

PROCEEDINGS

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



NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

August 25, 1947



ARTHUR A. BRYANT
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council, R. & S. M., State of New York

FIRST ANNUAL SERVICE OF DEDICATION
AND CONSECRATION

HELD AT MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH
29TH ST. AND FIFTH AVE.

7 P. M., SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1947

Conducted by

R. ILL. REV. DR. FRANK L. GOSNELL, *Grand Chaplain*

Soprano Soloist.....Miss Betty Nexsen

Organist.....Charles R. Cronham

ORGAN PRELUDE

Symphony No. 5 in E minor.....*Dvorak*
Largo

INVOCATION (followed by Lord's Prayer)

HYMN—"America" "Thesaurus Musicus" 1740

SCRIPTURE LESSON: I JOHN 3:13-24

SOPRANO SOLO—"Lord's Prayer".....*Malotte*

LITANY OF CONSECRATION

HYMN—"America the Beautiful".....*Materna*
Samuel A. Ward, 1882

MEDITATION: "Brotherly Love".....Dr. Gosnell

PRAYER

HYMN—"Rise Up O Men of God".....Festal Song
William H. Walter, 1894

BENEDICTION AND SILENT PRAYER

(Congregation seated)

ORGAN POSTLUDE, Postlude in D.....*Guilmant*

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August Twenty-fifth

Nineteen Hundred and Forty-seven

*One Hundred and Twenty-fourth
Annual Assembly*

**GRAND COUNCIL OF
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS**

Pennsylvania Hotel, New York City

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O P E N I N G

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York convened in its One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Assembly in the Pennsylvania Hotel, New York City, Monday, August 25, 1947, Anno. Dep. 2947, at 9:30 o'clock, Daylight Saving Time.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. III. ARTHUR A. BRYANT.....	<i>Grand Master</i>
R. III. IRA R. FERGUSON.....	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. HAROLD GARDNER DOBSON.....	<i>Grand P. C. of the W.</i>
M. III. GEORGE O. LINKLETTER.....	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
M. III. CHARLES M. COLTON.....	<i>Grand Recorder</i>
R. III. GEORGE W. PRATT.....	<i>Grand Conductor of the Council</i>
R. III. HAROLD I. BLESSING.....	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
R. III. JAMES G. PURDY.....	<i>Grand Standard Bearer</i>
R. III. HOWARD L. ADAMS.....	<i>Grand Steward</i>
M. P. CHARLES H. JOHNSON.....	<i>Grand Trustee</i>
M. III. GEORGE R. HEMENWAY.....	<i>Grand Trustee</i>
M. III. MARTIN Q. GOOD.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. III. A. EDWARD KRIEGER.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. III. CHARLES B. WELER.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. III. E. PARKER WAGGONER.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. III. EDWARD FEIH.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. III. WALTER M. HARTMANN.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. III. GEORGE S. WYMAN.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. III. EUGENE B. SANFORD.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
R. III. and REV. DR. FRANK GOSNELL.....	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
R. III. THEODORE M. BILLINGS..... (1)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. WALTER E. PRICE..... (2)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. EDWARD L. FLEMING..... (3)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. J. HARRY COOK..... (4)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. C. LEROY BATTERSHALL..... (5)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. ROBERT A. COLES..... (6)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. JOHN E. BIRD..... (7)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. ANDREW NIXON..... (8)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. FRED W. GREGORY..... (9)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
COMP. JOHN SCHWENCK.....	<i>Grand Sentinel</i>

(The chair of the Grand Captain of the Guard, R. W. Charles Grosch, was draped in mourning, he having passed away July 31, 1947.)

Together with Representatives of the Following Councils:

COLUMBIAN	No. 1	FULTON	No. 50
UNION	No. 2	WASHINGTON	No. 52
BROOKLYN	No. 4	CORNING	No. 53
ADELPHIC	No. 7	PEEKSKILL	No. 55
ROTICA	No. 12	HUDSON	No. 62
CENTRAL CITY	No. 13	PHOENIX	No. 70
BLOSS	No. 14	JOHNSTOWN	No. 72
BRUCE	No. 15	ST. GEORGE'S	No. 74
SOUTHERN TIER	No. 16	SKOI-YASE	No. 75
BUFFALO-KEYSTONE	No. 17	TEMPLE	No. 79
KING HIRAM	No. 18	FLATBUSH	No. 80
DORIC	No. 19	JOSEPH WARREN	No. 81
ANCIENT CITY	No. 21	SALAMANCA	No. 82
DE WITT CLINTON	No. 22	ZABUD	No. 84
DUNKIRK	No. 25	TRIANGLE	No. 85
PALMYRA	No. 26	LAFAYETTE	No. 86
KING SOLOMON	No. 31	ONEONTA	No. 87
HORNELLSVILLE	No. 35	NORTH SHORE	No. 88
ADONIRAM	No. 36	CYRUS	No. 89

And Permanent Members as follows:

R. Ill. Albert M. Yaeger, Columbian, No. 1	P. M.
Ill. Richard Stock, Columbian, No. 1	P. M.
R. Ill. J. Herbert Miller, Columbian, No. 1	P. M.
Ill. William Matthews, Columbian, No. 1	P. M.
R. Ill. Frank I. Felter, Union, No. 2	P. M.
R. Ill. George T. Burns, Union, No. 2	P. M.
R. Ill. Edward Bartell, Union, No. 2	P. M.
R. Ill. Ralph W. Cleveland, Union, No. 2	P. M.
Ill. James H. Smedley, Union, No. 2	P. M.
Ill. William Leavie, Jr., Union, No. 2	P. M.
R. Ill. Otto F. Maehr, Brooklyn, No. 4	P. M.
R. Ill. Samuel S. DeHoff, Brooklyn, No. 4	P. M.
Ill. H. Ray Turnbull, Brooklyn, No. 4	P. M.
R. Ill. Walter A. DeLamater, Adelphic, No. 7	P. M.
R. Ill. Edward Holloway, Adelphic, No. 7	P. M.
R. Ill. Robt. F. Janes, Adelphic, No. 7	P. M.
R. Ill. John Birmingham, Adelphic, No. 7	P. M.
R. Ill. Tom Maycock, Adelphic No. 7	P. M.
R. Ill. Harry Katz, Adelphic, No. 7	P. M.
R. Ill. Roland E. Ellis, Adelphic, No. 7	P. M.
R. Ill. Kenneth G. Shaw, Adelphic, No. 7	P. M.
R. Ill. Henry Heller, Adelphic, No. 7	P. M.
Ill. Francis D. Hurlburt, Adelphic, No. 7	P. M.
Ill. Fay D. Howe, Rotica Council, No. 12	P. M.
Ill. Herbert C. Yeckel, Central City, No. 13	P. M.
R. Ill. George F. Baker, Southern Tier, No. 16	P. M.
R. Ill. Richard F. Russell, Southern Tier, No. 16	P. M.
Ill. Frank A. Lobe, Buffalo-Keystone, No. 17	P. M.
R. Ill. John A. Cromie, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	P. M.
R. Ill. Frederick A. Nicholson, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	P. M.
R. Ill. John Wirth, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	P. M.
Ill. E. Newton Farr, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	P. M.
R. Ill. Charles J. Van Buskirk, Adoniram, No. 36	P. M.

R. Ill. Earle E. Lumbard, Adoniram, No. 36.....	P. M. .
R. Ill. Louis A. Durlacher, Adoniram, No. 36.....	P. M. .
R. Ill. Abraham U. Whitson, Adoniram, No. 36.....	P. M. .
R. Ill. Henry B. Slater, Adoniram, No. 36.....	P. M. .
Ill. Harry E. Wills, Adoniram, No. 36.....	P. M. .
Ill. William G. Whittchke, Adoniram, No. 36.....	P. M. .
R. Ill. William E. Howard, Fulton, No. 50.....	P. M. .
Ill. L. E. Dixon, Fulton, No. 50.....	P. M. .
R. Ill. Frederick H. Fuller, Corning, No. 53.....	P. M. .
Ill. Elias Whitney Travis, Peekskill, No. 55.....	P. M. .
Ill. William H. Allen, Peekskill, No. 55.....	P. M. .
Ill. Elbert F. Utter, Peekskill, No. 55.....	P. M. .
R. Ill. John Burden, Phoenix, No. 70.....	P. M. .
R. Ill. W. A. Waterman, Phoenix, No. 70.....	P. M. .
R. Ill. Walter L. Cummings, Phoenix, No. 70.....	P. M. .
Ill. John E. DeNier, Phoenix, No. 70.....	P. M. .
R. Ill. Earl C. McCulloch, Johnstown, No. 72.....	P. M. .
Ill. Edwin Cottrell, Johnstown, No. 72.....	P. M. .
R. Ill. Raymond W. Hughton, St. George's, No. 74.....	P. M. .
Ill. Louis Rask, St. George's, No. 74.....	P. M. .
Ill. Henry Wilson, Skoi-Yase, No. 75.....	P. M. .
R. Ill. Arthur J. Morrissey, Flatbush, No. 80.....	P. M. .
Ill. Charles F. Gaissert, Flatbush, No. 80.....	P. M. .
Ill. Walter R. Pickett, Flatbush, No. 80.....	P. M. .
Ill. Richard W. Siebert, Zabud, No. 84.....	P. M. .
R. Ill. Edward Heim, Triangle, No. 85.....	P. M. .
R. Ill. Lawrence R. Bowler, Lafayette, No. 86.....	P. M. .
R. Ill. Charles E. Howe, Lafayette, No. 86.....	P. M. .
Ill. Frederick H. Ridgeway, Lafayette, No. 86.....	P. M. .
Ill. Stanley W. Wakefield, Lafayette, No. 86.....	P. M. .
Ill. Lester G. Bosiger, Lafayette, No. 86.....	P. M. .
Ill. William L. Schweir, Lafayette, No. 86.....	P. M. .
Ill. Ralph J. Ely, North Shore, No. 88.....	P. M. .

With representatives of the following named Grand Councils:

ARIZONA.....	R. Ill. Louis O. Durlacher
ARKANSAS.....	R. Ill. William E. Howard
CALIFORNIA.....	R. Ill. A. D. Bartholomew
COLORADO.....	R. Ill. Kenneth G. Shaw
CONNECTICUT.....	R. Ill. Charles J. Van Buskirk
DELAWARE.....	R. Ill. Tom Maycock
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....	R. Ill. Otto F. Maehr
ENGLAND AND WALES.....	M. P. Charles H. Johnson
FLORIDA.....	R. Ill. Elmer F. Cutts
GEORGIA.....	Ill. Robert F. Janes
IOWA.....	R. Ill. Julius H. Grau
KANSAS.....	R. Ill. Adolph W. Guthiel
KENTUCKY.....	R. Ill. George W. Woore
LOUISIANA.....	R. Ill. Abraham U. Whitson
MAINE.....	R. Ill. Albert M. Yaeger
MARYLAND.....	R. Ill. George T. Burns
MICHIGAN.....	R. Ill. Louis H. DeLong
MISSISSIPPI.....	R. Ill. Walter Cummings
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	R. Ill. Harry W. Brown
NEW JERSEY.....	R. Ill. John Van Den Houton
NORTH DAKOTA.....	R. Ill. Edward Bartell
OHIO.....	R. Ill. Charles J. Wells
OREGON.....	R. Ill. Fred W. Palmer

PENNSYLVANIA.....	R. Ill. James C. Purdy
RHODE ISLAND.....	R. Ill. Raymond W. Houghton
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	R. Ill. George A. Lambert
SOUTH DAKOTA.....	R. Ill. William H. Myers
TEXAS.....	R. Ill. John Wirth
UTAH.....	R. W. Howard L. Adams

The Grand Standard Bearer, accompanied by the Grand Marshal, presented the colors at the west of the altar, and all united in the pledge to the flag and the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

The Grand Council was then opened in ample form, M. Ill. Arthur A. Bryant presiding.

R. Ill. and Rev. Frank L. Gosnell, Grand Chaplain, was escorted to the altar and offered the following prayer:

"Oh, Thou Divine Architect and Master of the Universe, in whom we live and move and have our being, we would pause at the opening of our Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters to acknowledge Thee as our supreme and ever present Master, most real and most invisible, most near when we think Thee far away. We seek Thy guidance in the business of our Annual Assembly, but more than that, we seek sensitive hearts to that Leading which Thou art more ready to give than we to receive. May this response to Thy direction be made not only by our Grand Officers and those in position of responsibility and leadership, but by every Companion present, that together we may appraise the progress of the past year, hold in due veneration the Ancient Landmarks and determine that which will improve our Order in the year to come. May the spirit of Brotherhood, which has ever characterized Cryptic Rite Masonry, be quickened as we join in this State-wide fellowship and renew old acquaintances. We would think of our Fraternity not only as an isolated unit, but as an integral part of our great nation. With her we would promote the cause of liberty, democracy, justice and brotherhood. We would pray for the president of these United States and all those in authority with him, for all who are seeking to make this a better nation; for all who are working for a better world, and ask that our efforts may be combined with all these, that together we may be able to accomplish that which none could accomplish singly. So may Thy blessing rest upon us in our councils today in our cooperation for the larger welfare of mankind. We pray through Him whose sacred name is our constant trust. Amen."

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

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

Credentials and Returns

M. Ill. Charles M. Colton R. Ill. Laurence R. Bowler

Grand Master's Address

M. Ill. Walter M. Hartmann M. Ill. George O. Linkletter
M. Ill. Edward Feih

Charters and Dispensations

M. Ill. E. Parker Waggoner M. Ill. Charles B. Weller
M. Ill. Harlan S. Perrigo

Grievances and Appeals

M. Ill. Martin Q. Good M. Ill. George S. Wyman
M. Ill. Edward Feih

Time and Place of Next Assembly

Ill. James H. Watson

R. Ill. Harry B. Lyon

Ill. William J. Sharples

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

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

On motion, the Election of Officers was made a Special Order of Business immediately after calling to order for the Afternoon Session.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Ill. David H. M. Gillespie, immediate Past Master of Adelpic Council, No. 7, was escorted to the East by the Grand Marshal, and at the request of the Grand Master spoke as follows:

"Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions all: It is a great privilege, I believe, to welcome in the City of New York a meeting such as this, bringing together not only the members of the Grand Council of the State of New York, but many distinguished visitors from other States, from other Jurisdictions and from other Masonic Bodies. It is a happy circumstance that the present Grand Master of the Grand Council of the State of New York is a member in good standing (is that so, Arthur) of Adelpic Council, No. 7, and it is a very great honor and privilege of conducting and managing this meeting which has fallen to those in authority in Adelpic Council, No. 7. Very early in my administration as Master I saw what was coming, and I made up my mind to call upon a man of my Council whom I thought then and still think was best equipped to handle this rather prodigious undertaking, and I want at this time to pay my tribute to R. Ill. Tom Maycock for the splendid job he has done in arranging this Grand Council meeting. Most Illustrious Sir, it is a great privilege for me, in the name of Adelpic Council, but not in the name of the Mayor of the City of New York, to welcome you and the Grand Council to the City of New York under the auspices of Adelpic Council, No. 7. Thank you." (Applause).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS

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

- COLUMBIAN, No. 1..... Harry Dana French, Master
John Cullen, Deputy Master
William R. Prosser, proxy for P. C. of the W.
- UNION, No. 2..... Arthur F. Ivans, Master
Clarence L. Langridge, Deputy Master
Edward Feih, P. C. of the W.
- BROOKLYN, No. 4..... Adolph W. Gutheil, proxy for Master
Otto F. Maehr, proxy for Deputy Master
Warren R. Green, P. C. of the W.
- ADELPHIC, No. 7..... George A. Lambert, Master
Charles A. Zarmon, Deputy Master
David N. M. Gillespie, proxy for P. C. of the W.
- ROTICA, No. 12..... Paul Kimball, Master

CENTRAL CITY, No. 13.....	Nocholas Ransler, Master Frank H. Allen, proxy for Deputy Master Lloyd K. White, proxy for P.:C.: of the W.:.
BLOSS, No. 14.....	William Christie, Master
BRUCE, No. 15.....	Louis T. Huber, proxy for Master
SOUTHERN TIER, No. 16.....	Harold S. Knerr, Master Elwin L. Cooper, proxy for Deputy Master
BUFFALO-KEYSTONE, No. 17.....	James H. Watson, Master
DORIC, No. 19.....	Howard S. Morgan, Master
ANCIENT CITY, No. 21.....	Philip E. Kearney, Master W. Frank Davis, proxy for Deputy Master
DE WITT CLINTON, No. 22.....	William Walter, Master David M. Allen, Deputy Master E. Newton Farr, proxy for P.:C.: of the W.:.
DUNKIRK, No. 25.....	Harry B. Lyon, proxy for Master
PALMYRA, No. 26.....	Elton Van Deventer, Master W. Ray Converse, proxy for Deputy Master
KING SOLOMON, No. 31.....	Walter H. Hignight, Master George E. Gunn, Deputy Master
HORNELLSVILLE, No. 35.....	John Coston, Master Raymond L. Savage, proxy for Deputy Master
ADONIRAM, No. 36.....	Edward S. Good, Master Harry E. Will, Deputy Master Charles B. Kiesel, proxy for P.:C.: of the W.:.
FULTON, No. 50.....	F. G. Sommerville, Master Leonard A. Lewis, Deputy Master G. A. Adams, P.:C.: of the W.:.
WASHINGTON No. 52.....	A. D. Bartholomew, proxy for Master
CORNING, No. 53.....	Andrew M. McLaughlin, Master Gerald E. Hook, Deputy Master Floyd A. Cartright, P.:C.: of the W.:.
PEEKSKILL, No. 55.....	Charles S. Thornber, Master Robert L. Dod, Deputy Master Frederick L. Perosky, proxy for P.:C.: of the W.:.
HUDSON, No. 62.....	Leslie McKnight, Master Loren Vedsted, Deputy Master
PHOENIX, No. 70.....	Charles C. Nash, Master H. Norman Binley, Deputy Master
JOHNSTOWN, No. 72.....	Jean L. Davis, Master Franklin Cook, P.:C.: of the W.:.
ST. GEORGE'S, No. 74.....	Charles W. Lester, Master Harry W. Griffen, Deputy Master William H. Hoose, proxy for P.:C.: of the W.:.
SKOI-YASE, No. 75.....	David Wilson, Master
TEMPLE, No. 79.....	Oliva L. Dill, Deputy Master
FLATBUSH, No. 80.....	Robert B. Hunt, Master John W. Reycraft, Deputy Master
JOSEPH WARREN, No. 81.....	C. L. Battershall, proxy for Master
SALAMANCA, No. 82.....	A. Edward Krieger, proxy for Master
ZABUD, No. 84.....	William R. Seiffert, Master
TRIANGLE, No. 85.....	Carter H. Lamb, Master Joseph Erlenwein, Deputy Master
LAFAYETTE, No. 86.....	Wallace Rainger, Master
NORTH SHORE, No. 88.....	Perry E. Smith, Master
CYRUS, No. 89.....	Wray Charles Stout, Master

The report of the Committee on Credentials and Returns was accepted and its recommendations adopted, and the above named were ordered to be seated as representatives of their respective Councils.

