

PROCEEDINGS

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



ROCHESTER, N. Y.

August 28, 29 and 30, 1949

Grand Council Officers

1949-1950

Elected, Appointed and in Office
August 30, 1949

- M. Ill. GEORGE W. PRATT..... *Grand Master*
 Corning, N. Y.
- R. Ill. HAROLD I. BLESSING..... *Deputy Grand Master*
 2209 Grand Blvd., Schenectady, N. Y.
- R. Ill. JAMES G. PURDY..... *Grand P. C. of the W.*
 225 Broadway, New York
- M. Ill. GEORGE S. WYMAN..... *Grand Treasurer*
 147 Overlook St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
- M. Ill. E. PARKER WAGGONER..... *Grand Recorder*
 888 Warren St., Albany, N. Y.
- R. Ill. HOWARD L. ADAMS..... *Grand Capt. of the Guard*
 1622 Neilson St., Utica 3, N. Y.
- R. Ill. WALTER E. PRICE..... *Grand Conductor of the Council*
 55 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- R. Ill. GEORGE T. BURNS..... *Grand Marshal*
 130 Mayfair Rd., Yonkers, N. Y.
- R. Ill. EDWARD L. FLEMMING..... *Grand Standard Bearer*
 Box 23, Sta. B, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
- R. Ill. JAMES H. WATSON..... *Grand Steward*
 1104 Parkside Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
- M. Ill. GEORGE R. HEMENWAY..... *Grand Trustee*
 606-10 Hulett Bldg., Elmira, N. Y.
- M. Ill. CHESTER D. CROWELL..... *Grand Trustee*
 138 Harwood Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
- M. Ill. CHARLES B. WELLER..... *Grand Trustee*
 472 Gramatan Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
- R. Ill. and REV. FRANK L. GOSNELL, D. D..... *Grand Chaplain*
 42 N. Main St., West Carthage, N. Y.
- M. Ill. IRA R. FERGUSON..... *Grand Lecturer*
 Erie County Hall, Buffalo, N. Y.
- R. Ill. ALBIN C. ANDERSON..... *Fraternal Correspondent*
 P. O. Box 111, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.
- R. Ill. HARRY PACHALL..... *Grand Sentinel*
 115 West William St., Corning, N. Y.



M. Ill. HAROLD GARDNER DOBSON
Grand Master, 1948-1949

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

HAROLD GARDNER DOBSON

Born on February 28, 1886, in Brockport, N. Y., the eldest son of Thomas H. and Mary Gardner Dobson. One sister, Mrs. Herman Meyer, resides in Sacramento, California; one brother, George G. Dobson, in Rochester, N. Y. The youngest brother, Lieutenant Rodney Dobson, was Commander of the ill-fated S-51 submarine, which was rammed and sunk off Block Island on September 25, 1925, and his life with all his crew except four, was lost.

On Sept. 12, 1909, he married Helen Wadsworth of Brockport. A son, Harold Wadsworth, was born in 1910, and died March 10, 1949. He left four children, two sons and two daughters. A daughter, Helen Barbara, was born in 1915 (now Mrs. Edward Kewin) and resides in Brockport. She has one son; born March 30, 1949.

Harold Dobson attended the grade schools and Normal School in Brockport, and then attended the School of Pharmacy, University of Buffalo, where he graduated in 1906. He has since been associated with the business started by his father in 1876, and incorporated as Thos. H. Dobson Co., in 1910.

He is Senior Warden and Treasurer of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Brockport.

In Masonry he has been active since 1909, when he became a member of Monroe Lodge No. 173. He served as Master in 1921 and for several years as Secretary. In 1924-25 he served the First Monroe District as District Deputy Grand Master, and for many years thereafter served on the Grand Lodge Committee on the George Washington Memorial.

He is an honorary member of Penfield Union Lodge.

He received the degrees in Royal Arch Masonry in 1912 and was High Priest in 1924, and again in 1944-45. In 1927 he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, near the Grand Chapter of New York.

He served two years as Assistant Grand Lecturer of his district.

In the Cryptic Rite he was greeted in Doric Council No. 19 of Rochester in 1936.

Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Western Canada in 1941.

Elected Grand Steward of the Grand Council at the Grand Assembly at Brooklyn, N. Y., August 10, 1942, since which time he has served in the various offices of the Grand Council, being elected the Grand Master at Buffalo in August, 1948.

Elected an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ontario at Toronto on May 7, 1949.

Knighted in Monroe Commandery, K. T., No. 12 in 1920 and elected Eminent Commander in 1934.

Appointed on Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery in 1944, and now serving in that capacity.

Received the degrees in the Scottish Rite in 1925, the 32nd degree on April 16, 1925.

Elected in 1949 at Chicago, Ill., to receive the honorary 33° at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1950.

Constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y., on April 27, 1921.

He is a Knight of the York Cross of Honour in Knickerbocker Priory No. 3, K. Y. C. H.

Member of the Grand College of Rites of the U. S. A.

Knight Companion of St. Quentin's Conclave No. 75, Red Cross of Constantine.

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Grand Custodian for many years of the Gamma Sigma High School, Pre-College Fraternity, and recipient of their distinguished service award in 1947.

Past President of Kiwanis Club of Brockport.

Consecration Service
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters
STATE OF NEW YORK



Sunday Evening, August Twenty-eighth
Nineteen Hundred Forty-nine
8:00 P. M.

Christ Church, Rochester
The Rev. Donald H. Gratiot, Rector

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- ORGAN—Solemn Prelude..... Hugh Blair
HYMN 557..... St. Gertrude
HYMN 141..... "America"
OPENING SENTENCES and LORD'S PRAYER
THE LESSON—Exodus 3:13-15, 6:2-3; St. John 17:3-6
The Most Illustrious Harold Gardner Dobson,
Grand Master
ANTHEM—"O Strength and Stay"..... Eric Thiman
THE APOSTLES' CREED and PRAYERS
HYMN 393..... St. Catherine
THE ADDRESS—
"Our Professions as Cryptic Rite Masons;
The Great and Sacred Name of God"
R. Ill. Rev. Dr. Frank L. Gosnell
Grand Chaplain
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Jesus, Holy Spirit"..... Mozart
THE DOXOLOGY
CLOSING PRAYERS and BENEDICTION
HYMN 535..... Festal Song
Mr. Frederick Clinton Lee, Organist
Mr. Robert Crane, Associate

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*One Hundred and Twenty-sixth
Annual Assembly*

**GRAND COUNCIL OF
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS**

Masonic Temple, Rochester, N. Y.
August 29 and 30, 1949.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York convened in its One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Assembly in the Cathedral Hall of the Masonic Temple, Rochester, on Monday, August 29, 1949, Anno. Dep. 2949, at 9:30 A. M., Daylight Saving Time.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. III. HAROLD GARDNER DOBSON.....	<i>Grand Master</i>
R. III. GEORGE W. PRATT.....	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. HAROLD I. BLESSING.....	<i>Grand P. C. of the Work</i>
M. III. GEORGE S. WYMAN.....	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
M. III. E. PARKER WAGGONER.....	<i>Grand Recorder</i>
R. III. JAMES G. PURDY.....	<i>Grand Captain of the Guard</i>
R. III. HOWARD L. ADAMS.....	<i>Grand Conductor of the Council</i>
R. III. WALTER E. PRICE.....	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
R. III. GEORGE T. BURNS.....	<i>Grand Standard Bearer</i>
R. III. EDWARD L. FLEMMING.....	<i>Grand Steward</i>
M. III. GEORGE R. HEMENWAY.....	<i>Grand Trustee</i>
M. III. CHESTER D. CROWELL.....	<i>Grand Trustee</i>
M. III. CHARLES B. WELLER.....	<i>Grand Trustee</i>
R. III. WILLIAM R. SEIFFERT..... (1)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. ARTHUR F. IVANS..... (2)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. CORAL COUCHMAN..... (3)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. RAYMOND E. WARNER..... (4)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. JEROME E. CAMPBELL..... (5)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. RAYMOND L. SAVAGE..... (7)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. WALTER B. KEEFER..... (8)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. JAMES H. WATSON..... (9)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. HARRY B. LYON..... (10)	<i>District Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. III. and REV. FRANK L. GOSNELL, D. D.....	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
M. III. IRA R. FERGUSON.....	<i>Grand Lecturer</i>
R. III. ALBIN C. ANDERSON.....	<i>Fraternal Correspondent</i>
COMPANION HUGH C. BARNUM.....	<i>Grand Sentinel</i>
M. III. MARTIN Q. GOOD.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. III. GEORGE R. HEMENWAY.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. III. GEORGE O. LINKLETTER.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. III. RAYMOND E. WESTBURY.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. III. CHARLES B. WELLER.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. III. E. PARKER WAGGONER.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>
M. III. CHESTER D. CROWELL.....	<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>
M. III. IRA R. FERGUSON.....	<i>Past Grand Master</i>

Together with Representatives of the following Councils:

COLUMBIAN	No. 1	WASHINGTON	No. 52
UNION	No. 2	CORNING	No. 53
BROOKLYN	No. 4	PEEKSKILL	No. 55
ADELPHIC	No. 7	HUDSON	No. 62
ROTIKA	No. 12	PHOENIX	No. 70
CENTRAL CITY	No. 13	ALPH-OMEGA	No. 71
BLOSS	No. 14	JOHNSTOWN	No. 72
SOUTHERN TIER	No. 16	ST. GEORGE'S	No. 74
BUFFALO-KEYSTONE	No. 17	SKOI-YASE	No. 75
KING HIRAM	No. 18	HUNTINGTON	No. 76
DORIC	No. 19	CATSKILL	No. 78
ANCIENT CITY	No. 21	TEMPLE	No. 79
DeWITT CLINTON	No. 22	FLATBUSH	No. 80
BINGHAMTON	No. 24	JOSEPH WARREN	No. 81
DUNKIRK	No. 25	ZABUD	No. 84
PALMYRA	No. 26	TRIANGLE	No. 85
KING SOLOMON	No. 31	LAFAYETTE	No. 86
HORNELLSVILLE	No. 35	ONEONTA	No. 87
ADONIRAM	No. 36	NORTH SHORE	No. 88
CRYPTIC	No. 37	CYRUS	No. 89
FULTON	No. 50		

And Permanent Members as follows:

Ill. Eugene Morehouse, Union, No. 2	P. M.
R. Ill. Edward Bartell, Union, No. 2	P. M.
Ill. James H. Smedley, Union, No. 2	P. M.
R. Ill. Theodore M. Billings, Brooklyn, No. 4	P. M.
Ill. Howe Ray Turnbull, Brooklyn, No. 4	P. M.
R. Ill. Tom Maycock, Adelphic, No. 7	P. M.
R. Ill. Robert Foster Janes, Adelphic, No. 7	P. M.
R. Ill. George A. Lambert, Adelphic, No. 7	P. M.
R. Ill. Charles A. Zarman, Adelphic, No. 7	P. M.
R. Ill. R. Elmer Marriott, Rotika, No. 12	P. M.
R. Ill. Frederick C. Breithaupt, Rotika, No. 12	P. M.
R. Ill. Charles J. Wells, Central City, No. 13	P. M.
R. Ill. George W. Braithwaite, Central City, No. 13	P. M.
R. Ill. Andrew Sneddon, Central City, No. 13	P. M.
R. Ill. Charles S. Christiansen, Bloss, No. 14	P. M.
R. Ill. John W. Egleston, Bloss, No. 14	P. M.
R. Ill. George F. Baker, Southern Tier, No. 16	P. M.
R. Ill. Richard F. Russell, Southern Tier, No. 16	P. M.
R. Ill. Harold S. Knerr, Southern Tier, No. 16	P. M.
R. Ill. John G. Rieger, Buffalo-Keystone, No. 17	P. M.
Ill. Frank A. Lobe, Buffalo-Keystone, No. 17	P. M.
R. Ill. Reginald A. Fox, Buffalo-Keystone, No. 17	P. M.
R. Ill. Don S. Hathaway, King Hiram, No. 18	P. M.
Ill. Harry M. Platt, King Hiram, No. 18	P. M.
R. Ill. George J. Vetter, Doric, No. 19	P. M.
Ill. Fred L. Pennoyer, Doric, No. 19	P. M.
R. Ill. Andrew W. Nixon, Doric, No. 19	P. M.
R. Ill. Nathan C. Morrell, Doric, No. 19	P. M.
Ill. Robert J. Berentson, Doric, No. 19	P. M.
Ill. William J. Millington, Doric, No. 19	P. M.
R. Ill. W. Frank Davis, Ancient City, No. 21	P. M.
R. Ill. Frederick A. Nicholson, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	P. M.

