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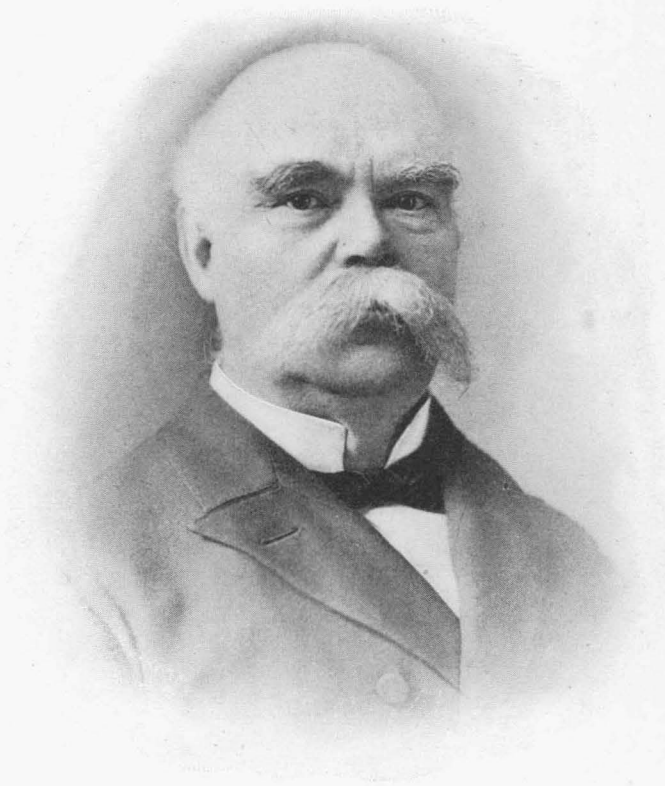
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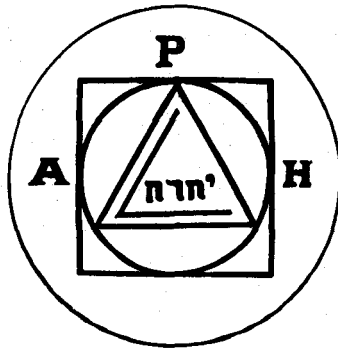
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# NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

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MASONIC TEMPLE

TROY, N. Y.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS CHARLES STEWART, GRAND MASTER.

## Opening Exercises

*Under Direction of Most Ill. FREDERICK KANTER, Past Grand Master*

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|---|--|--|----------------|
| 1 | <b>Overture</b>                                    | <i>William Tell</i>  | ROSSINI        |
| 2 | <b>Entrance of Grand Master and Grand Officers</b> |  |                |
|   |  | N. Y. Grand Council Processional March, Organ and Orchestra - -                    | JOHNSON        |
| 3 | <b>Salutation</b>                                  | - - - - -  |                |
| 4 | <b>Organ and Orchestra</b>                         | <i>When the Swallows Homeward Fly</i>  | - ABT          |
| 5 | <b>Address of Welcome</b>                          | <i>by T. Ill. M. F. HEMINGWAY, Master of Bloss Council, No. 14, of Troy, N. Y.</i> |                |
| 6 | <b>Opening of Grand Council</b>                    | - - - - -  |                |
| 7 | <b>Cornet Solo and Orchestra</b>                   | <i>The Rosary</i>  | - - - NEVIN    |
| 8 | <b>Prayer</b>                                      | - - - - -  | GRAND CHAPLAIN |
| 9 | <b>Chorus with Orchestra</b>                       | AIR— <i>America</i>  |                |

(Companions will rise and unite in singing)

My Country 'tis of thee  
Sweet land of Liberty,  
Of thee we sing:  
Land of the Mason's pride!  
Land of the Cryptic Rite!  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring.

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

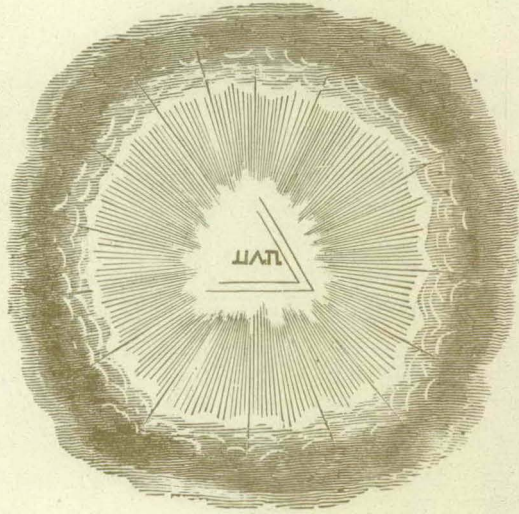
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| 10 | <b>Proclamation</b> | - - - - - | GRAND MARSHAL |
| 11 | <b>Doxology</b>     | - - - - - |               |

Be thou, O God, exalted high,  
And as thy glory fills the sky  
So let it be on earth displayed  
Till thou art here as there obeyed.

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| 12 | <b>Roll Call</b> | - - - - - | GRAND RECORDER |
|----|------------------|-----------|----------------|

Comp. EDWIN T. MARSHALL, Organist to the Grand Council.

Music by DORING'S ORCHESTRA.



Annual Assembly  
of the  
Grand Council, R.: & S.:M.:  
of the State of New York

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GRAND COUNCIL ROOM,  
MASONIC TEMPLE,  
TROY, N. Y.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York, convened in Annual Assembly in the Masonic Temple, No. 17 Third Street, in the City of Troy, on Tuesday, August 28th, 1906, Anno. Dep. 2906, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

## PRESENT:

M. III. CHARLES STEWART,	GRAND MASTER
R. III. FRED E. OGDEN,	GRAND DEPUTY MASTER
R. III. WILLIAM H. ANDREWS,	GRAND P. C. OF W.
R. III. GEORGE A. NEWELL,	GRAND TREASURER
R. III. GEORGE VAN VLIET,	GRAND RECORDER
R. III. FRANK M. ADEE,	GRAND CAPT. OF THE GUARD
R. III. MORRIS S. MacKENZIE,	GRAND COND. OF THE COUNCIL
R. III. WILL L. LLOYD,	GRAND MARSHAL
R. III. —————	GRAND LECTURER
R. III. HARWOOD DUDLEY,	GRAND STANDARD BEARER
R. III. MARTIN Q. GOOD,	GRAND STEWARD
R. III. and Rev. WARREN C. HUBBARD,	GRAND CHAPLAIN
III. CHARLES TESON,	GRAND SENTINEL
M. III. JOHN P. DEAL,	} TRUSTEES
M. III. A. OPPENHEIMER,	
R. III. J. HARRIS BALSTON,	

Together with the Representatives of the following Councils:

COLUMBIAN	No. 1	PALMYRA	No. 26
UNION	" 2	KING SOLOMON	" 31
BROOKLYN	" 4	OLEAN	" 33
ADELPHIC	" 7	HORNELLSVILLE	" 35
CENTRAL CITY	" 13	CRYPTIC	" 37
BLOSS	" 14	WASHINGTON	" 52
BRUCE	" 15	CORNING	" 53
SOUTHERN TIER	" 16	PEEKSKILL	" 55
BUFFALO	" 17	PHOENIX	" 70
DORIC	" 19	ALPH-OMEGA	" 71
KEYSTONE	" 20	JOHNSTOWN	" 72
DE WITT CLINTON	" 22		

And permanent members as follows:

GEO. M. OSGOODBY. P. G. M.	FRED'K KANTER. P. G. M.
JOHN W. COBURN. "	GEO. McGOWN. "
R. C. CHRISTIANCE. "	JOHN P. DEAL. "
ALEX. B. KING. "	WILLARD S. BRADT. "
GEO. A. NEWELL. "	I. L'HOMMEDIEU. "
A. OPPENHEIMER. "	

## PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS.

JOHN D. CAWEIN.....	No. 1	CHAS. M. COLTON.....	No. 19
E. W. VAN VRANKEN...	" 4	THOS. J. BISHOP.....	" 22
WM. H. SUTTON.....	" 4	EUGENE CRAWFORD....	" 22
JAMES CHAMBERS.....	" 7	W. S. GIBBONS.....	" 22
ARTHUR MacARTHUR...	" 14	T. A. WILLIAMSON.....	" 22
EDWARD H. LISK.....	" 14	GEO. E. BRIGGS.....	" 53
EDWIN BUCHMAN.....	" 14	EDMUND C. NATION....	" 55
HENRY CALHOUN.....	" 14		

With Representatives from the following Grand Councils:

ALABAMA.....	Represented by Companion	HUGH H. KENDALL
ARKANSAS .....	"	" HIRAM A. MATTESON
CANADA .....	"	" GEORGE MCGOWN
CONNECTICUT ...	"	" WILLIAM H. ANDREWS
CALIFORNIA .....	"	" THEODORE M. BARBER
COLORADO .....	"	" CHARLES M. COLTON
ENGLAND, WALES, &c	"	" GEO. M. OSGOODBY
GEORGIA .....	"	" JOHN W. COBURN
ILLINOIS .....	"	" EDMUND C. NATION
INDIANA .....	"	" GEORGE A. NEWELL
INDIAN TERRITORY	"	" ALFRED B. PRICE
IOWA .....	"	" WILLIAM E. DUNCAN
KANSAS .....	"	" WM. E. WOOLLARD
KENTUCKY .....	"	" JOHN BENNETT
LOUISIANA .....	"	" R. KENNETH BICKFORD
MAINE .....	"	"
MARYLAND .....	"	" WILLIAM DOWNES
MASSACHUSETTS.	"	" JOHN J. MARTIN
MICHIGAN .....	"	" WILLIAM BAMBER
MISSISSIPPI .....	"	" MARK C. FINLEY
MISSOURI .....	"	" JOHN L. BROTHERS
MINNESOTA .....	"	" ALEX. B. KING
NORTH CAROLINA	"	" JOHN L. JUDGE
NEW BRUNSWICK.	"	" T. AUSTIN WILLIAMSON
NEBRASKA .....	"	" GEORGE H. TOOPE
NEW HAMPSHIRE	"	" GEORGE C. BISHOP
NEW JERSEY.....	"	" W. P. KNAPP
OHIO .....	"	" JAMES CHAMBERS
OREGON .....	"	" A. OPPENHEIMER
PENNSYLVANIA ..	"	" FRANK E. SMITH
RHODE ISLAND...	"	" FRED'K KANTER
SCOTLAND .....	"	"
TENNESSEE.....	"	" HENRY CALHOUN
VERMONT .....	"	" R. C. CHRISTIANCE
WISCONSIN.....	"	"
WASHINGTON.....	"	" J. HARRIS BALSTON

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form as per program.

Letters of regret at their enforced absence from this Annual Assembly were received from M. Ill. JOHN N. MACOMB, Past Grand Master; R. Ill. WM. SHERER, Representative Grand Council of Scotland; R. Ill. GEO. H. TOOPE, Representative Grand Council of Nebraska; R. Ill. WM. HOMAN, Representative Grand Council of Maine.

A telegram from the physician of our Grand Lecturer, R. Ill. CHARLES S. BUTLER, stating that his illness is too serious to permit him to make the journey to this Annual Assembly, was received. He was promptly excused, and regrets were freely expressed at his enforced absence.

As visitors, GEO. M. OSGOODBY, Past G. G. M. of General Grand Council; JOHN W. COBURN, Past G. G. M. of General Grand Council; GEO. A. NEWELL, G. G. C. of C. of the General Grand Council; JAMES E. CURRAN, Past Grand P. C. of W., of Vermont; ARTHUR MACARTHUR, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York.

The Grand Master received and welcomed the Representatives of the several Grand Councils present, and tendered through them to the Grand Bodies they represent, the fraternal 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 last Annual Assembly was dispensed with, the Representatives being furnished with printed copies thereof.

M. Ill. CHARLES STEWART, Grand Master, then presented the following address:

## ADDRESS

Illustrious Companions:—

We are told that Masonry is a search for truth. As the candidate passes through the symbolic degrees, he is led on until he reaches the stage of manhood in the third degree; but here something is missing,—something has been lost,—and the search continues until he finds in the Royal Arch the lost word; and still further and further leads the search after truth until he enters our secret vault where all is made light and clear to him. Here, also, he finds not only truth but true companionship, which binds us heart to heart and in one unbroken chain of earnest and zealous Masons.

One year ago you honored me with the highest office in your gift, and when I now surrender this great office into your hands, I beg of you to believe that I have earnestly and sincerely tried to do all my duty, and let my shortcomings be laid to human frailty, and if credit is due, let it go to the excellent support given me by all the Associate Grand Officers and all the Companions throughout this Empire State.

Companions, in bidding you welcome to this our 97th Annual Assembly, I ask you to raise your voice and thoughts to Him on High, who is our guide and counsel and offer up our thanks to the Almighty that our ranks are intact and that the Reaper has passed our door and left us in solid phalanx to continue in the good cause of our Rite; but at this time it is fit that we pause for a moment to pay a sad tribute of respect to the memory of those who passed away and have gone to a higher sphere of usefulness, and to extend our sympathy to those of our sister jurisdictions who have met with the loss of dear ones.

### NECROLOGY.

California.—Companion ANDREW JACKSON UTLEY, who served as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1878, died at Los Angeles, Cal., November 10th, 1905.

England.—Companion NATHANIEL GEORGE PHILIPS, the Representative of the Grand Council of New York, and who was appointed the first Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of England and Wales in 1873, died November 21st, 1905.

New Jersey.—Companion JOHN A. PARKER, Past Grand Master of New Jersey, died at Chatham, N. J., January 8th, 1906.

Arkansas.—SAMUEL DELANO DODGE, a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, died at Little Rock, Ark., January 10th, 1906.

Missouri.—JOSEPH S. BROWNE, Grand Master in 1873, died at Joplin, Missouri, February 12th, 1906.

Michigan.—Past Grand Master D. BURNHAM TRACY, who served as Most Illustrious Grand Master in the year 1862, died at Detroit, Mich., February 19th, 1906.

Arkansas.—Most Illustrious OMER J. SHORT, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, died at Buena Vista, Ga., March 22nd, 1906.

Michigan.—Companion Rev. FRANCIS ASBURY BLADES, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Michigan, who served in the same office for twenty-seven years in the Grand Council, died at Detroit, Mich., April 24th, 1906.

Colorado.—Most Illustrious Grand Master, JOHN HUMPHREYS, died at Trinidad, Colo., April 25th, 1906.

Ohio.—Companion HENRY TRUE, the Grand Treasurer of the Most Illustrious Grand Council, died at Cleveland, O., April 30th, 1906.

Alabama.—Most Illustrious Companion JAMES TAIT BECK, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Alabama, died at Selma, Ala., May 6th, 1906.

Missouri.—Past Grand Master, ALLAN McDOWELL, Grand Master in 1872, died at Kansas City, Missouri, May 20th, 1906.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Our fraternal relations with other Grand Councils continue cordial. During the year Representatives have been appointed and accredited as follows:

December 12th, 1905.—At the request of the Grand Master of Illinois, I issued a Commission of appointment to Ill.'. JOHN O'NEILL as Grand Representative of this Grand Council near that of Illinois.

January 11th, 1906.—I received and approved the Commission of R.'. Ill.'. E. C. NATION of Peekskill, as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Illinois near this Grand Council.

July 10th, 1906.—I received and approved the Commission of T.'. Ill.'. WILLIAM BAMBER, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Michigan, near this Grand Council.

July 24th, 1906.—I received and approved the Commission of M.'. Ill.'. A. OPPENHEIMER, reappointed as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Oregon near this Grand Council.

August 4th, 1906.—At the request of M.'. Ill.'. E. B. NEAVE, Grand Master of the Grand Council of North Carolina, I appointed Companion E. S. MARTIN as Grand Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of North Carolina.

August 10th, 1906.—At the request of the Grand Master of Iowa, I issued a Commission of appointment to Ill.'. WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND as Grand Representative of this Grand Council near that of Iowa.

August 17th, 1906.—I received and approved a Commission from the M.'. Ill.'. Grand Master of Iowa for the reappointment of R.'. Ill.'. WILLIAM E. DUNCAN as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Iowa near that of New York.

August 22d, 1906.—I received and approved the Commission of R. Ill. JOHN L. JUDGE for reappointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of North Carolina near that of New York.

#### WAIVER OF JURISDICTION.

Under date of September 27, 1905, Bloss Council, No. 14, asked me to request through the M. Ill. Grand Master of Massachusetts, a Waiver of Jurisdiction over Royal Arch Companion J. H. DAVISON of Fitchburg, Mass.

Hiram Council of Worcester, Mass., kindly granted the Waiver of Jurisdiction, December 18th, 1905.

On November 23d, 1905, I forwarded to M. Ill. G. W. MORROW, Grand Master of New Jersey, the request of Columbian Council, No. 1, for Waiver of Jurisdiction over Royal Arch Companion JOHN N. J. BELL of Jersey City, N. J.

On December 26th, 1905, I was informed that Warren Council had very courteously Waived Jurisdiction in this case.

On March 7th, 1906, Columbian Council, No. 1, asked me to request through M. Ill. G. W. MORROW, Grand Master of New Jersey, a Waiver of Jurisdiction over Companion ALFRED L. HUGHES, which request was again kindly granted by Warren Council on April 12th, 1906.

On May 20th, 1906, I forwarded the request of Columbian Council, No. 1, to the Grand Master of New Jersey for a Waiver of Jurisdiction over Companion DAYTON REED DREW, which request was cordially granted by Terry Council of Paterson, N. J., May 25, 1906.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I have issued Dispensations at the request of various Councils as follows:

November 14th, 1905.—To Doric Council, No. 19, to hold its Annual Assembly on the evening of December 29th, 1905, for the purpose of electing officers and conferring the degree.

January 13th, 1906.—To Union Council, No. 2, to elect and install their officers on January 18th, 1906.

January 19th, 1906.—To Keystone Council, No. 20, to hold a Special Assembly to install the officers, receive petitions, act on the same, confer degrees and transact all regular business as may come before it, on January 30th, 1906.

January 20th, 1906.—To Bruce Council, No. 15, to hold its Annual Assembly on January 22d, 1906.

January 23d, 1906.—To Alph-Omega Council, No. 71, to hold a Special Assembly on the evening of January 31st, to receive petitions, ballot thereon and confer the degrees.