REGRETS

Letters of regret at their inability to attend this Assembly of the Grand Council, and best wishes for a successful Assembly, were read by the Grand Recorder, as follows:

M. W. Gay H. Brown, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

R. P. John M. Littlefield, Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council, R. & S. M., of the United States of America.

R. W. George H. Irving, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of New York State.

M. Ill. John L. Tewksbury, Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., of Maine.

M. Ill. John E. Chrisman, Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., of the District of Columbia.

M. Ill. Clinton C van Wormer, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., of Ohio.

M. P. John William Considine, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., of Pennsylvania.

M. Ill. Charles N. Baxter, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., of Connecticut.

M. Ill. Harlan S. Perrigo, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., of New York.

M. Ill. Albert S. Price, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., of New York.

M. Ill. Aaron H. Grout, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Vermont, R. & S. M.

M. Ill. Otto B. Roepke, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of the District of Columbia, R. & S. M.

M. Ill. J. Melvin Dresser, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New Hampshire, R. & S. M.

R. P. S. Carbon Wolfe, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, R. & S. M.

PRESENTATIONS

The Grand Marshal presented the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of New York, whose names have been hereinabove recorded.

The Past Grand Masters were welcomed by the Grand Master, given the Grand Honors and invited to seats in the East.

The Grand Marshal also presented the ten District Deputy Grand Masters, who were welcomed by the Grand Master.

The following Grand Representatives of other Grand Councils near the Grand Council of New York were presented by the Grand Marshal and welcomed by the Grand Master:

ARIZONA—R. Ill. Louis O. Durlacher
 ARKANSAS—R. Ill. William E. Howard
 CALIFORNIA—R. Ill. Alanson D. Bartholomew
 COLORADO—R. Ill. Kennet Guthrie Shaw
 CONNECTICUT—R. Ill. Charles J. Van Buskirk
 DELAWARE—R. Ill. Tom Maycock
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—R. Ill. Otto F. Maehr
 ENGLAND and WALES—M. P. Charles H. Johnson
 FLORIDA—R. Ill. Elmer F. Cutts
 GEORGIA—R. Ill. Robert Foster Janes
 IOWA—R. Ill. Julius H. Grau
 KANSAS—R. Ill. Adolph W. Gutheil
 KENTUCKY—R. Ill. George W. Woore
 LOUISIANA—R. Ill. Abraham U. Whitson
 MAINE—R. Ill. Albert M. Yaeger
 MARYLAND—R. Ill. George T. Burns
 MICHIGAN—R. Ill. Louis H. DeLong
 MISSISSIPPI—R. Ill. Walter Cummings
 NEW HAMPSHIRE—R. Ill. Harry W. Brown
 NEW JERSEY—R. Ill. John Vanden Houten
 NORTH DAKOTA—R. Ill. Edward Bartell
 OHIO—R. Ill. Charles J. Wells
 OREGON—R. Ill. Fred W. Palmer
 PENNSYLVANIA—R. Ill. James G. Purdy
 RHODE ISLAND—R. Ill. Raymond W. Houghton
 SCOTLAND—M. Ill. Walter M. Hartmann
 SOUTH CAROLINA—R. Ill. George A. Lambert
 SOUTH DAKOTA—R. Ill. William H. Myers
 TEXAS—R. Ill. John Wirth
 UTAH—R. Ill. Howard L. Adams

R. Ill. Walter E. Price presented the delegation from the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., State of New York, consisting of:

M. Ex. Otto F. Maehr, Grand High Priest
 R. Ex. Frank A. Lobe, Deputy Grand High Priest
 M. Ex. Carl E. Wilhelms, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest
 R. Ex. and Rev. George Allen Cole, Grand Lecturer
 M. Ex. Charles E. Wells, Past Grand High Priest
 M. Ex. George A. Lambert, Past Grand High Priest
 M. Ex. Earl C. McCulloch, Past Grand High Priest

R. Ill. Roland E. Ellis presented:

M. Ex. Robert Foster Janes, General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.
 R. Em. Walter A. DeLamater, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

And the following from the Grand Commandery, K. T., of New York State:

Rt. Em. Herbert C. Yeckel, Grand Commander
 Very Em. Frederick A. Nicholson, Deputy Grand Commander
 Eminent Edward S. Holloway, Grand Generalissimo
 Eminent J. Harry Cook, Grand Senior Warden
 Eminent Stanley W. Wakefield, Grand Warden
 Rt. Em. George O. Linkletter, Past Grand Commander.
 Rt. Em. Chalmers L. Pancoast, Past Grand Commander
 Rt. Em. W. Ray Converse, Past Grand Commander.

All of the above named were greeted by the Grand Master and invited to the East for a personal greeting.

The Grand Marshal presented:

Ill. James H. Brice, Thirty-third Degree active and Deputy of the State of New York for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, who was welcomed by the Grand Master and escorted to the East, where he was invited to say a few words, as he had to leave almost immediately on professional business. He stressed particularly the danger of our form of government by the infiltration of alien philosophies and ideologies, and called on all good citizens to combat this danger to save the nation. (Applause).

Visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions were presented and were welcomed by the Grand Master with the words: "This is the chance of a lifetime. I am certainly delighted to have you with us."

From Connecticut: Presented by R. Ill. Charles J. Van Buskirk:

M. P. Harry F. Brown, Past Grand Master and Grand Representative of New York
M. P. William O. Shelley, Past Grand Master
M. P. William E. Jackson, Past Grand Master
M. P. Herbert E. Warner, Past Grand Master
M. P. Clarence E. Crawford, Past Grand Master
R. Ill. W. M. Wyman, Grand Trustee.

From Delaware: Presented by R. Ill. Tom Maycock:

M. Ill. Harry R. Craig, Grand Master
R. Ill. James Carswell, Deputy Grand Master.

From Maryland: Presented by R. Ill. George T. Burns:

R. Ill. Maurice Sater, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York.

From New Jersey: Presented by R. Ill. John Vanden Houton:

M. Ill. Arnold C. Osterlund, Grand Master
M. Ill. Harold V. B. Voorhees, Past Grand Master
M. Ill. Edward C. Smith, Past Grand Master and Grand Representative
R. Ill. Kenneth MacDonald, Grand Chaplain
R. Ill. Frank Savale, D. D. G. M., First District.

From Massachusetts:

R. Ill. Gardner R. Barker, Past Grand P. C. of W., representing the Grand Master.

From Ontario, Canada:

M. Ill. Fred N. Haughan, Grand Master.

From Rhode Island: Presented by R. W. Raymond W. Houghton:

M. Ill. Edward M. Wheeler, Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder.

Presented by R. Ill. George T. Burns:

M. P. Charles E. Inbusch, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, who was welcomed by the Grand Master, invited to the East and given the Grand Honors, and addressed the Companions as follows:

"Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions: I want to take just a minute of your time (and it will be only a minute, because I know you are all warm in this weather). This afternoon I may have a few remarks to make. I heard the remarks made by Dr. Brice with reference to my coming here this morning in my winter suit, but assure you that I shall be all right with you this afternoon. I am going to melt. I do want to bring to you, Companions, the very warm greetings of the General Grand Council. We think a very great deal of New York, and I could not resist the opportunity to come here to be with you in your Annual Assembly. I am also very pleased to be here to meet face to face so many Companions from the other Grand Jurisdictions. It is always a pleasure to meet with them and to give them our cordial greetings. I don't believe that I will take any more of your time just now except to thank you very much for the cordial reception. I have met some of you previous to today. I met quite a number yesterday, and I really feel quite at home. You are a fine bunch of fellows."

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Council:

One never comes to the end of any activity without a certain sense of loss. I have nothing but good hopes of the Companions in whom we are going to entrust the fortunes of our Grand Council for the year and years to come. I have none of the reservations with which an outgoing official is wont to look ahead to the activities that are going to be carried on without his watchful care. From top to bottom—and it doesn't make much difference the order in which you take them—Grand Council is going to have a line of experienced, nay, of unusually gifted Companions to carry on its work. The feelings of one who must dissociate himself from these activities, whose work is for the present certainly at an end, are a curious mixture of joy and sorrow—of joy that he has been permitted briefly to associate himself with the workers of the Craft—of sorrow that that service has now come to its close.

It isn't necessary to feel that everything one has done is the best of all possible things to do in the peculiar circumstances that have faced us. I can merely say with conviction that the only determining factor in the work I have attempted or left untried is my feeling as to its value in the great purpose to which we have committed ourselves—and which is the making of this world of ours a better world to live in and work in.

I have had no other responsibilities this year. Early in September of the present term I concluded the work I had attempted in the High Schools. Since that time I have had one job—the carrying out to the best of my ability the work as your Grand Master which you had trusted to me.

Almost at the beginning came one of the great disappointments of my life—the growing illness and ultimate death of our beloved Companion Charles Grosch for whom I had made many plans. I can only say here that the privilege of knowing and living fairly close to a personality as rare as his was ample pay for the little I could do in return. I have asked Most Illustrious Martin Q. Good to sum up for us, as far as words can do it, the contributions of our friend.

As hard to adjust oneself to was the passing of Most Illustrious Albert G. Odell which occurred at his home, Clifton Springs, late in March. I have asked his close friend and associate, W. Ray Converse, to prepare a memorial for us which shall give something of the tribute we all paid in our hearts to this gracious and lovely soul.

The Grand Master would be doing himself too much credit, and his loyal Companions far too little did he overemphasize his personal share in the doings of the year. It will be enough to repeat that it was his purpose for the year to promote the good fellowship and good feeling which naturally exists between the various Masonic Bodies by taking an active and significant part in the work of each. Elsewhere in this record will be found a partial list of the meetings of various kinds actually attended. This list is included not in any spirit of vainglory, but as a demonstration of the opportunities naturally open to one who has the time and the interest to give the Craft. The fact that the Grand Master has listened to the claims of many bodies not usually associated with the Cryptic list is merely a testimony to the multitude of interests our Craft concerns itself with.

Much concern was properly paid during the past administration to the coordinating and explaining of the various items that were felt to belong to the Masonic Creed. I am in hearty agreement with the spirit of much of the detail of this analysis. The Masonic Education Meetings which have played so important a part in the work in many regions of the State are worthy of study and continuance. They are entirely and beyond doubt a factor in developing a better understanding and a more vivid relationship between the various branches of the Craft. Mistakes have undoubtedly been made by us all. But the mistakes are few in comparison to the extension of interest which has resulted from these meetings. The Craft and the Cryptic Rite in particular has been fortunate in having at its head in this time of heart-searching men who cared and have spent of themselves without stint, though none of those concerned in this matter can be called idle or careless in the division of their time.

It would be pleasant to follow the wise example of my immediate predecessors by singling out those Companions who have been peculiarly successful in creating and stimulating the interest to which we have referred. Practically all of those mentioned in Most Illustrious Companion Sanford's summary are still at work and still effective instruments in the work. But along with them should be mentioned many others who have helped mightily in the task before us. Few of us not immediately concerned can realize the work done by our District Deputy Grand Masters in the length and breadth of the state. Only one of those assigned has sent no word as to his activities and from the rest has come a series of reports that yield to few I have seen in care, in detail and in a vividly drawn picture of a body at work. We could almost rest the case of our administration on these reports of our newest officials. I need hardly say that the rumbles of criticism of their activities which we heard last year have so nearly disappeared that we shall probably wonder what the shouting was about when the matter is officially brought up this year, as the record says it must be brought.

We must also bear in mind that the creation of this group of hard workers, the District Deputies, has not resulted nor been intended to result in a curtailing of the activities of the line officers. While as already noted we have practically had to face the year without the services of one of our most gifted and loyal officers, the work of the other colleagues has been outstanding. Each of the officers has at all times kept in close touch with the Grand Master and while his own movements are restricted as to time and space, he has never felt "left out" of any of the plans made.

THE GRAND RECORDER

It is no secret to many of the Companions that advancing years and increasing responsibilities have so weighed upon our Grand Recorder, Most

Illustrious Charles M. Colton, that he wished to lay down the office he has filled for so many years. What this might mean to the Craft is an open secret. We owe it to our Companion that this step of his, made necessary by the passage of time, shall not result in damage to the work he loves, and in which he has spent himself so freely. That will come in due season. But just now, I can have room for but one thought—for gratitude and recognition for the unselfish work done by "our Charlie," and room for but one word, "God Bless You!"

May I ask that we stand a moment in tribute to our beloved Recorder.

VISITATIONS

- Sept. 21—Brooklyn. Brooklyn Council No. 4. Gave Ted Billings his Commission and jewel as D. D. G. M.
- Sept. 30—Toledo. Grand Council, 1 p. m.
- Oct. 3—New York. Columbian Council No. 1. Dobson's official visit. About 50.
Lotus No. 31. Burns and Maycock. The York Rite Degrees.
- Oct. 5—Poughkeepsie. King Solomon Council No. 31, 29 candidates. Ed Flemming presented with D. D. G. M. Apron and Commission. I gave the jewel.
- Oct. 12—Hornell, N. Y. Hotel Sherwood. 180 present at Council. Education meeting sponsored by the two Lodges in town. ?? and talk till 2 p. m.
- Oct. 21—Elmira, N. Y. R. & S. M. in short form on 3 candidates. Hotel Langwell. Supper and Get-together.
- Oct. 24—Masonic Club. Meeting to plan Adelpic meetings.
- Oct. 28—Normal Lodge. Education meeting. Bro. Burns talked. I was presented as Grand Master of Grand Council.
- Nov. 7—Visited Columbian Council No. 1. 3 candidates.
- Nov. 8—Meeting at Carl Grosch's office. "Thrice Illustrious Master" Committee, Ed Feih.
- Nov. 11—Peekskill Council No. 55. Drove up with Tom Maycock. The Cryptic Circle took 9 candidates for R. & S. M. (Allen, the Master, a KYCH).
- Nov. 16—St. George's Council, Schenectady.
- Nov. 21—Adoniram Council. Flushing. Dinner, Colony Hotel, Thursday.
- Dec. 9—Lafayette Council No. 86, Yonkers. About 30 there. Jim Purdy met us. Ralph Cleveland brought us to the subway at 242 St.
- Dec. 11—Train to Baltimore. Emerson Hotel, Room 617. Attended Grand Council at Maryland with Burns, Maycock, Zarmon, Wyman, Price. M. E. Ed Smith of N. J. accompanied us home. The Council paid for the room, other expenses \$16.53.
- Jan. 4—Thrice Illustrious Master Degree in American Room, 23rd St. Adelpic No. 7, visited later.
- Jan. 10—Zabud Council, Freeport, L. I. 2 candidates. Official visit at Harold C. Dobson at Freeport. Party after with Ted Billings, Arthur Morrison.

- Jan. 12—Funeral of Arthur Morrison at Hare's Funeral Parlors, 107 N. Broadway, Yonkers.
- Jan. 15—Grand Council of Delaware, Wilmington, Delaware. Dinner at 6 at Holt Tea Room, 9th and Market St. Masonic Temple, 818 Market St., Wilmington, Del.
- Jan. 16—DeWitt Clinton Council No. 22, Albany, N. Y. Stayed at Hotel Wellington. Gave Gene Sanford his P. M. jewel.
- Jan. 17—Pennsylvania Hotel, N. Y. 6:30 Dinner at the P. G. M.'s at the Eastern States.
- Jan. 18—Pennsylvania Hotel, N. Y. 10 a. m. Meeting at the P. G. M.'s at the Eastern States.
- Feb. 1—Adelphic Council No. 7, 3 candidates, R. & S. M.
- Feb. 3, 4 & 5—Grand Chapter, Albany, N. Y. I was guest of Grand Chapter as G. M. of Grand Council, also proxy for H. P. of Phoenix No. 2.
- Feb. 7 & 8—Hornell, N. Y., Hornellsville Council No. 31, special visit.
- Feb. 12—Terrace City Chapter, Yonkers, Cryptic Night.
- Feb. 13—Kingsboro, N. Y. Ancient City Council, Official visit.
- Mar. 1—Adelphic No. 7. Visit of Ira R. Ferguson, D. D. G. M. About 50 there. David J. Gillespie, M. Both Billings (I) and Price (II) were there.
- Mar. 11—Palmyra Council No. 26. Official visit. Saw Odell who was too ill to be at meeting.
- Mar. 12—Took 12 M. train to Geneva, then bus to Auburn; saw Gosnell at his 2nd Presbyterian Church. Went home with him. King Hiram Council No. 18, about 20 only there. Home by train.
- Mar. 15—Brooklyn No. 4. Official visit of George Pratt. I presented John Van de Water with his commission as G. R. of N. J. Went to L. I. Grotto ? with Gothril, Tim, Charlie Stevens, etc. Shuttled home from Grand Central.
- Mar. 22—Towers Hotel, Brooklyn. Dinner to Otto Maehr at Orient 138. I was guest.
- Mar. 27—Fraternal Hall, corner of Broad and Bridge Streets, Newark, N. J. Zerubabel Council U. D. constituted by M. I. Edward C. Smith, G. M. Warren Council greeted 22 candidates for them. There were about 36 in the U. D. Council. Home by tube.
- Mar. 29—Poughkeepsie. With the Cryptic Circle.
- Apr. 11—Phoenix Council No. 70, Mt. Vernon. Grand Lecturers' Convention, Walter Price took me up. We ate at Bronxville. The G. L. didn't show up.
- Apr. 15—Grand Council at N. J., Trenton, N. J., 10 a. m. About 50 present. Osterlund elected G. M.
- Apr 19—Brooklyn Council No. 4.