R. Ill. John A. Cromie, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	P. M.
R. Ill. Fred W. Palmer, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	P. M.
R. Ill. Frederick A. Kullman, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	P. M.
Ill. David M. Allan, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	P. M.
Ill. Charles A. Kenworthy, Binghamton, No. 24	P. M.
R. Ill. James M. Champlain, Dunkirk, No. 25	P. M.
R. Ill. Elton F. Van Deventer, Palmyra, No. 26	P. M.
Ill. George E. Gunn, King Solomon, No. 31	P. M.
R. Ill. Andrew D. Travis, Hornellsville, No. 35	P. M.
Ill. Oren E. Dickey, Hornellsville, No. 35	P. M.
R. Ill. Abraham U. Whitson, Adoniram, No. 36	P. M.
R. Ill. William G. Wittcke, Adoniram, No. 36	P. M.
R. Ill. Charles J. Van Buskirk, Adoniram, No. 36	P. M.
R. Ill. Earle E. Lombard, Adoniram, No. 36	P. M.
R. Ill. Louis O. Durlacher, Adoniram, No. 36	P. M.
Ill. Edward S. Good, Adoniram, No. 36	P. M.
Ill. Donald Billings, Adoniram, No. 36	P. M.
R. Ill. Joseph Cameron Dunn, Adoniram, No. 36	P. G. R.
R. Ill. William E. Howard, Fulton, No. 50	P. M.
Ill. Hobart A. Coles, Fulton, No. 50	P. M.
Ill. Claude Barker, Fulton, No. 50	P. M.
Ill. Lawrence E. Dixon, Fulton, No. 50	P. M.
Ill. Leonard A. Lewis, Fulton, No. 50	P. M.
Ill. Ray C. Rhinehart, Corning, No. 53	P. M.
R. Ill. John E. Bird, Corning, No. 53	P. M.
R. Ill. Brady A. Smith, Corning, No. 53	P. M.
R. Ill. Robert L. Dod, Peekskill, No. 55	P. M.
R. Ill. Thomas Leslie MacKnight, Hudson, No. 62	P. M.
R. Ill. Harry W. Brown, Phoenix, No. 70	P. M.
Ill. Charles C. Nash, Phoenix, No. 70	P. M.
R. Ill. Daniel F. H. Allen, Alph-Omega, No. 71	P. M.
R. Ill. Floyd A. Hare, Johnstown, No. 72	P. M.
R. Ill. Jean L. Davis, Johnstown, No. 72	P. M.
Ill. Erwin J. Cottrell, Johnstown, No. 72	P. M.
R. Ill. Louis H. DeLong, St. George's, No. 74	P. M.
R. Ill. Raymond W. Houghton, St. George's, No. 74	P. M.
Ill. William H. Hoose, St. George's, No. 74	P. M.
Ill. Charles W. Lester, St. George's, No. 74	P. M.
Ill. Harry W. Griffin, St. George's, No. 74	P. M.
Ill. William H. Hunt, Temple, No. 79	P. M.
Ill. William C. Sharples, Temple, No. 79	P. M.
R. Ill. George E. French, Temple, No. 79	P. M.
R. Ill. Henry G. Story, Flatbush, No. 80	P. M.
R. Ill. Avery L. Bullen, Joseph Warren, No. 81	P. M.
Ill. J. Philip Thayer, Zabud, No. 84	P. M.
Ill. Norman W. Patterson, Zabud, No. 84	P. M.
R. Ill. Charles E. Howe, Lafayette, No. 86	P. M.
R. Ill. Stanley W. Wakefield, Lafayette, No. 86	P. M.
R. Ill. Ralph J. Ely, North Shore, No. 88	P. M.
R. Ill. C. Howard Greene, Northern Star, No. 34	P. M.

With Representatives of the following named Grand Councils:

ALABAMA	R. Ill. Ralph J. Ely
ARKANSAS	R. Ill. William E. Howard
CALIFORNIA	R. Ill. C. Howard Greene
CONNECTICUT	R. Ill. Charles J. Van Buskirk
DELAWARE	R. Ill. Tom Maycock

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....	R. Ill.	John W. Egleston
ENGLAND & WALES.....	M. Ill.	Raymond E. Westbury
FLORIDA.....	R. Ill.	R. Elmer Marriott
GEORGIA.....	R. Ill.	Robert Foster Jones
LOUISIANA.....	R. Ill.	Abraham U. Whitson
MARYLAND.....	R. Ill.	Thomas Leslie MacKnight
MASSACHUSETTS.....	R. Ill.	Stanley W. Wakefield
MICHIGAN.....	R. Ill.	Louis H. DeLoug
MISSOURI.....	R. Ill.	Charles S. Christiansen
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	R. Ill.	Harry W. Brown
NORTH CAROLINA.....	R. Ill.	Joseph C. Dunn
NORTH DAKOTA.....	R. Ill.	Edward Bartell
OHIO.....	R. Ill.	Charles J. Wells
OKLAHOMA.....	R. Ill.	Brady A. Smith
OREGON.....	R. Ill.	Frederick W. Palmer
PENNSYLVANIA.....	R. Ill.	Andrew W. Travis
RHODE ISLAND.....	R. Ill.	Raymond W. Houghton
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	R. Ill.	George A. Lambert
TENNESSEE.....	R. Ill.	John G. Rieger
VERMONT.....	R. Ill.	Frederick A. Kullman

The Grand Officers and all Visitors were then escorted into the Assembly Chamber by a platoon from Monroe and Cyrene Commanderies, Knights Templar of the City of Rochester, N. Y.

The Grand Marshal then announced that the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Harold Gardner Dobson, was about to enter. He was conducted through the lines to the East when, without ceremony, he directed the Grand Standard Bearer and the Grand Steward, under the direction of the Grand Marshal and escorted by the Platoon, to present the flags of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada, before the assemblage, which was followed by the singing of one verse of "Star Spangled Banner" and one verse of "God Save the King." The flags were then returned to their proper stations and the platoon dismissed.

Companion James C. Corbett, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for this Assembly, then introduced the Vice-Mayor of the City of Rochester, Brother Frank VanLare, who extended a cordial welcome which was responded to by the Grand Master.

During a brief organ interlude, the Altar was placed and the Assembly Room made ready for the formal opening. As soon as this was done, the Grand Marshal called the Companions to order and announced that the Grand Master was about to open the 126th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York and called for the Private Grand Honors. He then tendered the gavel to the Grand Master, who immediately opened the Annual Assembly in due form, which included the roll call of Officers and Representatives of Councils, and the following prayer by the Grand Chaplain:

"Almighty God, who as the Great Architect and Creator of the Universe dost sustain all that Thou hast made, graciously regard, we beseech Thee, these Thy servants and our Companions gathered before Thee at this time in the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Assembly of our Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. Shed down upon us Thy Heavenly Wisdom as we now consider the affairs of Cryptic Rite Masonry in our State, and grant that in our acceptance of the reports of past accomplishments, and in our plans for the future, we may be guided in that which is to the best interests of our Fraternity and the honor and glory of Thy Most Sacred Name.

"We thank Thee that Thou hast given us dedicated leadership in the Grand Officers of our Order. May Thy blessings rest upon our Grand Master and all associated with him in the conduct of this Grand Assembly. Under his and their leadership may our business be conducted with harmony and dispatch, and may we be inspired to make our professions as Masons the rule of our conduct as men.

"Grant us a larger vision, that our interests and purposes may extend beyond Cryptic Rite Masonry to the welfare of our country, to the promotion of World Brotherhood, and, among all peoples, peace on earth, good will toward men. We pray in the name of the only wise God, our Supreme Grand Master. Amen."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns respectfully reports that in addition to the Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters 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.....	August A. Perse, Master
UNION, No. 2.....	Edwin Aram, Master
	Andrew H. Swanson, Deputy Master
	John E. Cluth, Proxy for P. C. of the W.
BROOKLYN, No. 4.....	Warren R. Green, Master
	John R. Eskilson, P. C. of the W.
ADELPHIC, No. 7.....	Jesse H. Groshans, Master
ROTICA, No. 12.....	George Goldstone, Master
CENTRAL CITY, No. 13.....	Kenneth M. Stewart, Master
BLOSS, No. 14.....	William A. Mabin, Sr., Master
BRUCE, No. 15.....	Not represented
SOUTHERN TIER, No. 16.....	Harold M. Murphey, Master
	Roger S. Christian, P. C. of the W.
BUFFALO-KEYSTONE, No. 17.....	George G. Crewson, Master
	Hugh R. Stout, Deputy Master
	Chester Buck, P. C. of the W.
KING HIRAM, No. 18.....	Walter K. Wildes, Master
DORIC, No. 19.....	E. Ray Burden, Master
ANCIENT CITY, No. 21.....	Arthur J. C. Hahn, Master
DEWITT CLINTON, No. 22.....	Frederick A. Kullman, Proxy for Master
BINGHAMTON, No. 24.....	Ralph Waldo Prentice, Master
DUNKIRK, No. 25.....	T. Edgar Sharp, Master
PALMYRA, No. 26.....	George E. Milligan, Master
KING SOLOMON, No. 31.....	Einar D. Reves, Master
HORNELLSVILLE, No. 35.....	George A. Straight, Master
	William Eason, Deputy Master
ADONIRAM, No. 36.....	George D. Barclay, Master
CRYPTIC, No. 37.....	Harold C. More, Master
FULTON, No. 50.....	George A. Adams, Master
	Wright C. Sheldon, P. C. of the W.
WASHINGTON, No. 52.....	Arthur R. Hoffman, Master
CORNING, No. 53.....	Floyd A. Cortright, Master
	Harry E. Huffman, Deputy Master
PEEKSKILL, No. 55.....	Anton Leixner, Master
HUDSON, No. 62.....	William G. Erickson, Master
PHOENIX, No. 70.....	Charles C. Nash, Proxy for Master

ALPH-OMEGA, No. 71..... Lewis M. Phinney, Master
Franklin G. Axtell, Deputy Master
Charles B. Raymond, P. C. of the W.
JOHNSTOWN, No. 72..... Franklin J. Cook, Master
Albert Grimm, Deputy Master
Robert Anderson, P. C. of the W.
ST. GEORGE'S, No. 74..... George Roes, Master
Arthur C. Bunker, Deputy Master
Gerard T. Jones, P. C. of the W.
SKOI-YASE, No. 75..... Charles A. Rouse, Master
HUNTINGTON, No. 76..... Ralph F. Leyrer, Master
CATSKILL, No. 78..... Joseph H. Wilk, Master
TEMPLE, No. 79..... Henry A. Dobie, Master
Jesse U. McGee, P. C. of the W.
FLATBUSH, No. 80..... Frederick H. Staal, Proxy for Master
JOSEPH WARREN, No. 81..... Marquis R. Cleghorn, Proxy for Master
SALAMANCA, No. 82..... Not represented
ZABUD, No. 84..... Norman W. Patterson, Master
TRIANGLE, No. 85..... Joseph Erlenwein, Proxy for Master
LAFAYETTE, No. 86..... Frank G. Farnham, Master
George W. Primrose, P. C. of the W.
ONEONTA, No. 87..... Oron W. Gage, Master
NORTH SHORE, No. 88..... Walter Fenner, Jr., Master
CYRUS, No. 89..... Douglas R. Spiers, Master

Respectfully submitted,

E. PARKER WAGCONER,
ARTHUR F. IVANS,
LEWIS M. PHINNEY,
Committee.

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.