February 21st, 1906.—To Johnstown Council, No. 72, to hold a Special Assembly on the evening of February 28th, for the purpose of receiving petitions and conferring degrees.

February 24th, 1906.—To Peekskill Council, No. 55, for a Special Assembly on the evening of February 26th, for the purpose of receiving petitions and conferring degrees.

March 16th, 1906.—To Bruce Council, No. 15, to hold a Regular Assembly on March 26th, 1906, at Niagara Falls, to receive petitions, act on the same and transact regular business.

March 29th, 1906.—To Keystone Council, No. 20, to receive and ballot on petitions and to confer the degrees at the Special Assembly to be held on the evening of April 3d, 1906.

April 26th, 1906.—To Doric Council, No. 19, for a Special Assembly on the evening of May 14th, 1906, for the purpose of receiving R. Ill. W. H. ANDREWS, transacting business and conferring degrees the same as at the Regular Assembly.

May 10th, 1906.—To Bruce Council, No. 15, to receive petitions, act on the same and to confer the degrees at a Special Assembly to be held on the evening of May 16th, 1906.

May 21st, 1906.—To Cryptic Council, No. 37, to hold a Special Assembly on June 7th, 1906, to receive and ballot on petitions, confer the degrees and transact such business as may regularly come before it.

June 2d, 1906.—To De Witt Clinton Council, No. 22, to hold a Special Assembly on the evening of June 27th, 1906, for the purpose of receiving and balloting on petitions and conferring the degrees of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masters.

In obedience to the provisions of the Constitution, I made the following appointments for official visitations to the several Subordinate Councils, as appears by the following circular:

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

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Sept. 26th, 1905.

Circular No. 1.

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

Companions—In accordance with custom the Grand Officers are hereby designated to visit the Subordinate Councils as herein below set forth:

R. I. FRED E. OGDEN, D. G. M., Buffalo, N. Y.

Brooklyn, No. 4.....Brooklyn  
Corning, No. 53.....Corning  
Olean, No. 33.....Olean

R. I. WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, G. P. C. of W., 60 Broadway,  
New York City.

Bruce, No. 15.....Lockport  
Doric, No. 19.....Rochester  
Keystone, No. 20.....Buffalo

R. I. FRANK M. ADEE, G. C. of G., Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

De Witt Clinton, No. 22.....Albany  
 Jamestown, No. 32.....Jamestown  
 Washington, No. 52.....Whitehall

R. I. CHARLES S. BUTLER, Grand Lecturer,  
 680 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Adelphic, No. 7.....New York  
 Southern Tier, No. 16.....Elmira

R. I. MORRIS S. MACKENZIE, G. C. of C.,  
 607 Sixteenth Street, Watervliet, N. Y.

Central City, No. 13.....Syracuse  
 King Solomon, No. 31.....Poughkeepsie  
 Phoenix, No. 70.....Mount Vernon

R. I. WILL L. LLOYD, Grand Marshal, Albany, N. Y.

Buffalo, No. 17.....Buffalo  
 Dunkirk, No. 25.....Dunkirk  
 Hornellsville, No. 35.....Hornellsville

R. I. HARWOOD DUDLEY, Grand Standard Bearer,  
 Johnstown, N. Y.

Bloss, No. 14.....Troy  
 Palmyra, No. 26.....Palmyra  
 Alph-Omega, No. 71.....Medina

R. I. AND REV. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Chaplain,  
 144 Halsey Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Columbian, No. 1.....New York  
 Union, No. 2.....New York

R. I. MARTIN Q. GOOD, Grand Steward,  
 233 East 87th Street, New York City.

Cryptic, No. 37.....Saratoga Springs  
 Peekskill, No. 55.....Peekskill  
 Johnstown, No. 72.....Johnstown

I trust that the Thrice Illustrious Masters of the Subordinate Councils will correspond with the Official visitor assigned to their Council as soon as possible in regard to their visitations.

Believing that great good can be accomplished by the Official visits I would kindly request that the Grand Officers will visit the Councils as-

signed to them and urge upon the Companions of the Councils to put forth their earnest efforts to promote the interests and welfare of the Cryptic Rite throughout the State.

Fraternally yours,

Attest:

GEORGE VAN VLIET,  
*Grand Recorder.*

CHARLES STEWART,  
*Grand Master.*

#### VISITATIONS.

R. Ill. FRED E. OGDEN, Grand Deputy Master reports, that he visited Brooklyn Council, No. 4, on June 16th, 1906, on which occasion he was greeted by a large and enthusiastic assembly of Companions. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred in a very creditable manner.

On July 11th, 1906, he visited Olean Council, No. 33, where he was welcomed and conferred the degrees of Royal and Select Master, assisted by Companions J. D. SHANAHAN of Keystone Council, No. 20, and JOHN H. CLARK of Buffalo Council, No. 17.

He also visited many other Councils unofficially and encouraged them by his presence.

R. Ill. W. H. ANDREWS, Grand Principal Conductor of the work, on May 14th, 1906, visited Doric Council, No. 19, where the degrees were conferred in a very superior manner on a large class of candidates.

On May 15th, 1906, he visited Keystone Council, No. 20, where he was greeted by a large attendance of the Companions of Keystone and visiting Companions from other Councils.

On May 16th, 1906, he visited Bruce Council, No. 15, and saw the degrees conferred in a creditable manner.

On each of these occasions he was received with unbounded hospitality by the Companions of the Councils.

On May 9th, 1906, as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Connecticut he attended the eighty-eighth Annual Assembly of that body in the City of Hartford and was well received.

R. Ill. FRANK M. ADEE, Grand Captain of the Guard, visited De Witt Clinton Council, No. 22, on November 16th, 1905, where he was greeted by a large gathering of Cryptic Rite Masons and reports that the Council is in a very flourishing condition and was received very kindly and courteously by the Master and Companions of this Council.

On March 30th, 1906, he visited Washington Council, No. 52, where he was cordially received by the Master and Companions present on that occasion and witnessed the conferring of degrees on several candidates.

Owing to Jamestown Council having surrendered its Charter, he was unable to visit that Council.

R. Ill. CHARLES S. BUTLER, Grand Lecturer, visited Adelpic Council, No. 7, on April 7th, 1906, where he was cordially welcomed by the T. Ill. Master C. T. LUNT, and a large number of Companions of Adelpic and sister Councils and witnessed the degrees conferred on a large class in an intelligent and impressive manner.

He has also expressed his willingness to respond to any call that may be made upon him by the Councils for the purpose of instructing in the work and lectures of Royal and Select Master degrees.

R. Ill. MORRIS S. MACKENZIE, Grand Conductor of the Council, reports that on May 28th, 1906, he visited Central City Council, No. 13. He was honored by the presence of M. Ill. GEORGE A. NEWELL. He was also accompanied by T. Ill. M. F. HEMINGWAY of Bloss Council, No. 14.

He was cordially greeted and witnessed the Super Excellent

degree conferred in a very creditable manner and reports the Council in a healthy condition and with bright prospects for the future.

R. Ill. WILL L. LLOYD, Grand Marshal, visited Buffalo Council, No. 17, on May 17th, 1906; he was greeted by a large gathering of the Companions of Buffalo Council and was cordially received by the Master, T. Ill. E. C. NEAL. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred in a very creditable manner. Those present, included R. Ill. FRED E. OGDEN, M. Ill. A. OPPENHEIMER, R. Ill. R. K. BECKFORD and other distinguished Companions.

On May 18th, 1906, he visited Hornellsville Council, No. 35, where he was kindly welcomed by the Master, T. Ill. P. M. NAST, JR., the degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred and he reports the Council in a flourishing condition.

R. Ill. HARWOOD DUDLEY, Grand Standard Bearer, reports that on November 3d, 1905, he was received in Bloss Council, No. 14, and witnessed the degree of Super Excellent Master conferred. He speaks very highly of his reception and the prosperous condition of Bloss Council.

On account of important business engagements he was unable to visit Alph-Omega Council, No. 71.

R. Ill. and REV. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Grand Chaplain, visited Columbian Council, No. 1, on February 13th, 1906. He was received in a very cordial and courteous manner and witnessed the degrees of the Cryptic Rite conferred in a very creditable manner.

R. Ill. MARTIN Q. GOOD, Grand Steward, reports that on April 26th, 1906, he visited Cryptic Council, No. 37. The degree of Super Excellent Master was conferred on a class of thirty-five candidates in a creditable manner. He found the Council in a flourishing condition and speaks very highly of his reception on that occasion.

On May 9th, 1906, he visited Johnstown Council, No. 72, where he was received in a very cordial and fraternal manner. There being no work he was escorted to Kolineka Hotel and tendered a fine banquet by the Companions of Johnstown Council.

On May 14th, 1906, he visited Peekskill Council, No. 55, and was tendered a grand reception. He found the Council in prosperous condition, having plenty of work and bright prospects for the future. There were present M. Ill. FRED'K KANTER, R. Ill. JAMES CHAMBERS and a number of Companions from New York.

#### RECEPTIONS.

M. Ill. FREDERICK KANTER demonstrated his devotion to the Grand Council in kindly taking charge of the Representatives of the Grand Council at the reception given by Constantine Commandery on the evening of February 13th, 1906. The Grand Council officers were received between the lines and accorded a very cordial and courteous reception.

On May 1st, 1906, the Grand Council officers were received in a fraternal and cordial manner by M. W. FRANK H. ROBINSON, at the reception and entertainment in aid of the Tompkins Monument Fund. There were present on that occasion R. Ill. W. H. ANDREWS, W. L. LLOYD, MORRIS S. MACKENZIE, M. Ill. FREDERICK KANTER, GEORGE VAN VLIET, J. H. GARDNER and several other distinguished Companions.

On June 18th, 1906, I attended the Assembly of the General Grand Council held in Boston, Mass. There were present M. P. G. M. OSGOODBY, JOHN W. COBURN, M. Ill. R. C. CHRISTIANCE, A. OPPENHEIMER, FREDERICK KANTER, GEORGE MCGOWN, GEORGE VAN VLIET, and R. Ill. FRED E. OGDEN and J. HARRIS BALSTON, proxy for Principal Conductor of the work. We had the honor of seeing M. Ill. GEORGE A. NEWELL installed as General Grand Conductor of the Council.

## GRAND TREASURER'S BOND.

On September 11th, 1905, I approved the bond for \$2,000 of the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Council. The bond is held by the Trustees.

## DECISIONS.

I have been asked many questions upon points of law, but they were all answered in accordance with our Constitution and Regulations and therefore can hardly be dignified by the title of decisions; but it shows that the officers of the several Councils are well read in the law.

## CONCLUSION.

Before closing I desire to extend my thanks to all my Associate Grand Officers for their kindly assistance and support.

Special mention should be made of our efficient and ever watchful Recorder, M. Ill. GEORGE VAN VLIET, and also of the ever ready M. Ill. FREDERICK KANTER. This Companion at all times stands ready and willing to assist in the good cause and perform any work he may be called upon to do.

This, Companions, is a **full account of my work** during the Cryptic year just passed, and I again thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me and ask you to continue your efforts on behalf of our beloved Rite and may the blessing of Jehovah rest upon you and abide with us during our deliberations.

Companions, the work and duties of this Assembly are now before you.

CHAS. STEWART,  
Grand Master.

On motion, the Address was referred to Companions JAMES CHAMBERS, E. W. VAN VRANKEN, SELNER E. BRAMAN, for

sub-division and reference of its several parts to appropriate committees.

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

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

Your Grand Treasurer presents the following as his annual report:

RECEIPTS.

August 29th, 1905, balance on hand as per last report.....	\$ 534 78
August 29th, 1905, from Geo. Van Vliet, Grand Recorder.....	2,361 00
May 22d, 1906, from Geo. Van Vliet, Grand Recorder.....	26 50
June 25th, 1906, from Geo. Van Vliet, Grand Recorder.....	26 00
August 16th, 1906, from Geo. Van Vliet, Grand Recorder.....	1 00
August 24th, 1906, interest on bank account.....	13 87
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	\$2,963 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

August 29th, 1906.	
Warrant No. 842—Pay of Representatives.....	\$637 10
“ “ 843—George Van Vliet.....	400 00
“ “ 844—George Van Vliet.....	35 97
“ “ 845—Grand Sentinel .....	10 00
“ “ 846—Masonic Standard .....	50 00
“ “ 847—Entertainment Committee .....	76 50
“ “ 848—Irving L'Hommedieu .....	20 00
“ “ 850—Geo. A. Newell.....	10 00
“ “ 851—Estate John F. Baldwin.....	4 25
“ “ 852—Music .....	20 00
“ “ 853—John W. Coburn.....	75 00
“ “ 854—Trustees H. and A. Fund.....	5 00
“ “ 857—Repairs to Baton.....	2 50
“ “ 856—Frank H. Deal.....	60 00
“ “ 858—James H. Ryan & Son.....	7 00
“ “ 859—H. W. Mordhurst, G. G. Recorder..	12 50
Trustees for deposit.....	800 00
“ “ 849—F. E. Davis.....	15 00
“ “ 860—J. B. Lyon Co.....	140 00
“ “ 861—Prudential Life.....	48 56
“ “ 862—Reception Constantine Commandery..	4 25
“ “ 863—Fred'k Kanter .....	16 75
Balance on hand.....	512 77
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	\$2,963 15

I further report that I have in my possession Bank Book, No. 83,186, of the East River Savings Institution of New York City, showing a balance to the credit of the Grand Council of R. and S. M. of the State of New York, of \$2,122.25.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. NEWELL,  
*Grand Treasurer.*

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

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

The receipts of the Grand Council for the current year have been as follows:

For dues as acknowledged in printed Proceedings of 1905.....	\$2,361 00
For dues from Union Council, No. 2, for the year ending August 1st, 1905 .....	26 00
From 53 Companions of the late Jamestown Council, No. 32, for certificates .....	26 50
For attaching seal to certificates during the year.....	1 00

Making a total of.....	\$2,414 50
Amount in Savings Bank (to credit of Library Committee) as per last report .....	\$423 52
Interest thereon to July 1st, 1906.....	14 92

Making the amount in Bank July 1st, 1906....	\$438 44
Registered membership as per report of 1905.....	5,115
Companions received and greeted during the year.	374
“ Affiliated during the year.....	6
“ Restored during the year.....	12
	5,507
Companions Suspended during the year.....	92
“ Unaffiliated during the year.....	947
“ Dimitted during the year.....	24
“ Expelled during the year.....	1
“ Died during the year.....	66
	1,130

Leaving the registered membership in good standing 4,377 Companions

The Charter of Jamestown Council, No. 32, R. and S. M. was voluntarily surrendered in March, 1906, and is now in the custody of the Grand Recorder.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE VAN VLEIT,

*Grand Recorder.*

The Trustees of the Permanent Fund presented the following as their Annual Report:

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

The Trustees of the Permanent Fund presented the following as their annual report:

Balance on hand as per last report.....	\$1,255 55
Oct. 20th, 1905, received from Grand Treasurer.....	800 00
July 1st, 1906, one year's interest.....	66 70
	\$2,122 25

All of which is deposited in the East River Savings Bank, of New York City. The Bank-book of said account being in the custody of the Grand Treasurer.

In the matter of the Forrester assignment, your Trustees beg to report that the action to set aside the assignment was discontinued on June 14th, 1906 by an order of the Supreme Court, and the matter has been closed so far as the action is concerned, and the assignment stands as a valid assignment.

Your Trustees hold a vested interest in the trust funds created under the will of Samuel Tryon, but the Trustee, Charles E. Goodhue, refuses to inform us the amount of the fund, or the nature of its investment, and we are advised that a proceeding can be taken, at an expense not to exceed fifty dollars, to ascertain the exact amount of the trust fund, and the specific securities in which the same are invested.

Therefore, your Trustees recommend that proceedings be taken in the Surrogate's Court of Westchester County, to ascertain the exact amount held by the Trustees for the benefit of the Grand Council and the securities in which the funds are invested, and ask for instructions to that effect.

JOHN P. DEAL,  
A. OPPENHEIMER,  
J. HARRIS BALSTON, } *Trustees.*

On motion, the Trustees were authorized to take the necessary legal proceedings at an expense of not over fifty dollars.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

GEO. VAN VLIET, GEO. MCGOWN, ALFRED B. CONRAD.

WARRANTS AND DISPENSATIONS.

HERBERT W. GREENLAND, GEO. E. HATCH, JAS. STEWART.

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

M. F. HEMINGWAY, ELIAS WHITNEY, MARK D. WELSHER.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

EDGAR C. NEAL, HENRY MANDER, A. W. H. SPEAR.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

WARREN F. BASCOM, EDW. L. BULLOCK, JOS. C. MOORE.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

GEO. E. HATCH, JOHN D. SHANAHAN, EUGENE E. HINMAN.

By request the Grand Master appointed as Official Reporter

Companion CHARLES C. HUNT.

Companion JOHN W. COBURN having resigned as Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts, the Grand Master appointed in his stead Companion CHARLES T. LUNT, and the other members of the committee being absent, the Grand Master made the following appointments, so that the committee consists of:

CHAS. T. LUNT, WM. BAMBER, HARRY B. LYON.

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

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

Your Special Committee to which was referred for sub-division and reference of its several parts to appropriate committees the address of the M. Ill. Grand Master, respectfully submit the following recommendations:

I. That so much of the address as relates to the appointment of Grand Representatives to and the accrediting of Grand Representatives for sister Grand Jurisdictions be approved.