- Apr. 21—Grand Council of Pennsylvania, Washington, Pa. 6:30 p. m. Banquet.
- Apr. 22—Main Meeting.
- May 1—Meeting at club, 6 p. m. Maycock, Gillespie, Ellis.
- May 2—Dumont, N. J. Hill and Spring Valley (Friday).
- May 3—Adelphic Council No. 7. My home-coming.
- May 5, 6, 7—Grand Lodge. I am present as G. M. of Grand Council.
- May 20—Ivy Chapter No. 238, Masonic Education.
- May 24—Bronx Masonic Education Meeting. Union Council No. 2.
- May 29—Dinner Adelphic Council No. 7. P. M.'s 10 present.
- June 2—At Tom Maycock's, 40?
- June 4—Grand Council at Connecticut
- June 7—Adelphic Council No. 7, Annual meeting. Election.
- June 13—To Rochester with Geo. Burns and Ralph Cleveland.
- June 14—Grand Commandery Session.
- June 15—Dinner at 6:30.
- June 20—Huntington Council.

DISPENSATIONS

The following Dispensations have been granted:

1946

- Sept. 18—To King Solomon Council No. 31, R. & S. M., to hold a special assembly on Saturday, October 5, 1946.
- October 21—To Peekskill Council No. 55, R. & S. M., to hold a special assembly on Monday, November 11, 1946.
- November 2—To St. George's Council No. 74 to hold a special assembly on Saturday, November 16, 1946, for the purpose of conferring the Super-Excellent Masters Degree in full form, together with other business of the Council.
- November 12—To Joseph Warren Council No. 81, R. & S. M., to hold a special assembly on Wednesday evening, November 20, 1946.
- November 16—To Fulton Council No. 50, R. & S. M., to hold a special assembly on Tuesday, November 26, 1946.
- December 14—To Rotica Council No. 12, R. & S. M., to elect a Deputy Master to succeed Companion Roswell Clarke who has removed from the State of New York. Also at the same time to elect a Principal Conductor of the Work to succeed the present incumbent if he be promoted.

1947

- January 29—To Southern Tier Council No. 16, R. & S. M., to hold a special assembly at Horseheads Masonic Temple on February 26, 1947.
- March 15—To King Solomon Council No. 31, R. & S. M., to hold a special assembly on Saturday evening, March 29, 1947.

- March 15—To Union Council No. 2, R. & S. M., to hold its Regular Assembly in March at 2 o'clock p. m. instead of 8 o'clock p. m.
- April 14—To Southern Tier Council No. 16, R. & S. M., to hold a special assembly on Thursday, April 17, 1947.
- April 16—To Doric Council No. 19, R. & S. M., to hold a special assembly on Monday, May 12, 1947, at 3:30 p. m.
- April 16—To North Shore Council No. 88, to hold a special assembly on Tuesday evening, April 29, 1947.
- April 23—To Bruce Council No. 15, R. & S. M., to hold a special assembly on Monday, May 5, 1947.
- May 10—To Catskill Council No. 78, R. & S. M., to hold a special assembly on May 12, 1947.
- May 12—To Adoniram Council No. 56, R. & S. M., to hold a special assembly on Friday, May 23, 1947.
- May 12—To Bruce Council No. 15, R. & S. M., to hold a special assembly on May 24, 1947, for the purpose of exemplifying the Degree of Royal and Select Master, under the direction of R. Ill. Fred W. Gregory, D. D. G. M. of the Ninth District. Also to confer the Degree of Super-Excellent Master.
- May 15—To Cryptic Council No. 37, R. & S. M., to hold its annual assembly on Thursday, May 29, 1947, instead of the constitutional date of May 22.
- May 16—To Johnstown Council No. 72, R. & S. M., to hold a special assembly on Friday evening, May 23, 1947.
- May 19—To Joseph Warren Council No. 81, R. & S. M., to hold two Special Assemblies, one on Wednesday, May 21, 1947, to install the officers-elect for the Council year 1947-48; and one on Saturday, May 24, 1947, for receiving petitions and conferring degrees.
- June 4—To Southern Tier Council No. 16, to hold its Annual Session on June 9, 1947, at 8 p. m.

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

"Most Illustrious Grand Master, in order that we may avoid confusion, the Committee on the Grand Master's Address are ready to report, but before making this report I offer the suggestion that this Grand Body extend to our beloved Past Grand Master, M. Ill. Harlan S. Perrigo, our regrets that he is not with us this morning and our sincere best wishes for rapid recovery from his affliction. The committee were not privileged to receive a copy of the Grand Master's Address until this morning, and therefore have hurriedly made their report. Our Grand Master stated that he had retired from his educational duties, but it appears from his address that he went forth and exerted himself to make this a better world to live in."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

New York, N. Y., Aug. 25th, 1947.

To the Grand Council:

The very able and interesting address of the Grand Master having been referred to this Committee for subdivision and reference, we beg leave to make the following report and recommendations:

We recommend that the appointments made and the Commissions accredited by the Grand Master be approved.

That the reference to our departed associates be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

That the request for Charter from Cyrus Council U. D. be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

We are in strict accord with the compliments paid to our Grand Recorder, M. Ill. Charles M. Colton and the Grand Master's wishes that he may live for many years and continue to serve us as Grand Recorder.

On behalf of the Grand Council this Committee wishes to express its appreciation of and admiration for the sustained activities of the Grand Master during his tenure of office. We feel confident vast benefits will accrue from his expenditures of time and talent in our behalf. We commend him most highly for his efforts and success in promoting and exemplifying the teachings of our Masonic Ritual and the advancement of our program on Cryptic Rite Masonic Education. We recommend him for the increase in membership and trust that he may continue an ARDENT WORKER for many, many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee:

W. M. HARTMANN, Chairman,
GEORGE LINKLETTER,
EDWARD FEIH.

On motion, duly carried, the report was received, and the contents of it ordered printed in the Proceedings.

Grand Master Bryant asked Ill. Elwin L. Cooper, Master of Southern Tier Council, No. 16, to advance to the altar, and addressed him as follows:

"Ill. Companion Cooper, you have worked hard in season and out of season for your Council, and this year you have had the privilege of reaping the fruits of your labors, but the reward for your labor was held up and has just come to hand. I am going to take the privilege of giving to you this commission as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Idaho. It means that the Grand Council is proud to recognize you and your Council for the work you have done in bringing in the largest number of Masons joining the Cryptic Rite in any district of the State of New York during the past year. I want to express my own personal congratulations to you, R. Ill. Companion Cooper." (Applause.) Grand Master Bryant continued: "Is you will learn from our Grand Recorder's report, something like 250 were gained in the membership of the individual Councils of the State. A large part of this gain came from this particular group. Throughout the State there has been an advance of interest and members. I am sure that next year 250 will look pretty small."

Past Grand Master Martin Q. Good offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York extend a cordial and fraternal invitation to the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America to hold its Twenty-third Triennial Assembly in the City of New York on Monday and Tuesday, October 4th and 5th, 1948, with headquarters at the Hotel Pennsylvania."

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

New York City, August 25, 1947.

To the Grand Council:

Balance on hand August 23, 1946.....		\$ 5,006.87
Receipts August 24, 1946, to August 24, 1947:		
Dues and assessments	\$ 4,439.90	
Undistributed per diem and traveling exp.....	292.52	
Federal withholding tax on salaries.....	243.60	
Federal Social Security Tax withheld.....	42.00	5,018.02
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		\$10,024.89

Disbursements:

Salaries	1,400.00	
Traveling expense, Grand Master.....	500.00	
Jurisprudence Committee expense.....	47.52	
Per diem and traveling expense, 1946 Assemb.	1,052.62	
Printing and postage	374.85	
Grand Assembly, 1946	538.46	
Grand Treasurer, 1946	10.00	
Grand Master's jewel, apron and case.....	226.40	
Grand Lecturer's expense	62.13	
General Grand Council per capita	120.34	
Printing 1946 Proceedings	259.10	
Per diem and traveling expense, 1947 Assemb.	129.44	
Federal withholding tax	208.80	
Social security tax withheld	12.00	
Social security tax borne by Grand Council....	12.00	
Insurance bonding Gr. Treas. and Gr. Rec.....	81.75	
Per diem and traveling expense, 1947 Assemb.	1,336.28	
Telegrams and flowers (Odell).....	33.90	
Grand Treasurer's cash book.....	3.93	6,409.52
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Balance August 25, 1947.....		\$ 3,615.37

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. LINKLETTER,
Grand Treasurer.

On motion, the report of the Grand Treasurer was accepted and approved and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER

New York City, August 25, 1947.

To the Grand Council:

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

Cash Receipts for the year have been as follows:

From Constituent Councils, Dues and Fees.....	\$ 4,359.90
From Dispensation Fees	9.00
From sale of Rituals	48.00
From Charter Fee for Cyrus Council	10.00
From Miscellaneous	372.52
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	\$ 4,732.42

STATISTICS

Companions Registered May 31, 1946.....	6,017
Companions Greeted during the year.....	505
Companions Affiliated during the year.....	2
Companions Restored during the year.....	27
	6,551
Companions Died during the year.....	172
Companions Dimitted during the year.....	38
Companions Suspended during the year, in Council.....	33
Companions Suspended because Suspended in Chapter.....	19
Companions Suspended because Suspended in Lodge.....	1
Corrections	1
	264
Companions registered May 31, 1947.....	6,287

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. M. COLTON,
Grand Recorder.

On motion, the report of the Grand Recorder was accepted and approved, and ordered printed in the proceedings.

REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

New York City, August 25, 1947.

To the Grand Council:

Your Trustees respectfully present the following Annual Report:

Total assets reported August 28, 1946.....\$14,809.71

RECEIPTS

Erie County Savings Bank, interest to July 1, 1947...\$	24.85	
East River Savings Bank, interest to July 1, 1947.....	53.42	
National Savings Bank, interest to July 1, 1947.....	50.15	
Chemung Canal Trust Company, interest to July 1, 1947	31.29	
Union Trust Company, interest to July 1, 1947.....	6.59	
	166.30	166.30
Total interest received	\$ 166.30	166.30
TOTAL		\$14,976.01

DISBURSEMENTS

None	\$ 00.00
Total Assets July 1, 1947	\$14,976.01

The above funds are deposited as follows:

Erie County Savings Bank, Buffalo, N. Y.....	\$ 1,674.92
East River Savings Bank of New York.....	3,602.18
National Savings Bank of Albany, N. Y.....	3,382.14
Chemung Canal Trust Company of Elmira, N. Y.....	3,652.93
Union Trust Company of Jamestown, N. Y.....	663.84
1 Series G U. S. Government Bond No. M1953152-G, issued November 1, 1943, due 12 years from date thereof....	1,000.00
1 Series G U. S. Government Bond No. M1953153-G, issued November 1, 1943, due 12 years from date thereof....	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$14,976.01

The above funds are deposited in said banks in the name of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York and are subject to withdrawal on the signatures of all three Grand Trustees, or their successors in office. The bonds are written in same name and all are in the custody of the Grand Treasurer. The interest on said government bonds has not been turned over to your trustees during the past year.

We have in our possession the bond of the Grand Treasurer, in the penal sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, issued by the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company of Hartford, Conn., Bond No. 45F298, dated September 15, 1944, with a certificate of continuation thereon to September 15, 1947. This bond has the approval of our Grand Master.

We have in our possession the bond of the Grand Recorder, in the penal sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, issued by the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, Bond No. 1844026, dated September 15, 1940. We have a renewal certificate carrying this bond into effect to September 15, 1947. This bond has the approval of our Grand Master.

We also have in our possession a fire insurance policy issued by the Aetna Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., Policy No. 10889, for \$1,500.00 covering the personal property of the Grand Council in the possession of the Grand Recorder. This policy expires January 5, 1950. This policy has the approval of our Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. R. HEMENWAY,
CHARLES H. JOHNSON,
Grand Trustees.

Approved:

Finance Committee:

A. C. ANDERSON, Chairman,
EDWARD BARTELL,
JOHN A. CROMIE.

On motion, the report of the Grand Trustees was accepted and approved, and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF GRAND LECTURER

New York, N. Y., August 25, 1947.

To the Officers and Companions of this Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York:

The Grand Lecturer submits the following report:

During the past year the District Deputy Grand Master did some excellent work in organizing and conducting District Conventions in their Districts. District Conventions were held in nine of the ten districts as follows:

First District at Brooklyn, N. Y.—R. Ill. Theodore M. Billings, D.D.G.M.

Second District at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.—R. Ill. Walter E. Price, D.D.G.M.

Third District at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—R. Ill. Edward F. Flemming, D.D.G.M.

Fourth District at Schenectady, N. Y.—R. Ill. J. Harry Cook, D.D.G.M.

Fifth District at Glens Falls, N. Y.—R. Ill. C. LeRoy Battershall, D.D.G.M.

Sixth District at Fulton, N. Y.—R. Ill. Hobart A. Coles, D.D.G.M.
Eighth District at Rochester, N. Y.—R. Ill. Andrew W. Nixon, D.D.G.M.
Ninth District at Lockport, N. Y.—R. Ill. Fred W. Gregory, D.D.G.M.
The Tenth District under R. Ill. James M. Champlain combined
with the Ninth at Lockport.

Although no regular Convention was held in the Seventh District, an excellent program was carried on at Elmira, when the Super-Excellent Degree was conferred on a large class of candidates under the able leadership of M. Ill. George R. Hemenway. Many were present from other Districts.

The Conventions were all well attended, especially in the Eighth and Ninth Districts, where well over 100 were present at each Convention. The Royal and Select Master Degrees were exemplified at each of the Conventions and most of the Conventions had classes of candidates to confer the work upon. Considerable interest was shown in the ritualistic work as was evidenced by the many questions asked.

The Super-Excellent Master Degree was conferred on large classes of candidates in the Eighth and Ninth Districts and the members of the casts deserve the thanks and praise of everyone who could witness work well done. Such work brings success to any Convention. Because of serious illness in the family and conditions which arose beyond my control, it was impossible to attend most of the District Conventions. I regretted this very much as I had planned to visit them all. However, M. Ill. E. Parker Waggoner and Grand Line Officers gave their able assistance to the District Deputy Grand Masters in the work, and to which I want to extend my deep appreciation.

The District Deputy Grand Masters are to be commended for their cooperation and efforts in bringing Cryptic Masonry to a better understanding among its members and to a higher ritualistic level.

I wish to thank all the Officers and Companions who have assisted in the work during the year for their courtesy, kindness and patience shown whose task is always onward and upwards.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. SMITH,
Grand Lecturer.

On motion, the report was ordered received and printed in the proceedings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

New York, N. Y., August 25, 1947.

To the Grand Council:

Your standing Committee on Ritual is again pleased to report that complete harmony prevails and no suggestions have been submitted to or considered by the Committee during the past year.

From reports which have been received, it would indicate a revival of interest in Cryptic Masonry and a strong desire on the part of the Officers of the constituent Councils to impart the lessons of our beautiful degrees in an able and instructive manner.

We most heartily commend all Cryptic Rite Officers throughout the State for their splendid work and hope that their keen interest will continue for many years.

Respectfully submitted,

E. PARKER WAGGONER,
CHESTER D. CROWELL,
EDWARD FEIH,
HARLAN S. PERRIGO,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

New York, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1947.

To the Grand Council:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to which has been referred the matter of the dispensation re-issued to a number of Companions residing at or in the vicinity of the Village of Rouses Point, County of Clinton, State of New York, to continue the new Council, known as Cyrus Council U. D., beg to report that they have carefully examined the books and records of said new Council and find them in proper order.

The Grand Recorder's office reports that a regular application for a Charter has been received, together with a check for Ten Dollars, covering the balance of fee due.

Your Committee therefore most heartily recommends that a Charter be granted to Cyrus Council, U. D., to be presented at such time and place as shall be satisfactory to them.

Your Committee has also examined all other Dispensations issued by our Grand Master during the past year and find them in proper order. It is our recommendation that they be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

E. PARKER WAGGONER,
CHAS. B. WELLER,
Committee.

On motion, the report was ordered to be received, accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

Grand Master Bryant congratulated the Master of Cyrus Council and M. Ill. Walter M. Hartmann and M. Ill. Eugene B. Sanford as proxies for the Deputy Master and the P. C. of the W. on the good work of Cyrus Council, and on being recommended to receive its charter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION OF THE RITE

New York City, August 25, 1947.

To the Grand Council:

Your Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite presents the following report:

A net gain of 270 is a most encouraging increase for the year and brings our total membership to 6,287. While this is substantial and the largest gain in many years, a breakdown shows a number of serious fluctuations

from last year. Last year's leaders of net gain, viz: Central City with 47, Rotica with 46 and Cyrus (U. D.) with 36, have been replaced with Southern Tier with 42, and King Solomon 29, and Joseph Warren with 35.

Our Masonic Education nights are continuing to bear healthy fruit, and your Committee recommends their expansion.

Your Committee recommends a careful survey of spots where there is no present close outlet for certain Chapters, with a view to providing such outlet by the establishment of a new Council in such spots. This is a study which could well be delegated to the new District Deputies.