The Grand Master then requested all visitors to retire so as to be formally introduced.

Our distinguished visitors were then presented at the Altar in a somewhat formal but impressive manner as follows:

Past Grand Masters General, York Cross of Honor: M. Ill. George O. Linkletter and M. Ill. George R. Hemenway; introduced by R. Ill. Albin C. Anderson.

Grand Commander, Knights Templar, State of New York, and staff: R. Em. Edward Holloway, Grand Commander, accompanied by Em. Earl L. Eaton, Deputy Grand Commander; Em. George G. Crewson, Grand Senior Warden; Em. James C. Corbett, Grand Junior Warden; R. Em. John B. Mullan, Past Grand Commander and present Grand Recorder; Em. Stanley W. Wakefield, Grand Standard Bearer; R. Em. George O. Linkletter, Past Grand Commander; R. Em. Joseph Cameron Dunn, Past Grand Commander; R. Em. Raymond W. Cross, Past Grand Commander; R. Em. Frederick A. Nicholson, Past Grand Commander; Em. John A. Cromie, Grand Trustee; introduced by R. Em. George O. Linkletter.

Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons, State of New York: M. Ex. Charles Samson, Grand High Priest, accompanied by R. Ex. Robert Salter, Grand Treasurer; R. Ex. and Rev. George Allen Cole, Grand Lecturer; M. Ex. Robert Foster Janes, Past Grand High Priest and General Grand King, General Grand Chapter; M. Ex. George E. Francis, Past Grand High Priest; M. Ex. Charles J. Wells, Past Grand High Priest; M. Ex. Wright J. Burley, Past Grand High Priest; M. Ex. George A. Lambert, Past Grand High Priest; M. Ex. Frank A. Lobee, Past Grand High Priest; introduced by R. Ex. George R. Hemenway.

Past Deputy, A. A. S. R., State of New York, Ill. John B. Mullan, 33°; introduced by Ill. Chester D. Crowell, 33°.

Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., State of New York, R. W. Richard A. Rowlands; introduced by R. W. Raymond E. Westbury.

Past Grand Masters, Grand Council of New York: M. Ill. Martin Q Good, M. Ill. George R. Hemenway, M. Ill. George O. Linkletter, M. Ill. Raymond E. Westbury, M. Ill. Charles B. Weller, M. Ill. E. Parker Waggoner, M. Ill. Chester D. Crowell, M. Ill. George S. Wyman, M. Ill. Eugene B. Sanford, M. Ill. Ira R. Ferguson; introduced by R. Ill. George W. Pratt, Deputy Grand Master.

District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Council of New York: First District, R. Ill. William R. Seiffert; Second District, R. Ill. Arthur F. Ivans; Third District, R. Ill. Coral Couchman; Fourth District, R. Ill. Raymond E. Warner; Fifth District, R. Ill. Jerome E. Campbell; Seventh District, R. Ill. Raymond L. Savage; Eighth District, Walter B. Keefer; Ninth District, R. Ill. James H. Watson; Tenth District, R. Ill. Harry B. Lyon; introduced by M. Ill. Ira R. Ferguson.

Our distinguished guests from other Jurisdictions were:

M. P. Harry F. Brown, Past Grand Master, Grand Council of Connecticut and Grand Representative of New York near their Grand Council; introduced by R. Ill. Charles J. Van Buskirk, Grand Representative.

M. Ill. Lloyd O. Miller, Grand Master, Grand Council of District of Columbia; introduced by R. Ill. Walter E. Price, Grand Marshal.

R. Ill. George W. Brooks, Grand P. C. of the W. of Maryland; introduced by R. Ill. Thomas Leslie MacKnight, Grand Representative.

M. Ill. Howard A. Gray, Grand Master, Grand Council of Massachusetts; introduced by R. Ill. Walter E. Price, Grand Marshal.

M. Ill. William E. Doran, Grand Master, Grand Council of Michigan; introduced by R. Ill. Louis H. DeLong, Grand Representative.

M. Ill. Cornelius D. Struble, Grand Master, Grand Council of Missouri; introduced by R. Ill. Charles S. Christiansen, Grand Representative.

M. Ill. Gordon A. Conboy, Grand Master, Grand Council of New Hampshire; introduced by R. Ill. Harry W. Brown, Grand Representative.

M. Ill. Edward Clifton Smith, Past Grand Master, Grand Council of New Jersey; introduced by R. Ill. Walter E. Price, Grand Marshal.

M. Ill. Paul E. Reed, Grand Master, Grand Council of Ohio; introduced by R. Ill. Charles J. Wells, Grand Representative.

M. Ill. William Stokes, Grand Master, Grand Council of Ontario; introduced by R. Ill. Nathan C. Morrell, Grand Representative.

M. P. Ezra C. Cassell, Grand Master, Grand Council of Pennsylvania, accompanied by M. P. William E. Montgomery, Past Grand Master; M. P. Samuel E. Basehore, Past Grand Master; R. P. Raymond A. Myers, Grand Marshal; introduced by R. Ill. Andrew W. Travis, Grand Representative.

M. Ill. Edward M. Wheeler, Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder, Grand Council of Rhode Island; introduced by R. Ill. Raymond W. Houghton, Grand Representative.

M. Ill. Melvin M. Downey, Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder, Grand Council of Western Canada; introduced by R. Ill. Walter E. Price, Grand Marshal.

All of the above were received on the Grand Honors with the exception of M. Ill. William Stokes and M. Ill. Melvin M. Downey. These two distinguished Companions were greeted by the Canadian Grand Honors, given by M. Ill. Companions Paul E. Reed, Lloyd O. Miller, Ira R. Ferguson and E. Parker Waggoner, all of whom, together with our Grand Master, Harold Gardner Dobson, being Honorary Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Ontario.

The roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions was then called with the following response:

ALABAMA.....	Ralph J. Ely
ARKANSAS.....	William E. Howard
CALIFORNIA.....	C. Howard Greene
ONTARIO.....	Nathan C. Morrell
CONNECTICUT.....	Charles J. Van Buskirk
DELAWARE.....	Tom Maycock
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....	John W. Egleston
ENGLAND AND WALES.....	Raymond E. Westbury
FLORIDA.....	R. Elmer Marriott
GEORGIA.....	Robert Foster Janes
LOUISIANA.....	Abraham U. Whitson
MARYLAND.....	Thomas Leslie MacKnight
MASSACHUSETTS.....	Stanley W. Wakefield
MICHIGAN.....	Louis H. De Long
MISSOURI.....	Charles S. Christiansen
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	Harry W. Brown
NORTH CAROLINA.....	Joseph C. Dunn
NORTH DAKOTA.....	Edward Bartell
OHIO.....	Charles J. Wells
OKLAHOMA.....	Brady A. Smith
OREGON.....	Frederick W. Palmer
PENNSYLVANIA.....	Andrew W. Travis
RHODE ISLAND.....	Raymond W. Houghton
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	George A. Lambert
TENNESSEE.....	John G. Rieger
VERMONT.....	Frederick A. Kullman

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

By Ill. E. Ray Burden

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions and
Guests of this Grand Assembly:

As Master of Doric Council No. 19, which with Palmyra Council of Palmyra, and Skoi Yase Council of Waterloo are the hosts, it is my privilege to speak for them, and to bid you a hearty welcome. We hope you will find that we have upheld the reputation of Rochester Masons in making any gathering here an outstanding one.

We are proud of our city and its environs; we boast of having one of the finest Temples in the State, and we are proud in the opportunity to entertain you. May your every moment be a happy one, and may the memories of the 1949 Grand Assembly of the Grand Council always remain among your fond recollections.

The Grand Master made the following committee appointments for this Grand Assembly:

Credentials and Returns: M. Ill. E. Parker Waggoner, R. Ill. Arthur F. Ivans, Ill. Lewis M. Phinney.

Grand Master's Address: M. I. Chester D. Crowell, Rt. Ill. W. Ray Converse, Rt. Ill. George A. Lambert.

Charters and Dispensations: M. I. Eugene B. Sanford, Rt. Ill. Coral Couchman, Ill. Kenneth M. Stewart.

Grievances and Appeals: M. I. Martin Q. Good, Rt. Ill. Harold W. Jackson, Ill. George D. Barclay.

Time and Place: Ill. Floyd A. Cortright, Ill. Harold M. Murphey, Ill. George A. Straight, Ill. Ralph Waldo Prentice.

Resolutions: R. Ill. Harold I. Blessing, R. Ill. James G. Purdy, R. Ill. Walter B. Keefer.

Unfinished Business: M. Ill. Charles B. Weller, Rt. Ill. Edward L. Flemming, Rt. Ill. James H. Watson.

Thrice Ill. Master Degree: Rt. Ill. George T. Burns, M. Ill. Edward Fieh, Ill. John G. Reiger, Rt. Ill. George J. Vetter, M. Ill. Ira R. Ferguson.

R. Ill. George T. Burns moved that the reading of the record of the last Annual Assembly be dispensed with at this time, they having been printed and distributed among the members. Carried.

R. Ill. Edward L. Flemming moved that all Companion Select Masters in good standing be invited to remain as visitors during this Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, except at such times as prohibited by the Constitution. Carried.

R. Ill. James G. Purdy moved that the Election of Officers be made a Special Order of Business at 12 o'clock (noon) today, or as soon thereafter as the business then at hand can be concluded. Carried.

M. Ill. George S. Wyman, Grand Treasurer, then offered the following resolution: "I move that the Grand Treasurer be hereby authorized to draw from the General Fund of this Grand Council an amount not to ex-

ceed \$1600.00, to be used only for the payment of round-trip railroad fares and one day per diem (\$5.00) to the Representatives of Constituent Councils; to the Officers and Past Grand Masters of this Grand Council and to members of standing committees, attending this Annual Assembly, as required by the Constitution: Article 1, Section 18."

R. Ill. Alvin C. Anderson, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Accounts, offered an amendment to the above motion, increasing the amount to two single coach fares instead of a round-trip coach fare. The amendment was defeated and the original motion approved.

REGRETS

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

- M. P. John M. Littlefield, General Grand Master..... Auburn, Maine
(Expressing regrets and extending best wishes)
- R. P. Thomas Earl Doss, General Grand Principal Conductor
of the Work..... Nashville, Tenn.
(Best wishes and hopes for a successful and harmonious Assembly)
- M. Ill. M. Haswell Pierce, Grand Master..... Milford, Del.
(Best wishes)
- M. Ill. Homer W. Lothrop, Grand Master..... Oakland, Maine
(Harmonious and prosperous Assembly)
- M. Ill. Charles A. Von Bruns, Grand Master..... Burlington, Vt.
(Regrets and best wishes)
- M. Ill. Albert S. Price, Past Grand Master..... Jamestown, N. Y.
(Vacationing at Spokane, Wash. Sends best wishes)
- M. Ill. Harlan S. Perrigo, Past Grand Master..... New York
(Regrets and best wishes)
- M. Ill. Lee W. Harris, Past Grand Master and present
Grand Recorder..... Alexandria, La.
(Extends Louisiana greetings and best wishes)
- R. Ill. Fred H. Knight, Grand Recorder..... Kansas City, Missouri
(Fraternal greetings and felicitations)
- R. Ill. Harold W. Jackson, D. D. G. M..... New York
(Best wishes)
- R. Ill. Edward W. Elwell, Grand Representative,
Eastern Canada New York
(Best wishes)
- R. Ill. Elmer E. Davis, Grand Representative, Oklahoma..... New York
(Best wishes)
- R. Ill. Frederick H. Fuller, Past Grand Representative..... New York
(Best wishes)
- R. Ill. Raymond B. Leinbach, Grand Representative, No. Car..... New York
(Fraternal greetings)
- R. Ill. Laurence R. Atherton, Grand Representative of Maine..... New York
(Warm regards)

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Grand Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters
of the State of New York.