II. That so much as relates to Waivers of Jurisdiction, and granting of Dispensations, be approved.

III. That so much as relates to Official Visitations be approved.

IV. That so much as relates to decisions be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

V. That so much as relates to the Grand Treasurer's Bond, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

VI. That so much as relates to Deceased Companions, be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

VII. That the address as a whole, be commended to the thoughtful consideration of the Companions.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES CHAMBERS,  
E. W. VAN VRANKEN, } *Committee.*  
S. E. BRAMAN,

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

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.  
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, paid dues, and their Representatives as designated below are entitled to seats in this Grand Council:

Columbian .....	No. 1	James Stewart.....T. I. M.
Union .....	" 2	John J. Dowers.....D. M.
Brooklyn .....	" 4	William Bamber .....T. I. M. Alfred B. Conrad....P. C. of W. F. P. Wiseburn. proxy for D. M.
Adelphic .....	" 7	Charles T. Lunt.....T. I. M. Elias Whitney .....D. M.
Central City .....	" 13	Chas. H. Stoddard...P. C. of W. Herbert W. Greenland..T. I. M. M. F. Hemingway .....T. I. M.
Bloss .....	" 14	A. W. H. Spear.....D. M. E. S. Homer.....P. C. of W.
Bruce .....	" 15	Mark D. Welsher.....T. I. M.
Southern Tier .....	" 16	Henry Mander .....T. I. M.
Buffalo .....	" 17	Edgar C. Neal.....T. I. M.
Doric .....	" 19	Geo. E. Hatch.....T. I. M.
Keystone .....	" 20	John D. Shanahan....T. I. M. Fred'k Ogden... proxy for D. M.
De Witt Clinton .....	" 22	Eugene E. Hinman....T. I. M. Chas L. Myers.....D. M.
Dunkirk .....	" 25	Harry B. Lyon.....T. I. M.
Palmyra .....	" 26	Selner E. Braman.....D. M.
King Solomon .....	" 31	John P. Wilson.....T. I. M.
Olean .....	" 33	A. W. Nelson.....T. I. M.
Hornellsville .....	" 35	Philip M. Nast, Jr....T. I. M.
Cryptic .....	" 37	John Bennett.....T. I. M.
Washington .....	" 52	Warren F. Bascom....T. I. M.
Corning .....	" 53	Joseph C. Moore.....T. I. M. Edw. L. Bullock.....T. I. M.
Peekskill .....	" 55	Wilbur F. Wessels....D. M. E. C. Nation. proxy for P. C. of W.
Phoenix .....	" 70	M. D. Getty ..... proxy.
Alph-Omega .....	" 71	Geo. A. Newell.....T. I. M.
Johnstown .....	" 72	Harwood Dudley .....T. I. M.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. VAN VLIET,  
GEO. McGOWN,  
ALFRED B. CONRAD, } Committee.

On motion, the Election of Officers for the ensuing year was made the special order for this afternoon's session at 2:30 o'clock.

On motion, it was decided that when the Grand Council is called from labor to refreshment, it shall be until 2 o'clock, and that on reassembling, the session be continued until the business of the Grand Council is completed.

Companion JOHN W. COBURN, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of said committee, which was, on motion, received and ordered printed with the proceedings.

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28th, 1906.—2 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Council resumed its session.

Officers and Representatives as at the morning's session.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

The Library Committee reported that the copy for the reprint of the early proceedings of the Grand Council was in the hands of the printer, and about one-half of it in type, that it will make a volume of about 500 pages, and that the funds in the hands of the committee are not sufficient to cover the expense.

On motion, the Library Committee was authorized to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for a sufficient amount over the funds now at their disposal to pay for the printing of our early proceedings.

The time as fixed by special order for the Election of Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Master appointed as tellers Companions R. C. CHRISTIANCE, J. HARRIS BALSTON and JOHN D. CAWEIN, when the Grand Council proceeded to the election with the following result:

Comp. FRED E. OGDEN, of Buffalo.....	Elected Grand Master.
" WM. H. ANDREWS, of New York..	" " Dep. Master.
" FRANK M. ADEE, Saratoga Springs.	" " P. C. of W.
" GEO. A. NEWELL, of Medina.....	" " Treasurer.
" GEO. VAN VLIET, of New York...	" " Recorder.
" MORRIS S. MACKENZIE, of Troy....	" " C. of the G.
" WILL L. LLOYD, of Albany.....	" " C. of the C.
" HARWOOD DUDLEY, of Johnstown...	" " Marshal.
" MARTIN Q. GOOD, of New York....	" " Standard Bearer.
" HERBERT W. GREENLAND, Syracuse.	" " Steward.
" CHARLES S. BUTLER, of Buffalo....	" " Lecturer.
" J. HARRIS BALSTON, of Greenpoint.	" " Trustee for 3 yrs.

The Grand Master elect appointed :

REV. WARREN C. HUBBARD, of Brooklyn.....Grand Chaplain  
WILLIAM H. SMALL, of New York.....Grand Sentinel

And the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year :

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.

CHAS. T. LUNT, WM. BAMBER, M. F. HEMINGWAY.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

JOHN W. COBURN, JOHN D. SHANAHAN, GEO. E. HATCH.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

REV. W. C. HUBBARD, EDGAR C. NEAL, PHILIP M. NAST, JR.

PRINTING.

GEO. A. NEWELL, GEO. VAN VLIET, CHARLES T. LUNT.

LIBRARY.

GEO. VAN VLIET, JAMES CHAMBERS, WM. H. ANDREWS,  
MARK D. WELSHER, JOHN P. WILSON.

On motion, the Trustees were instructed to procure, at the expense of the Grand Council, a bond for two thousand (\$2,000) dollars on the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Council.

The Committee on "Next Place of Meeting" presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and their recommendation adopted :

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

Your committee respectfully report and recommend, that the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council be held at the City of New York, on the last Tuesday in August, 1907 (Aug. 27th) at 10 o'clock A. M.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. E. HATCH,  
JOHN D. SHANAHAN, } Committee.  
EUGENE E. HINMAN, }

The following amendments to the Constitution offered at our last Annual Assembly by Companion H. W. GREENLAND, viz:

To amend Section 21 of Article II by substituting "June" for "December" where the latter appears in the third line thereof, thereby making the fiscal year end in June, instead of as at present in December; and if adopted by the Grand Council, the officers serving at the time to continue as such until the following June.

Also amend Section 31 of Article II by substituting the following: "Each Council within this jurisdiction shall make an Annual Return to the Grand Council for the term ending June 30th in each and every year, on blanks provided for that purpose, and cause the same, together with the dues of the Council, to be transmitted to the Grand Recorder on or before July 15th of each year," were acted upon with the following result:

The amendment to Section 21 of Article II was, on motion, rejected.

The amendment to Section 31 of Article II was, on motion, adopted.

The following amendment to the Constitution was offered and laid over for action until our next Annual Assembly:

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

We hereby propose the following amendment to the Constitution: Amend Section 31 of Article II so that when amended it shall read as follows:

"Sec. 31.—Each Council within this jurisdiction shall make an Annual Return to the Grand Council for the year ending the 31st day of December in each and every year, on blanks provided for that purpose, and cause the same, together with the dues of the Council, to be transmitted to the Grand Recorder on or before the 30th day of June in each year."

C. T. LUNT, T. I. M. Adelpic Council, No. 7,  
WM. BAMBER, T. I. M. Brooklyn Council, No. 4,  
J. STEWART, T. I. M. Columbian Council, No. 1,  
W. F. BASCOM, T. I. M. Washington Council No. 52.

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

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

Every word has its definition as a matter of fact: but many words have a strength of meaning which enters into the very fibres of our daily life. The word "failure" depresses, and excites sympathy or contempt; the word "success" exhilarates, and excites envy or congratulation. The word "poverty" grinds, and excites rebellion or crime. The word "wealth" dazzles, and excites ambition or greed; the word "lodging" chills, while the word "home" allures; the word "slavery" antagonizes while the word "freedom" ennobles; the word "toil" chants life's martial warfare, while the word "rest" sings life's sweetest lullaby. This is our word, chosen at this time as the theme of our Report. The good book says, "Man goeth forth to his work and to his labor until the evening." It says true, the human being who is worth the breath he breathes is out in the arena of life wrestling with *something*. The arms are freed, the hands grasp, the mind is awake, the will impels, the man labors, and obtains a mastery over that something. If he is manly he is alert. If he is alive to opportunity, to duties, to responsibilities he is carving out a something that will tell. There are many male lumps of flesh fattening in indolence for no other appreciable end than to become buried fertilizers: but thank the good God above, there are many noble toilers who are living in and with a purpose, whose days count the records of intent carried on to accomplishment. To such, each day brings a task which demands and receives. The affairs of life are to them vital, authoritative, uplifting, glorious. A real man advances towards them, enters into them, and is impelled to achieve the best; but they harness the thoughts, control the mind, strain the muscles, weary the head, bathe the brow in sweat—all, as the good Book says, "until the evening" and then comes the resting spell. Can words quite define the gratitude of the body as it yields itself up to this God-gift of rest. There is a lingering sweetness which hangs about the bare mention of it, and if one is so fortunate as to know a blessed home with loosened latch string, welcoming wife and sunny tempered children, or a mother who can sympathize with just one of loving looks, an armchair, the newspaper, the quiet, the talk, the smoke, and the bed, it seems very like a little foretaste of the Master's mansions, and we call it "our earthly Paradise," our own dear haven of rest. But far beyond the privilege and comfort of that rest is the knowledge that it has been won. The toil of the day illumines it, the activities of life exalt it, and so toil and rest kiss each other, and evening is the time of peace. Ah, rest! how good thou art to man! how tender and

close the enfolding of thine arms! how holy and sweet thy very silence! The end of the day the beginning of thy hymn! the putting down the implements of toil for the taking up of the toiler into thy care until thou layest him down to the night's sleep. Blessed be the sunlight of the day: God blessed the starlight and the quiet of night! from toil to rest. There is also the rest of the summer time which comes to build up the flagging energies, to enkindle the determination, to supply the oil for the body's machinery, to renew the man in strength and endurance after months of hard work and expended force.

There too, is the rest of old age which crowns the many years of man's "goings forth to his work and to his labor," with the golden sunset and the coming twilight of life's day when the easy chair invites and loving hands minister, when the lamp of evening is lit and the stream of love ripples on the shores of speech until the hand clasp and kiss say Good night to Time, and Good morning in Eternity.

So now, as a Grand Council, we have stopped the routine of business to say this "Good night" to our Companions who have heard that "Good morning" in the land beyond: who have known the meaning of the word "toil" as they lived their life up to its full measure of use, and are now knowing and enjoying all the limitless meaning crowded into the word "rest," as they find it defined in the language of that country whose ruler is our God.

To Companion WILLIAM HENGERER, of Keystone Council, No. 20, we utter our first Good night, and after that, Rest. It is to the Grand Commandery of our State that the Chairman of this Committee is indebted for any knowledge of his death. How well Companion HENGERER toiled, the citizens of Buffalo have testified by Masonic tributes—and in the daily press. He began life with nothing but purpose: he ended it with the abundant plenty of success. He aimed to do *something* and he did it. He toiled day by day and loved it because it meant the development of himself and a participation in the activities of life. There was no greedy engrossment of the miser, but the enthusiasm of the sculptor, for he was carving out character: that artistic creation which lives after the sculptor dies and commands the admiration of those who look upon it as it does ours here and now in this Grand Council. Although he rose no higher in the Cryptic Rite than a membership in Keystone Council yet he has earned and receives this special mention at our hands for his rank in other Masonic bodies. He was Master of his Lodge, High Priest of his Chapter, Commander of his Commandery, and District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of our State. His Masonic life kept pace with his business life and both united, built up and ennobled a manly man, nature's nobleman, and example of pluck, perseverance, success. But all this meant toil for which God has given him his well earned rest. He entered into it December 3d, 1905.

Again we say Good night to Past Thrice Illustrious Companion FRED-

ERICK ELIPHALET DAVIS, Master of Adelpic Council, No. 7, who rested on June 11, 1906. Again the Chairman is indebted to the Grand Commandery. He was one who, for more than forty years, labored with self-sacrificing zeal in the various branches of Masonry. His devotion and consequent popularity was rewarded by his elevation as Worshipful Master of his Lodge, High Priest of his Chapter, Eminent Commander of his Commandery and his crowning as a 33° Mason. He was also Grand Representative of South Dakota in the Grand Chapter for nine years. Possibly Adelpic mourns him, but Masonic records praise him. This Grand Council should place his name among her honored sons who have toiled before they rested, leaving a record behind them for emulation rather than statistics, for a pushing impetus more than an obituary in printers' ink.

Companions, our dead should rouse to life the living.

To our good friend T. Ill. Companion GREENLAND we are indebted for the announcement of the deaths of the following members of Central City Council, No. 13:

June 21st, 1905, Companion EDWIN CHARLES TALLCOTT, who had served as Recorder from 1888 to 1904 inclusive, a period of sixteen years. He was also Secretary of his Lodge eleven years. He was Secretary of his Chapter ten years. He was Recorder of his Commandery twenty-five years and Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies for thirty-two years. He was a 33° Mason, a Masonic Veteran and a Veteran of the Civil War. Companions, is this not a record of which we may make proud note as a member of our Rite? Is not the word Toil well defined? Is not the word Rest hallowed?

July 16, 1906, PERL WADLEY BUTTON, a member of the same Council.

August 24, 1905, CHARLES EDWARD MILLS, a member of the same Council.

September 28, 1905, FRANCIS EDWIN KNOWLTON, of the same Council.

All of these were among those who toiled with the tools of the workman and among the rank and file of Cryptic Masons. They sought no honors but were content to forget themselves in their zeal for the Rite. What should we do without them? How often is forgotten the necessity that there should be those willing to do the little things without which there could be no solid foundation for the greater? One logical sequence obtains which defies denial. The harder the toil, the sweeter the rest. The former was theirs, the latter *must* be: the strife is o'er, the battle won: God grant His welcome, their's "Well done!"

Companions, we are still here by the providence of God, to fill out the measure of life's task, to fill out something worth a record, worth God's acceptance, worth our own manhood. Only those who have accomplished a definite purpose are missed when death levels them to the earth.

Human existence has a work for every one to do, and he who faces his individual work and does it, soon to forget that toil has any definition like "grind," but has a meaning which creates such an enthusiasm as flags not until completion is at hand, and perfection has crowned all efforts. Then the Almighty marks *His* approval by calling the laborer to his rest. If one believes Masonry at all, then that rest is not dullness but satisfaction: that somehow or other the man who has something to bring with him is the man who will secure the approval of God, of work and of workman. A well-known Masonic word is labor. May the divine Summons to each of us be—"from labor to refreshment"—from earth's toil to God's rest and Heaven's peace.

Your Committee asks the usual disposition of this report.

WARREN C. HUBBARD, }  
 JOHN J. MARTIN, } *Committee.*  
 R. C. CHRISTIANCE, }

The Committee on Warrants and Dispensations presented the following report, which was, on motion, received:

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

Your Committee on Warrants and Dispensations respectfully report, that as no Charters have been granted, and there being no outstanding Dispensations in this jurisdiction at the present time, our labors are necessarily light and our report short.

Fraternally submitted,  
 HERBERT W. GREENLAND, }  
 GEORGE E. HATCH, } *Committee.*  
 JAMES STEWART, }

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

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

Your Committee find that the only unfinished business for the action of this Grand Council are the Amendments to the Constitution offered at our last Annual Assembly.

Fraternally submitted,  
 WARREN F. BASCOM, }  
 EDWARD L. BULLOCK, } *Committee.*  
 JOSEPH C. MOORE, }

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

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

Your Committee on Constitution and Laws to which was referred the decisions of the Grand Master, as presented in his Annual Address, desire to report that it finds that no decisions have been rendered. The only questions submitted to the Grand Master were such as the Grand Master states, easily solved by reference to the Constitution of our order, and could not be "dignified by the title of decisions."

It is the opinion of the Committee that Masters of Councils ought not to submit trivial matters to the Grand Master, but should carefully study the Constitution, and in all matters clearly defined by our laws, be governed accordingly.

Fraternally submitted,

M. F. HEMINGWAY,  
ELIAS WHITNEY,  
MARK D. WELSHER, } *Committee.*

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

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

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to submit the following report:

It is particularly gratifying, though somewhat singular that the Most Illustrious Grand Master made no reference to any grievance in his Address, neither have any grievances been made to the Committee during this convention.

It would appear therefore very evident that real harmony prevails, and that there is perfect concord. Instead of presenting recommendation to this Grand Body, your Committee offer congratulations, and express the hope that our successors may be as favored and fortunate as we have been.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR C. NEAL,  
HENRY MANDER,  
A. W. H. SPEAR, } *Committee.*

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

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

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts report that they have audited the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, finding them correct.

We recommend the payment of the following amounts:

Pay of Representatives at this Annual Assembly.....	\$516 89
Salary of Grand Recorder to date.....	400 00
Expenses of Grand Recorder's office for printing, postage, etc....	53 57
Grand Sentinel for services at this Annual Assembly.....	10 00
Masonic Standard for printing Grand Council card for ensuing year .....	50 00
Entertainment of Representatives.....	61 50
Charles Stewart, expenses as Grand Master.....	20 00
Apron for Grand Master elect.....	15 00
Grand Treasurer for postage, etc., during the year.....	10 00
John F. Baldwin Estate, printing opening program.....	4 50
Music for this Assembly .....	20 00
John W. Coburn, Chairman Committee on For. Cor.....	75 00
Trustees H. and A. Fund rent of safe to May 1st, 1906.....	5 00
Frank H. Deal legal services for Trustees.....	25 00
Geo. B. Knight for services on elevator at Annual Assembly.....	3 00

We also recommend that the Committee on Printing be authorized to print 400 copies of the Proceedings of this Assembly, and that the Grand Recorder draw a warrant for the cost of same.

That the Grand Recorder draw a warrant for the payment of the annual dues to the General Grand Council of R. and S. M. of the United States.

We have carefully gone over the report of the Trustees and find the sums named therein to be on deposit in the East River Savings Bank as shown by the examination of the pass-book of said bank.

Fraternally submitted,

C. T. LUNT,  
WM. BAMBER, } *Committee.*  
H. B. LYON,

The Grand Council while in Annual Assembly to show its appreciation of the efforts put forth by the Fraternity of the City of Troy, for its enjoyment during the hours of refreshment, tendered, by a unanimous voice, their thanks to M. F. HEMINGWAY, T. I. M. and Companions of Bloss Council, No. 14; to

the Masonic Temple Association and to the Masonic Club, all of the city of Troy, for the fraternal manner in which, not only the wants, but the comforts and pleasures of the Grand Council were cared for.

The officers elect and appointed (with the exception of the Grand Lecturer and Grand Sentinel) for the ensuing year were duly installed by M.'.Ill.'.CHARLES STEWART, as installing officer, assisted by M.'.Ill.'.FRED'K KANTER, as Grand Marshal.

