that, Master Charlie."

In his concluding remarks he says :

" Should we be permitted to make another report on Correspondence, we expect to separate the sheep from among the goats, both in our statistical table and in our review ; we, therefore now call upon the goats to show cause why they are goats ; as we have started it by making a very mild call upon Pennsylvania, we hope to have some arguments to answer."

The question amongst the reviewers is to be, are we a goat ?

M. I. THOMAS SEAL, of St. Louis, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. WILLIAM H. MAYO, same address, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at St. Louis, April 27, 1892.

MICHIGAN—1891.

The Thirty-third Annual Assembly of this Body was held at Detroit January 19th, M. I. TRAVERSE PHILIPS, Grand Master, presiding. Thirty-eight Councils were represented; six others made returns; one other made no returns. The Representatives of eleven Grand Councils were in attendance.

The Address of the Grand Master shows a good amount of work done in his Jurisdiction during the past year. One Council established, U. D.; twenty-five Councils were visited and had the Ritualistic Work exemplified during the year, of which number six were favored with the personal visit of the Grand Master, although he was ill during most of the year with that newly imported "degree, la grippe," that is, he took his la grippe with him. All the more credit to our Companion; if he can work under such an infliction he is entitled to praise. His work will stand up to high water mark. The prospects of the advancement of the Rite in this State are encouraging, as shown by the reports of the Officers assigned to make the official visits.

The Grand Master favors the pre-requisite plan being pushed to adoption, and recommended the Body to pass a resolution asking the Grand Commandery of the State to adopt it, and a special Committee was appointed to consider the question and report to the Body. The Committee made their report, that inasmuch as

"The requisites for membership in that Body are prescribed by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and not by the Grand Commandery:

"We would therefore recommend that this Grand Council, through the M. I. Grand Master and Grand Recorder, request the Grand Commandery to use its influence at the next meeting of the Grand Encampment to have these Council degrees made pre-requisite to membership in the Commandery."

This report was adopted.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by M. I. Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE, who reviews the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils, including New York for 1890. Four of such Bodies being presented by "Circulars."

Under Kentucky, referring to the Amendment to its Constitution that has been mentioned before by us, he says:

"The Constitution of the Grand Council was amended, making it a 'penal offence' for a Companion R. & S. Master to look, wink, speak, or anything else, with or at a *Cerneauite*. 'Anyone so doing shall be guilty of a gross Masonic Offence, and shall be expelled.'"

New York has a generous amount of space given to her Proceedings for 1890, and copious extracts are made from the Address of our Grand Master. He also presents at length the remarks which the writer made in reference to the pre-requisite question last year, covering nearly two closely printed pages, and saying of it:

"We give his opening in full, it being, we think, the best we have received upon the question of making the Council degrees pre-requisite to those of the Commandery."

He also makes other excerpts from our review, for the compliment of which we beg to say "thanks."

We would gladly give more from the able paper presented by our old friend and Companion, but we cannot except at the expense of shortening up of other reviews yet untouched.

M. I. CHARLES R. BAGG, of Detroit, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. R. I. G. B. NOBLE, same address, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly is to be held at Detroit, January 18th, 1892.

NEW JERSEY—1891.

The Thirty-third Annual Assembly of this Grand Body was held at Trenton, January 27th, M. I. LINSLEY ROWE, Grand Master, presiding. Six Councils were represented. Representatives from twenty Grand Councils were present, New York *not* included.

The Address of the Grand Master is devoted to matters of local interest.

There is no Report upon Correspondence. The Grand Master states that there is a greater spirit of earnestness manifested, and a more healthy growth of interest in the subordinate Councils than ever before, and has the opinion that the outlook is a bright one, and gives promise of a season of prosperity for the future.

M. I. LEWIS G. DAWSON, Newark, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. CHARLES BECHTEL, Trenton, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Assembly will be held January 26th, 1892, at Trenton.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1890.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly of this Grand Body was held at Concord, May 19th, M. I. JOSHUA W. HUNT, Grand Master, presiding. Six Councils were represented. Representatives of fifteen Grand Councils were present, including the Representative from New York. The Address of the Grand Master is devoted to local matters principally, but he makes one reference to a matter which is applicable to Councils in other jurisdictions, and we quote :

"I notice that it is the practice of some of our Councils to confer the degrees, more particularly the S. E., without the full ceremonies. To quote the words of another: 'Our sublime degrees, beautiful in their conception, grand in design, rich in their symbolism and impressive in their ceremonies when properly conferred, have been bereft of their beauty, shorn of their grandeur, and stripped of their impressiveness by being communicated and thus relegated to the rank of side degrees.' This practice does not obtain at the present time as much as formerly, and I trust that this obstacle to the future prosperity of 'Cryptic Masonry may soon be entirely removed.'"

Each of the Councils in the State had its official visitation. The exemption of the work in the several degrees was had at the evening session.

A resolution was adopted requiring subordinate Councils to confer each degree in full form.

A report upon Correspondence was presented by Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, who reviewed the Proceedings of twenty-three jurisdictions, including New York for 1889. Comp. CLEAVES thinks that the Correspondence Report should give such information relative to the transaction of other jurisdictions as is of general interest, and should not be an expression of the individual opinions of the reviewer himself wholly, and his report is therefore principally made up of quotations from the Proceedings of other jurisdictions, which having been reviewed by us at our last Assembly, restricts us in our review of his report now under consideration. In reference to the report of the writer for 1889, he is pleased to say that it "covers every jurisdiction that has now or ever had a Grand Council. It is a very able and interesting report, as are all from the Companion's pen." He also gives credit to Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, of Ohio, for his admirable report, which also reviews all jurisdictions.

The situation of the Rite in this State is prosperous.

The M. I. Grand Master, whose address is Nashua, and R. I. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Recorder, Concord, were re-elected.

The Thirtieth Annual Assembly was appointed to be held at Concord, May 18th, 1891, but of which we have no information.

NORTH CAROLINA—1890.

This Grand Body did not hold any Assembly this year, and no Proceedings have been published since its reorganization in 1887. The information which we receive is from a letter written in an answer to our inquiries by R. I. D. W. BAIN, Grand Recorder, of Raleigh.

During the merger of this Grand Body with the Grand Chapter, from 1888, there have been no printed Proceedings published. It is expected an Assembly will be held during the present year at Morehead, at which time we are informed that it is probable such measures will be taken as will guide its future course and, if possible, revive an interest in the Rite. There has been a lukewarmness in Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, as many of the Companions are opposed to a separate organization.

We trust that this Grand Body will soon so revive as to become a potent factor in the Grand Sisterhood of Cryptic Masonry. We desire to thank our Companion BAIN for the information given.

M. I. JACOB I. MACKS, of Wilmington, is the present Grand Master, and R. I. D. W. BAIN, of Raleigh, the Grand Recorder.

OREGON—1891.

The Sixth Annual Assembly of this Grand Body was held February 5th, at McMinville; that is we assume it to have been held at McMinville. The date of its Assembly we get from the *outside* of a cover which was intended to contain within it the Proceedings of this Body, *but which* upon opening for examination in review we found to contain nothing. We acknowledge that the cover is a good specimen of the typographical art, of a cadet blue in color, and we can find no fault with its appearance. We should have been better pleased had it contained the printed Proceedings of this Grand Assembly, but as it is we are without news, and it is too late for us to communicate with our Companions of Oregon and secure a copy, hence we defer further remarks relative to this jurisdiction for a future occasion.

OHIO—1890.

The Sixtieth Annual Assembly of this Grand Body was held at Marion, September 23d, M. I. GEORGE D. MCBRIDE, Grand Master, presiding. Thirty-nine Councils were represented in addition to one U. D. Seven Councils were not represented, but four of which made returns. The Representatives of Twenty-one Grand Councils, including our own, were present.