Companions:

A familiar phrase in Masonic Ritual is "Present Your Work," and it is in answer to that command that I stand, not at the south gate, but before my Companions of the Grand Council. It is at your hands that I shall hope for that reward, if in your hearts you may answer me "That is good work, true work, and square work."

It may be that a report of the presiding officer, who is just emerging from a period of close application to the body, which he is leading, may not be a true picture of things as they are. The Grand Master may be said to be drawing a picture of things as he would like to see them, rather than as they are.

Some forgotten philosopher uttered these words a long time ago: "If you would see things as they are, look at them from one mile away." In them he poured the essence of centuries of human experience—experience well worth a moment or two of contemplation by each of us.

We meet with crises; everything looks black; we have personal difficulties, economic set-backs, and our best efforts seem to avail us naught. Then to save ourselves, we go a mile away, and look at things as they are. The seemingly insurmountable difficulties disappear into tiny dots. But our vision beholds a vast expanse, with a myriad of tiny figures (our friends and Companions) bearing the same burdens, experiencing the same difficulties, with the same eternal hope and aspirations in their hearts. We get back to earth.

Your Grand Master thinks he knows better today what the Grand Council of New York is, and has, and needs, because, while he has looked at it from a mile away, he has been privileged during the past year to live with it. He has learned to know, and to love scores of its Companions. In New York, as well as in neighboring Jurisdictions, he has been received, not only in his official capacity, but as a friend and Companion. He has shared the sorrows of his Companions, and in the loss of his only son, the Grand Master received the spiritual strength and help of Almighty God, through the hearts of hundreds of his Companions. These close, friendly, down-to-earth acts will never be forgotten.

So with both a long view perspective, and the close "hand to hand, breast to breast" association, I see the Cryptic Rite on the march. True, no great numerical gains will be recorded, but I think I see a keener interest, and added impetus in many sections. Freemasonry will live and live, and continue to pour its beneficent influence on earth—the Cryptic degrees are among the gems in the Masonic structure. The lessons of the Cryptic degrees are needed in our everyday life, to support the teachings of the church.

The Cryptic Rite will grow and grow, only as we develop leadership in our Councils. That means not only the Master, but all Companions.

Take a look at your Council from a mile away, then get down to earth and go to work.

NECROLOGY

The uncertainties of human life are always with us. They are perhaps most keenly felt by us, in the removal from our midst of our relatives and friends. While we rejoice with them in that they have been called to the world beyond "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, nor thieves break through and steal," yet we miss them for the sweet companionships.

The Grand Council of New York, among its losses this year, lists two stalwarts; Companions who for their activities in Masonic circles were known, and are mourned far past our borders.

Charles H. Johnson, Past Grand Master and Most Puissant Past General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, passed away on October 28, 1948, in New York City, following a long illness.

Charles M. Colton, Past Grand Master of this Grand Council and for many years its Grand Recorder, passed away in Rochester.

The General Grand Council suffered a loss just previous to the Triennial in New York, when Robert B. Stolz, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, passed away at his home in Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1948.

In our own Grand Jurisdiction, 214 of our Companions answered the call to a higher life, and they are made richer, as we become poorer, in their loss.

There have been many losses among the workers in our quarries, Companions who have been faithful over many years, who have loved the Rite, and have been frequent in their attendance at our Grand Assemblies.

Among them are Rt. Ill. Frank I. Felter, from whom I received a fine letter, written the night before he was stricken and died; Rt. Ill. Henry J. Huemmer and Ralph W. Cleveland, all three from Union Council No. 2; Rt. Ill. Frederick W. Powers of Bloss Council; Rt. Ill. Richard H. Heppell, Recorder of Dunkirk Council for many years; Rt. Ill. Alanson D. Bartholomew of Washington Council, who was serving as Grand Representative of California; and R. Ill. Ferdinand F. Peroskey of Peekskill Council, who was the active Grand Representative of Vermont; Rt. Ill. Walter A. Waterman of Phoenix Council.

For the loss of these and all other Companions, the Grand Council extends its sympathy to the several Councils.

A complete list of these Companions, with their Council affiliations will be printed in the proceedings.

Edgar Guest has expressed a consoling thought, as we attempt to memorialize these departed Companions:

"The flowers we place about our dead
They cannot see,
Nor can they hear the praises said in memory.
But as up to the flowered bier
Friends sadly go,
That those they long have loved are near,
I'm sure they know;
Nor vain the softly spoken prayer
Nor vain each rose.
All that is done in tribute here
The loved one knows."

I will ask at this time that a memorial be read by the committee appointed for that purpose on Most Puissant Charles H. Johnson.

MEMORIAL ON CHARLES H. JOHNSON

Charles H. Johnson, Past Grand Master of this Grand Council (1929-30) and Past Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States (1939-42), passed away in New York City on October 28, 1948.

He was raised in Ancient City Lodge No. 452 in Albany in 1911, and the succeeding 37 years found him active in all branches of Masonry.

In Grand Lodge he was Grand Master in 1930, and followed that term as Grand Secretary, continuing in that office until 1947, when ill health forced him to retire.

His popularity extended beyond the confines of the Grand Jurisdiction of New York; indeed, he was one of the best known Masons in the United States, and had made many fraternal contacts in Europe and Asia.

His seemingly inexhaustible stamina and devotion to the Craft led him to participation in Royal Arch Masonry, where he served as High Priest of Capital City Chapter, and in the Commandery, where he served as Commander of Temple Commandery.

In the Scottish Rite he was elected an honorary Thirty-third in 1913, and in 1942 became an active Thirty-third.

He had served as Potentate of Cyrus Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and was a member of the Grotto.

In 1927 he was Sovereign of St. Pauls Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine.

In 1936 he was Eminent Prior of Knickerbocker Priory No. 3, York Cross of Honor, and Most Eminent Grand Master General of the Convent General.

He had served as Worshipful Master of the American Lodge of Research from the time of its constitution in 1932 until 1946.

In public life he had been active in reform work, and had served as State Commissioner of Social Welfare of New York. He became an authority on prison reforms and corrective measures, a great work for humanity, which he relinquished when his Masonic Brethren drafted him to become Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. In 1925 he represented Governor Al Smith and President Coolidge, for the State and Nation, at the International Prison Congress in London. In 1930 President Herbert Hoover named him as representative to the International Prison Conference in Budapest.

He was a member of many clubs and associations, and was author of many books and papers.

Dr. Johnson is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mae Johnson.

Funeral services, held in the Grand Lodge room in the New York Masonic Temple, were attended by many Masonic and public officials. Interment took place at Albany, N. Y.

In such affection was he held that thousands of our Companions feel a personal sense of loss at his passing.

At his funeral Grand Master Totten paid an affectionate and most moving tribute in a few beautifully chosen words, closing with these lines from Edwin Markham:

“And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down
As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs
Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,
And leaves a lonesome place against the sky.”

I will now ask that the memorial prepared on Most Ill. Charles M. Colton be read.

CHARLES MEADE COLTON

Most Illustrious Charles M. Colton was called to the Grand Lodge above by the Supreme Grand Master, from his home in Rochester, New York, suddenly on January 17, 1949.

Companion Colton was born at Walton, New York, July 8, 1866, the son of George A. and Charlotte Meade Colton. He attended the Walton Union School at Walton, N. Y. In business life he was a printer by trade, associated with the Rochester Union and Advertiser for eighteen years, later engaging in life insurance work.

Companion Colton was raised in Genesee Falls Lodge No. 507, Rochester, N. Y., September 6, 1894, and served as its Worshipful Master during the years 1900 and 1901. During the years 1902 and 1903 he served as D. D. G. M. of the old 33rd Masonic District and later was chairman of the Committee on Grand Lodge Transportation for a period of about twenty-five years.

He was exalted in Hamilton Chapter, R. A. M., No. 62, Rochester, N. Y., May 14, 1896, and served as its High Priest during the year 1900. Later he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter of New York.

He was received and greeted in Doric Council, No. 19, R. & S. M., Rochester, N. Y., January 28, 1901, and served as its Master in 1903.

He was Knighted in Monroe Commandery, No. 12, K. T., Rochester, N. Y., January 18, 1901. He received the 32nd degree in Rochester Consistory, S. P. R. S., April 30, 1902, and later served as Most Wise Master of Rose Croix Chapter, A. A. S. R., in 1913, and on September 21, 1920, he received the 33rd degree Honorary in the Supreme Council at Chicago, Illinois.

He was Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., in 1901, and elected its Secretary in 1902, serving continually in that office until his death. In 1906-1907 he served as Grand Monarch of the Supreme Council, elected Grand Treasurer of the Supreme Council in 1911 and re-elected successively each year until his death.

He became a member of Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Rochester, N. Y., May 15, 1901.

He served this Grand Council faithfully for many years, first as Grand Lecturer in 1911 and 1922; Grand Master, 1928-1929; Grand Recorder, 1939-1948.

He was a member of the Congregational Church of Rochester, N. Y.

Following the death of his first wife, Mildred De Garmo of Rochester, N. Y., he married Clara L. Feiock of Rochester on June 7, 1897. Two children were born of this second marriage: Arthur Marvin Colton, who predeceased his father, and Marion M. Bell (Colton) who survives him.

Funeral was held at Hedges Memorial Chapel, Rochester, N. Y., January 20, 1949; the burial service was in charge of Genesee Falls Lodge No. 507, F. & A. M., and the members of the 33rd Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite.

“The glories of our blood and state
Are shadows, not substantial things;
There is no armour against Fate;
Death lays his icy hand on kings;
Sceptre and Crown
Must tumble down,
And in the dust be equal made
With the poor crooked scythe and spade.”

M. I. RAYMOND E. WESTBURY,

M. I. A. EDWARD KREIGER,

M. I. IRA R. FERGUSON,

Committee.

Rt. Ill. Dr. Frank Gosnell, chairman of the Committee on Necrology, will be conducted to the Altar by the Grand Marshal, where a report of his committee will be read, followed by a prayer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

As we think of these honored Companions and of all the members of Cryptic Rite Masonry who have faded from our sight this year, we are reminded of the words of the Prophet Isaiah 40:8: “All flesh is grass and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth and the flower fadeth, surely the people is grass.” These are sad words, but the Prophet does not leave us in despair. “The grass withereth,” he tells us, “and the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever.”

The prophet is thinking of the purpose of God for His people as for our Craft, “this shall stand forever,” he declares, no matter what else may happen. Life is like a fading flower which is soon cut down, bringing with it the sufferings and losses which are bound to come, but God’s mercy prevails because the purpose of our God shall stand forever. The real life of man continues throughout eternity, both here and there. In the words of Browning:

“There shall never be one lost good,
What was shall live as before,
The evil is null, is nought, is silence implying sound;
What was good shall be good, with for evil, so much good more;
On the earth the broken arcs, in the heaven a perfect round.”