The Companions fully realizing his efforts in advancing the interests in the Cryptic Rite in our jurisdiction, tender to our retiring Grand Master, M.'.Ill.'.CHARLES STEWART, the thanks of this Grand Council.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Van Hook".

*Grand Recorder.*

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the early proceedings of  
Grand Council can be purchased  
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Two Dollars each.

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## RECEIPTS

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From Columbian Council, No. 1.....for dues to Aug. 1st, 1906	\$49	00
“ Brooklyn Council, No. 4.....	“	163 00
“ Adelpic Council, No. 7.....	“	253 00
“ Central City Council, No. 13....	“	192 50
“ Bloss Council, No. 14.....	“	411 00
“ Bruce Council, No. 15.....	“	37 00
“ Southern Tier Council, No. 16...	“	57 00
“ Buffalo Council, No. 17.....	“	107 50
“ Doric Council, No. 19.....	“	208 00
“ Keystone Council, No. 20.....	“	85 50
“ DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22.	“	339 50
“ Dunkirk Council, No. 25.....	“	34 00
“ Palmyra Council, No. 26.....	“	34 50
“ King Solomon Council, No. 31...	“	65 00
“ Olean Council, No. 33.....	“	17 00
“ Hornellsville Council, No. 35....	“	33 50
“ Cryptic Council, No. 37.....	“	142 50
“ Washington Council, No. 52....	“	24 50
“ Corning Council, No. 53.....	“	31 00
“ Peekskill Council, No. 55.....	“	35 00
“ Phoenix Council, No. 70.....	“	40 00
“ Alph-Omega Council, No. 71....	“	32 00
“ Johnstown Council, No. 72.....	“	45 00
Total.....	\$2,437	00

## Officers, Location and Date of Meetings of Subordinate Councils

NAME.	NO.	MASTER.	DEPUTY MASTER.	P. C. OF W.	RECORDER.	WHERE LOCATED.		DATE OF MEETINGS.
						CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY.	
COLUMBIAN.....	1	James Stewart.	John J. Dowers.	Thos. G. Maccabe.	Martin Q. Good.	New York.	New York.	1st Thursday, 2 p. m.
UNION.....	2	John Bramwell.	James M. Auten.	Wm. H. Smith.	Charles C. Light.	New York.	New York.	3d Friday.
BROOKLYN.....	4	Wm. Bamber.	Louis Spangehl.	Alfred E. Conrad.	Walter H. Young.	Brooklyn.	Kings.	3d Saturday.
ADELPHIC.....	7	Charles T. Lunt.	Elias Whitney.	Charles H. Stoddard.	John W. Coburn.	New York.	New York.	1st Saturday.
CENTRAL CITY.....	18	Herb't W. Greenland	Geo. B. Cathers.	Alonzo W. Worth.	Frank Collins.	Syracuse.	Onondaga.	1st Wednesday.
BLOSS.....	14	M. F. Hemingway.	A. W. H. Spear.	E. S. Homer.	Irving S. Freeman.	Troy.	Rensselaer.	1st Friday.
BRUCE.....	15	Mark D. Welsher.	Frank W. Travis.	Wm. C. Shapleigh.	Henry C. Hulshoff.	Lockport.	Niagara.	4th Monday.
SOUTHERN TIER.....	16	Henry Mander.	Guy W. Shoemaker.	James M. Randall.	Charles W. Ufford.	Elmira.	Chemung.	3d Monday.
BUFFALO.....	17	Edgar C. Neal.	Henry Post.	Cornelius W. Cooper	Wm. J. Donaldson.	Buffalo.	Erie.	2d Thursday
DORIC.....	19	Geo. E. Hatch.	Emil H. Schmidt.	Thomas G. Young.	John Alexander.	Rochester.	Monroe.	2d and 4th Mondays.
KEYSTONE.....	20	John D. Shanahan.	Fred A. Busch.	Randolph Barnes.	George J. Volger.	Buffalo.	Erie.	3d Tuesday.
DEWITT CLINTON.....	22	Eugene E. Hinman.	Chas. L. Myers.	Wm. H. Butler.	J. E. Allanson.	Albany.	Albany.	3d Thursday.
DUNKIRK.....	23	Harry B. Lyon.	John A. Taylor.	Albert E. Nugent.	John Y. Bartlett.	Dunkirk.	Chautauqua.	1st Wednesday.
PALMYRA.....	26	Mark C. Finley.	Selner E. Braman.	Fred'k W. Griffith	George McGown.	Palmyra.	Wayne.	2d Monday.
KING SOLOMON.....	31	John P. Wilson.	John M. Jones.	S. Wright Butler.	Frank J. Schwartz	Poughkeepsie.	Dutchess.	Mth. on call T. I. M.
OLEAN.....	33	A. W. Nelson.	J. P. Collins.	W. L. Myrick.	A. A. Swarts.	Olean.	Cattaraugus.	2d Wednesday.
HORNELLSVILLE.....	36	P. M. Nast, Jr.	E. M. Deems.	W. A. Rodgers.	Dow L. Sharp.	Hornellsville.	Steuben.	2d Friday.
CRYPTIC.....	37	John Bennett.	F. A. Cook.	Chas. F. Flammer.	A. C. Churchhill.	Saratoga Spr'gs.	Saratoga.	2d and 4th Thursdays.
WASHINGTON.....	52	Warren F. Bascomb.	Ernest T. Horton.	DeWitt C. Smith.	Nathan E. Foote.	Whitehall.	Washington.	2d Friday.
CORNING.....	53	Joseph C. Moore.	Hugh H. Kendall.	John Comosh.	George Hitchcock.	Corning.	Steuben.	1st and 3d Thursdays.
PEEKSKILL.....	55	Edward L. Bullock.	Wilber F. Wessels.	Chas. A. Dyckman.	Geo. E. Briggs.	Peekskill.	Westchester.	2d Monday.
PHOENIX.....	70	James W. Mason	J. Porter Freeman.	Frank A. Kateley.	Edgar T. Stewart.	Mt. Ver. & Yonk.	Westchester.	2d Monday.
ALPH-OMEGA.....	71	Geo. A. Newell.	A. Gardner Phillips.	Burt M. Frary.	Geo. H. Shattuck.	Orleans.	Orleans.	2d Wednesday.
JOHNSTOWN.....	72	Harwood Dudley.	Geo. R. Collamer.	John G. Ferres.	Eugene Moore.	Johnstown.	Fulton.	2d Wednesday.

## 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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### Constituents of the General Grand Council of the United States

Henry W. Mordhurst.....	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Hugh H. Randall.....	Corning.....	Gen. Grand Council.....	J. H. Kennerly.....	Sulphur Rock.
Geo. A. Beachamp.....	Chicago.	H. A. Matteson.....	Dunkirk.....	Alabama.....	Chas. Lord Field.....	San Francisco.
Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.	Theo. M. Barber.....	Syracuse.....	California.....	Jos. W. Milson.....	Canon City.
Thos. Abraham Davies.....	San Francisco.	Chas. M. Colton.....	Rochester.....	Colorado.....	James A. Chaffin.....	Milton.
Ernest Le Neve Foster.....	Denver.			Florida.....	Wm. A. Wolihin.....	Macon.
Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.			Georgia.....	Wm. F. Cleveland.....	Harlan.
W. A. Wolihin.....	Macon.	John W. Coburn.....	Demarest, N.J.....	Iowa.....	Lucienne A. Foote.....	Crawfordsville.
Alfred Wingate.....	Des Moines.	Wm. E. Duncan.....	New York.....	Indiana.....		
Calvin W. Frather.....	Indianapolis.	Geo. A. Newell.....	Medina.....	Indian Territory.....		
Rev. Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka.	Alfred E. Price.....	New York.....	Kansas.....	Wm. M. Shaver.....	Topeka.
Wm. M. Shaver.....	Topeka.	Wm. E. Woollard.....	Albany.....	Louisiana.....	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans.
Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans.	R. Kenneth Bickford.....	Buffalo.....	Maine.....	Charles I. Riggs.....	Portland.
Stephen Berry.....	Portland.	Wm. Homan.....	New York.....	Maryland.....	James W. Bowers.....	Baltimore.
Jas. W. Bowers.....	Baltimore.	William Downes.....	New York.....	Massachusetts.....	Wm. B. Lawrence.....	Medford.
J. Gilman Waite.....	Boston.	John J. Martin.....	Albany.....	Minnesota.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Minneapolis.
Thos. Montgomery.....	St. Paul.	Alex. B. King.....	Troy.....	Missouri.....	Noah M. Given.....	St. Louis.
Robert P. Stevenson.....	Kansas City.	John L. Brothers.....	Buffalo.....	Nebraska.....	Francis E. White.....	Omaha.
Francis E. White.....	Omaha.	Geo. H. Toope.....	New York.....	New Hampshire.....	Henry P. Glidden.....	Dover.
Frank D. Woodbury.....	Concord.	Geo. C. Bishop.....	Albany.....	New York.....		
Geo. Van Vliet.....	16 Eighth Ave., N. Y. City.			North Carolina.....	E. S. Martin.....	Wilmington.
James C. Munds.....	Wilmington.	John L. Judge.....	Brooklyn.....	Ohio.....	Wm. M. Cunningham.....	Newark.
Wm. E. Evans.....	Chillicothe.	James Chambers.....	New York.....	Oregon.....	Milton S. Woodstock.....	Corvallis.
Seth L. Pope.....	Portland.	A. Oppenheimer.....	Buffalo.....	South Carolina.....	H. F. Miller.....	Charleston.
Zimmerman Davis.....	Keelston.	Geo. L. Kingston.....	Buffalo.....	Tennessee.....	K. Haskins.....	Brattleboro.
W. A. Clendening.....	Nashville.	Henry Calhoun.....	Ithaca.....	Vermont.....	Wm. H. Upton.....	Walla Walla.
Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.	Ralph C. Christiance.....	Green Point.....	Washington.....		
Edward R. Hare.....	Tacoma.	J. Harris Balston.....				

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### Independent Grand Councils

James McCormick.....	Hartford.	William H. Andrews.....	New York.	Connecticut.	James S. Gould.....	Bridgeport.
Gil W. Barnard.....	Masonic Temple, Chicago.	Edmund C. Nation.....	Peekskill.	Illinois.....	John O'Neill.....	Chicago.
H. B. Grant.....	Louisville.	John Bennett.....	Saratoga Sp's.	Kentucky.....	John T. Kincaid.....	Lexington.
Charles A. Conover.....	Coldwater.	William Bamber.....	Brooklyn.	Michigan.....	Ernest M. Newell.....	Holly.
Frederic Speed.....	Vicksburg.	Mark C. Finley.....	Palmyra.	Mississippi.....	Nolan Stewart.....	Jackson.
John B. Bertholf.....	Jersey City.	A. P. Knap.....	Saratoga Sps.	New Jersey.....	John B. Bertholf.....	Jersey City.
Frank W. Martenis.....	So. Bethlehem.	Frank E. Smith.....	Lockport.	Pennsylvania.....	Geo. C. Johnstone.....	Alli gheny City.
William R. Greene.....	Providence.	Frederick Kanter.....	New York.	Rhode Island.....	A. H. Cushman.....	Providence.
W. W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.	Wm. Morgan Lee.....	Poughkeepsie	Wisconsin.....	W. W. Dagett.....	Oshkosh.

### Foreign Grand Councils

Sidney J. Sanford.....	Barre, Ont.	George McGown.....	Palmyra.	Canada.	Daniel Spry.....	Toronto, Ont.
Charles F. Matier.....	{ Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen St., London, W. C.	George M. Osgoodby.....	New York.	England, Wales, &c.		
Robert Marshall.....	St. John, N. E.	T. A. Williamson.....	Albany.	New Brunswick.	J. V. Ellis.....	St. John.
Robert S. Brown.....	{ 5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.	William Sherer.....	Brooklyn.	Scotland.	David B. Clark.....	

## AT REST FROM THEIR LABORS

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Union, No. 2.....Comp.	SAMUEL RISK.....Died	1906
“ “ .....	“ LOUIS K. GOLDSMITH... “	1906
“ “ .....	“ PHIL. F. D. HIBBS..... “	1906
“ “ .....	“ SAMUEL W. WILEY..... “	1906
Brooklyn, No. 4.....	“ CLAUDIUS F. BEATTY... “	Aug. 14th, 1905
“ “ .....	“ GEO. E. PEARCE..... “	Feb. 19th, 1906
“ “ .....	“ SAMUEL MANGES..... “	April 20th, 1906
Adelphic, No. 7.....	“ HENRY MAX STADE..... “	Aug. 5th, 1905
“ “ .....	“ CLARENCE B. MARTER... “	Sept. 2d, 1905
“ “ .....	“ MATTHEW L. RITCHIE... “	Dec. 16th, 1905
“ “ .....	“ WALTER T. MARVIN... “	
“ “ .....	“ GEO. W. VAN BUSKIRK... “	Mch. 16th, 1906
“ “ .....	“ CHAS. G. NELSON..... “	May 17th, 1906
“ “ .....	“ JOHN R. TRESIDDER..... “	June 4th, 1906
“ “ .....	“ FRED E. DAVIS..... “	June 11th, 1906
Central City, No. 13..	“ CHARLES E. MILLS..... “	Aug. 24th, 1905
“ “ ..	“ FRANK E. KNOWLTON... “	Sept. 28th, 1905
“ “ ..	“ WM. D. CARPENTER... “	May 5th, 1906
“ “ ..	“ P. W. BUTTON..... “	July 14th, 1906
“ “ ..	“ HEZEKIAH E. CLARK... “	July 28th, 1906
Bloss, No. 14.....	“ J. L. LAMBERT..... “	Sept. 22d, 1905
“ “ .....	“ FRED W. RANKEN..... “	Oct. 18th, 1905
“ “ .....	“ JOHN H. TAPPIN..... “	Oct. 26th, 1905
“ “ .....	“ ROBERT C. CORY..... “	Oct. 31st, 1905
“ “ .....	“ MARVIN T. MERCHANT.. “	Dec. 30th, 1905
“ “ .....	“ THOMAS DICKSON..... “	Mch. 16th, 1906
“ “ .....	“ CHARLES E. KILMER... “	Mch. 23d, 1906
“ “ .....	“ WILLIAM A. LENT..... “	Mch. 28th, 1906
“ “ .....	“ HYMAN ROOSA..... “	June 8th, 1906
“ “ .....	“ ISAAC F. HANDY..... “	June 30th, 1906
Bruce, No. 15.....	“ WALTER JONES..... “	Sept. 22d, 1905
“ “ .....	“ WILLIAM COCKER..... “	May 19th, 1906

Southern Tier, No. 16. Comp.	H. M. HARPER.....	Died	Mch. 19th, 1906
Southern Tier, No. 16	GRANVILLE D. PARSONS..	"	Mch. 10th, 1906
Buffalo, No. 17.....	ALEX. H. BROWN.....	"	Jan. 22d, 1906
" " .....	JOHN C. SNYDER.....	"	April 23d, 1906
" " .....	CHAS. D. CARRICK.....	"	May 1st, 1906
" " .....	WALT. W. WILSON.....	"	July 20th, 1906
Doric, No. 19.....	HENRY H. CRAIG.....	"	Oct. 5th, 1905
" " .....	WM. S. COON.....	"	Nov. 20th, 1905
" " .....	L. C. TOWER.....	"	Jan. 16th, 1906
" " .....	ALFRED H. SMITH.....	"	April 20th, 1906
" " .....	HORATIO P. JONES.....	"	May 10th, 1906
" " .....	CHAS. H. ROBINSON....	"	May 20th, 1906
" " .....	L. B. CARPENTER.....	"	May 30th, 1906
" " .....	JOHN H. JOSLIN.....	"	Sept. 27th, 1905
Keystone, No. 20....	WILLIAM HENGERER....	"	Dec. 3d, 1905
DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	JAMES T. HANRAHAN..	"	Dec. 8th, 1905
" " " " .....	R. M. RENNIE.....	"	Dec. 12th, 1905
" " " " .....	ANTON GESEL.....	"	Jan. 3d, 1906
" " " " .....	WM. MCGEOCH.....	"	Mch. 10th, 1906
" " " " .....	JAMES F. DORAN.....	"	April 12th, 1906
" " " " .....	WM. J. WEAVER.....	"	April 14th, 1906
" " " " .....	H. E. HAWLEY.....	"	April 27th, 1906
" " " " .....	WM. JONES WALLIS....	"	June 22d, 1906
Dunkirk, No. 25.....	EDWARD R. PEVNY.....	"	Mch. 20th, 1906
" " .....	HARRY J. GIBBS.....	"	Apr. 21st, 1906
King Solomon, No. 31	CHAS. H. LANGDON....	"	Nov. 15th, 1905
Cryptic, No. 37.....	HENRY C. ROWLAND....	"	June 24th, 1906
" " 37.....	CHARLES SLOCUM.....	"	July 30th, 1906
Corning, No. 53.....	CHESTER S. COLE.....	"	June 22d, 1906
Phoenix, No. 70.....	JAMES H. JENKINS....	"	Aug. 13th, 1905
" " .....	JOSEPH TOMLINSON....	"	Oct. 1st, 1905
Johnstown, No. 72...	CHARLES J. RETNO.....	"	Feb. 8th, 1906
" " ...	JAMES I. YOUNGLOVE...	"	June 13th, 1906
" " ...	J. SANTFORD BELL.....	"	July 3d, 1906

## Permanent Members of the Grand Council

*(Being Past Masters of Subordinate Councils.)*

### COLUMBIAN COUNCIL, No. 1.

William S. Patterson.	James H. Curtin.	Geo. M. Osgoodby, by
Peter Forrester.	Harry Alton Russell.	Affiliation.
Garvey Donaldson.	Martin Q. Good.	John D. Cawein.

### UNION COUNCIL, No. 2.

John S. King.	Clarence H. Sanford.	Robert Neil.
Geo. H. Toope.	Charles E. Lansing.	J. Stewart Wilson.
W. M. Postley.	Alex. Milligan.	

### BROOKLYN COUNCIL, No. 4.

Edward Cooper.	Adolph C. Wenzel.	Charles Stewart.
Albert E. Leach.	Wm. H. Sutton.	E. W. Van Vranken.
Geo. Nicholson.	Charles G. Little	Charles A. Tonsor.
Samuel Bennett.	John L. Judge	John D. Goodwin.
William Sherer.	Lawrence Coffin.	