The following recapitulation is worthy of careful study and shows that the recommendation of this Committee made in its last few reports for more virile leadership has borne fruit:

Total membership May 1, 1946.....		6,017
Greeted during the past year	505	
Affiliated	2	
Restored	27	
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Gross gain in members	534	534
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		6,551
Died	172	
Dimitted	38	
Suspended in Council	33	
Suspended in Chapter	19	
Suspended in Lodge	1	
Corrections	1	
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Loss in members	264	264
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Total membership May 1, 1947.....		6,287
NET GAIN for year		270

Thirty-one Councils have reported gains in membership as follows: Southern Tier 42, Joseph Warren 35, King Solomon 29, Johnstown 25, Central City 24, Corning 18, Adelpic 17, Cyrus (U.D.) 17, Doric 14, Peekskill 13, Bruce 11, North Shore and Fulton 7 each, Hornellsville, King Hiram and Lafayette 6 each, Zabud, Cryptic and Phoenix 5 each, Union, Skoi-Yase and Oneonta 4 each, Rotica, Ancient City, DeWitt Clinton, and Adoniram 3 each, Palmyra and Catskill 2 each, Hudson, Alpha-Omega and Flatbush 1 each.

Nine Councils show a net loss, although six of those greeted candidates. Six Councils were dormant, and this is an urgent matter. We believe that with proper approach, leadership can be revived in those Councils, and we recommend that the Official Visitors and the District Deputies collaborate earnestly in this matter. Four Councils reported neither loss nor gain.

Some bright spots appear. There was a jump from 28 to 35 in the number of restorations. Bringing back former members into active membership is just as important in some respects as new initiates. We urge a continuance of this activity. Special congratulations to Southern Tier for leading in the number of those greeted with 54, and to Joseph Warren with 36 and King Solomon with 31. Our drive for leadership seems to be producing results.

Again we urge special emphasis on the Super-Excellent. We note in the report of the Grand Lecturer for last year that in each of the two districts where this degree was exemplified at his convention that the attendance was more than doubled than in districts where it was not so exemplified. In one instance this year where two Councils jointly exemplified this degree and where more than 90 took this degree, they showed a total combined greetings of 74, with combined net gains of 60. The advantage of the smaller Councils combining for this degree is manifest and we urge this development.

We are still playing some of the same old records, but with modern orchestrations. Our Rite's essential place in Ancient Craft Masonry is known to but a small percentage of Masons. Talk the Cryptic Rite to other Masonic bodies—visit other bodies. Symbolic Lodges and Chapters and Commanderies and arrange teams to confer degrees; then tell them the story of the Cryptic Rite. These in addition to the Masonic Education nights.

And another old record with an old tune which hits home every time we hear it, viz., the reports reflect the calibre of the leadership of the men elected and appointed to guide the destinies of the various Councils. Some years a Council will greet many candidates, and the very next year will drop almost to zero. Masonry should prepare men for leadership. And if they are unwilling to do real spade work, they should step down and let others who are willing and eager to build, go to work.

Last year we recommended a continuance of the quota system and suggested that it be fixed at 8% of its membership. This would have meant a total of 481 greetings for the year. Actually we exceeded this by 18, having greeted 505, but the maintaining this figure was due to the extraordinary work of a few, and not the steady work of the majority of the Councils. We recommend the same quota of 8% for next year. If each Council should at least meet such a quota, with the addition of the more enthusiastic Councils who can be counted on to far exceed it, we would have the greatest year in all Cryptic Rite Masonry.

Wages are high. There is little unemployment. Money is still in abundance, even though prices are high. Sooner or later we can count on a recession if not an actual depression. Now is the time to capitalize on the current prosperity. Many are waiting to be asked. A few years later may be too late for some time to come. Let no man say he has never joined our ranks because an invitation has not been extended.

Once more we are indebted to R.'.Ill.'.Companion Anderson for his unusual efforts in collating data of foreign jurisdictions and for the fine suggestions contained in his report. We commend him for the care taken, energy displayed and the thoroughness of his analysis.

With other jurisdictions making strides in excess of our own, we cannot let the great State of New York lag behind. One of our Grand Line Officers, R.'.Ill.'.Howard L. Adams, has instituted a fine innovation for the good of the Rite. He has produced a bulletin of Council events and sent the same to the various Councils and Officers which keeps us well informed as to our trestleboard. This is in line with just what we are urging, hard work and intelligent leadership. Many others follow his fine example.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. HEMENWAY,
CHAS. B. WELLER,
EUGENE B. SANFORD,
Committee.

This report showed that the largest number of Candidates greeted during the year were: Southern Tier, 54; Joseph Warren, 36; King Solomon, 31.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FERGUSON: "As soon as the report of the Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite has been printed I trust you will avail yourselves of one of those reports, read it and follow it. Those are my instructions to you, and if you will all follow out the suggestions as made by this splendid committee, who have worked hard gathering information for us, we will all of us do wonderful work for Cryptic Masonry. So let us take heed of these particular items, which we approve, Leadership, Publicity, Super-Excellent Degree and our quota. Reports this past year have shown a splendid increase, even with a tremendous loss, but the coming year will be much better if we carry out the recommendations of the Committee. I am most grateful to M. Ill. Companion Hemenway and his committee. In all the years I have worked through the Grand Line I have used it as my guide."

MEMORIALS

At this point the Grand Master called on R. Ill. Ray Converse to read the memorial prepared by him in memory of M. Ill. Albert G. Odell.

ALBERT GROVE ODELL

At his home in Clifton Springs, New York, on May 19, 1947, Albert Grove Odell "fell on asleep" and the gates of heaven opened wide to receive his soul into "that building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." In the midst of a useful and active life our Companion was summoned by his Creator to the realms of life and light eternal.

Many are the friends who are missing "Doc" Odell. None, however, miss him more than his many Masonic friends. A Mason for over 40 years no one exemplified better than he the teachings of the order. Connected with Clifton Springs Hospital for a great many years, he made it his business to pay a friendly and fraternal visit to every Mason of whatever degree who was brought to the institution. For each and all he had a word of cheer and a friendly greeting.

Albert Grove Odell was born at Canoga, New York, August 8, 1878. After high school he went to medical college at Syracuse University from which he graduated in 1904. For six years he practiced medicine in the small village of West Henrietta, but his fame as a keen student and an able practitioner brought him much more than local appreciation, and in 1911 he was offered a position on the staff of the Sanitarium in Clifton Springs. There he specialized in psychiatry and became eminently distinguished in his field. A Fellow of the American Psychiatric Society and of the American Association for the Study of Mental Deficiency he was also Diplomat of the American Society of Neurology and Psychiatry. Dr. Odell was consulting psychiatrist for the Newark State School and editor of the Ontario County Medical Society bulletin. He was a member of the American Medical Association and the Medical Society of the State of New York. Frequently called into consultation in difficult and extraordinary cases, the members of his profession came to regard him most highly.

Dr. Odell's interest in religious matters and in the work of the church was as keen as his interest in his profession. A member of the Methodist

Church of Clifton Springs, he was always, regular in attendance and was honored by his church in many ways. He was president of the Lay Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Central New York from 1932 to 1939, and Conference Lay Leader from 1939 until the time of his death. He was a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the years 1928, 1932, 1936, 1940 and 1944. He was a delegate to the United Conference of the church in 1939.

At the time of his death M.'Ill.'.Companion Odell was president of the Board of Trustees of Baxter Seminary of Tennessee, a trustee of Bennett College of Greensboro, North Carolina, and trustee of Ethel Haupt Home, Cedartown, Georgia. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Home for Children in Williamsville, New York. Dr. Odell was active in the Rotary Club, a former president of the Y. M. C. A. Board of Clifton Springs, and trustee of Peirce Free Library in that village.

As Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, from 1942 to 1943, Albert G. Odell served with eminent distinction, and with honor to this Grand Council. Throughout the length and breadth of the state, he carried his sympathetic understanding, his manifest sincerity, his friendly smile, his manliness and his straightforwardness. All the members of the fraternity knew that "Here is a man."

He had served as Master of his Lodge, Garoga Lodge No. 300, F. & A. M., District Deputy Grand Master of his Masonic District and Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. He had been Master of Palmyra Council No. 26, Royal & Select Masters. He was a member of Newark Chapter No. 117, R. A. M., and of Zenobia Commandery No. 41, K. T.

Our Companion would not have us mourn his loss today.

Albert G. Odell spent his life preparing for the victory which he knew some day would be his. Well he knew that "Death's but a path that must be trod, if man would ever pass to God."

Truly it can be said of him:

*"Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's crown well won."*

The Grand Master then called on M.'Ill.'.Martin Q. Good to read the memorial he had prepared in memory of R.'Ill.'.Charles Grosch:

CHARLES GROSCH

To the Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of New York and all Cryptic Rite Masons:

Another pillar has fallen. Our beloved Grand Captain of the Guard, Charles Grosch, departed this life at his home in Nanuet, N. Y., on July 31, 1947. Companion Grosch was active in all branches of Masonry and served as presiding officer of the four American Rite bodies. He was raised in Germania (now Knickerbocker) Lodge No. 182, January 10, 1906, and served that Lodge as Master in 1911, and was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Manhattan District. He affiliated with Teutonia Lodge in 1946. He was exalted in Corinthian Chapter No. 159 July 8, 1909; served as High Priest in 1915, and was Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland near the Grand Chapter

of New York at the time of his death. He was greeted in Columbian Council No. 1, September 2, 1909, and served as Master in 1913. He was elected Grand Steward of the Grand Council of New York August 30, 1943, at Rochester, N. Y., and was Grand Marshal at the time of his death. He was knighted in Ivanhoe Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar, August 19, 1909, and served as Eminent Commander in 1932 and again in 1942, and was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York in 1940. He was also a member of the Aurora Grata Scottish Rite Bodies of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mecca Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of New York City. He was a Past Prior of Knickerbocker Priory No. 3 of Knights of the York Cross of Honour and Registrar of that body at the time of his death.

Dr. Grosch was active in his profession of dental surgery, and in the church and community life of his home town, Nanuet, Rockland County, N. Y., where he was a director of the Nanuet National Bank.

He was born February 16, 1884, in New York City, and after attending the public schools he graduated from the New York College of Dentistry and followed that profession, with offices at 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

He is survived by his wife, Linda A. Grosch; a son, Dr. Carl Grosch, and two brothers, Dr. August Grosch, of White Plains, N. Y., and William Grosch.

He was a charitable Mason and a true friend and his memory will abide with us for many years to come.

MARTIN Q. GOOD.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead was presented by R. Ill. and Rev. Dr. Frank L. Gosnell as follows:

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead marks a solemn moment in the proceedings of our Grand Council. It is the time when we voice our sorrow over the departed members of our Fraternity and express to their families and loved ones our heartfelt sympathy. Most of us shrink from the sorrows of life, however inevitable they may be at times. We long for the day when sorrow shall be no more and God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes. We would much prefer laughter to sorrow. Yet the Book of Proverbs has offered us what may seem to be a strange philosophy, namely this: "Sorrow is better than laughter; for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better." Let us pause briefly to consider how sorrow makes the heart better.

Sorrow improves the heart by reminding us of the brevity of life. "Ah, what is life, so brief at best!" Every moment thus becomes doubly precious; we cannot afford to waste the swiftly passing hour; we must learn to use well each moment which God gives to us.

Again, sorrow reminds us that life is to be measured, not in terms of years, but in terms of the quality of life which is lived. The greatest life which has ever appeared upon earth was the life of one who lived for only thirty-three years. Yet at the end of that life he was able to say: "It is finished." And a friend added this word of comment: "There are also many other things which he did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books which should be written."

Finally, sorrow improves the heart by calling to mind the high qualities of those for whom we grieve. We remember, not their faults, but their virtues, and seek to exalt those qualities in them which we would like to emulate.

This time of sorrow is, therefore, a time of exaltation, as we record the names of the honored dead of our Fraternity who have passed this year to their heavenly reward, and, by remembering their virtues, help to perpetuate their high qualities. They have run well the relay race of life; they have helped to make Cryptic Rite Masonry what it is today. We in turn would hold high the torch which they have handed to us, seeking to run well our part in the race of life. If sorrow can do this for us, it is surely better than laughter. "For by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better."

This was followed by the following prayer by the R. Ill. Grand Chaplain, R. Ill. and Rev. Frank L. Gosnell:

"Eternal and ever living God, who are from everlasting to everlasting, the same yesterday, to-day and forever. All things may change and wax old as a garment. We may spend our years as a tale that is told, but Thou remainest; Thy years do not fail. In the midst of the changes of life we would find in Thee those eternal values which are above all things. We thank Thee for all those who have faithfully lived and peacefully died, for the dear and holy dead who encompass us like a great cloud of witnesses and make the distant heaven a home to our hearts. Especially we thank Thee for the members of our Fraternity who have served their Companions well, who have made their contribution to Cryptic Rite Masonry, who have been builders of our Craft and have now gone on to the mansions above. As we remember their high qualities and meditate in sorrow over our loss, may we emulate their virtues and seek to exalt the eternal values of their lives which death cannot destroy. Help us thus to find improvement in the very sorrows of life. We pray in the name of the everlasting God, Amen."

On motion of the R. Ill. Harold Dobson the two Memorials and the report were received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

FROM LABOR TO REFRESHMENT

At 12:03 P. M. the Grand Master called the Grand Council from labor to refreshment until 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. All repaired to the Dining Hall for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor Monday afternoon, August 25, 1947, at 2:00 o'clock, Daylight Saving Time. Officers and Representatives as at the morning session.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The time fixed by Special Order for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, Grand Master Bryant asked M. Ill. Martin Q. Good, senior Past Grand Master, to preside over the election of officers, and appointed as tellers of election R. Ill. Elwin L. Cooper, R. Ill. Edward L. Fleming and R. Ill. Fred W. Gregory, and then handed the gavel to M. Ill. Companion Good. The Grand Council then proceeded with the election with these results:

Companion

Elected

IRA R. FERGUSON.....	Grand Master
HAROLD GARDNER DOBSON.....	Deputy Grand Master
GEORGE WOLLAGE PRATT.....	Grand P. C. of the W. C.
GEORGE O. LINKLETTER.....	Grand Treasurer
CHARLES M. COLTON.....	Grand Recorder
HAROLD I. BLESSING.....	Grand Captain of the Guard
JAMES GARFIELD PURDY.....	Grand Conductor of the Council
HOWARD L. ADAMS.....	Grand Marshal
WALTER E. PRICE.....	Grand Standard Bearer
GEORGE T. BURNS.....	Grand Steward
GEORGE R. HEMENWAY.....	Grand Trustee

All of the above were declared elected unanimously, and all accepted, after which the tellers were discharged with the thanks of the Grand Council.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

New York, N. Y., August 25, 1947.

To the Grand Council:

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

Your committee has audited the books and records of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and finds them to be in order, with the usual amount of clerical errors, which have been adjusted.

Your committee has also examined the Returns of Constituent Councils and find them to be correct as far as we can check. These returns are in much better condition than last year, however, several recorders continue to make careless errors which cause your committee many hours of checking to correct. Returns from all Councils have been received on time this year for the first time.

We have examined the bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, as well as the fire insurance policy and find them to be in order in all respects. Your committee has also examined and verified the report of the Grand Trustees and find all monies deposited as specified, including the two Government Bonds. However, we find that this Grand Council has received no interest on the bonds for the past year, and your Committee and the Grand Treasurer will take immediate steps to secure this past due interest and turn same over to the Trustees at the earliest possible date.

Your committee notes that two of the savings banks in which our funds are deposited are paying low rates of interest, and recommend to the Grand Trustees that they consider redepositing these funds where they will earn a higher rate of interest.

Your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Grand Recorder be authorized to have printed not to exceed 600 copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Assembly at an approximate cost of \$275.00.
2. That the sum of \$100.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for incidental expenses of the Grand Recorder during the ensuing year.

3. We recommend the appropriation and payment of the following amounts:

(a) Mileage and per diem of Representatives to this Grand Assembly	\$1,336.28
(b) Stenographer for this Grand Assembly	25.00
(c) Salary of the Grand Recorder payable monthly.....	1,200.00
(d) Expenses of the Grand Treasurer	10.00
(e) Expenses of Committee on Arrangements for this Grand Assembly	300.00
(f) Entertainment of guests at this Grand Assembly.....	250.00
(g) Surety Bond Premiums	75.00
(h) General Grand Council Dues	125.74

We recommend that 650 copies of the revised Constitution, General Regulations, Forms, Etc., of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York be printed by the Printing Department of the Texas Masonic Home, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay for the same when proper warrant is presented.

We desire at this time to express our appreciation of the wholehearted cooperation extended us by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and the conscientious manner in which they perform their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBIN C. ANDERSON, Chairman,
EDWARD BARTELL,
JOHN A CROMIE,
Committee on Finance and Accounts.

GRAND MASTER BRYANT: Shortly before the closing of the last session of the Grand Council, we had a remarkably careful study of the Constitution of this body, which commended itself to the Companions concerned. It was felt that action should not be too hasty, and therefore the matter was laid over for consideration at this Assembly. I am now ready to consider the matter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE, LAWS AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

New York, N. Y., August 25, 1947.

To the Grand Council:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, Laws and General Activities makes the following report of its activities during the past Cryptic year:

We have received and approved new By-Laws of Brooklyn Council, No. 4, and amendments to the By-Laws of Adelpic Council, No. 7.

There was referred to us for consideration at the Grand Assembly in 1946 a proposed amendment to the Constitution and General Regulations abolishing the office of District Deputy Grand Master and providing for the appointment of Assistant Grand Lecturers (Page 43, Proceedings of Grand Council.)

Your Committee has inquired of every Council in the State the views of its Companions upon this proposed amendment. Only one Council reported that the Companions approved the amendment, while 32 Councils disapprove. No answer has been heard from the remaining 11 Councils.

In view of this emphatic approval of the continuance of the office of District Deputy Grand Masters, we recommend that the aforesaid amendment be not adopted.

Since the proposed revised Constitution and General Regulations were submitted to the Grand Council last August, we have received but one constructive criticism, and this related largely to errors in the original draft, some of which had already been corrected.