As though to emphasize the truth of the eternity of God’s purpose, the prophet adds a positive note which helps to complete that which may seem negative. “And the flower becometh the ripening grape.” Even the fading flower is a part of the purpose of God to bring forth the

ripening grape, to develop other Companions in the work of our Order. If man is like the fading flower, we must believe that God's loving purpose is fulfilled not only in the bloom but in the fading as well, no matter what may be the suffering or apparent loss involved. So faith helps us to see:

"The best that glimmers through the worst,
She feels the sun is hid but for the night,
She spies the summer through the winter bud,
She tastes the fruit before the blossom falls.
She hears the lark within the songless egg,
She finds the fountain where they wailed mirage."

As we extend our sympathy to the loved ones of our faded Companions, we would carry on in faith the purpose they so nobly fulfilled.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee on Necrology,

FRANK L. GOSNELL.

O Lord, to whose keeping we commit these Companions of our Order, these whom we now remember for the high qualities of their lives, we pray Thee to support us all the day long for our troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in Thy mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at last through Thine infinite mercy. Amen.

It is my request that this report be received and printed in the minutes.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL TRIENNIAL

A special Grand Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the Pennsylvania Hotel (now the Statler) in New York City, for the purpose of receiving the General Grand Council of the United States. This is a privilege which comes to few Grand Masters, and it was indeed one of the pleasant experiences of the year.

Previous to the Triennial, I held several meetings with Most Excellent Frank Lobe, General Chairman, and the Committee on Arrangements. Your Grand Master acted as Co-chairman.

At our last Grand Assembly there was authorized an appropriation of \$700.00 for the Triennial, based on our membership as compared to the Grand Chapter, as the arrangements for the General Grand Council and General Grand Chapter were necessarily made as one affair. However, we received a refund of \$269.07, making total expenditure for the Triennial of \$430.93. Grand Officers in the metropolitan area were utilized for the opening of Grand Council, thereby eliminating extra expense. The Grand Master's expense in connection with the Triennial was \$120.00.

Your Grand Master was appointed a teller at the General Grand Council Sessions, and Most Ill. E. Parker Waggoner was appointed General Grand Sentinel for the Assembly. Most Ill. Martin Q. Good was re-appointed Chairman of Finance Committee.

The next Triennial will be held at Little Rock, Arkansas, on Monday and Tuesday, October 1 and 2, 1951.

FORMAL OFFICIAL VISITS TO OUR OWN COUNCILS

Perhaps selfishly, I assigned myself this year eight official visitations to Councils which I had not previously visited. In every case I was graciously received and given every courtesy due the station of Grand Master.

- Oct. 1, 1948—Adoniram Council No. 36, Flushing.
(New York-Connecticut Night)
- Oct. 13, 1948—King Hiram Council No. 18, Auburn.
- Oct. 30, 1948—Fulton Council No. 50, Fulton.
- Nov. 1, 1948—Rotica No. 12, Rome, N. Y.
- April 1, 1949—Bloss No. 14, Troy.
- April 8, 1949—Huntington No. 76, Huntington.
- April 21, 1949—Dewitt Clinton No. 22, Albany, N. Y.
- May 2, 1949—Lafayette Council No. 86, Yonkers.

INFORMAL VISITS

- Sept. 27—Doric Council No. 19, Rochester.
- Oct. 1—Adoniram Council No. 36, Flushing; combining an official visitation to a reception of the Most Puissant Grand Master, William N. Hanmer, and a delegation of Connecticut Companions, who conferred the Royal and Select Degrees.
- Oct. 2—Adelphic Council No. 7, New York.
- Oct. 18—Southern Tier Council No. 16, Elmira. New York-Pennsylvania Night. Was happy to welcome to our Grand Jurisdiction Most Puissant Grand Master John Laird of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania. There were also present Most Ill. Martin Q. Good, George Hemenway, Ira Ferguson and many other guests.
- Oct. 29—Alph-Omega Council No. 71, Medina. Witnessed presentation of commission by Most Ill. Ira R. Ferguson to Rt. Ill. Claude W. Grinnell.
- Nov. 12—Skoi-Yase Council No. 75, Waterloo. Installed Rt. Ill. William B. Keefer as D. D. G. M.
- Nov. 16—Northern Star Council U. D. Delivered dispensation to Rt. Ill. Frank Gosnell and his officers and Companions for a new Council.
- Nov. 22—Doric Council No. 19, Rochester.
- Dec. 27—Doric Council No. 19, Rochester.
- Oct. 8—Guest at testimonial dinner and meeting in Rochester Masonic Temple, to commemorate the 50th Masonic birthday of Rt. Ill. John B. Mullan. I was pleased to give the greetings of the Grand Council. John Temple Rice, of Texas, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the U. S., was the speaker.
- Oct. 12—Monroe Lodge No. 173, Brockport, N. Y. Introduced in my own Lodge, the District Deputy Grand Master, Rt. W. Kenneth Mook, making his official visit.

- Oct. 19—Daniel Holmes Chapter No. 294, Brockport. Official visit in my own Chapter of Right Excellent Henry C. Thorn.
- Oct. 31—Attended the funeral of Most Puissant Charles H. Johnson, and served as an honorary bearer. Among other Grand Council Companions present were M. Ill. Martin Q. Good, George Linkletter, George S. Wyman. Rt. Ill. James Purdy, George Burns, Arthur Ivans.
- Nov. 4—Attended Hesperus Lodge, F. & A. M., Bergen, N. Y., where members of Cyrene Commandery of Rochester conferred second section of third degree.
- Nov. 5—Monroe Commandery No. 12, Rochester.
- Nov. 13—Doric Council No. 19, Rochester, tendered me a reception in the Rochester Masonic Temple. Many Companions and friends gathered to do me honor, and I appreciate all the fine things said at this time. Companion James Corbett was Master of Ceremonies. Companion George Cole was the speaker.
- Nov. 19—Monroe Commandery No. 12, Rochester, N. Y. Inspection by Eminent Sir Earl Eaton. I was received through the lines as Grand Master of the Grand Council.
- Dec. 14—Knickerbocker Priory No. 3, Knights of York Cross of Honor. Among those in attendance were Most Ill. Martin Q. Good, Charles Weller, Edward Fieh, George Linkletter, George Hemenway, Arthur Bryant, Rt. Ill. Walter Price, George Burns, Albin Anderson. Rt. Ill. Robert Janes was elected Prior.
- Jan. 4—Annual meeting of Past Commanders of Monroe Commandery at Rochester, N. Y., where I was re-elected Chaplain.
- Jan. 11—Monroe Lodge No. 173, F. & A. M., Brockport, N. Y. Installed officers.
- Jan. 22—Attended conference of Eastern States Grand Masters at Statler Hotel, New York, hearing splendid address by Past Grand Master Harold Voorhis of New Jersey.
- Feb. 9—St. George's Council No. 74, Schenectady. Received into Assembly with the escort of 16 Past Masters of St. George's. Witnessed the degrees of the DeMolay, and was given an opportunity to address them at the close.
- Feb. 11—Alph-Omega Council No. 71, Medina. Official visit of D. D. G. M. James Watson.
- Feb. 28—Doric Council No. 19, Rochester.
- March 3—Columbian Council No. 1, New York. Official visit of D. D. G. M. Arthur Ivans.
- March 28—Doric Council No. 19, Rochester.
- April 11—Hudson Council No. 62, Hudson.
- April 30—Johnston Council No. 72, Johnstown. Grand Lecturer Convention of District 4. Splendid Assembly with attendance of 191.
- June 2—Doric Council No. 19, Rochester. Super Excellent Degree.

June 10—Skoi-Yase Council No. 75, Waterloo. Presented 50-Year Medal for the Grand Master of Ohio, to Comp. Frederick Sholes, living at Geneva, N. Y.

OTHER SOCIAL AND MASONIC VISITATIONS

- Sept. 10—Meeting at Buffalo with Grand High Priest Lobee, making preliminary plans for Triennial of General Grand Council and General Grand Chapter.
- Sept. 17—Monroe Commandery No. 12, Rochester. Received between lines as Past Commander and in recognition of my election as Grand Master of the Grand Council.
- Sept. 23—Guest at Grand Lodge area meeting at Batavia, N. Y. Grand Master Frank Totten gave principal address. I was called on as Grand Master of Grand Council.
- Sept. 30—Attended dinner and testimonial meeting of Solidarity Lodge in Brooklyn, in honor of Rt. Ill. George Lambert. I was glad to extend the greeting of the Grand Council to this distinguished Companion.
- Oct. 2—Attended Cryptic Circle dinner at Masonic Club, New York, and was made an honorary member.
- Oct. 4—At invitation of Grand Master Earl Webster of the Grand Council of Maine, I attended a Maine Lobster dinner at the Statler Hotel, New York.
- Oct. 5—Guest at the 150th Anniversary Banquet of the General Grand Chapter at Hotel Statler, New York.
- Feb. 1—Conference of Grand Council Officers at Wellington Hotel, Albany. Thirty-one Companions were present to discuss the affairs of the Grand Council.
Conference in evening with James Corbett, General Chairman of Rochester Grand Assembly, with Robert Salter, George Vetter and other Rochester Companions.
- Feb. 20—Attended meetings of Allied Masonic Degrees at Hotel Raleigh, Washington, D. C., where I was obligated as a member.
- Mar. 4—Adoniram Council No. 36. Reception to Most Excellent Charles Samson, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. I served as Master of Ceremonies.
- Mar. 17—Visited Pyramid Council, Niagara Falls, Ontario, where I conferred commission on behalf of the Grand Council of Ontario. Grand Master Westcott of Ontario was also present. I was accompanied by Most Ill. Ira R. Ferguson, R. Ill. James Watson, Wallace Nixon and Companion Donald E. Howard, my Grand Chauffeur.
- Mar. 23—Attended Adytum Chapter, Buffalo, for reception to Past Grand Master Ira R. Ferguson and Past Grand High Priest Frank Lobee. R. W. Franklin R. Brown was speaker.
- Mar. 29—Knickerbocker Priory No. 3, York Cross of Honor. Also attended meeting of Metropolitan Officers Assn. of Commandery and was invited to address them.

- Mar. 30—Attended St. Quentin Conclave No. 75, Red Cross of Constantine, where I was obligated as new member.
- Apr. 27—Attended annual banquet of Monroe Lodge, Brockport. Served as toastmaster.
- June 1—Attended breakfast of Red Cross of Constantine at Hartford, Conn., in honor of Grand Master Hanmer.
- June 11—Eastern States Grand Masters Conference at Hotel Statler, New York. Most Ill.'George Wyman was chairman.
- June 13—Guests of the Grand Chapter of Vermont at their annual dinner, held at Burlington, Vermont.