### ADELPHIC COUNCIL, No. 7.

Geo. Van Vliet.	Royal E. Deane.	T. F. Russell.
Horace Metcalf.	John R. Gardner.	Edwin A. Quick, by
John W. Coburn.	J. Harris Balston.	Affiliation.
Wm. H. Andrews.	Fred'k Kanter.	Alfred D. Slough.
William Downes.	Wm. E. Duncan.	C. Victor Twiss.
Reno R. Billington.	James Chambers.	Richard J. Secor.
E. M. L. Ehlers.	Geo. E. W. Stivers.	

### CENTRAL CITY COUNCIL, No. 13.

Charles W. Snow.	Austin C. Wood.	Abel G. Cook.
Edward M. Brown.		Theodore M. Barber.

### BLOSS COUNCIL, No. 14.

Alex. B. King.	R. B. Stiles.	John P. Deal.
Charles Teson.	Arthur MacArthur.	Henry Calhoun.
Wm. M. Peckham.	Edward A. Webster.	Morris S. MacKenzie.
Joseph A. Leggett.	T. Campbell Collin.	Edward H. Lisk.
	Edwin Buchman	

### BRUCE COUNCIL, No. 15.

Charles W. Palmer.	Wm. J. Jackman.	John McLaughlin, Jr.
Rollin B. Moore.	Frank E. Smith.	Mark D. Welsher.

## SOUTHERN TIER COUNCIL, No. 16.

F. D. Ramsdell.	P. L. Hinman.	Charles L. Hart.
David S. Door.	J. A. Baty.	De Witt C. Brown.
S. D. Wadhams.	John M. Diven.	Herbert M. Lovell.
	Conrad Wehnes.	

## BUFFALO COUNCIL, No. 17.

A. Oppenheimer.	Henry R. Clark.	Clark W. Rice.
Gerard McVicar.	Charles E. Markham.	William Dempster.
Wm. J. Donaldson.	William H. Cass.	H. Jason Knapp.
Cyrus K. Porter.	Geo. L. Kingston.	John H. Clark.
	R. Kenneth Bickford.	

## DORIC COUNCIL, No. 19.

Henry M. Plant.	Samuel C. Pierce.	Ezra M. Sparling.
John W. Merriam.	A. D. McMaster.	Edward Edwards.
Wm. H. Maston.	Harry J. Mulligan.	Charles M. Colton.
Willard S. Bradt.	Edward Schaefer.	John C. Baumer.

## KEYSTONE COUNCIL, No. 20.

Stephen M. Ratcliffe.	John C. Gager.	Paul W. Bullard.
John L. Brothers.	Warren F. Chandler.	David W. Adams.
E. A. Rockwood.	H. McMichael.	Charles S. Butler.
Warren A. Woodson.	George Clinton.	Earl N. Blood.
Levi S. Gates.	Robert T. Walker.	Wm. S. Riselay.
	Fred E. Ogden.	

## DE WITT CLINTON COUNCIL, No. 22.

Frank Chamberlain.	James B. McEwan.	George C. Bishop.
James W. Morange.	Alfred A. Guthrie.	Will L. Lloyd.
John J. Martin.	William H. Spawn.	Wm. E. Woollard.
Edmund R. Willerton.	T. Austin Williamson.	Trafton H. Burgess.
Thomas J. Bishop.	Geo. R. Hodgkins.	Eugene Crawford.
	Willard S. Gibbons.	

## DUNKIRK COUNCIL, No. 25.

C. E. Hequembourg.	Benj. L. Harrison.	John W. Ware.
Hiram A. Matteson.	Byron Rathbun.	John Y. Bartlett.
Frank B. Barnard.	E. L. Clement.	Harry B. Lyon.
	Henry C. Pentacost.	

## PALMYRA COUNCIL, No. 26.

Mark C. Finley.	John H. Coates.	Alfred C. Hopkins.
George McGown.	Edwin B. Anderson.	S. Nelson Sawyer.

## KING SOLOMON COUNCIL, No. 31.

Wm. Morgan Lee.	Edgar M. Weeks.	Derrick Brown.
Wm. B. Hull.	John P. Wilson.	Willet Titus.

## OLEAN COUNCIL, No. 33.

J. A. Taylor.	C. S. Hanks.	John Sloane.
J. K. Palmer.	M. Southeren.	Ed. F. Halliday.
W. L. Myrick.	J. Arthur Corbin.	E. H. Austin.
	Albert A. Swarts	

## HORNELLSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 35.

O. E. Elwell.	Wm. H. Prangen.	I. S. Lanning.
J. H. Sprong.	H. T. Harris.	B. B. Babcock.
Wm. H. Sims.	Frank Donahue.	Geo. W. Brown.
L. S. Boardman.	W. L. Collins.	P. M. Nast, Jr.

## CRYPTIC COUNCIL, No. 37.

J. Marshall Colcord.	R. C. Fonda.	John Bennett.
A. P. Knapp.		Frank M. Adee.

## WASHINGTON COUNCIL, No. 52.

Norman Z. Baker.	Warren F. Bascom.
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## CORNING COUNCIL, No. 53.

Edward Clisdell.	John Comosh.	Charles E. Greenfield.
Truman S. Pritchard.	Hugh H. Kendall.	Elbert B. Seymour.
George B. Hill.	Joseph C. Moore.	Sherman E. Devore.
Jerome S. Billington.	Herbert C. Austin.	Warren J. Cheney.

## PEEKSKILL COUNCIL, No. 55.

John Halstead.	Edward F. Hill.	William R. Thorne.
N. H. Freeland.	George E. Briggs.	Edmund C. Nation.

## PHOENIX COUNCIL, No. 70.

Ralph E. Prime.	M. E. Close.	Edgar T. Stewart.
G. B. Balch.	M. D. Getty.	Edmund S. Middleton.
Gideon S. Pond.	Franklin T. Davis.	Ossian H. Lang.
John E. Murphy.	Thomas R. Hodge.	

## ALPH-OMEGA COUNCIL, No. 71.

George A. Newell.	Charles D. Ross.	Irving L'Hommedieu.
	Isaac S. Signor.	

## JOHNSTOWN COUNCIL, No. 72.

Philip Keck.	Frank Hanson.	John G. Ferres.
Fred. L. Carroll.	Harwood Dudley.	

## OFFICERS OF GRAND COUNCIL

Elected and Appointed Aug. 28, 1806

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FRED E. OGDEN, 41 W. Seneca St., Buffalo...	Grand Master.
WM. H. ANDREWS, 60 Broadway, New York..	“ Deputy Master.
FRANK M. ADEE, 119 Van Dam St., Saratoga.	“ P. C. of W.
GEORGE A. NEWELL, Medina.....	“ Treasurer.
GEO. VAN VLIET, 16 Eighth Ave., New York.	“ Recorder.
MORRIS S. MacKENZIE, 550 Fulton St., Troy.	“ C. of the G.
WILL L. LLOYD, Albany.....	“ C. of the C.
HARWOOD DUDLEY, Johnstown.....	“ Marshal.
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WM. H. SMALL, Brooklyn.....	“ Sentinel.

J. HARRIS BALSTON.....	Trustee (term expires 1909)
JOHN P. DEAL.....	Trustee (term expires 1908)
A. OPPENHEIMER .....	Trustee (term expires 1907)

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## LIVING PAST GRAND MASTERS

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GEO. VAN VLIET,	IRVING L'HOMMEDIEU,
	CHARLES STEWART.

# Appendix

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## Foreign Correspondence

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*To Most Illustrious Charles Stewart, Grand Master, and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York:*

Your Committee on Correspondence present their work, in noting such items as they think will be of interest to you from the several Journals of transactions of the Grand Councils they have received (which are below named).

Hoping to meet your approbation.

Fraternally,

JOHN W. COBURN,  
MARK C. FINLEY,  
JOHN C. BAUMER,

*Committee.*

Alabama .....	1905*	Massachusetts .....	1905
Arkansas .....	1905*	Michigan .....	1906
California .....	Circular 1906	Minnesota .....	1905
Carolina, North.....	1905-1906	Mississippi .....	1906*
Carolina, South.....	1906	Missouri .....	1906
Colorado .....	1905*	Nebraska .....	1905
England and Wales.....	1906*	New Hampshire.....	1905
Illinois .....	1905	Ohio .....	1905
Indiana .....	1905	Oregon.....	1906*
Iowa .....	1905	Pennsylvania .....	1906
Kansas .....	1906	Tennessee .....	1906
Kentucky .....	1905	Vermont .....	1905-1906
Maine .....	Circular 1906	Washington .....	1905
Maryland .....	Circular 1905	Wisconsin .....	1906

\*Does not print a Report on Correspondence.

## ALABAMA—1905.

Sixty-eighth Annual Assembly in Montgomery, December 4. All the officers at their stations. Twenty-six members present. All of their seven Councils were represented and reported a total membership of 373, an increase of sixteen; four of them had work, greeting fifty Companions. Receipts, \$226.00; expenditures, \$237.77.

A resolution was passed returning to membership in the General Grand Council, from which body in 1888, they had desired to retire. A revised Constitution was placed in force, which follows the proceedings in an appendix. Grand Master BLOCH, who is serving his second term, considers "Masonry is synonymous not alone with Geometry, not alone with Love, Morality, and Truth, but also with Patriotism, thus do we rejoice with pride that it was through the wise and diplomatic instrumentality of the Chief Executive of our Nation that the Dove of Peace gently rested within the borders of the countries late at war." In his closing remarks, he says:

"May the Sword and Trowel be the implements with which we can fight the great battle of Life—the Sword to ward off the irregularities and to stand as a protection for the right and truth. May the Trowel, in our hands as Cryptic Masons, cause us to spread the cement of universal brotherhood of man—strengthening us in our duties, inspiring us to higher thoughts, to greater deeds, and to nobler actions, laboring to assist those who are less fortunate than we, to soften the asperities of our fellow-men, and the uplifting of humanity; to relieve the sick, to bury the dead, to care for the widow, and to educate the orphan upon the broadest principle of humanity. This, my Companions, is Masonry. These are the practical teachings of the symbolisms of Cryptic Masonry."

He recommended an increase in the salary of the Grand Recorder and strongly urged the preparation of a report on correspondence; the former was agreed with, making the amount \$75.00, but the second the Grand Council did not think the finances would warrant. There is no record of the reception of Grand Representatives although all on their official roll were

present. A suitable testimonial was ordered to be purchased for the retiring Grand Master.

Next Annual Assembly at Montgomery, December 3, 1906. M.'.Ill.'.BEN M. JACOBS, Birmingham, Grand Master; M.'.Ill.'.GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Montgomery, Grand Recorder.

### ARKANSAS—1905.

Forty-third Annual Assembly in Little Rock, November 24. Twenty-two members present, five of whom were Past Grand Masters. Seven of their fourteen Councils were represented. Eight made returns showing thirty-one Companions greeted, a total membership of 309, and a net gain of twenty-two. We find no record of the presence of our Grand Representative.

Fifty dollars was added to the fund for a proper representation of the Grand Council at the approaching Ninth Triennial of the General Grand Council with an additional fifty if the amount on hand should not be sufficient. The two officers of the General Grand Council in their jurisdiction were duly welcomed by the body. Grand Master KIZER advocated a report on Correspondence at each Annual Assembly, but the Grand Council feared finances would not permit it. In place of such a report this year, the Grand Recorder selected several gems from Warvelle, Grant, and others of too great value to be lost to the Companions of Arkansas. Our Companion gets out a pretty pamphlet, embellished with portrait of Grand Master BRICKEY and a fine view of the home of ALBERT PIKE, while resident in Little Rock. There is also printed a memorial sketch with portrait of M.'.Ill.'. SAMUEL DELANO DODGE (1903) who died January 10, 1906, shortly after the session, at which he was present and with loving care ornamented the Grand Master's station with beautiful flowers.

Companion HEMPSTEAD's popularity grows outside of Arkansas; we note he was elected General Grand Steward at the recent Triennial. His duties as General Grand Chaplain and the looking after the interests of his jurisdiction kept him very busy at the General Grand Assembly. Accepting the courteous invita-

tion extended by the Arkansas committee we looked in upon their quarters one evening when we saw our friend surrounded by a galaxy of starry Southern beauty, and it made us wish for his happy way and manner which secured for him this devotion.

Next Annual Assembly at Little Rock, November 23, 1906.  
M. Ill. PETER BRICKEY, Marianna, Grand Master. R. P. FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock, Grand Recorder.

### CALIFORNIA—1906.

The forty-sixth Annual Assembly was held in San Francisco on April 16th, Grand Master KEIL, presiding. Fifteen Councils made reports and paid dues. Membership is 1,954, a gain for the year of 142. The Grand Recorder imparts this information in a circular and tells us the records and reports were destroyed, but they are being duplicated as rapidly as possible and when complete the journal will be issued. He further adds:

“We have received many expressions of sympathy, and contributions for the relief of our suffering Companions, who were rendered helpless by the late terrible visitation of earthquake and fire; and we wish at this time to again acknowledge our gratitude to you all, who so kindly remembered us in our hour of distress.”

The next Annual Assembly at San Francisco April 15, 1907.  
M. Ill. CHARLES JOSEPH WILLET, Pasadena, Grand Master;  
R. Ill. THOMAS A. DAVIES, ALAMEDA, Grand Recorder; M. Ill. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, Oakland, Com. on Frat. Correspondence.

### NORTH CAROLINA—1906.

Thirtieth Annual Assembly in Charlotte May 9. Twenty-four members present. All of their six Councils were represented, made returns and paid dues. Five had work, greeting seventy-seven Companions. Membership including Henderson, No. 10, chartered at this Assembly 290, an increase of eighty. Receipts, \$217.14; expenditures, \$82.40. Grand Master ANDREWS gives

kind and eulogistic words in memory of Past Grand Master WILLIAM SIMPSON who died June 23, 1905. He also reports the restoration of Charter to Ionic Council, No. 9, at Asheville, which was ordered last year. Courtesies extended to him on his visit to our Grand Council, 1905, are acknowledged and modestly attributed to his "official position as the head of a sister Grand Jurisdiction." Any courtesy shown him was not alone to the honor of South Carolina, but compelled by his own sterling worth and happy and genial way. This is his fourth year of service as Grand Master. He is now Grand Commander of Templars. Eight Grand Councils were represented, New York not being among the number. We are gladdened by a report this year from M. Ill. Companion SOUTHGATE, which was greatly missed last year, not alone for its value and pleasing references, but that it indicates a return to health and strength from severe illness. Thirty jurisdictions are carefully reviewed, our own receiving nearly two pages of courteous attention. He has words of praise for the Address of Grand Master L'HOMMEDIEU and a kind one for your committee. He thinks our Grand Treasurer's reported balance rather small for our membership, overlooking probably the fact that our Grand Treasurer, under recommendation of the Committee on Finance pays over to the Trustees of the Permanent Fund any surplus over a reasonable amount for contingent expense. We would also note that M. Ill. IRVING L'HOMMEDIEU declined a re-election and Grand Deputy Master CHARLES STEWART was elected Grand Master.

Next Annual Assembly at Greensboro, May 15, 1907. M. Ill. E. B. NEAVE, Salisbury, Grand Master; R. Ill. JAMES C. MUNDS, Wilmington, Grand Recorder; M. Ill. JAMES SOUTHGATE, Committee on Correspondence.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA—1906.

Forty-seventh Annual Assembly in Charleston, February 13. Fifteen members present. Six Councils were represented, made reports and paid dues; three of them had work, conferring the degrees on twenty-two Companions. Membership is 207, an increase of one. Receipts, \$117.50; expenditures, \$160.94.

Grand Master HARRISON is tinged with the prerequisite idea, he thinks if accomplished while many would pass through as a means of attaining to the Encampment or the Shrine, we would nevertheless gain many who, interested in the beauties of our department of Masonry, would remain earnest, devoted and zealous workers in the Council." He notes the death on June 16, 1905, of Past Grand Master G. T. BERG (1887-8).

Grand Recorder DAVIS gives his second review of Foreign Correspondence, covering thirty-four jurisdictions, which is most readable and interesting. New York receives a page of attention. Our program of opening is given which our distinguished Companion says he likes.

Grand Master ANDREWS, of North Carolina, was present and addressed them.

Twelve Grand Jurisdictions were represented and duly welcomed, New York's representative absent.

Next Annual Assembly at Charleston, February 12, 1907. M. Ill. GEO. S. MOWER, Newberry, Grand Master; R. Ill. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Charleston, Grand Recorder and Committee on Correspondence.

#### COLORADO—1905.

Annual Assembly in Denver, September 20. Thirty-three members were present, including six Past Grand Masters. All the officers at their stations. Ten Councils were represented. All made returns and paid dues. Six had work, greeting thirty Companions. Total membership 498, an increase of thirteen. Receipts \$281. Expenditures \$249.55. Grand Master RAFIELD gives earnest tribute to the memory of M. Ill. CALVIN EDGAR REED (1900) who died February 27, 1905. An amendment to the Constitution, providing that a present or past grand officer, shall not have an additional vote as a past officer of a Subordinate Council, was rejected. It seems to us Companion FOSTER, who offered the amendment, was on the right track; a member should have but one personal vote; we know there are different opinions on this subject but should it always, on arising, be referred to

the Committee on Finance or pay roll, we have no doubt a correct solution would be given as they are always sound thereon. The committee on feasibility of adopting a Past Grand Master's Jewel, submitted a design, but concluded, in present state of finances, the matter had better be deferred till some future time, which was agreed to. Nineteen Grand Jurisdictions responded to welcome through their representatives; New York, however, was not among the number.

Next Annual Assembly at Denver, September 19, 1906. GEO. A. REESE, Trinidad, Grand Master; ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER, Denver, Grand Recorder and Committee on Correspondence.

#### ENGLAND AND WALES—1906.

The Annual Meeting was held in London, March 22. The Grand Master, the EARL of Euston presiding. Seventeen Grand and Past Grand officers with many Companions were present. Thirty-eight Companions have been added to the register, the total number being now 1,146, an increase of sixty-seven. Receipts, £94 6s; expenditures, £79 13s.