The Address of the Grand Master, with accompanying documents, covers about thirteen pages, and shows that a large amount of work was by him ably performed in the interests of the Rite. Dispensations were issued for the organization of three Councils.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$1,542.77 on hand.

The Report upon Correspondence was presented by Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, as usual, who reviews the Proceedings of twenty-three jurisdictions in addition to the General Grand Council, and including New York for 1889. His report is commenced with a quotation as follows :

"Our esteemed Companion, T. S. PARVIN, has said that, 'only one who has engaged in the work knows or can ever comprehend the labor involved in the preparation of a readable, interesting and instructive report on Correspondence. It is an easy matter to *scissors* out the nice paragraphs for it, but to properly discriminate and select solid food for the strengthening of the reader's Masonic knowledge, and more, accompanying such extracts or references with *fitting comments*, is another and different matter. This requires in the reviewer extensive reading, large and profound knowledge of the history and laws of the institution ; it is these comments that give to such reports their greatest value.' With a full concurrence on our part in the views expressed by Comp. PARVIN, we present our *ninth annual* report, being well aware that it will fall far short of the Parvin standard."

The modesty of our Companion WILLIAMS bespeaks his merit. He is considered by the Companions, generally, as coming as near to the "Parvin standard" as it is possible for one to approach it. The writer always places the reviews of Companion WILLIAMS *far above par*, and they are perused with interest and preserved with care. We never "scissors" them or any others, but where we find it necessary to make quotations, they are copied from the Proceedings, the Proceedings never being mutilated and destroyed.

There having been some discussion as to whether the officers of a Grand Council could be legally installed by a Companion below the rank of a Past or present Grand Master, Comp. WILLIAMS says :

"Installation of a Grand Officer of any Grand Masonic Body, at the hands of a presiding or Past presiding officer of a subordinate of such Grand Body, is regular."

And as Companion JEROME, of Illinois, takes a contrary view, he adds :

"It might be interesting for M. I. Comp. JEROME to investigate and ascertain for himself how *many* or how *few* of the old Grand Lodges in this country were fortunate enough to have present a Past or Present Grand Master to install their first Grand Officers."

We believe that the officers of a Grand Body could be legally installed, in case of emergency, by a present or past presiding officer of a subordinate Body. This must be so as a matter of good policy if for no other reason. If it were not so, there is hardly a Body which has been in existence for a long term of years, but what has had at some time or other its officers illegally installed.

In speaking of the Report from Illinois, and its review of our own Proceedings, he says :

"Comp. JEROME dubs the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Council of New York the 'Son of Anak,' GEORGE M. OSGOOD. Now we do not care whose son he is, but we do not want him to be robbed of the tail end of his name. We do not understand this, unless Comp. JEROME did not want to appear as bidding good-bye to our friend in New York."

Under Maine, speaking of Comp. DRUMMOND's report, he says :

"He does not agree, nor do we, with the Grand Master of New York, that a Council may not release jurisdiction over a candidate to a Council outside of the State. And, under New York, Comp. DRUMMOND seems disposed to follow Comp. OSGOOD's charitable example, and, in fact, *heal by resolution*. While we hold that if healing is necessary, it cannot be done by resolution, yet, as a very fine point is uncovered herein, we quote the following from Comp. DRUMMOND :

"While we hold that persons receiving Masonic degrees in a subordinate Body, *not having any warrant*, never ought to be healed by resolution, and that such a course is unmasonic as well as very dangerous to the institution, we do not perceive but that, if a Grand Body does so heal such persons, such action had better be accepted by other Grand Bodies rather than put such Grand Body outside of the pale of Masonry. In our judgment such action is so near

"the line between what can and what cannot be done by a Body which would preserve the Masonic character, that the injury to Masonry is about the same, which ever course the other Grand Bodies might take."

"Comp. DRUMMOND's conclusion has many strong points. While at some places in the body of his Report he seems *almost persuaded* to be satisfied with healing *by resolution*, and as he says he has tried to reconcile himself to the plan, yet, in his conclusion, he says 'it's of no use.' He cannot bring himself to believe that it is right, but holds it to be a violation of Masonic law and uses. In this we fully agree with him. *To heal is to re-obligate*, and to obligate a Companion you must have his presence. Certain irregularities may be corrected or legalized by an edict or resolution; *but if a case requires healing*, there is but one way to do it, and that is not by resolution."

We present these views of Companion DRUMMOND and the comments upon them, in this place, for the reason that we have been unable to obtain copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Council of Maine for its last two Assemblies, although we have written for them both years.

Under Massachusetts, speaking upon the subject of expulsion for non-payment of dues, he says:

"We never heard of a brother being *expelled* from a Lodge for the non-payment of a *single year's* dues. It is only when a number of years' dues have remained unpaid by a brother *able to pay*, that the penalty of expulsion is inflicted."

Under New York he says:

"M. P. Comp. OSGOODBY always remembers Ohio. Immediately upon the Assembly of his Grand Council, which happened on the same day the Grand Council of Ohio was in session, he offered a resolution directing congratulations to be wired our Grand Council from the Grand Council in New York. This was all right, but he gave us the title of Most Puissant. We are more modest than the Companions of New York, and rest easy under the title of Most Illustrious, leaving the General Grand Council and a few Grand Councils to sport the high-toned title."

Speaking of our Report relative to the Cryptic Rite being conferred under the domination of Royal Arch Chapters, he says:

"He says Iowa is the jurisdiction of the 'Lone Star,' that is, it is the *only* State left now assuming to work the Cryptic Rite under the domination of Royal Arch Chapters. We would inquire of M. P. Comp. OSGOODBY why he ignores Virginia, West Virginia and Texas."

In answer, we would state that we had reference only to those States in which there had been a Grand Council in existence, but which had under the "Mississippi Plan" surrendered the control of the Cryptic degrees to Royal Arch Chapters, and did not intend to include those States where there had never been organized Grand Councils. He also asks why we call M. I. Comp. STATON, of Kentucky, a new beginner, as the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of his Grand Council, and says that it is a good joke, asking, "What about the great work of Comp. STATON in this line in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky?" Well, we always thought Comp. WILLIAMS could see through a mill stone that had a hole through it, but we now conclude that he didn't have his eye glasses in order. We referred simply to his being a new beginner as a reviewer of *Cryptic* Masonry for his Grand Council, and not considering his Grand Lodge work as being in that line. His work in the Grand Lodge is too well known to be ignored, too great to be passed over, and too well appreciated not to be a matter of interest to all devotees of Masonry. We will wager something that Comp. STATON took our meaning.

Under Tennessee, he says:

"At the opening of the Assembly there was a Committee appointed on Correspondence consisting of the following named three able-bodied and strong-minded Companions, viz., M. I. Comps. JOHN FRIZZELL, HENRY C. HENSLEY, and I. H. R. HOWARD. This Committee reported that nothing had been presented requiring action on their part, and were discharged. If we had such a snap as that Committee had, we would not to-day be tucked away in the upper story of a tavern five hundred miles from home, with coat and vest off and suspenders down, with the thermometer at 98°, tugging away at this Report. Some men are more lucky than others. We are among the others."

Here is another of "the others."

We would be glad to take more from this able and interesting review, but as the matters treated in it include only Proceedings which have already passed under our review, we must refrain. It is sufficient to say of it that it presents the views of Companion WILLIAMS clearly and distinctly, and they come with a weight of authority from his pen which commend them to the careful consideration of others.

M. I. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, Toledo, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. JOHN D. CALDWELL, Cincinnati, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Cincinnati, October 6, 1891.