VISITS TO OTHER GRAND COUNCILS

- Oct. 19—Ohio: Grand Council of Ohio at Dayton, on invitation of Most Ill.'Max Fults. Accompanied by Rt.'Ill.'Chas. J. Wells, Grand Representative.
- Dec. 7—Massachusetts: Attended Grand Council at Boston, Mass. Most Ill.'Howard A. Gray in the East.
- Dec. 15—Maryland: Grand Council at Baltimore. Dep. Grand Master A. Brown Caldwell presided due to recent death of Most Ill.'Magnus Milner Grand Master. Accompanied by Most Ill.'George S. Wyman, Rt.'Ill.'Walter Price, Edward Flemming, George Burns, Leslie MacKnight, Gr. Repr., and Amos Burden, Past Grand Repr.
- Jan. 19—Delaware: Grand Council at Wilmington, which I attended on invitation of Grand Master James Carswell.
- Mar. 31—Boston: On invitation of Grand Master Howard Gray, attended Boston Council for official visit of Deputy Grand Master James Hooper. Grand Master Gray was present, also Grand Master Hanmer of Connecticut. I was accompanied by Most Ill.'Charles Weller, George Wyman, and Rt.'Ill.'George Burns. Enroute I had the pleasure of visiting the Masonic Home at Charleston, Mass.
- Apr. 2—New Jersey: Attended Grand Council at Trenton.
- Apr. 25-26—Pennsylvania: On invitation of Most Puissant John Laird, attended Grand Council of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. Accompanied by Rt.'Ill.'James Purdy and Andrew Travis.
- May 7—Ontario: On invitation of Most Ill.'Thomas Westcott, attended Grand Council at Toronto. During assembly I was elected an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ontario. Accompanied by Most Ill.'Ira R. Ferguson, E. Parker Waggoner, Nate Morrell, Gr. Repr.
- May 16-17—Michigan: By invitation of Most Ill.'Donavan Dyer, I attended the Grand Council of Michigan at Ann Arbor.
- June 1—Connecticut: On invitation of Most Ill.'Grand Master Hanmer, I attended Grand Council at Hartford. Accompanied by Rt.'Ill.'Chas. Van Buskirk and Earl Lombard.
- June 6—New Hampshire: Attended Grand Council at Concord, accompanied by Most Ill.'E. Parker Waggoner and Rt.'Ill.'Harry Brown, Gr. Repr.

June 11—New Jersey: Attended 90th Anniversary of Kane Council at East Orange, N. J. Received by Most Illustrious Grand Master Thomas Goorley. Accompanied by Most Ill. George S. Wyman, Rt. Ill. George Burns, Chas. Van Buskirk and Earl Lombard.

June 14—Vermont: Attended Grand Council at Burlington, Vermont, on invitation of Most Ill. Grand Master Bishop.

VISITATIONS TO NEW YORK STATE GRAND BODIES

Jan. 31-Feb. 1—On invitation of Most Excellent Grand High Priest Frank A. Lobebe, attended the Grand Chapter, where I was received with 18 Grand Council Companions.

May 3—On invitation of Most Worshipful Frank M. Totten, Grand Master, I attended the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York.

May 21-23—On invitation of Right Eminent Fred A. Nicholson, Grand Commander, I was a guest at the Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery at Albany.

July 24-25—On invitation of James Brice, 33°, Deputy for New York, I attended the Council of Deliberation at Niagara Falls. Henry C. Turner, 33°, presided in the absence of James Brice, who was ill.

REGRETS

Among the many invitations for which I found it necessary to send regrets, usually on account of previous dates, are these, which I wish to mention:

Grand Council of Rhode Island, at Providence. Unable to attend, I was ably represented by Rt. Ill. Raymond W. Houghton, Grand Representative.

Nov. 13—Waterbury, Conn. Official visit of Most Ill. William Hanmer. Sent my felicitations.

Nov. 12—150th Anniversary of Hudson Chapter, R. A. M. Wrote letter extending the congratulations of the Grand Council.

Oct. 8—Phoenix Council, Mount Vernon, 70th Anniversary. Sent congratulations.

Dec. 27—New York: Masonic Observance of St. Johns Day at St. Edmunds Episcopal Church, Morris Ave. and 177th St. Designated Rt. Ill. Walter E. Price to represent Grand Council.

Apr. 9—150th Anniversary of Jerusalem Chapter, R. A. M. Dinner at Rockefeller Center Restaurant. Designated Rt. Ill. Walter E. Price to represent Grand Council.

Apr. 30—Fulton Council No. 50: In honor of their most beloved member, Rt. Ill. William E. Howard. Sent congratulations.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

July 26, 1948—Appointed Frank H. Russell of Platteville, Wis., as our Grand Representative near Grand Council of Wisconsin.

Jan 15, 1949—On recommendation of Most Ill. Thomas S. Westcott, Grand Master, I appointed Dr. George E. French, 1311 Second St., Niagara Falls, Ontario, as the Grand Repr. of our Grand Council near the Grand Council of Ontario. It was my pleasure to personally present this commission at an assembly of Pyramid Council. Grand Master Westcott was also present.

Mar. 21, 1949—Sent commission to A. R. Stough as Gr. Repr. of New York near the Grand Council of Oklahoma.

May 13, 1949—At request of Grand Master, I appointed Comp. Charles N. Clarkson of Stockton Council, No. 10, of Stockton, Calif., as our Grand Repr. near their Grand Council.

April 4, 1949—Rt. Ill. L. Wm. Semenza, Reno, Nevada, as our Grand Repr. in the Grand Council of Nevada.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ACCREDITED

Stanley W. Wakefield, Past Master of Lafayette Council, No. 86, as Gr. Repr. of Massachusetts in place of Rt. Ill. John B. Mullan, resigned.

C. Howard Greene, Past Master of Watertown Council, No. 34, as Gr. Repr. of California, in place of Rt. Ill. Alanson D. Bartholomew, deceased.

Raymond E. Westbury, Most Ill. Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, and Past Master of Doric Council No. 19, as Grand Repr. of England and Wales, in place of Most Puissant Charles H. Johnson, deceased.

John W. Egleston, Past Master of Blöss Council, No. 14, as Repr. of the District of Columbia, in place of Rt. Ill. Otto F. Maehr, resigned.

R. Elmer Marriott, Past Master of Rotica Council, No. 12, as Repr. of Florida, in place of Rt. Ill. Elmer F. Cutts, resigned.

Raymond B. Leinbach, Past Master of Columbian Council, No. 1, as Repr. of North Carolina, in place of Rt. Ill. Jos. C. Dunn, resigned.

Frank S. Partridge, Past Master of King Solomon Council, No. 31, as Repr. of Illinois, in place of Rt. Ill. Howard S. Tallman, resigned.

Laurence R. Atherton, Past Master of Peekskill Council, No. 55, as Repr. of Maine, in place of Rt. Ill. Albert M. Yaeger, resigned.

George W. C. Braithwaite, Past Master of Central City Council No. 13, as Repr. of Michigan, in place of Louis H. DeLong, resigned.

Brady A. Smith, Past Master of Corning Council, No. 53, as Repr. of Oklahoma, in place of Rt. Ill. Elmer E. Davis, resigned.

Fred A. Kullman, Past Master of Dewitt Council, No. 22, as Repr. of Vermont, in place of Frederick F. Peroskey, deceased.

In answer to a letter written to many Grand Representatives who had held their commissions three years or more, I received many fine letters, in which the resignation was given, so that the honor might be given another worthy Companion. In making new nominations I have requested that they be dated August 30th, or at the end of this Grand Assembly.

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSIONS

The Grand Master asked the Grand Recorder to announce the names and Grand Councils represented, of those who at this time were to be presented with Commissions as Grand Representatives. The Grand Recorder then read the following names:

- R. Ill. John W. Egleston, Bloss, No. 14, District of Columbia.
 - M. Ill. Raymond E. Westbury, Doric, No. 19, England and Wales.
 - R. Ill. R. Elmer Marriott, Rotica, No. 12, Florida.
 - R. Ill. Frank S. Partridge, King Solomon, No. 31, Illinois.
 - R. Ill. Laurence R. Atherton, Peekskill, No. 55, Maine.
 - R. Ill. George W. C. Braithwaite, Central City, No. 13, Michigan.
 - R. Ill. Raymond B. Leinbach, Columbian, No. 1, North Carolina.
 - R. Ill. Brady A. Smith, Corning, No. 53, Oklahoma.
- All were present except Companions Partridge, Atherton and Leinbach.

The Grand Master was assisted in the presentation by M. Ill. Companions Lloyd O. Miller of the District of Columbia and William E. Doran of Michigan, who presented the Commissions to their own appointed Representatives.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED

- Sept. 17—Bruce Council, No. 15—Authorizing Master who had not served as D. M. or P. C. W. to hold office.
- Sept. 30—Adelphic Council, No. 7—Authorized Master to continue to preside until a Council of T. I. M. could be convened.
- Sept. 30—Ancient City Council, No. 21—Authorized Master to continue to preside until a Council of T. I. M. could be convened.
- Oct. 11—Washington Council, No. 52—Authorized Master to continue to preside until a Council of T. I. M. could be convened.
- Oct. 11—Oneonta Council, No. 87—Authorized Master to continued to preside until a Council of T. I. M. could be convened.
- Oct. 1—Adoniram Council, No. 36—Authorizing the reception of Harmony Council, No. 1, Connecticut, and to confer Royal & Select Degrees.
- Oct. 9—Columbian Council, No. 1—Authorizing candidates to have Super Excellent Degree conferred by Kane Council No. 2, of East Orange, N. J.
- Oct. 23—Cyrus Council, No. 89—Authorized to visit Columbus Council, No. 1, St. Albans, Vt., to confer the Royal Master Degree.
- Oct. 29—Alph-Omega Council, No. 71—Special Assembly.
- Oct. 30—Fulton Council, No. 50—Special Assembly.
- Nov. 30—Buffalo-Keystone Council, No. 17—Special Assembly.
- Feb. 17—Fulton Council, No. 50—Special Assembly.

- Mar. 18—St. George's Council, No. 74—Special Assembly at Altamont.
- Apr. 7—Corning Council, No. 53—Special Assembly at Wellsville.
- Apr. 12—Doric Council, No. 19—Special Assembly at Palmyra.
- Apr. 30—St. George's Council, No. 74—Special Assembly at Johnstown.
- May 20—Binghamton Council, No. 24—Special Assembly to elect officers and receive official visitor.
- May 20—Joseph Warren Council, No. 81—Special Assembly.
- May 21—Dispensations granted to all seven Councils in first district Official Candidates at District Convention.
- May 24—Buffalo-Keystone Council, No. 17—Special Assembly.
- June 2—Doric Council, No. 19—Special Assembly—Installing officers.
- June 2—Bruce Council, No. 15—Special Assembly.
- June 3—Cryptic Council, No. 37—Special Assembly.

INTER-GRAND JURISDICTION COURTESIES

- In November, 1945, New Jersey requested that we confer the Cryptic degrees on Companion Harold W. Heady, who had been elected to receive the degrees, but moved to Syracuse before he could receive them. We now find that Central City Council No. 13 of Syracuse did confer the degrees as follows: Royal Master, Dec. 12, 1945, and Select Master, Jan. 9, 1946. Apparently, New Jersey was never notified. This has now been done.
- In June, 1948, New Jersey requested a waiver of jurisdiction on Comp. William Morrison, 119 Sherman Ave., Brooklyn. This was delayed during summer vacation, but waiver was granted on Dec. 2, 1948.
- A request was received from Comp. F. Edgar Burnett, a member of Columbian Council, No. 1, who is now a resident of Australia, asking that some Council down there be authorized to confer the Super Excellent Master. After considerable correspondence we learned that the Councils in Australia come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of England and Wales. Through the two Grand Recorders we have made the necessary arrangements, and the action has been authorized.
- On Oct. 13, St. George's Council, No. 74, of Schenectady received a petition from Companion John Crawford, and he was elected to receive the degrees. Because he was assigned to work in Red Bank, New Jersey, and was therefore unable to take his degrees in Schenectady, I was asked to arrange to solicit permission of the Grand Master of New Jersey to have the degrees conferred for us at Red Bank. I understand all the degrees, including the Super Excellent, have been conferred. Due to a technicality his membership in St. George's and our Grand Council is not yet complete.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS AND THE GRAND LECTURER

It was the Grand Master's loss not to be able to attend more of the District Conventions.

These are the high light meetings in the districts, bringing together, as they do, the real workers in our Cryptic Rite.

The Grand Lecturer's Report indicates that a total attendance at all conventions was 711, a fine record, but one which should be bettered next year.

From all parts of the state I have received favorable comments on the work of the Grand Lecturer. He never makes any officer uncomfortable, because of errors in his work. It is for the correction of these errors and the standardization of the ritual that the Grand Lecturer has his conventions. If all were perfect, there would be no need for them.