We further amend the Constitution and General Regulations in the form submitted as follows:

Page 3. Insert before Section 8.1 the heading "Voting Rights." After the word "Grand Master" add "Or Acting Grand Master."

Page 7. Change "Section 24, present section 26" to read "Section 24, present section 20."

Page 10. At the end of Section 27 correct reference to read: "Now Sec. 5 of General Regulations."

Page 14. Line 2. Strike out 35 and insert 41.

Page 14. At end of Sec. 42.1 strike out "now Sec. 26," and insert "now section 36."

Page 5. At the end of Section 12 add "in the State of New York."

Page 5. Third line after "invest" add "and reinvest."

At the 1946 Annual Assembly there was authorized a Committee on Masonic Education, to be a standing committee.

We therefore amend Article 1, Section 4, of the General regulations by adding to Section 4 a new subdivision, as follows:

7. A Committee on Masonic Education to consist of five members.

The matter of reception of Grand Officers and the giving of Grand Honors in the various Councils is anything but uniform, and in many Councils the Master seems to have no clear idea as to how a Grand Officer should be received, or as to when or to whom Grand Honors should be accorded. We believe that the work of the several Councils would be much benefited if a uniform system was adopted.

We therefore recommend that the Committee on Ritual be requested to study the matter and upon the approval of the Grand Master promulgate such recommendations or instructions as it may deem proper.

We accordingly recommend that the proposed Constitution and General Regulations submitted to Grand Council last year and amended as above stated be now adopted.

If adopted, we recommend that the matter of an appropriation to defray the printing of a suitable number of said Constitution and General Regulations be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. PURDY,
GEORGE O. LINKLETTER,
GEORGE S. WYMAN,
CHARLES H. JOHNSON,
Committee.

On motion of R. Ill. Companion Purdy, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, Laws and General Activities, including the revised Constitution and General Regulations was adopted and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

New York City, August 25, 1947.

To the Grand Council:

Your Committee on Time and Place of the next Annual Assembly have received an invitation from Buffalo-Keystone Council, No. 17, of the Ninth Cryptic Rite District, to hold the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the City of Buffalo for the year of 1948 on the date specified by the Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. WATSON,
HARRY B. LYON,
Committee.

On motion, the invitation was accepted, and Buffalo was designated as the place for the meeting of the Grand Council Assembly in 1948.

REPORT OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

August 25, 1947.

To the Grand Council:

Once again it becomes my pleasure to present to you the report on Fraternal Correspondence. Due to the confidence reposed in us by M. I. Arthur A. Bryant, Grand Master, we present, for the sixth time, our conception of the activities of the Cryptic Rite throughout the world for the past year. We have reviewed proceedings from twenty-four sister jurisdictions which have reached us, the smallest number yet. Conspicuous by their absence from this report are the proceedings from Louisiana, Maine, Missouri and the District of Columbia, as well as the General Grand Council. Why these have not reached our desk, I do not know. We miss the inspired reports of such eminent Masonic writers as Ray Denslow of Missouri, Convers E. Leach of Maine, Otto Roepke of the District of Columbia and our good friend, Lee Harris of Louisiana. Hence it is impossible to present a complete picture throughout the country.

From the volumes received and reviewed, as shown in this report, it is evident that Cryptic Masonry is continuing to forge ahead and gain in membership. While we have not compiled any set of statistics this year, due to lack of information, it is apparent that all Grand Councils, with the exception of Rhode Island, are continuing to show increases, some of them smaller than last year. This is as it should be, because if we do not gain in these immediate post war years, when will we gain? Several Grand Masters of various jurisdictions are again making extensive visits throughout their respective territories and are interchanging visits between Grand Jurisdictions, which, of necessity, must reflect in increased interest

in our Rite. From our humble experience we have found that interchange of visits and exchange of ideas are probably the greatest stimuli any organization can have. As nearly as we can estimate, it is believed that the present membership of Cryptic Masons in the United States is slightly over 200,000, an increase of about 12% over last year.

Your correspondent has been privileged to personally talk with many of the Grand Secretaries and Past Grand Masters of various jurisdictions during the past year and from such conversations, and information gleaned through the study of their proceedings, believes it to be self evident that there is a greater leaning toward closer York Rite cooperation than ever before. Let us stop for a minute and consider the facts. The Council degrees hold a unique position in our York Rite. Without them the drama of the Third Degree, the lessons taught in the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees, are meaningless, or rather, not fully understood. Likewise our Degrees are a key, or shall we say, a connecting link to the mysteries unfolded in the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. Assuredly, any person who has had our beautiful Degrees can appreciate the lessons taught him in the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery to far greater extent than if he never received them. I would like to quote from the address of Stanley B. Crosland, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Illinois, who said in part, "To go from the Chapter to the Commandery without the background of the Council is to be unprepared, as one should be, for the Order of the Red Cross. The short-cutting of the road to the Shrine by omitting the Council is folly. The hurry to wear the insignia of the last body at the cost of missing the lessons of the Council is one of the reasons why many Masons, who have had many degrees, have so much ignorance of the real spirit of our Fraternity. Masters of Lodges are also unprepared for their high office if they have not learned the meaning conveyed by our Rites." Our obligations are such that we should disperse light and knowledge to the uninformed Mason. How many of us live up to our obligations? The music of Bach, Mozart, or Chopin means nothing to deaf people; flowers, regardless of their beauty, are not seen by the blind; diamonds and precious stones lying undiscovered in the earth are meaningless and as worthless as broken glass. It is not until things are discovered; until music is heard and until flowers are seen that their worth and beauty can be appreciated. This is likewise true of the lessons taught in Cryptic Masonry. We have the heritage, nay, more than this, we have a duty to encourage the initiate to partake of the splendors we have to offer. Specifically, there are over 300,000 Royal Arch Masons in the United States who do not know the lessons our Degrees teach.

This report covers the first full year after cessation of hostilities. Hardly had the guns become cold or the effect of the last bomb died away, then the world began to hear rumors of war and these rumors seem to be getting louder every day. Contrary to the hopes and expectations of most people, the cessation of hostilities has not brought a reign of peace among the nations of the world. With the coming of the atomic age, there has also appeared an age of distrust, fear and trembling amongst the peoples of the world. Before these can be overcome, the lessons of Freemasonry must be spread far and wide so that sooner or later all men and all nations will learn that the lesson of life is faith, trust and cooperation between men and nations lest we all perish, possibly by each other's hands. Masonry stands out today, more so than ever before, as the greatest hope for peace this world has. Your correspondent knows of no better principles to establish friendship between peoples and nations than the lessons which are inculcated in Freemasonry. Masonry has endured throughout centuries past because of its principles and teachings which are founded upon the Holy Bible and no nation today, regardless of its size

or wealth, can endure in opposition to God's law. Most Illustrious Harry F. Sickman, Grand Master of Iowa, said in his report, in part, "I said Masonry had an opportunity. It has, and it also has a lofty mission, a destiny to fulfill to all mankind. We must make this war-torn world fit for all races and creeds to live in. We must teach all men throughout the world the fundamentals of living together as brothers and true Companions. We must put into practical practice everywhere, those things outside the Lodge Room that we are taught within these narrow walls . . . I have the faith to believe that you will not falter, but will fight to preserve these ideals and principles and to spread Masonic light and knowledge to all the Nations of the earth and will live and act that others may see your good works, that you may be worthy and proud to be called a Mason." In the days of the Revolutionary War it was Masons and Masonic principles that led the way then to a bright and happy future for the people of the new world. So it should be Masonry today that should lead Nations to practice those principles of brotherly love and truth which are so definitely exemplified in all the degrees of Masonry. Truly, eternal vigilance is the price of our Nation's safety.

Apropos of our duty, I quote from the allocution of M. I. Alan C. de Rochmont, Grand Master of New Hampshire, who said in part, "We have found it easier to pray for brotherhood than the means to make brotherhood real among men . . . we should have the wisdom to translate the ethical ideas of religion into the realities of economic justice and racial brotherhood. The hopes of a peaceful world rest upon the willingness of peace loving Nations to work together for the preservation of security and peace . . . the sublime principles of Freemasonry, if we are honest and sincere, applied to our associations with our fellow creatures, work to the benefit of all concerned. It is time when the faith which we profess should be the rule of our conduct, that justice, not revenge, should be our aim, that a belief in the good intentions of others should incite us to a dispassionate study of the matter involved; that we may be enabled to unite in a movement for the common good."

And now, just a thought, maybe just a hope, that some day, probably not during the lifetime of your correspondent, the leaders of Capitular, Cryptic and Chivalric Masonry may some time, some place and in some manner arrive at a just and equitable basis for a combined York Rite of Freemasonry where no degrees can be by-passed to attain a higher or additional degree; where the "whole story" can be given to the Master Mason, instead of having an option as to which degrees or orders he should take. Perhaps this is Utopia. At least it is possible, in my humble opinion and perhaps workable if "honor shall come to whom honor is due."

To my contemporaries who have been so kind to make mention of New York in their reports and to the many Grand Secretaries, some of whom I am personally acquainted with and the rest who have so graciously assisted me in the past year, my sincere thanks. To our Grand Master, Arthur A. Bryant, my appreciation for the privilege of again submitting the report as Foreign Correspondent for the State of New York; to the Craft, wherever dispersed, my best wishes for continued growth, success and the hope that they may receive some good from the words herein expressed.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBIN C. ANDERSON,
Foreign Correspondent.

ARIZONA

25th Annual Assembly—Tucson—April 4, 1946.

This small but active Grand Council was convened on April 1st by Grand Master Gordon W. Hoopman with twelve of the thirteen living Past Grand Masters present, as well as representatives from 24 sister jurisdictions, including New York, and a coterie of visiting dignitaries from California and other jurisdictions. The Grand Master, in his address, makes a few statements which I would like to pass on. He stated "We have become a people looked up to, admired and envied by large sections of the world. We have had world wide responsibility thrust upon us. We are at the crossroads and must now choose whether we are ready to make the necessary sacrifices which world leadership will require." The Grand Master made as many visits as possible and reports that the York Rite Festival held in Tucson in 1945 was one of the most successful ever held.

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts in excess of expenditures which would augur well for their finances. My good friend Harry Arizona Drachman, Grand Recorder for the past 18 years, save the one year he was Grand Master, renders his usual efficient report, showing 107 Greetings for a net gain of 105; bringing their total membership on December 31, 1945, to 552.

Edward Simmons was elected Grand Master and the City of Phoenix will be host to the 26th Annual Assembly on April 14th, 1947.

CONNECTICUT

128th Annual Assembly—Stamford—June 5, 1946

The 128th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Connecticut was opened by M. P. Herbert C. Warner, in the City of Stamford on June 5, 1946, with all his line officers, 14 Past Grand Masters and representatives from 21 sister jurisdictions, including New York, being present, as well as distinguished guests from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New Jersey and New York, as well as representatives from York Rite Bodies of Connecticut. The Grand Master was privileged to attend the numerous Masonic meetings, both of constituent Councils and concordant Masonic bodies in Connecticut and adjacent States, and his report is complete with his impressions gleaned from these visitations. He reports a healthy growth in membership and an increased interest in the Cryptic Rite due to the close and interlocking connection between the Symbolic, Capitular and Cryptic Masonry.

The Grand Treasurer reports a deficiency of approximately \$300.00 in operating receipts from the past year.

The Grand Trustees report assets in savings banks and bonds of \$8,700.00, plus \$1,300.00 in the working fund.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 272 candidates greeted for a total net gain of 75 with membership as of May 1, 1946 of 6,130.

Charles N. Baxter was elevated to the position of M. P. Grand Master and the City of New Haven was selected as the place for holding the 129th Annual Assembly on June 4th, 1947.

ENGLAND AND WALES

Annual Meeting—London—May 28th, 1946.

The Grand Council of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masters of England, Wales, etc., was opened by Most Illustrious Companion Lt. Col.

Sir Arthur Henry McMahon, Grand Master, with a large number of Past Grand Officers and representatives of constituent Councils being present.

The record indicates that one of New York's own Companions, Companion F. Edgar Burnett of Columbian Council No. 1 of New York City, was a visitor and recorded as such.

The reports from our over seas Grand Councils do not contain the allocation of the Grand Master and contain but very little record of the meetings.

The Grand Recorder reports 194 new members having been admitted to the Order during the past year and 5 new Councils having been formed in Australia, whose future is looked forward to with confidence. The Grand Treasurer reports receipts of £413 against expenses of £307, with a balance on hand as of February 28th, 1947, of £752.

Sir Arthur McMahon was re-elected M. I. Grand Master.

FLORIDA

67th Annual Assembly—Tallahassee—June 23, 1947

This Grand Assembly was opened in ample form by Most Illustrious Frederic A. Riegel, Grand Master, with all officers and five Past Grand Masters present, together with representatives of 27 sister jurisdictions, the representative from New York being among the missing. Florida is one of the Grand Jurisdictions where the three York Rite bodies meet consecutively, in this case the Grand Council met on the 23rd, followed by the Grand Chapter the following day and the Grand Commandery on the 25th. This scribe feels much good must of necessity accrue to each body because of the consecutive meetings.

The list of distinguished visitors is almost a directory of "Who's Who" in Cryptic Masonry, including two Past General Grand Masters, the General Grand Secretary as well as York Rite dignitaries from South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Illinois and Florida, headed by my personal friend and contemporary, John N. Phelps, General Grand Marshal of the General Grand Council, as personal representative of the General Grand Master. The proceedings of the three York Rite bodies of Florida are again published in one volume—a tribute to the foresight and ability of Companion Phelps.

A York Rite meeting was held at Bradenton in February of this year with ranking officers of all York Rite bodies being present. The meeting was a complete success and resulted in about 50 petitions for the York Rite degrees. An example of what can be done.

Two new Councils were instituted during the year; one at Fort Lauderdale; the other at Fort Meyers. The Grand Master reported all but three Councils in healthy condition and progressing beyond expectations. A total of 402 greetings were reported for the year ending December 27th, 1946, as against 521 for the previous year. The Grand Treasurer reports an excess of \$1,193.00 in receipts over expenditures, a decidedly healthy picture. This Grand Council shows a net increase in membership for the year of 349.

Spencer L. Houston was installed as Grand Master and the 68th Annual Assembly will convene in Winter Haven on May 11th, 1948. Total membership 2,234.

IDAHO

13th Annual Assembly—Boise—May 7th, 1946.

This young jurisdiction was in the capable hands of M. I. Raymond V. Swanson, who presided over the 13th Annual Assembly held in Boise on May 7, 1946, at which time his entire staff of officers, representatives from other Councils as well as 27 Grand Representatives were present. He stated that since assuming his duties he has made no official visitations and issued but three dispensations. His report was brief and contained no recommendations.

The Grand Recorder reports a total of 90 greetings during the year, bringing their total membership on December 31, 1945, to 602 members in 5 Councils; a net increase of 57.

Companion Swanson was re-elected Grand Master.

The 14th Annual Assembly will be held in Lewiston on May 13th, 1947.

ILLINOIS

94th Annual Assembly—Peoria—October 5, 1946.

The 1946 Assembly of the Grand Council of Illinois was called to order by Most Illustrious Raymond W. Hooper on October 5th, 1946, and was opened in ample form with all officers present, 13 Past Grand Masters and representatives from 29 sister jurisdictions and New York, together with numerous distinguished guests from Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri and Oklahoma. The Grand Master's report is one of the best which the writer has had pleasure to read, covering only the main points of his administration. He was fortunate in being able to visit a large number of constituent Councils, as well as travelling to annual assemblies of Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa and Ohio. The Grand Master was forced to arrest one Charter which had been in dormant condition for a number of years. He reports the State of the Rite in Illinois is in healthy condition and may well be visioned with optimism.

The financial condition of this Grand Council is excellent; they having \$23,000.00 worth of Government bonds as well as a good working capital of around \$5,000.00.

The Grand Recorder reports 637 greetings during the year for a net gain of 391. The membership as of August 31, 1946—8,339.

The report of the Committee on York Rite activity is very enlightening. They recommend the adoption of a single petition for all York Rite degrees and state that for the best results there should be a Council for every Commandery in the State. This sounds like a Utopia, but as considered in the abstract it is only logical reasoning.

The Committee on Planning reports the attendance in Councils throughout the State was only 13% of membership.

Companion H. Roy Ellison was elected Grand Master and the 95th annual will be held in the City of Decatur, October 4, 1947.

IOWA

44th Annual Assembly—Muscatine—April 8th, 1946.

The Grand Assembly was opened by Harry F. Sickman, Grand Master, and attended by his entire line of Grand Officers; 14 Past Grand Masters

and representatives from 31 sister jurisdictions being present, New York being among the missing. The Grand Master's address covers thirty-five printed pages and is a masterpiece of rhetoric. He said in part: "Let us not measure our accomplishment or failures by dollars and cents, nor in increase in membership alone, but rather by what we have done to promote the practical operation of the high ideals of Masonry and the Cryptic Rite for the betterment of humanity." He also quotes from the immortal Daniel Webster: "If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, Time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble to dust, but if we work upon immortal souls, we engrave upon those tables something which will brighten all Eternity." He also opines: "A pessimist is one who sees a difficulty in every opportunity, and an optimist is one who sees an opportunity in every difficulty." The writer feels there is more need for optimists in our Rite today than ever before. He reports that in the past two years no Charters were arrested or surrendered. He reports the state of the Rite in Iowa is extremely promising, peace and harmony prevailing throughout.

Shortly after his installation as Grand Master, Companion Sickman formed a new Club or Order known as "Ish-Sodi" to honor those faithful workers of the Rite who have never had any recognition by serving the Grand Council in any capacity, but who are worthy and have given years of service to the Rite in some way or form, or because of outstanding ability, effort or achievement for the betterment of the Rite. They were to be known and recognized as "select men." No Grand Officer or Past Grand Master is eligible; membership being limited to the rank and file of the Councils. Each year 5 Companions will be chosen to membership and suitable and attractive pins will be presented at each Grand Assembly to those selected. He feels that other Grand Councils would make no mistake in following his example. The illustration of the pin is very attractive and your scribe heartily endorses Companion Sickman's hope to make "Ish-Sodi" the honor of all owners.