RHODE ISLAND—1891.

The Thirty-first Annual Assembly of this Grand Body was held at Providence, on April 14th, M. I. ARTHUR H. ARMINGTON, Grand Master, presiding. The Proceedings are not printed, and our information is derived from a Circular sent out by the Grand Recorder. He also specially informs us that the Rite is flourishing in that jurisdiction, and that the increase in membership during the last year was ninety-one.

A Committee was appointed on Revision of Constitution, and also to prepare an Installation Service.

The Representative of our own Grand Council was not present.

M. I. ALBERT L. ANTHONY, of Providence, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. WILLIAM R. GREENE, Providence, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Annual Assembly is to be held at same place on second Tuesday of April, 1892.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1891.

The Thirty-second Annual Assembly of this Grand Body was held at Charleston, February 10th. The only information which we have is that derived from the Circular received from the Grand Recorder, which is exceedingly meagre, stating only the fact that such Assembly was held at such a time and place, and giving the names of the officers elected, to which is added, "The Minutes for 1890, 1891 and 1892, will be printed in 1892."

We have written for further information, and if any be received in time, it will be added to this report.

M. I. S. S. BUIST, Charleston, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Charleston, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1891.

The Forty-first Annual Assembly of this Grand Body was held at Nashville, January 26th, M. I. NEEDHAM F. HARRISON, Grand Master, presiding. Ten Councils were represented and one other, U. D. Representatives were present from fifteen Grand Councils, including the Representative of New York.

The Address of the Grand Master covers a little over one page, and the principal item which interests us is that which announces the decease of our old

friend Past M. I. Comp. BENJAMIN F. HALLER. He pays a worthy tribute to his memory. The other matters contained in the Address was only of local interest, and the business of the Assembly was of a routine character only.

R. I. Comp. JOHN FRIZZELL, who is the Grand Representative of this State, expressed his thanks for the uniform kindness of his Companions in electing him as Grand Recorder for so many years (from 1868 to 1890, 23 years), and respectfully declined further service as such.

There was no Report on Correspondence, but under "Ohio" there will be more found relative to this Committee in the remarks of Comp. WILLIAMS.

M. I. BERNARD A. PHILLIPS, Nashville, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. W. A. CLENDENING, Nashville, Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Nashville, January 5th, 1893.

The Constitution of this Grand Body is published with its Proceedings.

VERMONT—1891.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Assembly of this Body was held at Burlington, June 9th, M. I. ORRIN W. ORCUTT, Grand Master, presiding. Nineteen out of twenty subordinate Councils were represented. Representatives from twenty-three Grand Councils, including New York, were present.

The Address of the Grand Master is devoted principally to matters of local interest, and to notices of the decease of eminent Companions in the Rite.

The Proceedings contained a Memorial presented by the Grand Commandery of Vermont, requesting the Grand Council to change the date of its Annual Assembly to some date other than the one fixed upon by the Grand Commandery, for the reason that the clashing of meetings interfered with the attendance upon it.

The Grand Council cheerfully complied with the request by changing its Constitution, evidencing the close and fraternal feeling existing between the Bodies.

The business of the Assembly was of the usual routine character, and nothing transpired which seems to be necessary to present here.

A Report upon Correspondence was presented by Companion FREDERICK SHUBALL FISHER, in which he reviews the Proceedings of twenty-one jurisdictions, including New York for 1890, in a courteous and able manner. These Correspondence Reports are hereafter to be annual instead of triennial, by the direction of the last Assembly. We congratulate our Green Mountain Companions upon this marked advance and evidence of progression. Comp. FISHER speaking of this change in their plan says :

" Now we will try to take hold of the affairs of the Select Craft, begin at least, for passing away are the discussions which have aroused Companions of other jurisdictions, while closed was our Arch of Correspondence. Begin to increase we hope, unto that degree of interest and cheer at the time our reports were annually presented, although then the Correspondent, I. Companion WARROON, was compelled to add broken triangle to broken triangle as the 'Merger' called to sleep so many Grand Councils. That sleep was not death, but the intruder 'Merger' did die, and the victims live again from sleep. Never asleep nor ready for any death of work, the Grand Council of Vermont has broken up these broken triangles, outlived the economy of the past, and is now prepared to greet each year the Companions of the Circle, whether those Companions are in the Grand Councils constituent of the General Grand Council or in Independent State Right Bodies. It matters not which condition, if by Cryptic authority their members were admitted to the Secret Vault. The way is then open to do justice to a Rite which alone needs justice and zeal to make it prosper."

Under Kentucky, speaking of Companion STATON's position upon the pre-requisite question, he says :

"He recommended the Council degrees as a pre-requisite to the Templar Order, and adds: So do we. They ought to be put in the regular line or abandoned as an Independent Rite." We do not agree to give up a good thing because others will not have it."

New York is presented in about two and one-half pages, with liberal quotations from the Address of Grand Master MACOMB, and also from our Correspondence Report for that year, in which our opening and conclusion lacks but little of being given entire.

Under Wisconsin, Companion FISHER presents in full the report which we made last year in reference to that State, as he had received no other information regarding it. It is a pleasure to the writer to be able to give information in reference to any jurisdiction, to the end that a knowledge of the Rite in all parts of our country-as well as abroad, may be disseminated amongst the Companions of the Rite, and our Companions are always welcome to our matter.

Mississippi is also presented from our report of last year.

Upon the pre-requisite question he says, in conclusion :

"And now comes up in the quiet of a peaceful State, the question again of asking the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars to make our degrees pre-requisite to the orders of the Temple. Our Past Grand Master, Companion ROSS, has eloquently advocated this request; and our Grand Council has endorsed the request; we have quoted elsewhere well-stated arguments for the pre-requisite. And we should be glad to have the request granted, although still believing that we can stand independent and live. For we have come through broken arches rebuilt, and the Secret Vault is secure, and this passage and this rebuilding without the aid of valiant Crusaders.

"We have no faith that this request will be granted. In the first place the Templars do not need us or our degrees; in the second place and, with all loyalty to our Companions of the Veils, we believe that Chapter members would stifle such request, if possible, should there be any danger of a discussion. For, lastly, we feel assured that were this matter pressed on the Grand Encampment the result would be that the Templars would admit members directly from the Lodge. And why not? If there is further light needed above the Lodge, it is not to be found in the Chapter degrees without the Council degrees. Parts of the Capitular work is dark without the deposited light of Crypt. Why then should not the valiant Templars cast off the imperfect?

"It would be wisdom, we think, for the Chapter Masons to join in this request for the Council degrees to be made pre-requisite, but they will not, for as we said before, they fear such discussion and a separation very close before this was that danger."

"Incomplete, indeed, to any thoughtful man, the degrees of the Chapter without those of the Council, but this incompleteness can never be made complete by union of the two Bodies. Masonry is not a creation but a growth. In any modern society we may find a completeness which is stupidity, not so in Masonry. Growth does not show, perhaps, the trimness of a man's plan, but growth shows beauty which does not depend upon a ladder-like progression. We advance often by going back in all our plans, and surely so in Masonry. And as we stand in our Rite, independent in its growth, the intelligent Mason will come back to it making it, as it is by its independence as well as its beauty, the Rite of the most intelligent masons above the Blue Lodge. For its lessons—not its stepping-stones nor plumes—are its attraction. What intelligent man and mason would not seek for light on a sudden flight of years? After one night taking part in the Dedication of the Temple of Solomon in all its beauty and glory, and another night witnessed work in rubbish and ruin of which not a word had been foretold him, and seeking for that of which no deposit had been told him. The Chapter after the Dedication is a mystery in darkness, until the Light of the Deposit shines over the long years between the feast of trumpets resounded at the completion of the first House, and when heard the tread of the despoiled who in vain sought the sacred word in the sealed vault. Then in this Light we see the return from the long years of Captivity, the discovery of that we have buried, and then rising the Second Temple—vault and tabernacle were temporary, but needed both until the Temple was rebuilt. The intelligent mason will seek light where it may be found, but then all masons are not intelligent. True, and thus our Rite is Royal and Select.