The death of the Deputy Grand Master R. Ill. Companion Sir REGINALD HANSON, Bart. was feelingly alluded to by the Grand Master who appointed R. Ill. Companion Sir GORDON MILLER, K. C. B. to the vacancy. The latter Companion died April 24, 1906. We also note the death of our Grand Representative R. Ill. Companion CAPT. NATHANIEL GEORGE PHILIPS on December 21, 1905. He became a Cryptic Mason in 1873 at the establishment of the Grand Council formed from the Councils chartered by New York, and was its first Deputy Grand Master serving until 1880. He was our Grand Representative from the beginning, retaining the position till his death.

Applegarth Council, No. 30, at Windermare was constituted July 1, 1905.

In Ireland these degrees are conferred by the authority of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter as understood by the Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master who carries four titles in civil life and nine Masonic ones, was re-elected for the seventeenth time.

Fifteen Grand Jurisdictions and the General Grand Council of the U. S. A., were represented. The list of Councils contains thirty of which nine are inactive. Athelstan, No. 31, of York, appears as warranted March 27, 1906.

M. Ill. the EARL of Euston, Grand Master; R. Ill. C. F. MATIER, Great Queen St., London, W. C., Grand Recorder.

#### ILLINOIS—1905.

Fifty-third Annual Assembly in Chicago, October 25. All the officers at their stations. Seventy-eight members present. Thirty-eight Councils were represented; forty-five made reports showing a membership of 4,335, an increase of 364; twenty-nine had work, greeting 502 Companions. Receipts, \$1,536; expenditures, \$910.57. A careful reading leaves us in doubt as to the Grand Recorder's presence, but the minutes go on as usual in fine style, so we guess he was there, in fact the Committee on Credentials say he was. Grand Master HOLLANDSWORTH, as a result of his consultation, requested last year, recommends an increase in the Grand Council dues; he thinks the payment of actual railroad fares and a per diem not to exceed two dollars, would secure a better attendance and thus increase the interest, also that they should be in such financial condition that the weak Councils could be visited officially without expense to the Councils. Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present and one who was detained by illness at home, was remembered by a telegram of sympathy to which he responded reporting improvement in health. The able Grand Lecturer, M. Ill. MARCUS M. LORD gives a very full report as to the conditions of the various Councils. The retiring Grand Master was honored through the oratorical service of Past Grand Master WARVELLE with decoration of Jewel of a Past Grand Master. The newly elected Grand Master in an address tells some nice things to his Companions, and starts off with "the watchword for the year that Royal Arch Masons should all become Royal and Select Masters." His

portrait adorns the opening page and is accompanied by a two-page biographical sketch. Twenty-three Grand Representatives were present, but in the list we do not find New York.

M. Ill. Companion WARVELLE gives us another of his characteristic reviews covering thirty-four journals; he tells us our reports show "New York is doing well, but not as well as it might do," thus inciting us to greater activity. As usual he adds some of those valuable little talks which make his reports more instructive and interesting. We quote the following, which was called forth by certain adverse criticisms of the press upon notices or invitations of a Chicago Council:

"Publicity. A few years ago I directed the attention of Grand Council to what seemed to be a growing tendency toward spectacular advertising of the Cryptic degrees. At the same time I suggested that there should be a limit beyond which the Councils should not be permitted to go. Where that limit should be set, however, I did not presume to indicate nor do I think, if anything in the shape of announcements is allowed, that it will be an easy task to draw a strong line of demarcation between the proper and the improper. But, it must always be remembered that the ethics of Free Masonry sternly condemn all methods of publicity that savor of advertising or which are calculated to produce false impressions on the outside world, and whenever announcements are made which involve either of these features, they sin against the ethical canons of the craft. It may be said, and with much reason, that the same rules do not apply to Chapter and Council that obtain in case of the Lodge. That the former bodies can have no contact with the world and can attract no one that is not already a Mason. But, while this is literally true, yet these and other bodies do exert a certain reflex influence. \* \* \* \* So, too the announcements of many of the higher bodies find their way into the hands of the profane and tend to give form and shape to ideas concerning the Masonic Institution. It follows, then, that these announcements should always be couched in decorous language, and, if they are instrumental in drawing into the fold any of the wandering lambs of profanity, that the con-

“ceptions which they are calculated to make should always be  
“of an elevated character.”

Again upon Brother ROB MORRIS' claim of credit for “Cryptic”  
made in 1855 under heading, *What does it mean*, he says:

“But while we give Bro. MORRIS the credit he asks, let us not  
“also accept his definition, for cryptic does not mean ‘relating  
“to a subterranean cave’ any more than to any other place of  
“concealment. The original verb means hidden, or to hide, and  
“hence in the old days when the bodies of deceased persons were  
“buried under the church, the place where the remains were de-  
“posited, or hidden from view, was called the crypt. At the  
“present time the space under a building which cannot be seen  
“is called the crypt, not because it is underground, but because  
“it is hidden. A large number of words have been added to the  
“language, based on the root word crypta, which have no refer-  
“ence whatever to ‘subterranean caves’ but which do refer in  
“some way to concealment. They refer to letters, to animals,  
“to plants and other subjects even to men. Viewed in the light  
“of its true meaning we certainly must admit that MORRIS was  
“right when he said that the term ‘is exactly appropriate to our  
“subject’ which is not a ‘Subterranean cave’ but something that  
“was buried, concealed, hidden, and which remained in that con-  
“dition, as we are told, for four hundred and seventy years.”

Next Annual Assembly at Chicago, October 24, 1906. M. .  
Ill. .RAYMOND L. LEONARD, Chicago, Grand Master; Ill. .GIL.  
W. BARNARD, Chicago, Grand Recorder; M. .Ill. . GEORGE W.  
WARVELLE, Chicago, Committee on Correspondence.

#### INDIANA—1905.

Fiftieth Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, October 17-18. All  
the officers at their stations. Eighty-one members present. Fifty-  
four of the fifty-eight Councils were represented. All made re-  
turns and paid dues. Forty-eight greeted 555 Companions of  
which number one had eighty-one. Membership January 1, 1905,  
4,213, an increase of 448. Receipts \$2,470.85. Expenditures  
\$1,969.57.

Four Councils given dispensations by the Grand Master were Chartered, as Kendallville, No. 50; Tipton, No. 80; Plymouth, No. 18, and Winchester, No. 20. Seventeen of their twenty Past Grand Masters were present. One who had not missed a meeting of the body for a quarter of a century, was detained by sickness resultant from an accident. A donation of twenty-five dollars was proposed for this Companion and referred to committee whose report we quote:

"We find our Companion to have been unusually unfortunate, "in that besides being incapacitated by a broken hip, his wife "is a confirmed invalid. We find that this Grand Council is in "first-class financial condition, having \$2,399.19 in the treasury, and no better possible use can be made of a small part "thereof than to contribute to the help of the needy. We therefore, recommend that \$100 be forwarded at once to the Companion."

T. Ill. THOS. R. MARSHALL in an eloquent and touching, heartfelt address gave the loving sympathy of the Companions to their Grand Recorder in his hour of darkness and trouble. A pleasant exchange of greetings was held with the representatives of twenty-five Grand Councils, New York being in care of M. Ill. LUCIEN A. FOOTE. Grand Master WHITSETT ruled, that in case of vacancy, by death, the office of Master is filled by the Deputy Master and that the Grand Master is not vested with power to set aside this, or any other law. The Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Council did not agree with the Grand Master but were of the opinion he has such authority when requested by Council, the Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the work joining therein. They also failed to adopt a recommendation for the lessening of Grand Council dues. Past Grand Master, M. Ill. WILLIAM W. AUSTIN (1869-1871) died April 25, 1905, and M. Ill. GEORGE H. FISH (1873) Past Grand High Priest, on May 31, 1905.

A very interesting record is given of the exercises of the fiftieth anniversary held on the evening of the seventeenth. A beautiful bronze medal commemorative of the occasion was given each Companion present. After an elaborate banquet many ad-

dresses were made which are nearly all given in full and are most instructive and pleasant reading. "Sweet Sixteen" will aptly describe R. P. Companion MORDHURST'S sixteenth annual report in the culling of many gems from the addresses and proceedings of many Journals. He reviews thirty Jurisdictions, giving New York a due share of attention, and liberally quoting our eloquent Grand Master GARDNER. Henry is becoming a believer in mental telepathy. The repetition by an orator of an address of welcome, or a considerable portion of it, delivered when Grand High Priest, at a banquet,—although some time after, also the similarity of an address of welcome at Little Rock to one in Cincinnati, although delivered three years after it, has caused this broadening of his philosophy. Well, we are not at all astonished for after reading some of these fine speeches we feel like having a little mental telepathy ourselves.

We quote from his table of statistics which has become standard, covering thirty-four Grand Councils and also the immediate Subordinates to the General Grand Council: Seven hundred and one enrolled Councils, 550 of which were represented at the Annual Assemblies of the Grand Councils; 632 made returns; 17 were Chartered; 6,274 Companions were greeted, an increase of 1,216; 422 affiliated; 126 restored; 9 expelled; 824 suspended; 844 dimitted; 989 died, making the membership 62,904, an increase of 4,009. Receipts, \$26,787.18; expenditures, \$21,327.44; cash assets, \$30,221.95. The Journal is adorned with a most valuable collection of portraits; all of their Past Grand Masters and the present Grand Master, forty-two in all.

Next Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, October 16, 1906. M. Ill. CYRUS CLINE, Angola, Grand Master; R. Ill. CALVIN W. PRATHER, Indianapolis, Grand Recorder; R. P. HENRY W. MORDHURST, Fort Wayne, Chairman Committee Foreign Correspondence.

#### IOWA—1905.

Sixth Annual Assembly in Iowa City, September 27. Thirty-six members present. Fifteen of the twenty-two Councils were

represented. All report a total membership of 1,000. Twelve of them greeted sixty-six, the largest number in a Council being eighteen. Receipts, \$653; expenditures, \$584.33. Grand Master GEO. R. TURNER, whose portrait graces the opening page, says of Masonry:

"The cardinal virtues stand out supreme in our ritual even from the inception of the order, and with the progress of time we find that varying qualities of worth and excellence have, one by one, found lodgment in the sanctuary, and consecration in the hearts of the brethren, until no moral quality is now lacking to perfect the catalogue of sublime tenets and principles that adorn our time-honored institution. It is in all respects unique. It draws and inculcates beautiful lessons from both analogy and contrariety—from matters equivalent and having like power and import, and from matters altogether discrepant and inconsistent as well. It abhors darkness and makes of it a symbol of ignorance and error. It glorifies light and makes of it a symbol of enlightenment and truth. Yet, strange anomaly, out of the darkness of the secret vault it emanates and radiates no less a 'light' than the tangible blessedness of friendship—that sentiment of esteem, respect, and affection proceeding from familiar acquaintance which develops favorable opinion of estimable qualities and relations of intimacy that unite to form ties that time will ever strengthen, and eternity will not sever."

He gives beautiful tribute to the memory of M. Ill. ALMON RALPH DEWEY (1900), Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Commander, who died April 15, 1905. A very full obituary report, also memorial page with portrait is given. The address of the Grand Master and the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder he recommends be printed in advance of the session and be distributed thereat, as at no time in the future will the same interest attach to these documents as when presented at each session, which was agreed with by the Grand Council, adding to the list the report on Fraternal Correspondence.

Past Grand Master WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, who is the present General Grand Marshal of the General Grand Council, and

who was elected Grand Master of Masons at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, gives us another of his well written reports on correspondence reviewing thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions and covering forty-two journals. In his opening he says:

"We have discovered nothing of a startling nature in our research. We have found a band of zealous workers in almost every Grand Jurisdiction who are directing their energies towards the upbuilding of the Cryptic Rite in their midst. This branch of Masonry is steadily growing in membership. The beauty of its ritual and the strength of its claim to recognition and support of all true Masons finds it each successive year more securely enshrined in the hearts of its votaries."

New York, 1904, receives two pages of attention. GEORGE VAN VLIET has a compliment in "its usual handsome style." Grand Master GARDNER is quoted from "an eloquent address," and Chairman R. Ill. and REV. WARREN C. HUBBARD from the Committee on Fraternal Dead submitted an eloquent report from which we would quote had we space; also he has a more than kind word for this writer. In addition to many duties he ably represented our State. All the Past Grand Masters were present. Sixteen Grand Jurisdictions were represented.

Next Annual Assembly at the City of Marshall during the first week in October, 1906. M. Ill. AMOS N. ALBERSON, Washington, Grand Master; R. Ill. ALFRED WINGATE, Des Moines, Grand Recorder; R. P. WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, Harlan, Correspondent.

#### KANSAS—1906.

Thirty-eighth Annual Assembly held in Topeka, February 19. Fifty-two members present. Nine Councils represented. All of the ten Councils report a membership of 1,002 to which is to be added 143 on membership at large making 1,145, a decrease of twenty-three. Six Councils had work greeting fifty-one Companions, the largest number in a Council being twenty-eight. Receipts, \$551.70; expenditures, \$412.45.

Grand Master WEBB tells us: "It is not possible for a Grand Council to change the current of affairs among the people of the world. We cannot ever expect to secure for our Rite other than the patronage of those loyal and zealous Companions who are not attracted by the glamour of the multiplicity of degrees; wherefore, it is not only unwise but beneath the dignity and importance of the Rite either to complain of conditions existing in Kansas at the present time, or to urge measures which might require those seeking Masonic light to pass through the circle of the Cryptic Rite before attaining that which they seek. The true lover of the Rite must be a patron of our art as found within the Secret Vault."

Our duty is to continue the labor fearlessly and unremittingly in the cause of the Rite, girded about with the belief that there will always be found those who will seek the wondrous mysteries of the Secret Vault and revel in the possession of the Masonic beauties therein unfolded. The Journal opens with his portrait and an interesting biographical sketch is given. He is Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Commander. The presence of R.'.P.'.EDWARD W. WELLINGTON who, at the Triennial in June last, was elected General Grand Captain of the Guard is duly noted. Twenty-eight Grand Jurisdictions were duly represented. New York well to the front, in care of R.'.Ill.'.WILLIAM M. SHAVER. Eleven of their thirteen Past Grand Masters were present.

As we naturally expect, we have another of the Grand Recorder's valuable and charmingly readable reports on correspondence. He reviews thirty Journals, giving us about three pages. Grand Master L'HOMMEDIEU is liberally quoted. Our Past Grand Master MACOMB's usual "letter of regret at enforced absence" is referred to; they are taking nice care of him out there and he wishes he would visit at one of our annuals to show us. We wish he would, a most hearty welcome would be his. The last time I saw Dear John I had a long and serious talk with him trying to persuade him he belonged to New York instead of Kansas, but he grew so eloquent in praise of his present home that my heart almost failed me in the effort. I don't think

I succeeded. Quoting from our remarks as to the Honorary Past Grand Master given our M. Ill. GEORGE VAN VLIET, he compliments him "upon his wisdom in keeping his name off the list of Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of New York."

He says:

"In our humble opinion the title of Honorary Past Grand Master is of very doubtful value and an empty honor at the best. An HONORARY Past Grand Master is not a PAST GRAND MASTER, and no amount of declaration can make him one. The only value to the title is the simple evidence it gives to the holder of the love and esteem of his Companions who evidently tried to give him something."

Yes, it is of doubtful value outside of the "only value," yet with us it gives a rank and title that shows a work performed equal to, and (from its variety of conferring), even greater than that of a so-called actual Past Grand Master. So we have told him to put that name on our list. The principle of brevet rank is too old, too well established for us to set aside at this late day a custom that gives acknowledgement of services rendered. He suggests the plan of Indian Territory "call a halt" in the advancement of officers and elect to the office direct. Well, we thought of that, not an officer in line but would gladly have aided in the placing of our distinguished veteran in the chair, every voice in our Grand Council would have sanctioned it, but one, and that the veteran's; he would not have it so. A number of kind words are given your Chairman, which he takes as a generous welcome from an able senior to a struggling junior.

Next Regular Assembly at Wichita, February 18, 1907. M. Ill. CHARLES S. BIXBY, Osawatomie, Grand Master; R. Ill. WILLIAM M. SHAVER, Topeka, Grand Recorder and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

#### KENTUCKY—1905.

Seventy-eighth Annual Assembly in Louisville, October 16. Forty members present. Fourteen Councils and four U. D. were represented. Of twenty-nine Councils on the roll and two U. D.

twenty-eight reported a total membership of 1,190, being an increase of 247. Nineteen had work, greeting 206 Companions, the largest number in any Council being twenty-three. Receipts, \$512.50; expenditures, \$420.21.

Grand Master EWALT has been very active; six dormant Councils were revived and six started under dispensation. He recommended that Councils be permitted on dispensation from the Grand Master to meet at any suitable place within their territorial jurisdictions for the purpose of receiving and acting on petitions and conferring degrees, provided due notice be given the members. This by reason of Councils being widely separated and Companion Royal Arch Masons cannot readily go to seat of the nearest Councils. The Grand Council adopted the recommendation. He praises the Grand Recorder's "Pandect" which he had requested that officer to prepare and the Committee on Jurisprudence approve his action and congratulate the Grand Council that the work was so ably executed. A decision that the Master must serve at least half a term to be entitled to the rank of Past Master was not approved by the body; the Jurisprudence Committee say in reporting adversely:

"We do not see how distinction can be made among Masters "that have been regularly elected and installed with reference "to the amount of service rendered."

Very heart-felt reference is made to M. Ill. WILLIAM RYAN (1873), Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Commander, and Grand Treasurer of this body since 1899, who died November 13, 1904. He was our Grand Representative for twenty years. This year it is the "doings" of Grand Councils as observed by H. B. GRANT, Past Grand Master. A fine lot of observations follow commenting upon the various important "doings" and closing with a "congruous finish" which is replete with many valuable thoughts. Also a table showing date and manner of organization of Grand Councils of the United States. New York has a page of courteous attention from the distinguished observer. Portraits of the retiring Grand Master and in memoriam of T. Ill. WILLIAM RYAN and T. Ill. JOHN CLARKE (1899), are given with a biographical sketch of the latter by the

Grand Recorder. Fifteen Past Grand Masters were on hand. Twenty-six Grand Jurisdictions were represented, New York by R. Ill. JOHN T. KINCAID, G. P. C. W.