These conventions give an opportunity for the various officers in the district to become acquainted, and to arrange inter-visitations, which are always interesting and helpful to the whole rite.

I recommend more inter-visitations between Councils.

Incidentally, all but two Councils in the state were represented at the Conventions.

ARREST OF OLEAN CHARTER

On February 12, 1949, after a long period of inactivity, and with no apparent possibility of a renewal of interest, I wrote to Most Ill. Ira R. Ferguson as follows:

"You are hereby authorized, if in your judgment it is deemed advisable and in the best interests of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York, to arrest the charter of Olean Council, No. 33.

"If the charter is arrested, I hereby declare all books, papers, and other property of the said Council to be forfeited to the Grand Council, as provided by the Constitution, and I authorize you to secure such property, acting in my stead.

Signed "HAROLD GARDNER DOBSON,
"Grand Master."

On April 2, Most Ill. Ira R. Ferguson arrested the charter, in accordance with my instructions and the property, with a complete list thereof, was deposited, by my order, with the Grand Recorder.

A bank account of \$61.33 was turned over to the Masonic Temple Association of Olean on July 16, 1948, in full payment of all rental to date, due the association. A receipt was issued, and is in our files.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR MEDAL

On June 10th, at the request of Most Illustrious Paul E. Reed, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio, I attended an assembly of Skoi-Yase Council at Waterloo, where in the secret vault of that Council I presented to Comp. Frederick T. Sholes of Geneva, N. Y., a medal, signifying his membership for more than fifty years in Cleveland Council, No. 36, of Cleveland, Ohio.

The medal was beautiful, the idea a splendid one, and might well be considered for our own Grand Council.

I received a fine letter of appreciation from Grand Master Reed for my participation in this event.

YORK RITE PARTICIPATION

The Committee on York Rite will make its report. They have on hand for the use of the Councils folders on the Cryptic Rite. I hope that those sent to the D. D. G. Masters, if not distributed, will be transmitted to their successors. This kind of printing is expensive, and it is effective if properly used. It is most ineffective if tucked away in a desk drawer.

This committee issued, with my hearty approval, a letter to all Illustrious Masters. It suggests the usage of the waiting period, when candidates are waiting to be greeted and received—with a prepared discussion on the whole system of York Rite Masonry, and the place of the Cryptic Rite in that system. I hope the text will be included in the report of that committee.

I recommend it to be used whenever possible.

There is still much to be done in cooperating with the Chapter and Commandery.

Some States are adopting a form of petition which includes Chapter, Council, and Commandery. I recommend its study by the new committee.

DECISIONS

In connection with the issuance of dispensation at Carthage for Northern Star Council U. D., several problems arose, viz:

The evening on which the Companions received their dispensation at my hands, they also received and greeted candidates. However, since there were no by-laws adopted, I ruled that they should be considered members until such time as by-laws could be prepared, when they should finally consummate their membership by signing at that time.

At my request, the Committee on Laws and Jurisprudence has prepared a simple set of by-laws, sufficient for a Council under dispensation. If approved by this Grand Council, I recommend that these by-laws be presented to a proposed Council, with the dispensation, and with the addition of time and place they will suffice, until the regular by-laws of the Council are approved when the charter is granted.

These by-laws will be presented by that committee.

Two former members of St. Lawrence Council, now non-existent, who lost their demits (if ever issued) desired to become charter members of a new Northern Star Council.

The records of Grand Council unfortunately do not show the issuance of demits to the membership at that time. In view of that fact, I hold that they may become petitioning members of the new Council, and that the Recorder of the Council U. D. should notify the Grand Recorder, so that proper record might be made of their membership in Grand Council.

Apr. 5—Comp. Emil T. Munson, Ill., Master of Central City Council, sent a printed copy of "York Rite Light," and asked this question: "Will it be legal to print the summons for the Annual Assembly in this printed paper, instead of sending out special letters? Is the seal obligatory, etc?"

My decision was that a proper summons be issued, properly signed and under the seal of the Council, and deposited with the Recorder of the Council. Then the summons may be written, printed, mimeographed, etc., but should include the following statement: "This is a true copy of a summons, properly signed, and under the seal of the Council, on file with the Recorder."

In the case of Union Council, in June, after the return forms had been sent out, further discrepancies were discovered, showing 16 on the Grand Council list, not on their list. Their membership on the return was 138, which is the basis for per capita returns. However, the per capita was sent, excluding the 16 members, leaving payment \$9.60 short.

My opinion was asked, and I ruled that payment should be made on the basis of the last return, and the adjustment made during the next year.

King Hiram Council, No. 18, referred to the Committee on Laws and Jurisprudence a set of proposed by-laws, including a provision that no Companion in arrears for dues may hold any office in the Council.

No provision appearing in our own Constitution on the matter, the committee referred to the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and then made inquiry of the Proctor of Grand Lodge on the matter.

The decision of the committee is that a Council by appropriate by-law may deny the right to hold office in that Council to any member who is in arrears for dues, although otherwise qualified.

This opinion was reviewed by the Grand Master, who gave his approval to the decision of the committee.

FERTILE FIELDS FOR NEW COUNCILS

Word has come to me in various ways of the possibility of new Councils in several sections of the State.

Illustrious George Butts, Master of Bruce Council, has indicated that there is real interest in forming a Council at Batavia, N. Y. Progress has already been made to that end, and all correspondence relating to it will be turned over to my successor.

The possibility of a new Council at Wellsville has been discussed, and that one, too, should be followed up.

An unsolicited letter was received from a Companion at Owego, N. Y., asking information about forming a new Council, and indicating that the territory in that section is anxious and willing to make a study to that end.

Another section about which there has been some favorable talk for a new Council is a point on the west side of the Hudson, somewhere west of the territory now served by Kingston.

This information is given to enable the new Grand Master, in his good judgment, to assign members of his staff to those very definite possibilities.

I believe the Grand Council should not wait for requests from the Companions, but should make a State-wide study of areas not now satisfactorily served for the Cryptic Rite. There are active Chapters many miles from the nearest Council and for which no satisfactory transportation facilities are available.

PAST MASTERS CERTIFICATES

At the suggestion of several Companions, and on the recommendation of Most Ill. Ira Ferguson in his address last year, we prepared suitable certificates for Past Masters of Councils.

They were priced at \$1.00 each, and they have been accepted by the Illustrious Companions exceeding our fondest hopes. Some have been secured by the Council, to be presented to Past Masters at a special Past Masters Night.

One hundred forty-four have been provided thus far, and the Grand Recorder will be glad to have orders taken during the Grand Assembly. A framed sample is on display at the Grand Recorder's desk.

GRAND RECORDERSHIP

I would fail in my duty in bringing Grand Council matters to your attention if I neglected the trials and tribulations incident to the office of Grand Recorder this past year.

Shortly after the last Grand Assembly, Most Ill. E. Parker Waggoner and your Grand Master met in Rochester at the home of Most Ill. Charles M. Colton. Companion Waggoner loaded in his car the current records and books, to take to his office in Albany.

We engaged a truck to move the safe, files, books and old records. This was an expensive operation, but the sad part was that many records, including all reports of the last Grand Assembly, had been lost.

This required writing each committee chairman and all officers making reports, for copies before the material for proceedings was finally in shape.

Subsequently, with the approval of the Grand Trustees, the cumbersome steel vault, which was not fireproof, was sold, and new modern fixtures purchased. On this transaction we made \$7.12. Arrangements were then made with the Trustees of the Albany Masonic Temple to store in their vault the old records, not often used, but available when needed. There is no expense involved in this storage, and we are deeply grateful to the Albany Temple Trustees.

The Grand Recorder then started a systematic check with the Recorders of the constituent Councils, with the result that many errors in the membership record have been rectified. At the same time this has taken many members from the rolls, incorrectly reported for several years.

Nineteen Councils assumed a loss in membership through this checking. Some of these records show the member died or demitted as far back as 1935, fourteen years ago.

In an effort to make more uniform the reports of the Recorders, and to discuss the many problems incident to their offices, the Grand Recorder has invited to this Grand Assembly (at their own expense) all the Recorders in the State. Many have accepted, and we welcome them to this Grand

Assembly, and trust their conference this afternoon will be instructive and interesting.

I have leaned heavily on the Grand Recorder, and he has always been ready to cooperate. He has my thanks for a job well done, under trying circumstances.

I recommend for the use of the Grand Recorder's office an addressograph and a mimeograph. These are well nigh indispensable for such an office, and they will increase the efficiency.

MEMBERSHIP AND COUNCIL RECORDS

In my plans for the year I set the goal at 750 new members, which would give us a net gain of about 500.

It is possible we set our goal too high. Perhaps we were too optimistic, but as stated previously, the losses in 19 Councils due to checking of previous records, gives us an alibi for part of our expected gain.

However, we greeted a total of 389, affiliated 6, restored 50, and gained 15 members in the new Council, a total of 460.

We lost by death 214, demitted 71, suspended 49, suspended in Chapter 22, loss of Olean Council Companions 12, a total of 368.

Our net gain in membership is 92, making the present membership 6,608.

Central City leads in gain with 48, Northern Star next with 38, St. George's 34, Corning 23, and Huntington 13.

Buffalo-Keystone Council, top Council in gains last year, is first in losses this year with 37, then follows Bloss with 28, Union with 23 and Columbian with 13.

There is one big word which explains the responsibility for success or failure of any Council, and that word is LEADERSHIP.

I recommend that Council elections become less perfunctory, and that serious attention be given to the ability, character, and leadership of any chosen for officers, and that equal care be exercised by the Master, when elected, in the selection of his appointees.

FINANCES

This is a department in which I do not shine.

However, I have a bit of common sense, and if I translate some of our financial problems to common sense, perhaps we can all understand.

At the beginning of the year we had three new officers chiefly concerned with finances; the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Recorder.

We adopted a system, which we believed fool-proof, and we think it has proven satisfactory.

All invoices, bills and vouchers are presented to the Grand Recorder, who checks them and sends them with a warrant on to the Grand Treasurer, to the Grand Master. The Grand Master again checks the bills or

vouchers, which he returns to the Grand Recorder for his files, and sends the warrant to the Grand Treasurer for the issuance of a check. The Grand Master signs the check, and returns to the Grand Recorder, to be issued in the payment of the bill. Warrants and checks have been accompanied by letters of transmittal, copies of which have been sent to the other two officers.

At the time of writing this report I do not have the final figures, but I suspect we have again spent more than we took in. Common sense tells us that cannot continue too long.

We have to vote during this Grand Assembly on an increase in per capita dues, an increase which is less than the price of a package of cigarettes per member. It would increase our revenue \$991.20, based on our present membership, and with continued economy would take care of our finances.

Some say we can't stand a per capita raise. We must start to economize, they say. All right, here is the picture of attempted economy this year.

The Grand Recorder receives \$750.00, including salary and expenses, instead of \$1,300.00. We are eliminating the expense of a stenographer, which last year cost \$55.00. Regarding postage and printing, the Grand Treasurer had this to say in a letter to me: "The figures show that you and Parker have shown much care on these expenditures which were criticized last year by the Finance Committee. You both have reason to be proud of the record. You should both be congratulated by Grand Council." This is not a self emulation society. Those of you who know George Wyman know he would not write that if he did not mean it. The Grand Master's expenses, over \$1,500, are put in at \$500.00, and for several months he has paid all postage, phone and telegraph bills out of his own pocket.