"Finally, we think that the tidings of the year encourage, and that prosperity has returned to our works. Be we then grateful to the Holy One of Israel. All is finished."

The Constitution of the Body with its General Regulations are printed with the Proceedings.

M. I. Grand Master, ORRIN W. ORCUTT, Address St. Johnsbury, and R. I. WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Burlington, Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at Burlington, June 14th, 1892.

WISCONSIN—1891.

The Grand Council Assembled in its Annual Session on February 17th, at Milwaukee, M. I. MELVIN L. YOUNG, Grand Master, presiding. Fifty-three

Councils reporting, but the number of representatives present is stated in the letter of information which is kindly sent to us by R. I. JOHN W. LAFLIN, Grand Recorder, under date of the 3d of Sept. inst. as being thirty-nine. He also informs us that the Proceedings are not printed, that the Assembly is held annually on the third Wednesday of February, immediately following the close of the Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. LAFLIN, adds :

"That the Rite is not doing as well in this jurisdiction as it deserves to do. That many of the Councils are doing good work, and that many more are promising to take hold of it."

We bid our Companions of Wisconsin "God-speed," and hope in the early future to hear that the Rite is prospering there as it deserves.

M. I. MELVIN L. YOUNGS was re-elected Grand Master, and R. I. Comp. JOHN W. LAFLIN, Milwaukee, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

We desire to express our thanks to Comp. LAFLIN for his many courtesies extended to us in furnishing material for our annual Report, without which it would be incomplete, his State being left unreported.

CONCLUSION.

We are at the end of our report. We have reviewed the Proceedings of every Grand Council which we have been favored with. California, Nebraska and Pennsylvania are "out in the cold;" not having received their Proceedings, we are unable to say a word further than we have relative to these jurisdictions. We know full well that they are alive and working, for the Companions of those jurisdictions are of the lively, working kind. We have written and written, but to no avail, for a report from each, and, therefore, much as we may regret it, are obliged to pass them reluctantly by for this year.

We have not yet received any Proceedings from the General Grand Council as to its last Triennial Assembly, and per-force must pass it by. It's alive and full of vigor, and when we have passed away, individually and collectively, it will still continue in its labors of love and advancement to the cause of Cryptic Masonry.

The out-look is bright for the future, and all we have to do in order to progress towards the goal of our ambition, is to work well, work faithfully, work earnestly, and the result will be continued progress, continual advancement and ultimate success in all of our undertakings. May this be our aim, our object, our final reward.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MELVIN OSGOODBY,

Chairman for Committee.

On motion, the election of Officers for the ensuing year was made the special order for this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the afternoon's session continued until the labors of this Annual Assembly are completed.

A petition from Nepperhan Council No. 70, and from Companions for the formation of a new Council at Johnstown, Fulton County, were received and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

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

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

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns report that, in addition to the Grand Officers and permanent members of this Grand Council, the following Councils have made returns and paid dues and their representatives as designated below are entitled to seats in this Grand Body :

Columbia.....	No. 1.	P. M. W. Verhoeven	Proxy.
Union	" 2.	John V. B. Green	T.:I.:M.:
		Samuel W. Wylie.....	Dep.:M.:
Brooklyn	" 4.	Samuel Bennett	T.:I.:M.:
		Geo. Nicholson.....	Proxy for Dep.:M.:
Adelphic.....	" 7.	Geo. E. W. Stivers.....	T.:I.:M.:
Central City.....	" 13.	Theo. M. Barber	"
Bloss.....	" 14.	Robert B. Stiles	"
		Arthur McArthur	P.:C.: of W.:
Bruce.....	" 15.	Wm. J. Jackman.....	T.:I.:M.:
Southern Tier	" 16.	Conrad Wehnes.....	"
Buffalo.....	" 17.	Wm. H. Cass	"
Doric.....	" 19.	A. D. McMaster.....	"
Keystone.....	" 20.	W. F. Chandler.....	"
De Witt Clinton.....	" 22.	Richard T. Lockley.....	"
		Jas. B. McEwen.....	Dep.:M.:
Ontario.....	" 23.	Henry B. Sill	T.:I.:M.:
Dunkirk.....	" 25.	Wm. H. Wyman.....	Proxy.
Palmyra.....	" 26.	Geo. McGown	"
King Solomon	" 31.	A. B. Smith.....	T.:I.:M.:
Olean.....	" 33.	Caleb S. Hanks.....	Proxy.
Cryptic.....	" 37.	A. P. Knapp.....	P.:C.: of W.:
Corning.....	" 53.	Herbert C. Austin	T.:I.:M.:
Peekskill.....	" 55.	David Griffin.....	"
Ithaca.....	" 68.	C. C. Garrett	"
Nepperhan.....	" 70.	Franklin T. Davis.....	"
Alph-Omega.....	" 71.	John Cunningham.....	Dep.:M.:

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. VAN VLIET,	} Committee.
A. D. McMASTER,	
C. C. GARRETT,	

The Grand Council was then called from labor until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1891—2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Council resumed its session.

Officers and Representatives as at the morning's session.

The Minutes of the morning's session were read and approved.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals presented the following report which was on motion received.

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

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals respectfully report that so far as they are able to ascertain, the utmost harmony prevails in the Cryptic Rite throughout this jurisdiction, and that nothing has been referred to us requiring any action.

Fraternally yours,

CALEB S. HANKS,
FRANKLIN T. DAVIS, } Committee.
WARREN F. CHANDLER, }

The Committee on Warrants and Dispensations presented the following report which was on motion received and their recommendations adopted.

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

Your Committee on Warrants and Dispensations respectfully report that they have examined the petition of the Companions for the establishing of a Council at Johnstown, and find their documents in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and recommend that a warrant be granted to PHILIP KECK, as T. Ill. Master; to FRANK HANSON, as Deputy Master; to JOHN A. KARG, as P. C. of W., and their associates, to be known as Johnstown Council No. 72, and located at Johnstown, Fulton County, N. Y.

We have also considered the request of Nepperhan Council No. 70, that their headquarters and place of meeting be permanently located at Mount Vernon, Westchester County, N. Y., and your Committee are of the firm belief that the interests of the Cryptic Rite will be very much enhanced by granting their request, and cheerfully recommend that their petition be granted.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. E. W. STIVERS, }
 THEO. M. BARBER, } Committee.
 W. H. CASS, }

The Special Committee on Dormant Councils presented the following report which was on motion received and its recommendations adopted :

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

Your Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to Dormant Councils, having given the matter such careful attention as was possible in the time allowed for that purpose, would respectfully submit the following report :

With the limitations hereinafter set forth, your Committee most heartily endorse the suggestions of the Grand Master in relation to the resuscitation of Dormant Councils, and is, as every R. and S. M. must be, in full accord with any proposed action which promises to result in permanent benefit to the Cryptic Rite in this Jurisdiction.

In considering this subject, however, and endeavoring to formulate some plan for the future, it may not be unwise to glance for a moment at the more salient features of the history of the Cryptic Rite in this State, as bearing upon this question.

This retrospect reveals to us, among other things, that seventy-one Councils have been established in this Grand Jurisdiction ; only twenty-five of which are now in existence as actual, living, working, active Councils ; the remainder having either passed out of existence by the surrender of their charters, or become dormant. In either case they have ceased to do that full and perfect work which is desirable, and which must sooner or later lead to our recognition as an essential part of the complete structure of Freemasonry in this State, and in the United States.