The Grand Treasurer reports an increase of approximately \$700.00 for the past two years in excess of expenses, and the financial condition of the State to be excellent, with the total assets in excess of \$18,000.00.

The Grand Recorder reports a total of 357 candidates greeted during the year for a net gain of 287 with a total membership as of December 31, 1945, 3,889.

Howard A. Miller was elevated to the position of Grand Master and the City of Council Bluffs was selected as the place wherein to hold the 45th Annual Assembly on April 14th, 1947.

M. I. Companion Miller served but 38 days, passing through the 9th Arch on May 16th, 1946.

Companion T. L. Brookhart, Deputy Master, assumed the position of Acting Grand Master for the balance of the year.

KANSAS

79th Annual Assembly--Wichita--February 10th, 1947.

Most Illustrious George A. Blakeslee, Grand Master, opened this Annual Assembly in ample form with all officers being present, including fifteen Past Grand Masters and representatives from thirty-six sister jurisdictions, including New York. The Grand Master rendered a very complete and interesting report covering his stewardship. He stated in his address that

"the privilege to serve as Grand Master of any Grand Council in any Grand Jurisdiction is an honor and distinction that comes into the lives of a relatively small number of men." In his address he devotes much space to the word "service" which he feels is one of the most important stones in the foundation of our great Fraternity.

He visited all but one of his subordinate Councils during his term of office, as well as many visits to concordant bodies. In reporting on the State of the Rite he says, "Since 1942 there has been a continuous gain in membership in Kansas and the field is still white for the harvest. Many Masons have been and are being exalted to the Royal Arch degree, and it is our duty, and should be our earnest desire, to acquaint each and every one of them with the fact that without the beautiful degrees of our Cryptic Rite, his Masonic education is incomplete."

Grand Master Blakeslee emphasizes very forcibly the fallacy that is prevalent in altogether too many subordinate Councils throughout the land, that of choosing a leader who is already the head of one or more Masonic bodies. It is a mistake, in his opinion, for any Companion to assume several stations in the various bodies and then not sufficiently prepare to take care of any of them. So many times, too, organizations are prone to give a Companion an added responsibility because he is willing and a good scout when it is apparent that he has already assumed more burden than he can take care of. Your scribe wonders if this Illustrious Companion hasn't "hit the nail on the head."

The Grand Treasurer reports an increase of \$490.00 excess receipts over disbursements.

The Grand Recorder reports a total of 548 greetings during the year with a total membership of 4,175 as of December 31st, 1946; a net gain of 456.

The next Assembly will be held in the City of Topeka on February 9, 1948.

LOUISIANA

91st Annual Assembly—New Orleans—February 13, 1946.

The City of New Orleans was host to the 91st Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Louisiana on February 13th, at which time Grand Master Robert W. Smith presided with all officers present except the Grand Steward, as well as eleven Past Grand Masters and thirty-eight representatives of sister jurisdictions, including New York.

The Grand Master in his address states, "Let me assure you at the outset that I take no credit for any accomplishments this past year." From the results obtained and the text of his report, your correspondent believes that he deserves a lot of credit. Two new Councils were chartered during the year and the State, as a whole, reported a healthy increase in membership.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows bonds on hand of \$3,300.00 and a working fund in excess of \$2,000.00. Receipts during the past year were \$600.00 in excess of expenses.

The Grand Recorder opens his report with the statement, "Every Council gained in membership." Your scribe knows of no sweeter words in the language of the Fraternity. I wish more Grand Recorders could open their report with such a statement. Specifically, they greeted 296

candidates for a net gain of 272, bringing their total membership as of December 31st, 1945, to 1,593.

Lee W. Harris, Past Grand Master and present Grand Recorder, renders his report on foreign correspondence, as has been his practice for some years past. It is indeed a pleasure to read it, but we are sorry to note that New York was not reviewed. Perhaps our proceedings did not reach him in time.

John W. Phelps was elected Grand Master and the 92nd Annual Assembly is scheduled to be held in New Orleans on February 11, 1947.

MICHIGAN

88th Annual Assembly—Pontiac—May 7, 1946.

Grand Master Russell J. Hammond convened the 88th Annual Assembly on May 7th with all his officers present, including ten Past Grand Masters and representatives from 26 sister jurisdictions, New York's representative being absent, as well as Masonic dignitaries from adjacent States. His report details his various visitations throughout the State, and in commenting on the condition of the Rite, he states, "Some of our Councils are performing their work superbly and nothing further need be said about them. Their influx of candidates and the quality of the work they do assures their success. Some Councils are lukewarm—they are passing up a golden opportunity to build their membership—they need to be reconverted in the beauties of Cryptic Masonry. They need to get out of the rut of doing nothing before it proves to be their grave."

The Grand Recorder shows 340 candidates greeted during the past year for a net gain of 200, bringing the total membership on December 31, 1945, to 4,527.

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts of \$500.00 in excess of expenditures with a working balance of \$3,100.00 on hand.

Frank J. Meister was elected Grand Master and the 89th Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Grand Rapids on May 6th, 1947.

MISSISSIPPI

92nd Annual Assembly—Jackson—February 13, 1947.

Most Illustrious T. O. Gore, Jr., presided over the 92nd Annual Assembly with all officers present with the exception of the Deputy Grand Master. There were present, eight Past Grand Masters and representatives from twenty-six sister jurisdictions, as well as the General Grand Master. Companion Gore's report, while short, is very complete. He was present at the 22nd Triennial Assembly at Winnipeg and made extensive visits throughout his jurisdiction. In his report he quoted briefly from the suggestions made by the Committee on State of the Rite and foreign communications of the General Grand Council as follows:

"Awake, you Ahishars! You cannot sleep at your post and hope to escape punishment; punishment that entails decay and possibly death to your Council. Give us more Zabuds."

What could be more apropos at this time?

The State of the Craft in Mississippi is excellent. During the past year they greeted 626 candidates and had a net gain in membership of 611.

It is noteworthy that the Grand Council of Mississippi has doubled its membership in the past five years, growing from 1699 members in 1941 to 3,458 members in 1946, truly a remarkable achievement.

The Grand Master reports that 60% of all Royal Arch Masons in Mississippi are members of the Council, a fact of which they are justly proud.

The Grand Treasurer reports an increase of \$2,411.00 in receipts over expenses for the past fiscal year, another sign that Mississippi is "up and coming."

John T. Wilbanks was elected Grand Master and the 93rd Annual Assembly will be held in Jackson, Miss., May 19th, 1948.

ONTARIO

23rd Annual Assembly—St. Thomas—May 4, 1946.

Grand Master Frederick James Johnson convened the Grand Assembly on May 4th with representatives from all Councils being present, seven Past Grand Masters and representatives from 24 sister jurisdictions, including New York. The Grand Master had an active year and much good was derived from his visitations. Upon request of Companions in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the Grand Master conferred the degrees of Royal Ark Mariner on these Companions from Eastern Canada as well as the degree of Worshipful Master Noah, in order that they might make application of Councils in Eastern Canada, which has since been done. These degrees are part of the Council system in Canada, but in the United States they are under control of the Allied Masonic degrees and conferred under their jurisdiction.

Both the Deputy Grand Master and the Principal Conductor of the Work rendered their reports covering their activities, which proved very interesting reading.

The Grand Recorder reports 23 greeted during the year for a net gain of 22, making their total membership as of December 31, 1945, 248.

Companion James Grantham was elected Grand Master.

PENNSYLVANIA

101st Annual Assembly—Washington—April 22, 1947

A special assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdictions thereunto belonging was held in the Masonic Temple in Washington, Pa., on April 21st for the purpose of celebrating 100 years of Cryptic Masonry in Pennsylvania, at which the entire grand line of officers, district deputies and 20 Past Grand Masters were present, together with representatives from 38 sister jurisdictions, including New York, as well as many Masonic dignitaries. The meeting was of short duration and given over to a resume of activities for the past 100 years, followed by a banquet in the ballroom of the George Washington Hotel with an appropriate program following the dinner. The 101st Annual Assembly was convened on April 22nd with almost the same members being present. It was called to order by M. P. John W. Considine, Grand Master, who gave a very interesting account of his stewardship. While the record does not show that he made many visits to constituent Councils, this was ably covered by his corps of District

Deputies. He did, however, make numerous visitations to other Masonic Grand Bodies inter-jurisdictional visitations.

According to the report of the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Council of Pennsylvania showed a net increase in working fund in excess of \$2,500.00, besides having on hand bonds to the value of \$2,400.00, a decidedly healthy condition.

My good friend and contemporary, S. Carbon Wolfe, Grand Recorder, reports 785 candidates greeted during the past year and a total membership on December 31, 1946, of 7,985, a net gain for the year of 545. This is an enviable record and places Pennsylvania as fourth ranking Grand Council in the world.

The report of the Foreign Correspondent, S. Carbon Wolfe, is usually a treat because of its brevity and completeness; especially his review of New York for 1946. Thanks, Carbon.

The 102nd Assembly will be held in the City of Altoona on April 27th, 1948.

Paul V. Snyder was elected and installed M. P. Grand Master.

RHODE ISLAND

86th Annual Assembly—Providence—April 9, 1946

The Annual Assembly was called to order by M. I. Melbourne Brown, Grand Master, with all members of his staff, including 14 Past Grand Masters; 31 representatives from sister jurisdictions, including New York, and many distinguished visitors being present. Grand Master Brown gave freely of his time in visiting his subordinate Councils, various Masonic Bodies and Annual Assemblies of sister jurisdictions, and gave a very fine report of his peregrinations. Short reports were rendered by the Deputy Grand Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, covering their visitations to various subordinate Councils.

The Grand Recorder reports that Rhode Island again shows a decrease in membership of 58, 2 less than last year, this being the 17th consecutive year that this Grand Jurisdiction has reported loss, which is as far back as the records of this scribe go; this in spite of the fact that all Councils but one greeted candidates during the past year, yet a total of only 23 candidates were greeted. It is hoped that they will "break the ice" and show a gain next year.

The Grand Treasurer reports the finances in good shape with total assets in excess of \$4,200.00.

A short report on foreign correspondence was rendered by M. I. Edward M. Wheeler, Past Grand Master, present Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Like the writer, Companion Wheeler is at a loss to understand why he has received so few copies of proceedings of sister jurisdictions during the past year.

Companion I. Lee McCauley was elected Grand Master.

The 87th Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Providence on April 8th, 1947.

SCOTLAND

Annual Convocation—Edinburgh—March 21, 1947.

The Annual Convocation of the Cryptic Rite in Scotland was called to order by Most Excellent Companion Major R. H. F. Moncreiff, Grand Z,

in the Royal Arch Masons Hall in the City of Edinburgh on the above date. The Cryptic Rite in Scotland is under the supervision of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

The report gives but very little information as to what transpired at the meeting with the exception of a long list of appointments to honorary ranks and a list of those present.

Major Moncreiff was re-elected Grand Z, and M. E. Companion Sir Charles Malcom Barclay-Harvey was installed as Deputy Grand Z, succeeding M. E. Companion Nathaniel who retired.

A telegram of congratulation was received, congratulating the Grand Scribe, E. George A. Howell, on his 52 years as a Royal Arch Mason.

The records show that 7 new Cryptic Councils were chartered during the year, and 2,041 admissions, which is slightly less than the previous year.

The total income is reported at £11,727., with expenditures of £5,714., which shows a very healthy financial condition.

The meeting closed with the serving of tea in celebration of the Festival of the Vernal Equinox, being presided over by First Grand Principal, Major Moncreiff.

SOUTH CAROLINA

86th Annual Assembly—Columbia—April 17, 1946.

Grand Master Paul Fowler convened the 86th Annual Assembly in the City of Columbia on April 17th with his corps of officers, 7 Past Grand Masters and representatives from 30 sister jurisdictions, including New York, present, as well as visiting Masonic dignitaries. He reports that the interest in Cryptic Rite in South Carolina is still on the upward trend.

The Grand Recorder reports a net gain of 480, bringing their membership to 2,035 as of December 31, 1945. There were 466 candidates greeted during the past year.

The Grand Treasurer reports finances in good shape, with current assets in excess of \$2,700.00.

The report on foreign correspondence was again rendered by Henry Collins, Fraternal Correspondent, in his usual eloquent manner, this being his 12th annual report. It would be of immeasurable benefit to the Craft in general if Companion Collins would continue to write his reviews for many years to come.

R. Hammond Etheredge was elected Grand Master.

The 87th Annual Assembly will convene in Greenwood, S. C., April 16th, 1947.

SOUTH DAKOTA

30th Annual Assembly—Sioux Falls—October 23, 1946.

The Grand Assembly was called to order by Edward K. Mather, Grand Master, with all officers being present, including many visiting dignitaries. The Grand Master in his report stated that while the Grand Council showed a net increase of 52 members this year as well as a cash increase of \$184.50, their present membership is only half of what it was before the financial crash after World War No. 1. He emphasizes the fact that in his opinion, prompt plans must be made to increase and hold their

membership if they are to escape another serious membership and income slump when the inevitable reaction from our continuing orgy of national spending and waste and inflation comes to an end. Words of wise counsel which usually fall on deaf ears.

The Grand Recorder reports 42 candidates greeted during the year with a total membership of April 30th, 1946, of 601.

Philo H. Schultz was elected Grand Master and the City of Leed will be host to the 31st Annual Assembly on October 20th, 1947.

TENNESSEE

97th Annual Assembly—Nashville—January 27, 1947.

The 97th Annual Assembly was called to order by Most Illustrious J. Robert English, with all officers present, together with sixteen Past Grand Masters; forty-one Grand Representatives, including New York's representative, as well as numerous distinguished visitors, headed by the General Grand Master.

The Grand Master was able to visit a majority of his constituent Councils and in every instance a nice class of candidates were greeted. He reports attendance good and in every instance a large number of present and past Grand Officers were on hand. He was able to attend the Triennial Meeting at Winnipeg, as well as attending numerous other Masonic gatherings during the year. He issued dispensations for the formation of three new Councils during his term of office.

The financial condition of the Grand Council of Tennessee is excellent; there being an excess of assets over expenses for the past year of \$1,124.00.

The Grand Recorder reports that all Councils with the exception of one have greeted candidates during the past year, making a total of 597 greeted with a net gain in membership of 535; their total membership being 3,394 as of November 30, 1946.

For the record, Tennessee has shown a net increase in membership over the past nine years, and in that time they have more than trebled their membership, growing from a total of 1,172 members in 1938 to 3,394 members in 1946. They have almost doubled their membership in the last four years. Your scribe does not know of any other State in the Union that can boast of this record.

John C. Cranford was elected and installed as Grand Master and the 98th Annual Assembly will convene in Nashville on January 26th, 1948.

TEXAS

40th Annual Assembly—Waco—December 2, 1946.

This Grand Jurisdiction, the largest both numerically and geographically in the United States, was called to order by M. I. Joe X. Newcomb, with all his officers present as well as 11 Past Grand Masters, 24 representatives from sister jurisdictions, including New York, and a large number of Masonic dignitaries, including M. I. Companion Clarence Brain, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Oklahoma and General Grand Steward of the General Grand Council of the United States; Most Eminent John Temple Rice, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Past Grand Commander

of the Grand Commandery of Texas, and, at present, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Also received in his official capacity was Most Illustrious Jewel P. Lightfoot, Past Grand Presiding Officer of the four York Rite Bodies in Texas (the only living man to hold these 4 offices at present), the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Imperial Council of the Imperial Military and Ecclesiastical Order of the Red Cross of Constantine of the United States of America.

The Grand Master, in his address, states, "In a very true and practical sense, may Masonry be at once the headstone as well as the keystone which will bind together the war torn Nations into a peace loving society of peoples forever through with war and its sorrows." He reports the arrest of one Charter, the constitution of two new Councils and the dispensation to form a third new Council was granted.

Our old friend, Tom Bartley, who served the Grand Council of Texas as Grand Recorder for 32 years, was missing from the ranks this year, having been succeeded by Frank Oldham, who presents his first report as Grand Recorder. He reports total greetings of 3,672, with a net increase of 3,651, bringing their membership as of June 30th, 1946, to 29,143.

The Grand Treasurer reports total receipts for the year \$12,558, with disbursements of \$11,117. His reports show \$17,400.00 in Government Bonds and \$13,841.00 in the working fund for a total of \$31,246.57.

The Cryptic Review was again written by Companion R. Lee Joiner, and is, as usual, a pleasure to read. He states that while he has written no report, he is presenting a review of the various jurisdictions whose proceedings were received and expressed regret that it was not more complete, due to the fact that a number of proceedings were not received by him.

He further states, "I do hope that these reviews will be taken home and read, because the only value they have is to those who take these reports home and read them and pass them on to other companions—there is a lot of information in them as to what is going on in Cryptic Masonry throughout the world."

New York is given three full pages in his Review, for which we sincerely thank him, as well as for the extremely complimentary remarks regarding your correspondent. Your scribe is happy to learn that his figures are "more complete" than any seen in recent years. It is a pleasure to compile these statistics.

Emory Christian was elected Grand Master and the next Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Waco, December 1, 1947.

VERMONT

93rd Annual Assembly—June 11, 1946.

The 93rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of the Granite State was opened by Most Illustrious Raymond H. White, together with all officers present with the exception of the Grand Steward, together with twelve Past Grand Masters and representatives from twenty-seven sister jurisdictions, including New York, as well as distinguished visitors from New Jersey, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Eastern Canada.

The Grand Master made a very concise report on his activities during the year and expressed pleasure with the continuing success of the Cryptic

Rite in Vermont. He states evidence during his term of office of renewed interest in the majority of Councils and the outlook for the future is bright. He recommends the publication of a new ritual so that all officers can be conversant with the standard form of work. He further recommends closer cooperation with the Chapter and Commandery in advising candidates who present themselves for advancement in these degrees, the necessity of the Cryptic degrees for the completion of his Masonic education.