Next Annual Assembly at Louisville, October 15, 1906. M. Ill. WM. R. JOHNSTON, Lebanon, Grand Master; M. Ill. H. B. GRANT, Louisville, Grand Recorder and Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

#### MAINE—1906.

The Journal has not yet reached us but from circular of the Grand Recorder, we learn the Fifty-second Annual Assembly was held in Portland, May 2, and the next Annual Assembly will be held there May 8, 1907. M. Ill. ALEXANDER A. BEATON, Rockland, Grand Master; R. Ill. STEPHEN BERRY, Portland, Grand Recorder; M. Ill. ALBRO E. CHASE, Correspondent.

#### MASSACHUSETTS—1905.

Annual Assembly in Boston, December 13. Fifty-two Grand Officers and Permanent members with the representatives of twenty-two Councils were present. All of their twenty-eight Councils made reports and paid dues. With one exception all had work receiving 528 Companions. Membership 6,882, an increase of 311. Receipts, \$3,002.20; expenditures, \$1,718.01. Funds in hands of the Grand Treasurer and the Trustees, \$6,748.91.

Grand Master BARKER gives his third annual address. He calls attention to the "unusually rapid growth of Boston Council which, in the past year, has risen to the position of the largest Council in the world;" its membership is 995. Two hundred and nine Companions were "received" therein and its increase was 183. During his term of three years he has officially visited every Council once and some of them oftener. A visit to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island upon invitation as Grand Master of the Grand

Council, together with the cordial greetings and courtesies extended, "evidenced a strong fraternal sentiment uniting the two Grand Bodies."

Among the names of the four Past Grand Masters present, we note that of R. P. J. ALBERT BLAKE, who as usual, was active during the session, and in the chair during election and installation. Companion BLAKE is at present, Grand Master of Masons, and was at the Triennial advanced to General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the General Grand Council. A committee is to decide upon the advisability of preparing lectures for each of the degrees, and if favorable is to prepare and exemplify them at the coming Special Assembly. The codification of the Constitution and any amendments thereto, was ordered.

Twenty Grand Councils were represented, New York by M. Ill. Wm. B. LAWRENCE. Special Assemblies were held February 14, 1905, for the constituting of Milford Council and installing its officers; February 22, 1905, at Springfield and October 30, 1905, at Boston, for exemplifying the work of the degrees. There are sixty-five pages of admirable report and review from Grand Recorder WAITE, covering thirty-two Jurisdictions and thirty-four Journals. New York has its due share of kindly consideration, commendatory words for its correspondent are highly appreciated, coming from this able source. Portrait of the retiring Grand Master greets, upon opening the volume.

M. Ill. EDWIN S. CRANDON, Cambridge, Grand Master; R. Ill. J. GILMAN WAITE, Masonic Temple, Boston, Grand Recorder and Committee on Correspondence.

#### MARYLAND—1905.

Thirty-second Annual Assembly was held in Baltimore, November 22. The present membership is 875, an increase of forty-eight. Grand Recorder BOWERS had so far recovered from the effect of the accident noted in our last, as to be enabled to be present at this session and attend to his duties as Grand Recorder and as our Grand Representative; whereon we congrat-

ulate him. We are indebted for information to his circular and to his letter to our Grand Recorder.

M. Ill. GEORGE COOK, Baltimore, Grand Master; M. Ill. JAMES W. BOWERS, Baltimore, Grand Recorder.

#### MICHIGAN—1906.

Forty-eighth Annual Assembly in Saginaw, May 14-15. Ninety-two members present. Fifty-five of the sixty-one Councils were represented. All of the Grand Officers at their stations. Returns of the fifty-eight Chartered Councils show a membership of 5,802, an increase of 307. Except eleven all had work, greeting 471 Companions; ninety-one being the largest number in one Council. Receipts, \$2,403.79; expenditures, \$1,985.69.

Grand Master CHURCH gave dispensations to David S. Kendall Council at Houghton, Marquette Council, and Livingston Council at Howell, all of which were granted Charters. His portrait faces the title page and a biographical sketch is given. Grand Recorder CONOVER is collecting portraits and biographical sketches of the Grand Masters to place in the Journal of the semi-centennial year. He desired a reprint of the Journal of 1879, now exhausted, which was granted. We are sorry to note the report on correspondence is to be omitted, as we understand it was by Grand Master UTLEY and contained many interesting and historic items. He thought the condition of the Councils would be improved if the minimum fee for the degrees was made ten, instead of five dollars. They agreed with him and amended the Constitution to that effect, operative on January 1, 1907. And they raised his salary; a graceful and just act for ability shown and work well done.

They lost during the year two Grand Council officers, three Past Grand Masters, and two Past Grand Deputy Masters. R. Ill. LEWIS CASS GOODRICH died August 7, 1905, stricken while in the discharge of his official duties as Grand Lecturer. An excellent report of the work of the year so far as he had gone shows twenty-three schools of instruction held; it is made on

his behalf from his notes and memoranda by his wife, Mrs. Eva Sprague Goodrich. REV. FRANCIS ASBURY BLADES died April 24, 1906. He was Grand Chaplain since 1880 and also held the office in Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery. REV. and M. Ill. DAVID BURNHAM TRACY (1862), died February 19, 1906. Most eloquent tributes are given these two Companions by M. Ill. HUGH McCURDY who had been closely associated with them in all the branches of Masonry. M. Ill. BYRON C. HILL (1902), died April 15, 1905, and M. Ill. ANDREW JACKSON UTLEY (1878), died November 10, 1905. Portraits are given of the Companions named, and all have recognition in the able report of the Committee on Obituaries.

A most courteous letter was read from M. P. General Grand Master SWANSTROM setting forth the great benefit to the Rite, if Michigan should come into the union. A committee was appointed to take the matter into consideration, visit the coming triennial session of the General Grand Council and report their findings and recommendations at the next Annual Assembly.

Twelve of their seventeen resident Grand Masters were present. Twenty-two Grand Jurisdictions were represented; ours by M. Ill. EMERSON M. NEWELL. A Past Grand Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master. Another of Companion CONOVER's good reports on correspondence in which he gives New York three of its eighty-eight pages. Grand Master L'HOMMEDIEU is liberally quoted and he gives a couple of sayings of the writer. Thirty-four Journals are reviewed. In his "conclusion" he says:

"One cannot complete a review of the proceedings of the several Grand Councils without a feeling of satisfaction at the steady and rapid advancement made all along the line in Cryptic Masonry. With scarcely an exception, the battle cry 'Work' has produced results, and the standard of the Rite is being carried still higher. So may it ever be. This Rite, if properly worked and given the same energy that is found in the Lodge or Chapter, cannot fail to appeal to all thinking Masons as among the finest degrees of Masonry."

Next Annual Assembly at Port Huron, May 20, 1907.

M. Ill. ARTHUR H. McCLOUD, Detroit, Grand Master; R. Ill. CHARLES A. CONOVER, Coldwater, Grand Recorder and Correspondence Committee.

### MINNESOTA—1905.

The thirty-sixth Annual Assembly in St. Paul, October 9, 1905. Twenty-seven members present. All of their seven Councils were represented, made returns and paid dues. Five had work, greeting seventy Companions. The membership is 807, an increase of thirty-six. Receipts, \$273.25; expenditures, \$269.10.

Grand Master BEVAN, whose kindly face welcomes us upon opening, refers in eulogistic words and biographical sketch, to the deaths of M. Ill. JOHN RICHARD CAREY (1886-7), on Aug. 25, 1905, and Grand Chaplain NORMAN I. COLBURN on March 4, 1905. Among his recommendations, he urges assistance to the proposed Masonic Home, which was acknowledged by the authorization of a committee to act in conjunction with committees from the other Masonic Bodies.

M. P. Companion SWANSTROM was received with due honor as General Grand Master and in accordance with the custom of this Jurisdiction of getting about the best of everything, they were installed by him with the assistance of M. Ill. DWIGHT M. BALDWIN as Grand Marshal who is to be decorated with a Past Grand Master's Jewel, by order of the Grand Council. Twelve of their Past Grand Masters were present. Twenty-four Grand Councils reported by their Representatives but New York was not there.

Grand Recorder Montgomery submitted revised Constitution and form of By-Laws for Councils, which were adopted and, as by order, printed in the Journal. He also has procured a register and enrolled therein the membership of each Council with all data reported. In his report on Correspondence he tells us he has eliminated all statistics previous to those reported in 1905, availing himself of R. P. Companion MORDHURST'S comprehensive statistical report which is up to 1905 and covers the ground completely, also he feels compelled to shorten his paper

so as to "keep expenses within income;" nevertheless, he gives us a valuable resume of transactions of thirty-two Jurisdictions and thirty-four Journals in twenty-one pages. New York, 1904, is treated to a full page. He says Grand Master GARDNER's address is "an able paper," quotes the writer on their quick work and remarks they "usually get through as early every year."

Next Annual Assembly at Minneapolis, October 8, 1906.  
M. Ill. CHARLES S. SCHURMAN, St. Paul, Grand Master;  
R. Ill. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, St. Paul, Grand Recorder and  
Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

#### MISSISSIPPI—1906.

Fifty-first Annual Assembly in Brookhaven, February 21-22. Sixty-three members present, thirty-seven of their forty-four Councils were represented. Thirty-three made returns; twenty-four greeted 197 Companions. Membership is 1,570, an increase of 131. Receipts, \$989; expenditures, \$447.49.

Grand Master SAVERY in his address says: "I desire to express to the Grand Council my sincere thanks, and heartfelt gratitude, for your fraternal message of sympathy wired me from your Council hall one year ago, at a time when I was shrouded with sorrow, and could almost hear the knock of the Angel of Death, coming with a summons for me to follow him to the Spiritland. Our Father in Heaven spared my life and gave me reasonable health, permitting me to meet and greet you once again. Oh! Companions, words or messages of sympathy, one to another, when we are in sorrow, trouble or distress, are surely golden, the recollection of which will be as priceless jewels in our memories. A fraternal message of sympathy, or an act of kindness will strengthen and brighten each link in the chain of the living and cause our love for one another to enfold us as a garment."

He submitted, without comment, a letter from M. P. General Grand Master SWANSTROM, inviting them to join forces with the General Grand Council, which was referred to a committee for

consideration. But they would not have it. "From a purely sentimental stand-point and a natural desire to form a closer bond of union between ourselves and the great body of Cryptic Masons of the country, we are strongly moved to advise your uniting with the General Grand Council, but here the reasoning begins and ends, as we see it," is a portion of the committee's report. For reasons which appear to be entirely satisfactory to themselves, their conclusion was adverse; the closing paragraph of the report, sounds very much like JUDGE SPEED, and as his name is at the foot of the committee of four, it probably is. "We are not insensible to the kindly and courteous invitations given to us to unite with the General Grand Council and thoroughly appreciate, and desire to reciprocate to the fullest extent the sentiments of good will expressed by Grand Master SWANSTROM and his predecessors, towards this Grand Council."

The Grand Recorder's report contains a number of good things aside from the routine matters. From an excellent article on the "State of the Craft" we select: "The fact of the matter is, that owing to the Royal and Select Master's degrees not being included in the regular scale of progression, it is only when they are brought prominently to the attention of Masons, that their beautiful lessons are availed of and candidates are therefore not forthcoming in regular supply, so that it is possible for a Council to have regular work, and where this is not the case with a Masonic Body, it quickly falls into a state of lassitude which generally is fatal to all progress." \* \* \*

"I think that it ought to be a matter of serious consideration in the organizations of new Councils, as to whether there exists a Masonic population within reach of the proposed new body, which will give it a permanent supply of suitable material from which it can draw its candidates. There is a tendency with all new bodies to overwork themselves and as a consequence, they quickly exhaust all their material and there is nothing left upon which for them to thrive. While there may be some doubt, as to whether it is possible to secure as large a number as twenty-seven petitioners for a new Council, the determination of the Grand Master not to organize nor revive a Council without that

“number of Companions joining in its organization or reorganization is a step in the right direction, which must be manifest to every one who has had experience in such matters, and I sincerely hope that it will become a rule not to be broken in “the future.”

He also explains that owing to an old-time error of record, which would cause confusion to correct, this is the fifty-second Assembly. Twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions were represented, New York absent. Three Past Grand Masters were present. Portrait of BENJAMIN S. TAPPAN, Past Grand Treasurer.

Next Annual Assembly at Natchez, February 20, 1907. M. .Ill. .PHINEAS M. SAVERY, Tupelo, Grand Master; M. .Ill. .FREDERIC SPEED, Vicksburg, Grand Recorder.

#### MISSOURI—1906.

Forty-first Annual Assembly in Kansas City, April 24. Forty-six members present. Thirteen of their fourteen Councils were represented, and with one exception all made returns and paid dues. Nine had work greeting 163 Companions. Membership 1,325, an increase of ninety-five. Receipts, \$1,053.50; expenditures, \$940.40.

Committee on Necrology give eulogistic report on M. .Ill. .THOMAS ELWOOD GARRETT (1867), Past Grand Master of Masons and Past Grand High Priest, died June 29, 1905, and M. .Ill. .JOSEPH LESSFORD BROWNE (1873), Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand High Priest, and Past Grand Commander, died February 12, 1906.

In accordance with the order of last year, jewels were presented to six Past Grand Masters. A photograph of the style of Jewel is given.

It took a committee of eight to act on the Grand Master's address, and being all Past Grand Masters, they did their work well, highly approving this able document which contained a very proper recommendation for increase of the Grand Recorder's salary, with a flattering and well deserved commenda-

tion of this active officer, and a remuneration for correspondence report. The Grand Council agreed, amending the By-Laws to that effect. A committee is to report next session upon the advisability of paying mileage, per diem or both. Portraits of the retiring Grand Master M. Ill. DR. MARTIN T. BALSLEY and in memory of M. Ill. BENJAMIN PETER BAILEY (1878), with biographical sketches. Nine Past Grand Masters were present. Twenty Grand Jurisdictions were represented, New York by M. Ill. NOAH M. GIVAN.

There is a remarkably full and very interesting report on correspondence embracing fifty-five pages and reviewing the Journals of twenty-eight Jurisdictions. New York receives courteous attention. The picture of M. Ill. JOHN L. BROTHERS is called their able and dignified looking Grand Representative. Correct! that's JOHN L. It is from the pen of M. Ill. Companion STEVENSON who was given the job in place of M. Ill. DR. KUHN, resigned, and as he says in his conclusion: "The physical expression, whether in narrative, critical, or mirthful form, "has always been kept under love's influence."

Next Annual Assembly at St. Louis, April 23, 1907. M. Ill. JOHN H. BARR, Kansas City, Grand Master; M. Ill. ROBERT F. STEVENSON, St. Louis, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

#### NEBRASKA—1905.

Twenty-sixth Annual Assembly in Omaha, December 13. Thirty-four members present. Twelve of their nineteen Councils were represented, three failed to make returns, twelve had work greeting 134 Companions. Membership, including four under dispensation October 31st, 948, an increase of 102. Receipts, \$529.50; expenditures, \$499.88.

Grand Master ANDERSON whose portrait graces the initial page, feelingly alludes to M. Ill. ROBERT WILKINSON FURNAS (1878-9), who died June 1, 1905. He was Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Commander, Colonel in the regular army and Governor of the State.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present. Twenty-one Grand Jurisdictions were represented, New York by the affable and genial Grand Recorder WHITE. Two of the Councils U. D. were granted Charters as Robert R. Livingston, No. 21, at Platts-mouth and Cypress, No. 22, at Wymore. One hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated for additional stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home. The only officer not at his station upon opening, was kept away by illness, the sympathy of the Grand Council was given him and he was advanced by election in office.

The report on correspondence grows smaller, six of last year's writers have nothing to say, and it only covers fifteen Jurisdic-tions. The work done is well done. New York receives over a page of attention, that it is excellent, goes without saying as it is by R. Ill. FRANCIS E. WHITE. Our committee is complimented upon its labors.

Next Annual Assembly at Omaha, December 12, 1906. M. Ill. LORENZO D. WOODRUFF, Lincoln, Grand Master; R. Ill. FRANCIS E. WHITE, Omaha, Grand Recorder and Com-mittee on Correspondence, the Grand Representatives.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE—1905.

Forty-fourth Annual Assembly in Concord, May 15, 1905. Forty members present. Eleven of their fourteen Councils were represented. All made returns. With one exception, they had work, greeting 101 Companions. Membership April 15, 1905, 1,827, an increase of forty. Receipts, \$557.75; expenditures, \$510.52.

Ten of their fourteen Past Grand Masters were present. Nine-teen Grand Jurisdictions were represented, New York by M. Ill. HENRY P. GLIDDEN, whose portrait gives us a genial wel-come on opening the Journal. Grand Master CHENEY gives rich and loving tribute to the memory of T. Ill. ALPHEUS WOOSTER BAKER, of Washington Council, No. 10, who died April 11, 1905, and who was Past Grand Master of Masons and Past Grand High Priest. He made a ruling that we think ought to be general, to the effect that petitions for the degrees must be

presented and ballot taken thereon at Stated Assemblies. A revised constitution was presented, and as it contains a number of amendments it was laid over till next Assembly for action. The excellent report on correspondence is from the Grand Recorder, who gives us forty-four pages covering thirty-one Jurisdictions, New York, 1904, over two of them giving praise to and very liberally quoting from the address of Grand Master JOHN R. GARDNER, which he describes as eloquent. We also receive a neat compliment on our effort at correspondence report. A portrait is given of Past Master BAKER, referred to in the address of the Grand Master.

Annual Assembly of 1906, at Concord, May 14. M. Ill. HARRY M. CHENEY, Lebanon, Grand Master; M. Ill. FRANK D. WOODBURY, Concord, Grand Recorder and Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

#### OHIO—1905.

Seventy-sixth Annual Assembly in Springfield, October 3. All the Grand officers, all except two of the Past Grand Masters, representatives from fifty-seven of their sixty Chartered Councils and of the three U. D. making a total of 108 members, were present. All the Councils made returns and paid dues; all but three had work greeting 830 Companions. Membership July 31, 1905, 8,252, an increase of 662. Receipts, \$4,705.50; expenditures, \$4,525.18.