As indicating, to some extent, the degree of prosperity enjoyed by those Councils which still have a more or less active existence, the receipts for Grand Council dues for the year ending August 1st, 1891, show that out of twenty-five Councils, only one Council has paid more than \$200.00 ; only three others have paid more than \$100.00 each ; while the remainder have paid sums ranging from \$66.00 to \$8.00 each.

It will appear to many, that this is a very unsatisfactory showing, and so it seems to your Committee.

The consoling fact remains, however, that the total membership in the Cryptic Rite in this Grand Jurisdiction has slowly increased ; notwithstanding the decrease in the number of live, working Councils.

The history of most, if not all, of the subordinate Councils which are represented here to-day shows the same struggle for existence : the same self-sacrificing devotion on the part of Officers and Companions through dark hours of adversity ; until at length they have had the satisfaction of seeing their labors crowned with success, and their Councils established upon a firm foundation.

Who can say that the same zeal and fidelity have not characterized the Officers and members of those Councils which are to-day dormant ? Who shall say that the present lack of vitality in these dormant Councils is not the result of unfortunate circumstances, beyond the control of their Officers and members, and for which they cannot properly be held accountable ?

We do know that in some instances success has not been achieved until after the territorial jurisdiction of Councils, at present active, has been enlarged by the failure of neighboring Councils, and your Committee is of the opinion that it is not now safe to ignore this fact in our attempts to resuscitate those Councils which have become dormant. In our efforts to re-establish dormant Councils, let us proceed with caution ; to the end that we may not, by an excess of zeal in this direction, cripple those Councils which have been made prosperous and self-sustaining only by years of earnest labor and personal and financial sacrifice on the part of their members.

Let us not fall into the error of attempting to build up a large number of Councils whose continued existence is at best problematical ; provided the same can only be done at the expense of the few strong and flourishing ones now on the active list. In justice to those who have fought the good fight and conquered, we should see to it that no action of ours should rob them of the fruits of their hard earned victory ; while, at the same time, every encouragement and assistance possible should be extended to those dormant Councils whose resuscitation seems practicable, and whose geographical position is such as not to make the experiment hazardous to the interests of existing active Councils.

Your Committee are firmly of the opinion, however, that the true solution of the present question was suggested by M. Ill. Grand Master JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr., in his annual address to this Grand Council one year ago, and we believe that the present situation has not been brought about by the legarthy of the Companions, or by their lack of interest in the welfare of the Cryptic Rite ; but rather by reason of the fact that the degrees of Royal and Select Master have not been made a pre-requisite to further advancement.

See Grand Council Proceedings 1890, page 12.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully recommend :

First.—That this Grand Council render all the encouragement and assistance possible to all dormant Councils in resuming work, wherever it shall appear that such resumption of work will not be materially prejudicial to the interests of existing active Councils.

Second.—That the M. · Ill. · Grand Master, and the other officers and members of this Grand Body, be requested to use their utmost endeavors to secure, in the Grand Commandery of this State and in the Grand Encampment of the United States, such recognition of the Cryptic Rite as shall make the degrees of Royal and Select Master a pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood.

Faternally submitted,

R. B. STILES,
JNO. L. BROTHERS, } Committee.
GEO. MCGOWN,

The Committee on Fraternal Dead presented the following report which was on motion received and their recommendations adopted.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

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

Your Committee on the Fraternal Dead would reiterate the announcement of our M. · I. · Grand Master in his able address, and say that to-day we stand uncovered beside the newly made graves of

T. · I. · Comp. ALBERT JONES, M. · I. · Comp. W. H. G. GAILLARD,
M. · I. · Comp. C. W. BROWN, T. · I. · Comp. A. F. CHAPMAN,
M. · I. · Comp. ALBERT PIKE.

and we would thankfully add that each in his appointed sphere fulfilled the highest type of a man and a Mason.

What more need be said ?

They died in the full maturity of manhood. Zealous for the speedy extension of our beloved Cryptic Rite, and enthusiastic for the well being of the Order in all its branches. Faithfully and unmovably they stood like true sentinels guarding the honor and purity of the Craft, and when death came to lead them into his secret vault, concerning which no living being has ever yet been able to see, much less unfold, they quietly surrendered, and passed from our earnest gaze into the mysteries of the other world.

Lord GOD Almighty, ever blest,
Give them Thine eternal rest.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D'ORVILLE DOTY,
EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, } Committee.
JESSE B. ANTHONY,

On motion, the changes in the Ritual, suggested by the representative of Palmyra Council No. 26, were referred to a special Committee with instructions to report therein at our next Annual Assembly. Committee consisting of GEORGE MCGOWN, JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr. and JOHN W. COBURN.

On motion, the changes in Ritual as recommended by the Grand Lecturer, were adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report which was on motion received.

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they are unable to find any business left undone by this Grand Body at its last Annual Assembly to be acted upon at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. B. GREEN, }
CONRAD WEHNES, } Committee.
SAMUEL BENNETT, }

Comp. JOHN W. COBURN, the Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of R. and S. M.'s of the U. S., was announced, received and welcomed to this Annual Assembly as such officer.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws presented the following report which was on motion received and their recommendations adopted.

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

Your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws most respectfully report, that the decisions by the Grand Master in his address, concerning the right of membership of dormant Councils as to visitation, and in reference to the actions of subordinate Councils between the election and installation of officers respectively, be and are hereby approved.

As regards "the description of an Apron for members of subordinate Councils," your Committee recommend an amendment to Sec. 8, of the General Regulations, by adding these words :

Rectangular in form, 14 inches in depth and 17 inches in width, having a triangular flap, the point of which shall reach to the centre of the apron, with a purple border on both flap and apron, which shall be the distinctive apron for subordinate Councils in this Jurisdiction.

GEO. M. OSGOODBY, }
JOHN J. MARTIN, } Committee.
G. FRED. WILTSIE, }

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report which was on motion received and their recommendations adopted.

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

Your Committee have examined the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer and find them correct. We recommend the payment of the following sums :

To the Grand Recorder for Salary and Expenses	\$322 96
“ “ Sentinel for Services “	13 00
“ “ Organist for “ at opening	5 00
“ “ “ Assistant	2 00
To Rent of Room and Safe	20 00
“ John F. Baldwin for Printing	16 25
“ Pay of Representatives	492 38
“ Chairman Com. on For. Cor.	75 00
“ Grand Master for Expenses	15 00

We also recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to pay to the General Grand Recorder the annual installment of Grand Council dues to the General Grand Body.

We also recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to print 500 copies of the Proceedings of this Annual Assembly.

We also recommend that any additional expense incurred by the Grand Master, other than the amount recommended, be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

As heretofore the details of the report of the Finance Committee in connection with the pay of Representatives which have been made upon loose sheets and are likely to be lost or mislaid, your Committee recommend that a suitable book in accordance with the amended schedule be prepared under the direction of the Chairman for the purpose of making this record permanent.