The Grand Treasurer reports the finances of this Grand Council in good condition. They are operating within the limits of their receipts and for the past year show a slight increase in the receipts over expenditures.

One hundred and eleven candidates were greeted during the year, bringing the total membership on April 30th, 1946, to 1,143; a net gain over the past year of 80.

Companion John Spargo, a Masonic student and research historian of note, submitted a lengthy report on the history of the Cryptic Rite in Vermont, which is very interesting and enlightening to read. I regret space does not permit quotations from this very complete tome and recommend it to all those who are interested in the history of our beloved Rite.

Alexander Roe was elected Grand Master.

The 94th Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Burlington on June 10th, 1947.

WASHINGTON

50th and 51st Annual Assembly—Seattle-Yakima—1945-1946

The 50th Annual Assembly was held in the City of Seattle on May 7th, 1945, and was presided over by M. I. George W. Sommer as Grand Master, and was held in strict compliance with the restrictions of the office of Defense Transportation, prohibiting large travelling gatherings. In spite of these restrictions there were present most of his line officers, 15 Past Grand Masters, as well as many representatives from sister jurisdictions. The Grand Master rendered a short report on the activities of his year, which contained his regrets on his inability to make visitations due to conformity with O. D. T. orders. However, these visits were delegated to District Inspectors who kept in touch with their various Councils. The Grand Recorder reported a net gain of 213 members during the year.

It is with regret that we note the passing of Horace W. Tyler, Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the State of Washington and Grand Secretary since 1913. He was probably the oldest Grand Recorder in age and in years of service, on record. He will be missed by his many friends throughout the land. He was succeeded, pro tem, by his son, Edward F. Tyler, as Acting Grand Recorder.

Companion George W. Christensen was elected Grand Master.

The 51st Annual Assembly was convened in the City of Yakima on May 7th, 1946, with M. I. Companion Christensen presiding, together with 15 Past Grand Masters and 18 representatives of sister jurisdictions, including New York, and a score of Masonic dignitaries. The Grand Master reports that it was his good fortune to be able to visit all the Councils in his Grand Jurisdiction with the exception of two, which held no Assemblies during the year. He found, in almost every instance, that the work was done in a very satisfactory manner and all Councils were showing substantial increases in membership and that considerable interest and enthusiasm was shown in Cryptic Masonry throughout the State. He reports having travelled over 4,000 miles in making these

visitations, and in the course of the year had written some 200 letters in conducting the business of his office as Grand Master.

The Grand Treasurer reports assets of \$3,258.00 and that the Grand Council is operating within its budgetary limits. The Grand Recorder reports a total membership on December 31, 1945, of 2,010, a net gain of 311 and total greetings of 356.

Companion Virgil E. Darwin was elected Grand Master and Companion Geo. W. Christensen was elected Grand Master.

The 52nd Annual Assembly will be held in Tacoma on May 14th, 1947.

WESTERN CANADA

9th Annual Assembly—Vancouver, B. C.—June 20, 1947.

This small but dominant group of Cryptic Masons met in the City of Vancouver in Grand Assembly with Most Illustrious John McLeod presiding, with five of his staff absent. Representatives from eleven sister jurisdictions answered the roll call. This is probably the largest Grand Council in existence from a geographical viewpoint, yet is almost the smallest in membership of any Grand Jurisdiction.

Among the distinguished guests present were the General Grand Master, M. P. Chas. E. Inbusch, and representatives from Washington and Oregon and sister providences of Canada. The Grand Master was unable to visit any of his subordinate Councils during his tenure of office, but he did journey to the City of Winnipeg to convene a special assembly of the Grand Council of Western Canada to receive the Triennial Session of the General Grand Council on September 2, 1946, it being the first time our General Grand Council has met outside the United States. He reports a registration of 800, including ladies, resulting in cementing the fraternal bonds between the two great countries.

The Grand Secretary reports a total membership on December 31, 1946, of 290; a net increase for the year of 21.

Companion Samuel Harris was elected Grand Master.

WISCONSIN

89th Annual Assembly—Milwaukee—May 6, 1946.

The 89th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Wisconsin was presided over by Rufus F. Wells, Past Grand Master, and was opened in ample form in the Scottish Rite Cathedral on May 6th, 1946, with all officers present, including 16 Past Grand Masters and representatives from 37 sister jurisdictions, including New York. One of their own Past Grand Masters, Charles E. Inbusch, was subsequently elected General Grand Master of the United States.

The report of the Grand Master is quite voluminous and covers in detail all his visits, both inter and intra-state. He set quotas for each of his five Districts at the beginning of the year, and all but one exceeded their quota, the one district fell short of meeting the quota which, as the Grand Master ably puts it, "demonstrates that the present quota system, based on Council Membership, compared to available material, accessible to each Council through Chapters within easy driving distance is equitable."

Your scribe has advocated this for the past ten years, and even backed it up with figures. The Grand Master issued five Grand Council news letters during the year, which has proven the tie that binds the members of his staff together with Grand Assemblies. He recommended that the Grand Council of Wisconsin invite the Grand Council to hold its next Triennial in Milwaukee. He reports the general condition of Cryptic Masonry in Wisconsin as being generally on the upgrade.

The financial condition of this Grand Council has become very good during the past few years. Due to an increase in per capita, they are now operating within their budget and have a working capital in excess of \$2,500.00, with cash and securities of \$5,567.00.

The Grand Recorder reports 497 greetings during the year for a net gain of 420. Total membership as of December 31, 1945, 5,475.

Harland A. Marceau was elected Grand Master.

The 90th Annual Assembly will be held in the City of Madison on May 5th, 1947.

On motion, the report of the Foreign Correspondent was received, and on motion was ordered to be spread in full on the records and referred to the Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite.

R. Ill. George W. Pratt offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: "I would move that the Grand Council go on record as expressing its deep appreciation for the energy, efficiency and loyalty put forth by the committee in charge of arranging for this Annual Assembly of the Grand Council."

M. Ill. George S. Wyman added: "Practically the entire responsibility of this work has been conducted by R. Ill. Tom Maycock, with the assistance of his committee. While the Councils in this District made financial contributions and some of the members have worked hard, I wish the record could include particularly our thanks to Tom Maycock, chairman of the General Committee on Arrangements." Carried unanimously.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were then installed by M. Ill Parker Waggoner, Past Grand Master, M. Ill. A. Edward Krieger acting as Grand Marshal, and M. P. Harry F. Brown, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Connecticut, acting as Grand Chaplain.

On behalf of the Grand Council, M. Ill. E. Parker Waggoner presented an Apron to the newly installed Grand Master, and M. Ill. George S. Wyman presented a Past Grand Master Jewel to M. Ill. Arthur A. Bryant, the retiring Grand Master.

Both of these officers expressed their appreciation of these gifts.

Upon assuming his office, the Grand Master addressed the Grand Council as follows:

"Companions of the Grand Council, you have my grateful thanks for your consideration in giving me the opportunity to serve you as Grand Master. I know something of the problems and responsibilities resting upon the occupant of this station, but by united effort and cooperation between you and me and reliance upon the Supreme Architect of the Universe for support, with the Constitution of this Grand Body and our

obligations as a guide, we should and will make progress in the work in which we are engaged, with the hope that the level of attainments and accomplishments of previous administrations may be at least substantially maintained, and if that hope is realized, we will all be subjects for congratulations. Meanwhile my own gratification must rest with the opportunity to serve. I appreciate the continuance of your confidence, and I trust that you will expect no more of me than an honest, earnest, sincere effort, put forth to the best of my ability, and that, God willing, you will have. With these considerations I do accept the office."

APPOINTMENTS

Grand Chaplain.....Rev. Dr. Frank L. Gosnell, King Hiram, No. 18
 Grand Lecturer.....E. Parker Waggoner, Buffalo-Keystone, No. 17
 Foreign Correspondent.....Albin C. Anderson, Triangle, No. 85
 Grand Sentinel.....Joseph C. Spencer, Buffalo-Keystone, No. 17

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

First District:

R. Ill. Theodore N. Billings.....Brooklyn, No. 4
 477 Marlborough Road, Brooklyn 2, N. Y.

Second District:

R. Ill. Arthur G. Knapp.....Phoenix, No. 70
 6 Chestnut Hill Avenue, White Plains, N. Y.

Third District:

R. Ill. Edward L. Flemming.....King Solomon, No. 31
 Box 23, Station B, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Fourth District:

R. Ill. Raymond E. Warner.....St. George's, No. 74
 1354 Myron Street, Schenectady, N. Y.

Fifth District:

R. Ill. C. Leroy Battershall.....Joseph Warren, No. 81
 24 Prospect Street, Fort Edward, N. Y.

Sixth District:

R. Ill. Harold W. Jackson.....King Hiram, No. 18
 Fennell Road, Skaneateles, N. Y.

Seventh District:

R. Ill. Raymond L. Savage.....Hornellsville, No. 35
 86 E. Washington Street, Hornell.

Eighth District:

R. Ill. Andrew W. Nixon.....Doric, No. 19
 West Webster, N. Y.

Ninth District:

R. Ill. Fred W. Gregory.....Temple, No. 79
 985 McRae Street, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Tenth District:

R. Ill. Harry B. Lyon.....Dunkirk, No. 25
 29 West Fourth Street, Dunkirk.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance and Accounts

Albin C. Anderson.....	P. O. Box 111, Floral Park, N. Y.
Edward Bartell.....	520 West 218th Street, Bronx, New York City
John A. Cromie.....	3 Ramsey Place, Albany, N. Y.

Jurisprudence, Laws and General Activities

Date of Expiration

Charles H. Johnson.....	Aug. 1948.....	71 W. 23rd St., New York City
James G. Purdy.....	Aug. 1949.....	225 Broadway, New York City
Raymond E. Westbury.....	Aug. 1950.....	714 Union Trust Bldg., Rochester
George S. Wyman.....	Aug. 1951.....	147 Overlook St., Mt. Vernon
A. Edward Krieger.....	Aug. 1952.....	101 Main St., Salamanca

Ritual

E. Parker Waggoner.....	888 Warren Street, Albany
Chester D. Crowell.....	138 Harvard Avenue, Syracuse
Harlan S. Perrigo.....	39 Broadway, New York City
Edward Feih.....	1540 Unionport Road, Bronx, New York City
George W. Pratt.....	P. O. Box 125, Corning

Condition and Extension of the Rite

George R. Hemenway.....	608-610 Hulett Bldg., Elmira
Charles B. Weller.....	472 Gramatan Avenue, Mt. Vernon
Eugene B. Sanford.....	93 State Street, Albany

Fraternal Dead

Rev. Dr. Frank L. Gosnell.....	215 Genesee Street, Auburn
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Printing

Harold G. Dobson.....	Brockport
George W. Pratt.....	P. O. Box 125, Corning
Charles M. Colton.....	P. O. Box 5, Rochester
Ira R. Ferguson.....	Erie County Hall, Buffalo

Masonic Education

Walter M. Hartmann.....	805 Rankin Avenue, Schenectady
Elwin L. Cooper.....	825 Scio Street, Elmira
Howard L. Adams.....	2016 Howe Street, Utica
James H. Watson.....	1104 Parkside, Buffalo

The Grand Master ex officio will serve in the work of all committees as may be deemed expedient.

The Grand Master announced that at 4 P. M. in the same room in which the Grand Council was meeting, the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master (Order of Anointed Kings) would be conferred, but only on such candidates who have reported themselves to the committee in charge, and urged such as had not yet received the degree to report to the committee at once. He added that he understood that hereafter the charge would be \$2.00, and that the Degree would be compulsory on all elected Masters of Councils.

M.:Ill.:Charles M. Colton, Grand Recorder, moved that the minutes taken by the official stenographer be accepted as the official record of to-day's proceedings, which motion was carried unanimously.

The Grand Marshal then conducted the Grand Chaplain to the altar, where he offered the following prayer:

"Lord of all being, Maker and Master of the World, and all that dwell therein, we pray Thy blessing upon the proceedings of this 124th Annual Assembly of our Grand Council. May the actions taken be in accord with Thy will, and the plans made aid in the advancement of Cryptic Masonry. Bless, we pray Thee, our Grand Officers who have been advanced to posts of new responsibility. May the work of our Order flourish under their leadership. Be with all the Companions as they return to their home Councils, and may the inspiration of this day be felt in every Council in the State. Amen."

The One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council was then declared closed at 3:55 P. M., Daylight Saving Time.



IRA R. FERGUSON, *Grand Master.*

ATTEST:

Charles M. Colton

Grand Recorder.

OFFICERS, LOCATION AND DATE OF ASSEMBLIES OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

Name	No.	Master	Deputy Master	P.'C.' of the W.	Recorder	Location	Stated Assembly
Columbian	1	Harry Dana French	John Cullen	August A. Perse	Martin Q. Good	New York	1st Thurs., 1:30 P. M.
Union	2	Arthur V. Ivins	T. V. Ziembinski	Edward Feih	Frank I. Felter	New York	4th Saturday
Brooklyn	4	James Tilney	Sidney L. Johnson	Warren H. Green	Walter L. Schneider	Brooklyn	3rd Saturday (a)
Adelphic	7	George A. Lambert	Charles A. Zarnon	Jesse H. Groshans	Harry Katz	New York	1st Saturday
Rotica	12	Paul Dean Kimball	Willis S. Thompson	Edw. F. Hofstetter	Howard L. Adams	Rome	1st Monday
Central City	13	Nicholas Ransler	Emil T. Munson	Fred Hunter	Dana W. Barnard	Syracuse	2nd Wednesday (b)
Bloss	14	William Christie	John W. Egleston	William A. Mabin	Radcliff W. Taylor	Troy	1st Friday (c)
Bruce	15	Arthur C. Gloger	Elgie G. Knowles	Stanley E. Smith	Louis T. Huber	Lockport	2nd Monday
Southern Tier	16	Harold S. Knerr	J. Harold Sanford	Harold M. Murphey	Thos. A. Banfield	Elmira	3rd Monday
Buffalo-Keystone	17	James H. Watson	Thomas M. Dodds	George G. Crewson	Henry L. Frey	Buffalo	4th Thursday (u)
King Hiram	18	Rev. Frank L. Gosnell	George R. Clarke	Walter K. Wildes	Harold W. Jackson	Auburn	2nd Wednesday
Doric	19	Howard S. Morgan	Wm. J. Millington	E. Ray Burden	Robert Salter	Rochester	4th Monday (h)
Ancient City	21	Philip E. Kearney	Arthur J. James	Byron S. Chatham	W. Frank Davis	Kingston	2nd Thursday
DeWitt Clinton	22	William Walter	David M. Allan	Wm. J. Reineck	John A. Cromie	Albany	3rd Thursday
Binghamton	24					Binghamton	3rd Friday
Dunkirk	25	T. Edgar Sharp	Carl J. Wolf	Arthur C. Ellsworth	Matthew J. Sholtes	Dunkirk	1st Wednesday
Palmyra	26	Gordon F. VanDeventer	Gordon E. Jones	George R. Beatty	M. F. Cathers	Palmyra	2nd Tuesday
King Solomon	31	Walter H. Hignight	George E. Gunn	Fredk. C. Fox, Jr.	Abram B. Atkins	Poughkeepsie	4th Friday (d)
Orlean	33						
Hornellsville	35	John E. Coston	Oren E. Dickey	Welson E. Breunle	Roy M. Hackett	Hornell	1st Friday (a)
Adomiram	36	Edward S. Good	Donald Billings	George G. Bonday	Albert L. Plessis	Flushing	3rd Thursday (k)
Cryptic	37	Rollin H. Moody	Thos. J. Stetkar	Harold C. More	Walter L. Allen	Saratoga Springs	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Fulton	50	Fred G. Somerville	Leonard A. Lewis	George A. Adams	Ernest M. Doty	Fulton	Last Friday
Washington	52	Herbert A. Belden	Otto O. Rehm	Arthur R. Hoffman	Fred'k W. Toben	Whitehall	2nd Friday
Corning	53	Andrew McLaughlin	Gerald S. Hook	Floyd A. Cortright	John E. Bird	Corning	3rd Thursday (a)
Peekskill	55	Charles S. Thorber	Robert L. Dod	Anton Letxner	Elbert F. Utter	Peekskill	2nd Monday (p)
Hudson	62	Leslie MacKnight	Soren Vedsted	Clifford E. Howard	Warren J. Allen	Hudson	2nd Monday
Phoenix	70	Charles C. Nash	H. Norman Binley	Paul C. Smith	Wm. S. Quince	Mt. Vernon	2nd Friday (a)
Alph-Omega	71	Hiram W. Yates	Lewis M. Pinney	Ralph C. Squires	Howard E. Brown	Medina	2nd Friday
Johnstown	72	Jean L. Davis	Erwin J. Cottrell	Franklin J. Cook	Roland P. Wicks	Johnstown	1st Wednesday
St. George's	74	Charles W. Lester	Henry W. Griffin	George Roes	Walter M. Hartmann	Schenectady	2nd Wednesday (f)
Skoj-Yase	75	David H. Wilson	Frank G. Langley	Charles A. Rouse	H. R. Wixom	Waterloo	2nd Friday
Huntington	76	Clifton F. Gardner	F. W. Hunninghouse	Al. Jacobsen	Henry L. Neuroth	Huntington	3rd Friday
Catskill	78	Guernsey T. Kane	Horace R. Moore	Joseph H. Wilk	Albert S. Paulsen	Catskill	4th Monday
Temple	79	William J. Sharples	Clive L. Dill	Chas. Fotheringham	William Zinter	Niagara Falls	1st Friday (m)
Flatbush	80	Robert B. Hunt	John W. Reycraft	Walter R. Bates	Arthur J. Morrissey	Brooklyn	1st Wednesday (a)
Joseph Warren	81	Harry T. Cornell	Henry E. O'Neil	Harry G. McNeil	Frank L. Moore	Glen Falls	1st Friday (g)
Salamanca	82	Thomas E. Hunt	Chas. G. Drachslin	John G. Krieger	A. Edward Krieger	Salamanca	2nd Monday (d)
Zabud	84	William R. Seiffert	S. Philip Thayer	N. W. Patterson	Joseph L. Cleary	Freeport	2nd Friday
Triangle	85	Carter H. Lamb	Joseph Erlenwein	Howard S. Wells	Eugene H. Vanderbilt	Jamaica	4th Friday
Lafayette	86	Wallace F. Rainger	Harold O. Booth	Frank J. Farnham	Frederic H. Ridgeway	Yonkers	2nd Monday
Oneonta	87	Carl R. Johnson	Harold W. Volweider	Oron W. Gage	A. W. Damaschke	Oneonta	4th Wednesday
North Shore	88	Perry E. Smith	Chas. A. Maulley	Walter Fenner, Jr.	Ralph J. Ely	Glen Cove	1st Tuesday (p)
Cyrus	89	Wray Chas. Stout	K. P. Reynolds	Herbert D. Carlton	R. L. Wootton	Rouses Point	

No Assemblies: (a) July, Aug. (b) July, Aug., Sept. (c) June, July, Aug., Sept., Dec. Meet 4th Sat. in Nov. (d) June, July, Aug., Dec. (e) June, July, Aug. (f) June, July, Aug., Sept. (g) June, Aug., Sept. (h) Jan., March, April, June, July, Aug., Sept., Nov. (i) Jan., March, May, July, Aug., Sept., Nov. (j) meets 4th Thursday Jan., Feb., March, April, May, and 4th Sat. Nov.