The State as usual was divided into nine arches for inspection. Grand Master WILLIAMS under this heading says:

“A few Councils in the State apparently do not understand  
“that the annual inspection of Councils is required by the law  
“of the Grand Council, and that the inspectors are the proxies  
“of the Grand Master.” \* \* \* \* “Then there is a disposi-  
“tion to postpone the inspections to the latest possible date with-  
“out reference to the convenience of the inspector. The reason  
“usually assigned is lack of proficiency in the Ritual, but some-  
“times the delay is asked because there is no candidate in sight.

“Neither of these is a good excuse. In this day of almost perfect ritualism there is no reason why the officers of a Council should not be prepared to confer the degrees within thirty days after their election, and as to the candidate, while it is preferable to have a real candidate, it is better to use a substitute, than embarrass the inspectors, and retard the business of the Grand Council.”

In his letter to the inspectors he concludes with: “As our Grand Jurisdiction now has the proud distinction of leading the Cryptic forces of the world in numerical strength, let us not only endeavor to maintain this position, but let us see to it that our standard of excellence, our devotion to duty, our earnestness and zeal are second to none.”

Dispensations were granted for two new Councils. He finds that words fail to give proper recognition for the Masonic kindness, courtesies, and consideration given him and asks that “God may give me strength and life to show you by my actions how highly I appreciate your great kindness.”

A fairly good portrait, lacking the personal magnetism of his genial presence, is on the opening page. R. Ill. JACOB H. BROMWELL, Grand Council Trustee of the Masonic Home, which is under the care of all the Masonic Bodies, reports competent and able work of the Superintendent and of the Matron, and the generally prosperous and successful condition. It is filled very nearly to the capacity of its buildings. There are sixty-seven men and thirty-seven women averaging seventy-three years of age, and twenty-nine boys and twenty-seven girls, of an average age of twelve years, as inmates. Total receipts, \$50,423.10; expenditures, \$47,499.69; balances, \$53,930.03, of which \$50,589.84 is in the Endowment Fund and \$1,000 in the Library Fund. During the year the hospital built and equipped by the Order of the Eastern Star was fully completed and furnished and is now in use. The corner stone was laid October 26, 1904, and the building dedicated May 10, 1905. The cost was something over \$14,000. He pleads for contributions to this work, especially to the Endowment Fund, and the Grand Council responded by donating \$500 to the current expense fund, \$500 to a building

fund for the purpose of enlargement when necessary, and \$1,000 to the Endowment Fund.

To the report are appended list of officers, report of Superintendent and Secretary, Treasurer, Library Committee and Auditing Committee of the Home, all detailed. Two cuts are given showing the Home and the Home Hospital.

A Charter of special form was given Cincinnati Council, No. 1, which was organized in 1827, and surrendered its Charter to the Grand Council of Ohio on its organization in 1830, since which time it has been without a Charter, the document posing as such, being merely a certificate dated 1862, showing that it was one of the five Councils which organized the Grand Council. The three Councils U. D. were granted Charters as Ohio, No. 92, at Ironton; Lafayette, No. 93, at Piqua; and Mansfield, No. 94. An excellent portrait and full biographical and tender obituary from the pen of the Grand Master are given of Companion REUBEN C. LEMMON, Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand High Priest and Past General Grand High Priest of the U. S. A., who died September 6, 1905. The usual Jewel was ordered for the retiring Grand Master.

A number of distinguished companions were cordially received and welcomed upon opening: R. P. GRAFF; M. ACKLIN, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (now General Grand Deputy Master); M. P. ORESTES; A. B. SENTER, Past General Grand Master; the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand Master, now Grand Master of Masons M. W. LEWIS P. SCHAUS; M. Ill. GEORGE D. COPELAND, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge; R. Ill. JACOB H. BROMWELL, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge and Past Grand High Priest; R. Ex. EDWIN HAGENBUCH, Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter; M. Ill. JOSEPH M. GOODSPEED, Past Grand Master of Masons; M. Ill. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, Past Grand Master of Masons and Past Grand High Priest; and M. Ill. WM. T. McLEAN, Past Grand Commander.

Thirty Grand Representatives responded to roll call; New York by M. Ill. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, who also pre-

sents another year's work, exceedingly well done (as is his custom) in the field of correspondence. In the introductory he tells us of a Grand Body in Scotland claiming an earlier existence than 1750 which shows conclusively in the opinion of the committee the pre-American existence of the Council degrees, and quoting historian GOULD that this Body "The Early Grand Scottish Rite, formerly called the Early Grand Mother Encampment of High Knight Templars, Scotland" whose "laws are entitled the General Statutes and Ordinances enacted for the government of Red, Black, Green, and White Masonry (in Scotland)." The third of these Statutes recognizes among a number of degrees, those of Royal Master and Select Master.

New York, 1904, has three pages of courteous attention. Our program of opening is copied in full. Grand Master GARDNER is quoted in opening and closing of an "interesting Masonic paper in twenty-one pages." Our Grand Recorder's "supervision is in evidence in the handsome appearance of the Annual Proceedings." This writer fully appreciates the courteous personal compliment given him. In his message at closing, he says:

"He is more than ever convinced that the degrees of Royal "and Select Master are now upon a deservedly higher plane in "the mind of intelligent Masons than if their possession had been "made a prerequisite for the Commandery grades. Its select "character is better than numbers in its membership or an excess "of dollars in its treasury."

He intimates that other duties may prevent his occupancy of the chairmanship the coming year, and gives sentiments of fraternal love and esteem to all Companions and best acknowledgments to Companion Reporters for kind consideration and courtesies. We shall indeed miss the work of our esteemed Companion and trust he may return to it in the near future. The report covers seventy-six pages and reviews thirty-four jurisdictions.

Next Annual Assembly October 2, 1906, at Columbus. M. .Ill. . WILLIAM A. SPILL, Cleveland, Grand Master; R. .Ill. . WILLIAM E. EVANS, Chillicothe, Grand Recorder; M. .Ill. . NELSON WILLIAMS, Hamilton, Chairman Committee Foreign Correspondence.

## OREGON—1906.

Twenty-first Annual Assembly in Salem, April 11. Fourteen members present. Five of their six Councils were represented; five made returns; three had work, greeting seventy-one Companions. Membership 357, an increase of sixty-eight. Receipts, \$161.25; expenditures, \$86.40.

Grand Master DEARING being absent from the State, Deputy Grand Master DEMPSEY presided. Hudson Council, No. 1, by dispensation, changed its meeting place from McMinnville to Salem which was ratified by the Grand Body and this was probably the cause of the change of this Annual Assembly from McMinnville as ordered last year to Salem.

Two of the Past Grand Masters were present. The representatives of six Grand Jurisdictions were received and welcomed, each responded and extended cordial greetings from their Grand Councils.

Next Annual Assembly at Corvallis, April 10, 1907. M. Ill. Wm. A. DEMPSEY, Portland, Grand Master; R. Ill. SETH L. POPE, Portland, Grand Recorder.

## PENNSYLVANIA—1906.

Sixtieth Annual Assembly in New Castle, February 27, 1906. All the officers at their stations. Forty-five members present. Twenty of their twenty-four Councils were represented; all made returns and paid dues; but two were without work, the number of Companions greeted being 352. Membership 3,324, an increase of 275. Receipts, \$1,671.93; expenditures, \$1,265.11.

Ten of the Past Grand Masters were present, and one reported who was unable to be with them. Twelve Grand Jurisdictions were present by their representatives. M. P. GEORGE C. JOHNSTONE for New York. Letter from General Grand Master SWANSTROM, urging union with the General Grand Council was received and ordered responded to "with the information that no

action would be taken at this Annual Grand Assembly by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania."

Grand Master GORGAS visited all of the Councils excepting one. He attributes their success "to the systematic visitation of the Grand Officers inaugurated a few years ago and the energetic work of the officers and members of the Councils. Those succeed who work and because they work; and the few Councils that are not making material progress are languishing because their officers and members will not work. Their officers fail in realizing the responsibility incumbent on the office and lack proper enthusiasm, while the members refuse their hearty co-operation—two obstacles which can only be overcome by persistent efforts on the part of every member and placing in office of those only who will conscientiously perform their duties. When we all emulate the example of the workmen on the hand-car, where every one has his hand either on one handle or the other and every fellow puts his muscle on the downward stroke, then will be like

"The meadow brook, that seemeth to stand still,  
Quickens its current as it nears the mill."

From his experience he is satisfied that a visit by all the Grand officers will produce a better effect than when only a few accompany the Grand Master, and recommends an appropriation of \$250 for this purpose, which the Grand Body authorized. He decided that objection to conferring the degrees upon an approved petitioner could not be made by letter, but "must be made in person in open Council and the fact so stated in the minutes," and in approving the Grand Council added "but the name of the objector shall not be so stated." He gives account of a very interesting search into the early history and records, and concludes therefrom that the organization dates from 1847, which was endorsed.

Nine District Deputy Grand Masters are appointed for inspection purposes who report to the Grand Master, and their reports follow his. Among the various appropriations is \$25 to the

Masonic Home of Pennsylvania. A Charter was granted to a new Council in Philadelphia as Joppa, No. 46. Mileage and per diem (\$4.00) was paid to seventeen Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters amounting to \$317.72. A revised Constitution, Forms and Ceremonies was adopted to take effect June 24, 1906.

The excellent report on correspondence is from the able reporter, the Grand Recorder. It is comprised in sixty-two pages and covers thirty-six Jurisdictions; New York, 1905, has over two pages of courteous notice. Quotations are made from Grand Master L'HOMMEDIEU's address, also from the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead. Portraits of the retiring Grand Master, of M. P. JOEL S. EABY, Grand Treasurer, and in memoriam of M. P. JOSEPH LILOND LYTLE (1885).

Next Annual Assembly at Erie, January 15, 1907. M. P. CHARLES W. WOLFERTZ, Allentown, Grand Master; M. P. FRANK W. MARTENIS, South Bethlehem, Grand Recorder and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

#### TENNESSEE—1906.

Fifty-sixth Annual Assembly in Nashville, January 29. All the Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of thirteen Councils, a total of thirty-seven members, were present. With one exception, all Councils made returns and paid dues, and excepting four, had work, conferring the degrees upon 123 Companions. Membership 602, an increase of 107. Receipts, \$380.00; expenditures, \$308.83.

Grand Master SMITH gave dispensation to three new Councils, which were granted Charters, as Drummond, No. 86, at Crossville; Harriman, No. 87, and Fayette, No. 88, at Somerville, making the number of Councils eighteen.

In visiting he tells us he left the west and traveled east, embracing every Council. A communication from Greenville Council, No. 77 was received, strongly and justly protesting against the resolution permitting the Grand Council to confer the de-

grees naming among its many statements the infringements of the inherent rights of the Subordinate Councils; that by charging the minimum fee, while most of the Subordinate Councils charge a greater amount, it under-bids the latter. Scarcely any Grand Council made Companions affiliate with the Body in whose jurisdiction they reside. They urge the repeal of the resolution in force, and advocate the increase of the minimum fee from five to ten dollars. The effect of this protest is shown by the action of the Grand Council in adding to this resolution, provision that petitions shall not be received nor degrees conferred upon candidates who reside within twenty-five miles of a Subordinate without its consent, and that annual dues be charged such Grand Council made Companions so long as they remain non-affiliated, being fixed for the present at three dollars. But retreat from the cheap minimum fee they would not, although they agreed that the fee charged by the Grand Council shall be ten dollars which is to be turned over to the Council to which the member attaches himself. This action robs the pernicious legislation of its flagrant wrong doing. Why not get rid of it entirely?

Grand Representatives of seventeen Jurisdictions were present, New York's being M. Ill. JOHN B. GARRETT. M. Ill. Companion FLENNIKEN furnishes the report on correspondence, thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed. New York is given a due share of courteous attention. Portrait of the newly elected Grand Master faces the title page.

Next Annual Assembly at Nashville January 28, 1907. M. Ill. ANDREW P. TROGDEN, Sparta, Grand Master; R. Ill. WILLIAM A. CLENDENING, Nashville, Grand Recorder; M. Ill. M. F. FLENNIKEN, Committee on Correspondence.

#### VERMONT—1905-6.

The Journal of 1905 did not reach us till December of that year, being later than date of our report. The Annual Assembly was held on June 13, and that of 1906, the fifty-third annual,

on June 12, both in Burlington. There were respectively present forty-three and forty-eight members including six and seven Past Grand Masters and the representatives of fourteen Councils; reports from their seventeen Councils, fourteen and fifteen, showing a membership of 1,295 and 1,319. Receiving the degrees, seventy-one and fifty-two. Receipts, \$406.75 and \$444.29; expenditures, \$274.72 and \$275.65; Grand Jurisdictions represented, eighteen and nineteen. Where was New York's representative? not present either year.

Grand Master FLANDERS (1905), tells us among other things, of a visit to Boston Council, Massachusetts, accompanied by nearly all the Grand Officers, upon the invitation of its Master, R. Ill. E. C. BENTON, and also of a reception at the Colonel's country estate where over one thousand members and their ladies were entertained. The occasion was to commemorate the acquisition of the one thousandth member of Boston Council. Grand Master ORVILLE C. BAKER (1906), of Brandon, also visited other jurisdictions (New Hampshire and Massachusetts), and modestly admits the superiority in some respects of their work. All three degrees were given "in a most beautiful and impressive manner" in Washington Council, N. H., which he had only seen equalled by Boston Council, and then tells us Colonel BENTON was imported from Vermont. Portraits of each of these presiding officers appear in the year's Journal in which they served.

One of the inspecting officers mentions that he found the books of the Recorder and Treasurer of Montpelier Council, and all the clerical affairs thereof, in first-class condition which he adds is needless to say, as Grand Treasurer HEATON fills both offices. Yes, that's R. P. Companion HEATON, neat, correct, and thorough work, we use him for treasuring in the General Grand Council and have seen his reports. Among the distinguished visitors to the session of 1906 were M. Ill. MARTIN H. RICE, of Indiana, and R. Ill. EVERETT C. BENTON of Massachusetts.

We have two exceedingly interesting reports on correspondence from R. Ill. MARSH O. PERKINS, that of 1905 embraces

sixty-one pages and thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions. In his conclusion he capitally sums up the situation:

"In many jurisdictions the year has been found to have been "one of unparalleled prosperity, and in but few has Ahishar "been overmuch in evidence. In the former activity and en- "thusiasm have prevailed because of the determination to make "the most of the grand possibilities of the Rite. Wherever such "a spirit is lacking, has been heard the old, old story of lethargy "and discouragement with a cry for the crutch of pre-requisition "to lean upon."

New York, 1904, is given a page of courteous notice. The report of 1906 covers twenty-eight Jurisdictions and is made in forty-eight pages. We have a page of his attention; he comments on R. Ill. Companion HUBBARD'S report on deceased members as "a beautifully written memorial offering, and includes a noble tribute to T. Ill. JESSE B. ANTHONY, who was well-known in the Masonic World as Past Grand Master of Masons of New York and an incomparable writer of correspondence reports for the Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery of the State." The complimentary comments so graciously given the work of the writer are highly appreciated by him.

Next Annual Assembly at Burlington, June 11, 1907. M. Ill. GEORGE F. ROOT, Newport, Grand Master; M. Ill. HENRY H. ROSS, Burlington, Grand Recorder; R. Ill. MARSH O. PERKINS, Windsor, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

#### WASHINGTON—1905.

Tenth Annual Assembly held in Bellingham, June 20. Twenty members were present, among whom were seven Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of six (all) Councils. All and one U. D. made returns and paid dues, reporting a membership of 596, an increase of forty. Seventy-six Companions were greeted, the seven contributing to this number. Receipts, \$249.10; expenditures, \$233.50. The Grand Representatives of sixteen Jurisdictions were duly received and welcomed, JUDGE UPTON, New York's official among the number.

Grand Master GATES is a strong advocate of official visitations and in proof of his belief therein, visited all of the Chartered Councils during the year. Vancouver Council U. D. was granted a Charter, No. 10. The Charter of Colfax Council, No. 2, was surrendered. An amendment to the By-Laws of Everett Council, No. 8, raising the fee from ten to fifteen dollars, was approved. The Constitution was amended making the officers ranking under Grand Recorder, appointive by the Grand Master elect. A brief report on correspondence is given by R. Ill. Companion HARE, of thirteen pages and thirty-one Jurisdictions and giving the leading items of interest. Portrait of the retiring Grand Master faces the title page.

Assembly of 1906 was ordered for Spokane, June 19. M. Ill. RICHARD J. GRAHAM, Seattle, Grand Master; R. Ill. EDWARD R. HARE, Tacoma, Grand Recorder and Committee on Correspondence.

#### WISCONSIN—1906.

Forty-ninth Annual Assembly in Milwaukee, February 20. Twenty-nine members present, including three Past Grand Masters. Thirteen of the twenty-one Councils, one being U. D., were represented. Two hundred and seventy-three Companions were greeted in thirteen Councils. Membership 2,074, being an increase of 244. Receipts, \$341.55; expenditures, \$440.95.

The Constitution was amended to permit the conferring of the Super Excellent Masters' degree by the Subordinate Councils provided it be done with the decorum and dignity intended by the Ritual and subjecting the body to the penalty of loss of Charter if otherwise; further it cannot be communicated; the fee is to be fixed by the Council conferring, and no Select Master is to be deprived of the privilege of representation in the Grand Council by reason of his not having this degree. The status of all Companions whom in the past received the Royal and Select Masters' degrees by communication by the late Past Grand Master M. Ill. YOUNGS was fixed as "without affiliation," and

with permission on petition and ballot to join Subordinate Councils without the payment of a fee. All Councils in the State were granted concurrent territorial jurisdiction.

The report on correspondence comes from the retiring Grand Master JACOB DREHER. As their last report was in 1903, to review all accumulations up to date would make this one too voluminous, therefore a portion is laid over. He gives fifty-three pages of very interesting review of twenty-four Jurisdictions and forty-seven Journals. As New York does not appear, we presume it is among the "laidovers."

Next Annual Assembly at Milwaukee, February 19, 1907.  
M. Ill. HENRY SMITH, Milwaukee, Grand Master; M. Ill. WM. W. PERRY, Milwaukee, Grand Recorder; M. Ill. JACOB DREHER, Committee on Correspondence.

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Next Annual Assembly  
in New York City on  
Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1907  
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