We also recommend that, in accordance with Section 17 of the Constitution, the sum of \$500 be placed in the Permanent Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. COBURN,
RICHARD T. LOCKLEY, } Committee.
WM. H. WYMAN,

The time (as fixed by special order) for the election of Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Master appointed as Tellers Comps. W. F. CHANDLER and WM. H. WYMAN, when the Grand Council proceeded to the election, with the following results :

Comp. ALEXANDER B. KING, of Troy	elected	Grand Master.
“ GEO. A. NEWELL, of Medina,	“	Grand Dep. Master.
“ JOHN F. BALDWIN, of New York,	“	P. C. of W.
“ PETER FORRESTER,	“	Treasurer.
“ GEO. VAN VLIET,	“	Recorder.
“ GEO. M. OSGOODBY,	}	“ as Trustees.
“ JOHN W. COBURN,		
“ JOHN L. BROTHERS,		

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

Comp. ALBERT W. FORCE, of Ithaca	.....	Grand C. of the G.
“ FREDERICK KANTER, of New York	.....	“ C. of the C.
“ Rev. W. D'ORVILLE DOTY, D. D., of Rochester	.....	“ Chaplain.
“ RICHARD T. LOCKLEY, of Albany	.....	“ Marshal.
“ A. OPFENHEIMER, of Buffalo	.....	“ Lecturer.
“ WM. H. WYMAN, of Dunkirk	.....	“ Steward.
“ JOHN HOOLE, of New York	.....	“ Sentinel.
“ GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.		

The following amendments to the Constitution were presented by Comp. A. D. McMASTER, and laid over under the rules until our next Annual Assembly.

That the Grand Council dues of such members of subordinate Councils as shall have been dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues, shall cease from Aug. 1st, next, preceding the date of their having been so dropped.

Comp. A. D. McMASTER offered the following amendment: That the term of office of Trustees shall be three years, and that at the next election the three Trustees shall be elected for one, two, and three years, respectively. It being the intention that the term of one Trustee shall expire each year.

The officers elected and appointed were installed in their several stations by M.:P.:GEO. M. OSGOODBY, Past Grand Master of this Grand Council, as Installing Officer, assisted by M.:Ill.:G. FRED. WILTSIE (also a P. G. M.) as Grand Marshal.

On motion, the 1st Tuesday in September, 1892, at 10 o'clock, a. m., and Masonic Hall, New York City, were made the time and place for the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council.

The Grand Master appointed as a Committee on Library in place of Comp. BROWN, Comp. RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE.

The Grand Recorder was instructed to procure a Marshal's baton for the use of the Grand Marshal of this Grand Council.

On motion, the thanks of this Grand Council was extended to the Companions of Buffalo for their cordial invitation to hold our next Annual Assembly in their city.

The thanks of the Grand Council were, on motion, extended to the Past M.:Ill.:Grand Master, JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr., for his untiring efforts in behalf of the Cryptic Rite.

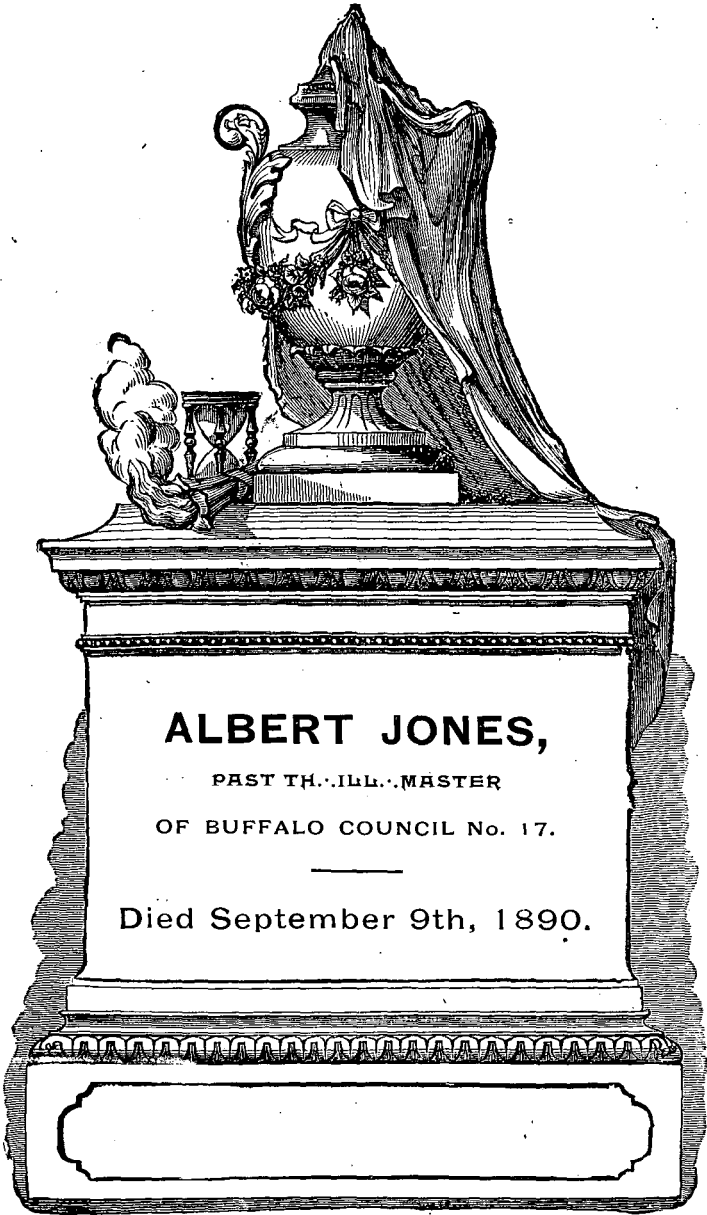
On motion, the Grand Recorder was instructed to procure a Past Grand Master's Apron for presentation, at our next Annual Assembly, to M.:Ill.:JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr., and also one for the present Grand Master, which shall become the property of the said Grand Master on his retiring from office.

The Grand Master was requested to apportion the several Councils in this jurisdiction to the Grand Officers for official visitation.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York was then closed in ample form.



Grand Recorder.

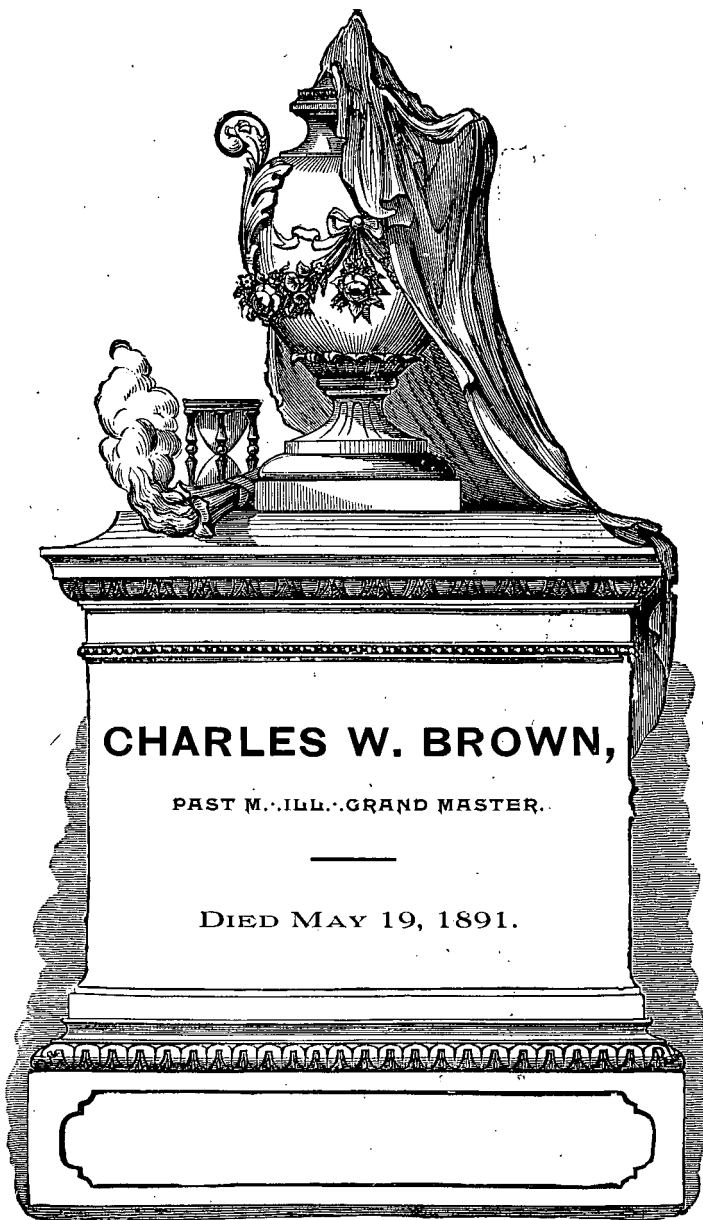


ALBERT JONES,

PAST TH. ILL. MASTER

OF BUFFALO COUNCIL No. 17.