Name of Council	Number of Members May 31, 1946	Created	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Demitted	Suspended in Council	Suspended in Chapter	Suspended in Lodge	Correction	Number of Members May 31, 1947	Amt. of Fees and Dues
Columbian	385	11			16						380	\$ 247.50
Union	139	16		1	13	2	4	4			143	107.40
Brooklyn	237	12	1		10	5	5				280	190.20
Adelphic	340	28		11	10	2					358	246.00
Rotica	115	4			1					9	118	75.00
Central City	246	29		2	5		2				270	191.10
Bloss	434	10		2	18	5	2		1		420	274.80
Bruce	30	13			2						41	37.50
Southern Tier	200	54			10	3					242	201.00
Buffalo-Keystone	269	11			8	2	1				269	177.90
King Hiram	55	9			1		1			1	61	46.50
Doric	246	22		2	9						260	180.60
Ancient City	63	3		1	1						66	42.30
DeWitt Clinton	465	26		2	17			8			468	318.00
Binghamton	35										35	21.00
Dunkirk	98	2		1	2			3			96	61.80
Palmyra	92	5			3						94	62.70
King Solomon	96	31		2	4						125	104.10
Olean	12										12	
Hornellsville	97	9			3						103	71.70
Adoniram	143	8			2	1	2				146	97.80
Cryptic	132				5						127	79.20
Fulton	137	10		2	4		1				144	97.20
Washington	57	1			1		1				56	35.70
Corning	78	20			2						96	76.80
Peekskill	27	13									40	35.70
Hudson	103	3		1	2	1					104	66.30
Phoenix	145	12		1	5	3					150	105.00
Alph-Omega	50			1	1						51	30.00
Johnstown	161	28		2	4	1					186	138.60
St. George's	516	15		1	9	10	1	4			508	332.10
Skoi-Yase	48	5			1						52	36.30
Huntington	24				1						23	14.40
Catskill	148	6		1	1	1	3				150	97.80
Temple	63	5			4	1					63	45.30
Flatbush	71	3	1	1	3	1					72	47.10
Joseph Warren	57	36		1	2						92	88.20
Salamanca	23							1			22	13.80
Zabud	49	5									54	36.90
Triangle	115	4						8			111	75.00
Lafayette	65	6									71	48.00
Oneonta	40	5			1						44	31.50
North Shore	25	8			1						32	27.00
Cyrus	36	17									53	47.10
	6,017	505	2	35	171	38	33	19	1	10	6,287	4,359.90

**LIST OF MASTERS AND RECORDERS OF
CONSTITUENT COUNCILS**

MASTER'S NAME FIRST

COLUMBIAN, No. 1:

Harry Dana French, 111 East 182nd St., New York City.
Martin Q. Good, 2809 Avenue K, Brooklyn 10, N. Y.

UNION, No. 2:

Arthur V. Ivins, 654 East 227th Street, New York City 66, N. Y.
Frank I. Felter, 442 East 176th Street, New York City 57, N. Y.

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George A. Lambert, 333 Ovington Avenue, Brooklyn 9, N. Y.
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Nicholas Ransler, 208 Rich Street, Syracuse, N. Y.
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BLOSS, No. 14:

William Christie, 562 Sixth Avenue, Watervliet, N. Y.
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BRUCE, No. 15:

Arthur C. Gloger, R. D. 4, Lockport, N. Y.
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Thomas A. Banfield, 223 Crete Avenue.

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James H. Watson, 1104 Parkside Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.
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DORIC, No. 19:

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Philip E. Kearney, 160 Main Street, Kingston, N. Y.
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BINGHAMTON No. 24:

DUNKIRK, No. 25:

T. Edgar Sharp, 49 Pullman Street, Brocton, N. Y.
Matthew J. Shultes, P. O. Box 301, Dunkirk, N. Y.

PALMYRA, No. 26:

Elton F. VanDeventer, Palmyra, N. Y.
M. F. Cathers, Palmyra, N. Y.

KING SOLOMON, No. 31:

Walter H. Hignight, 289 Church Street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Abram B. Atkins, 149 Thompson Street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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John E. Coston, 21½ East Main Street, Canisteo, N. Y.
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Albert L. Plessis, 45-18 Bowne Street, Flushing, N. Y.

CRYPTIC, No. 37:

Rollin H. Moody, 166 Circular Street, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
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FULTON, No. 50:

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 Raymond T. Sewall, Room 209, Masonic Temple, Boston
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 MINNESOTA.....John H. Anderson, Masonic Temple, St. Paul
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 NEW JERSEY.....Harry Ames Putnam, 115 Woodside Ave., Trenton
 NEW YORK.....Charles M. Colton, P. O. Box 5, Rochester
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 NORTH DAKOTA.....Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo
 OHIO.....Roscoe R. Walcutt, 8 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio
 OKLAHOMA.....James I. Lathim, Masonic Temple, Muskogee
 OREGON.....H. G. Richardson, 6145 N. Missouri Avenue, Portland, Oregon
 PENNSYLVANIA.....S. Carbon Wolfe, 1st Nat. Bk. Bldg., Williamsport
 RHODE ISLAND.....Edward M. Wheeler, 53 Glenham St., Providence 7
 SCOTLAND.....George A. Howell, 76 Queen St., Edinburgh
 SOUTH CAROLINA.....O. Frank Hart, 502 Palmetto State Bldg., Columbia
 SOUTH DAKOTA.....Elvin F. Strain, Sioux Falls
 TENNESSEE.....Thomas Earl Doss, 100-108 7th Ave., North, Nashville
 TEXAS.....Frank Oldham, Waco
 UTAH.....Bert Atwater, 502 C. Street, Salt Lake, City
 VERMONT.....Aaron H. Grout, Masonic Temple, Burlington
 WASHINGTON.....George M. Christensen, 3039 15th Ave., Seattle 99
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LIVING PAST GRAND MASTERS

MARTIN Q. GOOD, 1911
 2809 Avenue K, Brooklyn 10

OLIVER H. LaBARRE, 1916
 2046 Washington Avenue, New York City

JOSEPH L. LOCKHART, 1924
 2685 University Avenue, New York City

GEORGE R. HEMENWAY, 1925
 606-610 Hulett Building, Elmira

GEORGE O. LINKLETTER, 1927
 2883 Northern Boulevard, Manhasset, L. I.

CHARLES M. COLTON, 1928
 223 Linden Street, Rochester

CHARLES H. JOHNSON, 1929
 Masonic Hall, 71 W. 23rd St., New York City

ALBERT S. PRICE, 1932
 505 Fenton Building, Jamestown

A. EDWARD KRIEGER, 1935
 Salamanca, N. Y.

RAYMOND E. WESTBURY, 1936
714 Union Trust Building, Rochester

CHARLES B. WELLER, 1937
472 Gramatan Avenue, Mt. Vernon

E. PARKER WAGGONER, 1938
532 Madison Avenue, Albany

EDWARD FEIH, 1939
1540 Unionport Road, Bronx, New York City

CHESTER D. CROWELL, 1940
138 Harwood Avenue, Syracuse

HARLAN S. PERRIGO, 1941
39 Broadway, New York City

WALTER M. HARTMANN, 1943
805 Rankin Avenue, Schenectady

GEORGE S. WYMAN, 1944
147 Overlook Street, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

EUGENE B. SANFORD, 1945
93 State St., Albany

ARTHUR A. BRYANT, 1946
3495 Broadway, New York City 31

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

<i>State</i>	<i>Appointed</i>
ALABAMA—Henry O. Jones.....	Brooklyn—1945
ARIZONA—Louis O. Durlacher.....	Flushing—1945
ARKANSAS—William E. Howard.....	Fulton—1935
CALIFORNIA—Alanson D. Bartholomew.....	Whitehall—1943
CANADA, Eastern Jurisdiction—Edward West Elwell.....	New York City—1941
CANADA—ONTARIO—Chas. Ivan Sanderson.....	Medina—1945
CANADA—WESTERN JURISDICTION—Murray D. Gates.....	Hornell—1944
COLORADO—Kenneth Guthrie Shaw.....	New York City—1945
CONNECTICUT—Charles J. Van Buskirk.....	Flushing—1938
DELAWARE—Tom Maycock.....	New York—1946
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Otto F. Maehr.....	Brooklyn—1945
ENGLAND and WALES—Charles H. Johnson.....	New York City—1930
FLORIDA—Elmer Frank Cutts.....	Brooklyn—1945
GEORGIA—Walter A. DeLamater.....	Rye—1944
IDAHO—Elwin L. Cooper.....	Elmira—1947
ILLINOIS—Howard Lewis Tallman.....	Elmira—1944
INDIANA—Harris Schlessinger.....	Freeport—1943
IOWA—Julius H. Grau.....	Flushing—1947
KANSAS—Adolph W. Gutheil.....	Brooklyn—1947
KENTUCKY—George W. Woore.....	Woodhaven—1944
LOUISIANA—Abraham U. Whitson.....	Flushing—1941
MAINE—Albert M. Yaeger.....	New York City—1945
MARYLAND—George T. Burns.....	Yonkers—1945
MASSACHUSETTS—John B. Mullan.....	Rochester—1939
MICHIGAN—Louis H. DeLong.....	Schenectady—1944
MINNESOTA—Albert W. Lewis.....	Jamaica—1943

MISSISSIPPI—Walter M. Cummings.....	Mt. Vernon—1944
MISSOURI—Charles S. Christiansen.....	Troy—1944
MONTANA—Robert L. Dawson.....	Johnstown—1947
NEBRASKA—Russell J. Robinson.....	Glens Falls—1946
NEVADA—Lewis Warren Emerick.....	Fulton—1946
NEW HAMPSHIRE—Harry W. Brown.....	Larchmont—1947
NEW JERSEY—John C. Van Den Houton.....	Brooklyn—1947
NORTH CAROLINA—Joseph Cameron Dunn.....	New York—1944
NORTH DAKOTA—Edward Bartell.....	New York City—1944
OHIO—Charles J. Wells.....	Syracuse—1941
OKLAHOMA—Elmer E. Davis.....	Binghamton—1944
OREGON—Frederick W. Palmer.....	Albany—1944
PENNSYLVANIA—James G. Purdy.....	White Plains—1941
RHODE ISLAND—Raymond W. Houghton.....	Schenectady—1946
SCOTLAND—Walter M. Hartmann.....	Schenectady—1946
SOUTH CAROLINA—George A. Lambert.....	Brooklyn—1944
SOUTH DAKOTA—William H. Myers.....	Bronx, New York City—1947
TENNESSEE—John G. Rieger.....	Buffalo—1947
TEXAS—John Wirth.....	Albany—1947
UTAH—Howard L. Adams.....	Utica—1944
VERMONT—Horace T. Farnham.....	Scarborough—1945
WASHINGTON—Joseph Boughton.....	Painted Post—1946
WISCONSIN—Paul Jones.....	Kingston—1946

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ALABAMA—William W. Waldo.....	Montgomery
ARIZONA—Charles R. K. Swetman.....	Prescott
ARKANSAS—J. Miles Roberts.....	Pine Bluff
CALIFORNIA—Dalton H. Harvey.....	Fresno
CANADA, EASTERN JURISDICTION—Sidney D. Burrill, 11 Parker Street, Halifax, N. S.	
CANADA, ONTARIO—Walter Watts.....	Chatam, Ontario
CANADA, WESTERN JURISDICTION—Stanley D. Cryden.....	Winnipeg
COLORADO—T. Harold Toy.....	Denver
CONNECTICUT—Harry F. Brown.....	New Haven
DELAWARE—Henry M. Laws.....	New Haven, Conn.
DIST. OF COLUMBIA—L. Whiting Estes.....	Washington
ENGLAND and WALES—Charles Herbert Perram.....	London
FLORIDA—Arthur S. Boyer.....	Tampa
GEORGIA—Jack G. Standifer.....	Blakely
IDAHO—Howard F. Flint.....	Pocatello
ILLINOIS—David W. Isenhour.....	Clinton
INDIANA—Arthur J. Smith, Box 1214.....	Muncie
IOWA—Charles Clyde Hunt.....	Cedar Rapids
KANSAS—Robert H. Montgomery.....	Oswego
KENTUCKY—Fred E. Phillips, Sr.....	Fort Thomas
LOUISIANA—Hippolye Dabezies.....	New Orleans
MAINE—Philip G. Hodson.....	Yarmouth
MARYLAND—Maurice Sater.....	Baltimore
MASSACHUSETTS—John A. Crosier.....	Northampton
MICHIGAN—Neil E. Reid.....	Mount Clemens
MINNESOTA—Arnold H. Haefemeyer.....	Faribault
MISSISSIPPI—J. E. Foglesong.....	Oxford
MISSOURI—Fred H. Knight.....	Kansas

MONTANA—E. W. Spottswood.....	Missoula
NEBRASKA—Carl R. Greisen.....	North Platte
NEVADA—Lester A. Eyer.....	Elko
NEW HAMPSHIRE—Charles H. Bernard.....	Manchester
NEW JERSEY—William Clifton Smith.....	New York City
NORTH CAROLINA—Michel Saliba.....	Wilson
NORTH DAKOTA—Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo
OHIO—Oliver D. Everhard.....	Barberton
OKLAHOMA—William C. Allison.....	McAlester
OREGON—Irin L. Patterson.....	Canyon City
PENNSYLVANIA—James H. Reeder.....	Williamsport
RHODE ISLAND—Donald E. Speers.....	Newport
SCOTLAND—Robert Carmichael.....	Edinburgh
SOUTH CAROLINA—W. C. Sheely.....	Columbia
SOUTH DAKOTA—Harry B. Reynolds.....	Terraville
TENNESSEE—E. Guy Frizzell.....	Fountain City
TEXAS—Clarence A. Young.....	Abbott
UTAH—Sidney D. Evans.....	Salt Lake City
VERMONT—Christie B. Crowell.....	Brattleboro
WASHINGTON—Fred Matthis.....	Pomeroy
WISCONSIN—Mark D. Messinger.....	Eau Claire

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 Flatbush, No. 80; Zabud, No. 84; Triangle, No. 85; North Shore,
 No. 88.

District No. 2:

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Councils—Columbian, No. 1; Union, No. 2; Adelpfic, No. 7; Phoenix,
No. 70; Lafayette, No. 86.

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R. Ill. Edward L. Fleming.....Box 23, Station B, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Councils—Ancient City, No. 21; King Solomon, No. 31; Peekskill, No. 55;
Hudson, No. 62; Catskill, No. 78.

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R. Ill. Raymond E. Warner.....1354 Myron St., Schenectady, N. Y.
Councils—Bloss, No. 14; DeWitt Clinton, No. 22; Johnstown, No. 72;
St. George's, No. 74; Oneonta, No. 87.

District No. 5:

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Councils—Cryptic, No. 37; Tyrian, No. 43; Washington, No. 52; Joseph
Warren, No. 81; Cyrus, No. 89.

District No. 6:

R. Ill. Harold W. Jackson.....Fennell Road, Skaneateles, N. Y.
Councils—Rotica, No. 12; Central City, No. 13; King Hiram, No. 18;
Fulton, No. 50.

District No. 7:

R. Ill. Raymond L. Savage.....86 E. Washington St., Hornell, N. Y.
Councils—Southern Tier, No. 16; Binghamton, No. 24; Hornellsville, No.
35; Corning, No. 53.

District No. 8:

R. Ill. Andrew W. Nixon.....West Webster, N. Y.
Councils—Doric, No. 19; Palmyra, No. 26; Skoi-Yase, No. 75.

District No. 9:

R. Ill. Fred W. Gregory....985 McRea St., Niagara Falls, Ont., Canada
Councils—Bruce, No. 15; Buffalo-Keystone, No. 17; Alph-Omega, No. 71;
Temple, No. 79.

District No. 10:

R. Ill. Harry B. Lyon.....Masonic Temple, Dunkirk, N. Y.
Councils—Dunkirk, No. 25; Olean, No. 33; Salamanca, No. 82.

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*Elected, Appointed and in Office
August 25, 1947*

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Bockport
- R. .III. .GEORGE W. PRATT.....*Grand P. .C. . of the W. .*
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- R. .III. .JAMES G. PURDY.....*Grand Conductor of the Council*
225 Broadway, New York City
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1561 West Street, Utica 3
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55 Hanson Place, Brooklyn
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