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Died September 9th, 1890.



RECEIPTS.

From Columbian	Council No. 1,	for dues to August 1st, 1891....	\$11 00
“ Union	“ “ 2,	“ “ “	43 00
“ Brooklyn	“ “ 4,	“ “ “	46 50
“ Adelpic	“ “ 7,	“ “ “	126 00
“ Central City	“ “ 13,	“ “ “	27 00
“ Bloss	“ “ 14,	“ “ “	221 50
“ Bruce	“ “ 15,	“ “ “	28 50
“ Southern Tier	“ “ 16,	“ “ “	22 50
“ Buffalo	“ “ 17,	“ “ “	85 50
“ Doric	“ “ 19,	“ “ “	181 00
“ Keystone	“ “ 20,	“ “ “	66 00
“ DeWitt Clinton	“ “ 22,	“ “ “	194 50
“ Ontario	“ “ 23,	“ “ “	8 00
“ Dunkirk	“ “ 25,	“ “ “	69 50
“ Palmyra	“ “ 26,	“ “ “	31 00
“ King Solomon	“ “ 31,	“ “ “	39 00
“ Olean	“ “ 33,	“ “ “	33 50
„ Cryptic	“ “ 37,	“ “ “	24 00
“ Corning	“ “ 53,	“ “ “	19 00
“ Peekskill	“ “ 55,	“ “ “	13 00
“ Ithaca	“ “ 68,	“ “ “	47 00
“ Nepperhan	“ “ 70,	“ “ “	36 00
“ Alph-Omega	“ “ 71,	“ “ “	31 00
“ Johnstown	“ U. D. for warrant,	.....	30 00
			\$1,434 00

OFFICERS, LOCATION AND DATE OF MEETING OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

NAME.	No.	MASTER.	DEPUTY MASTER.	P. C. OF W.	RECORDER.	WHERE LOCATED.		DATE OF MEETINGS.
						CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.	
COLUMBIAN	1	John J. Gorman.	G. Donaldson.	Wm. F. J. Thiers.	P. M. W. Verhoeven.	New York.	New York.	2d or 4th Monday.
UNION	2	Dr. J. V. B. Green.	Sam'l W. Wiley.	B. W. Hough.	Marvin H. Conklin.	New York.	New York.	3d Saturday.
BROOKLYN	4	Samuel Bennett.	C. S. Lacey.	Geo. R. Weed.	Geo. Nicholson.	Brooklyn.	Kings.	3d Saturday.
ADELPHIC	7	Geo. E. W. Stivers.	F. F. Russell.	F. E. Davis.	John W. Coburn.	New York.	New York.	1st Saturday.
CENTRAL CITY	13	Theo. M. Barber.	Wm. Gilbert.	John H. Duncan.	Edwin C. Tallcott.	Syracuse.	Onondaga.	
BLOSS	14	Robert B. Stiles.	Arthur T. Smith.	Arthur McArthur.	R. H. Van Alstym.	Troy.	Rensselaer.	1st Friday.
BRUCE	15	Wm. J. Jackman.	Harry H. Moore.	Perry Stowell.	Van Ness Douglas.	Lockport.	Niagara.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
SOUTHERN TIER	16	Conrad Wehnes.	C. L. Hart.	Allen Derby.	W. A. Kingsbury.	Elmira.	Chemung.	3d Monday.
BUFFALO	17	Wm. H. Cass.	Geo. W. Voss.	Henry B. Clark.	Erastus C. Knight.	Buffalo.	Eric.	3d Thursday.
DORIC	19	A. D. McMaster.	Edward Edwards.	Charles H. Swift.	John Alexander.	Rochester.	Monroe.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
KEYSTONE	20	W. F. Chandler.	H. McMichael.	Robert T. Walker.	W. S. Riselay.	Buffalo.	Eric.	3d Saturday.
DEWITT CLINTON	22	R. T. Lockley.	J. B. McEwen.	Alfred A. Guthrie.	Charles Blood.	Albany.	Albany.	3d Thursday.
ONTARIO	23	Henry R. Sill.	Nelson Hyatt.	George Beebe.	J. N. Macomb, Jr.	Penn Yan.	Yates.	Last Tuesday.
DUNKIRK	25	H. J. Gibbs, Jr.	F. B. Barnard.	John Hilliard.	Charles Blood.	Dunkirk.	Chautauqua.	1st Wednesday.
PALMYRA	26	S. Nelson Sawyer.	Alf. C. Hopkins.	Edwin B. Anderson.	George McGown.	Palmyra.	Wayne.	2d Monday.
KING SOLOMON	31	Alfred B. Smith.	A. V. Haight.	Rev. F. B. Wheeler.	Bevier S. Bayly.	Foughkeepsie.	Dutchess.	
OLEAN	33	J. Arthur Corbin.	A. A. Swarts.	W. L. Myrick.	C. S. Hanks.	Olean.	Cattaraugus.	1st Wednesday.
CRYPTIC	37	J. M. Colcord.	H. B. Huestis.	A. P. Knapp.	F. W. Gurdner.	Saratoga Spr'gs.	Saratoga.	
CORNING	53	H. C. Austin.	H. H. Kendall.	Geo. B. Hill.	Geo. Hitchcock.	Corning.	Steuben.	1st & 3d Thursdays.
PEEKSKILL	55	David Griffin.	John Halstead.	Robt. Brown.	Thos. J. Hodgkins.	Peekskill.	Westchester.	2d Monday.
ITHACA	68	C. C. Garrett.	Frank H. Romer.	Geo. W. Melotte.	A. W. Force.	Ithaca.	Tompkins.	2d Monday.
NEPPERHAN	70	Franklin T. Davis.	R. B. Disbrow.	Geo. D. Pond.	Edgar T. Stewart.	White Plains.	Westchester.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
ALPH-Omega	71	Geo. A. Newell.	J. Cunningham.	I. M. Thompson.	Alph. H. Sears.	Albion.	Orleans.	2d Wednesday.
JOHNSTOWN	72	Philip Keck.	Frank Hanson.	John A. Karg.		Johnstown.	Fu ton.	

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESS.	REPRESENTATIVES TO GRAND COUNCIL OF N. Y.	ADDRESS.	GRAND COUNCIL.	REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND COUNCIL OF N. Y.	ADDRESS.
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GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Henry W. Mordhurst.....	Fort Wayne, Ind.	C. S. Hanks.....	Olean.	Arkansas.	Logan H. Roote.....	Little Rock.
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Thomas H. Caswell.....	San Francisco.	John F. Baldwin.....	New York.	Florida.	James A. Chaffin.....	Milton.
John Carlovitz.....	Milton.	John W. Coburn.....	New York.	Georgia.	Anselm Sterne.....	Albany.
Andrew W. Wolihin.....	Macon.	Geo. A. Newell.....	Medina.	Indiana.	Lucienne A. Foote.....	Crawfordsville.
Wm. H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis.	John D. Williams.....	Elmira.	Kansas.	David Brockway.....	Topeka.
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Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans.	G. Fred. Wiltsie.....	Albany.	Maine.	Josiah H. Drummond.....	Portland.
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Geo. P. Cleaves.....	Concord.	Horace M. Hibbard.....	Ithaca.	Nebraska.	Wm. R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
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John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.	Ralph E. Prime.....	Yonkers.	Ohio.	Wm. M. Cunningham.....	Newark.
Charles W. Talmage.....	McMinnville.	William Sherer.....	Brooklyn.	Oregon.	Milton S. Woodstock.....	Corvallis.
Zimmerman Davis.....	Charleston.	Albert W. Force.....	Ithaca.	South Carolina.	H. F. Miller.....	Charleston.
John Frizzell.....	Nashville.	John N. Macomb, Jr.....	Branchport.	Tennessee.	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
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Garra B. Noble.....	Detroit.	Peter Forrester.....	New York.	Michigan.	H. Shaw Noble.....	Monroe.
J. L. Power.....	Jackson.	Royal E. Deane.....	New York.	Mississippi.		
Charles Bechtel.....	Trenton.	Rev. W. D'O. Doty.....	Rochester.	New Jersey.	James B. Small.....	Newark.
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Charles E. Meyer.....	1717 Chestnut St., Phila.	Frederick Kanter.....	New York.	Pennsylvania.	Geo. C. Johnstone.....	Allegheny City.
William R. Greene.....	Providence.	Wm. Morgan Lee.....	Poughkeepsie	Rhode Island.	A. H. Cushman.....	Providence.
John W. Laffin.....	Milwaukee.			Wisconsin.	W. W. Dugett.....	Oshkosh.

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Robert S. Brown.....	5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.			Scotland.		

NECROLOGY.

Columbian, No. 1....	Comp.	EDWARD C. HARWOOD...	Died Jan. 13th, 1891.
"	"	THOMAS B. LAWN.....	" May 11th, 1891.
Union, No. 2.....	"	HOWELL VAIL.....	" June 18th, 1891.
Brooklyn, No. 4.....	"	JAMES M. FULLER.....	" Jan. 10th, 1891.
"	"	JAMES W. BROWNE.....	" April 30th, 1891.
"	"	A. B. FAULKNER.....	" July 1st, 1891.
Adelphic, No. 7.....	"	ELLWOOD E. THORNE.....	" Jan. 3rd, 1891.
"	"	FRANK H. RUMMELL.....	" Jan. 17th, 1891.
"	"	CHARLES W. BROWN.....	" May 19th, 1891.
Bloss, No. 14.....	"	JOHN B. COWE.....	" March 12th, 1890.
"	"	JOHN GILES.....	" Dec., 1890.
"	"	THOMAS HOGDEN.....	" April 5th, 1891.
Buffalo, No. 17.....	"	ALBERT JONES.....	" Sept., 1890.
"	"	ALBERT EY.....	" Nov., 1890.
"	"	PETER J. HANOUR.....	" Feb. 1891.
"	"	HUGH HARDY.....	" April, 1891.
Doric, No. 19.....	"	GEO. G. COOPER.....	" Sept. 8th, 1890.
"	"	CHAS. H. BIDWELL.....	" Sept. 29th, 1890.
"	"	L. C. HART.....	" Oct. 19th, 1891.
"	"	H. F. ADAMS.....	" June 10th, 1891.
"	"	J. B. SOUTHWORTH.....	" April 25th, 1891.
Keystone, No. 20...	"	DR. FRANK O. VAUGHEN..	" March 18th, 1891.
DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	"	EDWARD J. BOUGHTON ..	" Jan. 8th, 1891.
"	"	THOS. E. WILLIAMSON ..	" April 27th, 1891.
"	"	PHILIP BURG.....	" June 11th, 1891.
"	"	ADAM COOK.....	" July 17th, 1891.
Ontario, No. 23.....	"	JAMES CAIRNS.....	" Dec. 4th, 1890.
Dunkirk, No. 25.....	"	W. A. FOSS.....	" Nov. 18th, 1890.
Palmyra, No. 26.....	"	LINDORF H. CARL.....	" August 1st, 1890.
Ithaca, No. 68.....	"	ANNING O. SHAW.....	" Nov. 22d, 1890.

Permanent Members of the Grand Council,
Past Masters of Subordinate Councils.

COLUMBIAN COUNCIL, No. 1.

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DANIEL SICKLES.

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JOSEPH A. BRITTON.
PETER FORRESTER.
JOHN BOYD.

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JOHN S. KING.
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W. P. WORSTER.
WILLIAM H. SMITH.
MARVIN H. CONKLIN.

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ALBERT E. LEACH.
J. WARING EAMES.

B. F. ADAMS.
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WILLIAM SHERER.
GEORGE NICHOLSON.
W. M. SMITH.
WM. P. HOWELL.
JOHN B. HARRIS.

ADELPHIC COUNCIL, No. 7.

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GEORGE VAN VLIET.
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PHILIP O. BENJAMIN.
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JOHN HOOLE.
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CENTRAL CITY COUNCIL, No. 13.

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 GERARD MCVICAR.
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 HENRY M. PLANT.
 THOMAS SEED.
 JAMES T. SOUTHARD.
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WILLIAM S. BRADT.
 SAMUEL C. PIERCE.
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 E. W. HORNE.
 E. A. STALLBORODT.
 EDWARD SCHAFER.
 WM. H. MASTON.

KEYSTONE COUNCIL, No. 20.

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 STEPHEN M. RATCLIFFE.
 JOHN B. SACKETT.
 DARWIN E. MORGAN.
 JOHN L. BROTHERS.

JAMES M. HENDERSON.
 WARREN A. WOODSON.
 E. A. ROCKWOOD.
 LEVI S. GATES.
 WARREN F. CHANDLER.

DE WITT CLINTON COUNCIL, No. 22.

FRANK CHAMBERLAIN.
 JAMES W. MORANGE.
 JOHN J. MARTIN.
 WILLIAM H. WHISH.

JOHN A. DAVIS.
 THOMAS J. BISHOP.
 R. T. LOCKLEY.

ONTARIO COUNCIL, No. 23.

WILLIAM P. DURRANT.
 JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr.
 EDWARD KENDALL.

ORVILLE F. RANDOLPH.
 J. HENRY SMITH.

DUNKIRK COUNCIL, No. 25.

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 CHARLES H. SHERMAN.
 C. E. HEQUEMBOURG.
 B. L. HARRISON.

B. RATHBON.
 ELIJAH HARRIS.
 H. J. GIBBS, JR.

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ELIJAH ENNIS.
 MARK C. FINLEY.
 GEORGE MCGOWN.

JOHN C. COATES.
 S. NELSON SAWYER.

UTICA COUNCIL, No. 28.

MARTIN A. LEWIS.
 EDWARD B. CASH.
 HENRY C. WELTON.
 BYRON S. FRISBIE.

G. C. MOREHOUSE.
 JAMES T. THOIRS.
 JAMES V. ANTHONY.

KING SOLOMON COUNCIL, No. 31.

CHARLES ESTABROOK.
WM. MORGAN LEE.
WM. B. HULL.

EDGAR M. WEEKS.
ALFRED B. SMITH.

CRYPTIC COUNCIL, No. 37.

CHARLES H. STURGES.

OLEAN COUNCIL, No. 33.

C. S. STOWELL.
J. A. TAYLOR.
C. S. HANKS.

M. SOUTHERON.
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CORNING COUNCIL, No. 53.

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