We have had unusual expenses this year, as follows:

Triennial expenses	\$ 430.93
Printing 300 Rituals	153.00
Five D. D. G. M. Jewels	24.78
Moving Gr. Recorder records and equipment.....	205.46
making a total of about	\$ 800.00

My recommendation would be to increase the per capita by 15c. If you think you can't raise the amount in your Council, see Rt. Ill. Ed Flemming. He will tell you how.

With a continuation of the financial set-up just described there should be a budget prepared. I would suggest that the new Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and members of the Finance Committee prepare a budget to be submitted to the Grand Assembly for adoption each year.

In accordance with good business practice, the services of a certified public accountant should be acquired, for a complete report annually to the Finance Committee. (Some Masonic organizations have accountants among their members, who are willing to donate their services.)

I recommend that our surety bonds on Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer be issued in one policy, and for a term of three years, each in the sum of \$5,000.00. I understand the cost for the three years would be \$93.75. On our present basis we are paying \$225.00 for three years, thereby saving \$131.25. This three-year policy covers offices themselves, and would take care of any change in individual officers.

ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

After making a study of the visitations for the past few years, I assigned the official family, so far as possible, to Councils which they had not previously visited.

The purpose of official visitations is, in many cases, misunderstood. The Grand Line visitor should make as many contacts as possible with the constituent Councils of the State, so that he can get an over-all picture of the Councils and their problems in all sections of the State. It is not his purpose to pry into the affairs of the Council, nor is it his desire to take time which might be used to better advantage. The Grand Line officers and the District Deputies pay their own expense for travel and hotel accommodations, and there should be a good effect from their visit, or it is not worth-while.

Frankly, I have a certain amount of sympathy for the constituent Council in the matter of visitations. Many Councils have nine assemblies scheduled for the year, one of which is utilized for elections and annual reports, leaving eight for regular work. If they have an officer appointed to the Grand Line, or a District Deputy or Grand Representative, one assembly must be utilized for presentation of apron, or reception to their own distinguished Companion, then the Grand Line officer sets a date for his visit; then the District Deputy announces that he will arrive for the next assembly and perform his official duties, and later the Grand Lecturer may designate that Council for a District Convention.

Several years ago, an Illustrious Master, a fine friend, who received me very graciously, made these remarks, but he didn't know I was within hearing distance: "In December we had reception for the Grand Master (a member of their Council) last month we had the District Deputy, and tonight we have Dobson. Frankly, we have something to do besides entertain the 'gold braid'."

During this present year, at several of my visitations, apologies were made by the Master for a comparatively small attendance, due to the fact that the previous assembly we made a special effort to have a big meeting, for Ed or George or Bill, our District Deputy, and of course everyone knows him, and he is a fine fellow, etc. I found it to be true, the District Deputy had had a splendid attendance, but the following month they would not come out again.

I don't know the answer. The suggestion has been made that the Grand Line officers should visit at the beginning of the Cryptic year, and the Deputy the latter part of the year. It might be that these visits might be made simultaneously—each could deliver a message, and it could be the big night of the year.

I believe this is a real problem, to be ironed out in the best way possible. No Grand Officer wants to inflict himself on any Council, where he is unwanted. I therefore dump this problem in the lap of my successor, with an earnest plea to give it due consideration.

The official list of my assignments for official visits is contained in the last proceedings, and need not be repeated here.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

These officers can be, and are of invaluable assistance to the Grand Master and to the Grand Lecturer. My hearty thanks to those splendid Companions who have assisted me this year in so many ways. I have been able to feel the pulse of the various districts, through the closer contacts of the Deputies. I have received many valuable suggestions, several of which have been embodied in this report. I am certain, however, that a staggering of the visitations, or a consolidation with the visits of the Grand Line officers might react to the improvement of the relationship existing between the constituent Councils and the Grand Council.

I suggest that the reports of the District Deputies be sent to the Grand Master immediately after their visit, rather than holding them for the end of the Cryptic year.

BULLETIN

Again this year, the various bulletins prepared and sent out by Rt. Ill. Howard L. Adams, have been invaluable.

It is my recommendation, however, that this be made one of the duties of the Grand Recorder. All dates, when made, should be sent him, and at frequent intervals bulletins sent to the Masters and Recorders of Councils, all D. D. G. M.'s, Grand Representatives, Past Grand Masters and Grand Line officers. Such bulletin might contain, besides the dates, special news of Grand Council or Council activities, and a special message of the Grand Master. With slight added expense of postage and printing (or mimeographing) the splendid work begun by Rt. Ill. Howard L. Adams might be enlarged on and become a valuable asset.

My thanks, and those of the Grand Council, to Rt. Ill. Howard L. Adams for a job well done.

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER

Since this has been adopted as a requirement for all Illustrious Masters, before presiding and conferring degrees in their Council, a special effort should be made to have it conferred in the dignified and satisfactory manner intended. It is one of the reasons that we have adopted, this year, the two-day session, in order that proper preparation, and suitable rendition might be made.

I heartily concur in the recommendation made last year by Most Ill. Ira R. Ferguson that the Committee on Thrice Illustrious Master be made a permanent committee (as far as possible) and that due preparation be made in sufficient time, previous to the Grand Assembly, so that the degree may be conferred in a manner which will be a matter of pride.

I further recommend that such paraphernalia for the use of the degree team members, which is owned by the Grand Council, be turned over to the Grand Recorder, to be kept by him for use at each Grand Assembly.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

I concur in the view expressed by Grand Master Ferguson and preceding Grand Masters, that it should be the policy of this Grand Council that Grand Representatives be appointed for a period of three years.

In accordance with that view, as indicated in another section of this address, I wrote to many Grand Representatives, and received their resignations. I appreciate this action, because in many cases, through the pleasant associations that had been formed, they were reluctant to give up their commission.

Many Grand Representatives still do not understand that the issuance of a commission as Grand Representative is not an empty honor, but carries with it an obligation for service which can become very pleasant and fruitful.

I wrote to each of our Grand Representatives at the beginning of the year, even suggesting the type of letter they should send to their Grand Jurisdiction, and asking them to send me a copy and any information they might receive. I received answers from 23, just under 50%. No comment is necessary.

I hope the Grand Representatives who have received or will receive commissions at this Grand Assembly will take due notice and make a real effort to contact their Grand Jurisdictions, report on this Grand Assembly, and invite them to let us know of their activities.

My hearty thanks to those who have taken their job seriously.

APPRECIATION

It is difficult to single out Companions to whom I owe special thanks, for all of you have been so understanding, and helpful, and appreciative of my efforts to cooperate.

However, there are certain people who deserve special recognition, and I shall name them.

To Mrs. Dobson, who in two weeks will have been my companion for forty years, my appreciation for her kind consideration during a busy year. She has accompanied me on many of my visits, wherever possible, and has always been understanding when I have found it necessary to be away from home on Grand Council business.

The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer have been most kind and very helpful; the Grand Lecturer has been a source of inspiration, and I have called on him many times to assist me in the solution of perplexing problems; my Grand Marshal Rt. Ill. Walter E. Price, not only efficient in his official duties, has taken my place on several visits in the Metropolitan district, when I could not be present, but the best looking Grand Marshal a Grand Master ever had. Jim Purdy, of the Law and Jurisprudence Committee, has always been ready to assist in matters of his department.

It has been a joy to work with the Past Grand Masters and my associate Grand Officers, all of whom have my profound thanks.

I must give special thanks to Comp. James Corbett, who has steered this Grand Assembly as General Chairman, and I think you will agree he has done a wonderful job. To Ill. Companion Robert Berentsen, who has contributed so much by officiating at the organ; to my Fraters in Monroe and Cyrene Commandery, who assisted us in the opening; to Ray Cross, Bill Milligan, Ray Burden, Harry Sprankle, Earle Maynard and so many others.

To my good personal friend, Bill Manitsas, Instructor at the State Teachers College in Brockport, who made our signs, and to Don Howard, my Grand Chauffeur, thanks.

CONCLUSION

And so we come to the end of my official year as your Grand Master. Tomorrow I shall pass on to my successor the duties and responsibilities of the office, with the sincere hope that he may experience the same happiness that has been mine. I may have erred; in many things I may have failed, but it has been my constant aim to do the thing that seemed right. For giving me the opportunity to serve you, my Companions, I am very grateful. The memories of this year will be with me until I die.

May I close with this prayer, in the words of Max Ehrman:

“Forbid that I should judge others,
Lest I condemn myself; ·
Let me not follow the clamour of the world,
But walk calmly in my path.
Give me a few friends who will love me for what I am;
And keep ever burning before my vagrant steps
The kindly light of hope.
And though age and infirmity overtake me,
And I come not within sight of the castle of my dreams,
Teach me still to be thankful for life,
And for time’s olden memories that are good and sweet;
And may the evening’s twilight find me gentle still.”

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Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD GARDNER DOBSON,
Grand Master.

At the conclusion of the address, R. Ill. Walter E. Price moved that the Grand Master’s address be referred to the Committee on Grand Master’s Address for proper report and recommendations as to action on certain portions thereof and for reference and subdivision to committees for action. The Deputy Grand Master put the motion, which was carried, as there was no objection.

Grand Treasurer M. Ill. George S. Wyman then read his report, which on motion was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts for action. No objection appearing, so ordered.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER

Rochester, N. Y., August 29, 1949.

To the Grand Council:

1949 Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer.

RECEIPTS

Oct. 11, 1948 General Fund of this Grand Council.....\$ 2,532.74
Transferred from Port Washington National Bank to the
Mt. Vernon Trust Co. This is the balance on hand as per
last annual report of M. I. G. O. Linkletter, former Grand
Treasurer, as of August 30, 1948.

Oct. 25, 1948	Received from Grand Trustees, order on East River Savings Bank, book No. 319938, drawn in accordance with resolution passed at 1948 Annual Assembly.....	1,000.00
Oct. 1948	Received from Grand Recorder.....	83.00
Nov. 1948	Received from Grand Recorder.....	513.95
Dec. 1948	Received from Grand Recorder.....	
Jan. 1949	Received from Grand Recorder.....	32.00
Feb. 1949	Received from Grand Recorder.....	101.75
Mar. 1949	Received from Grand Recorder.....	
Apr. 1949	Received from Grand Recorder.....	2.25
May 1949	Received from Grand Recorder.....	115.00
June 1949	Received from Grand Recorder.....	2,086.95
July 1949	Received from Grand Recorder.....	2,010.10
Aug. 1949	Received from Grand Recorder.....	488.60

Total receipts from Grand Recorder\$ 5,433.60

TOTAL RECEIPTS\$ 8,966.34

DISBURSEMENTS

October 11, 1948, to August 29, 1949

Checks No. 1 to No. 78, inclusive	\$ 6,294.42
Aug. 29, 1949, Balance in Mt. Vernon Trust Co.....	2,671.92
	<u>\$ 8,966.34</u>

GRAND TREASURER'S LIST OF DISBURSEMENT CHECKS

1948 Check No.

Oct. 15	1	Drexler Print Shop, 500 registration cards.....	\$ 7.60
Oct. 15	2	Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., N. Y., Apron and Case (Dobson)	59.75
Oct. 15	3	Becker Jewelers, Inc., alteration G. M. Jewel (Ferguson)	20.00
Oct. 15	4	Pete Sunseri, trucking, Rochester to Albany, Grand Council equipment	132.00
Oct. 15	5	E. P. Waggoner, Grand Recorder, moving expense at Albany	47.53
Oct. 15	6	Richard G. Stock, stenographic services and travel expense at 1948 Annual Assembly.....	55.00
Oct. 15	7	Hotel Lafayette, Buffalo, N. Y., invoice dated 9-1-48, rooms for eight guests	86.09
Oct. 15	8	J. H. Watson, Chairman, dinner tickets for guests at 1948 Annual Assembly.....	57.00
Oct. 15	9	Ira R. Ferguson, refunding hotel room expenses to three guests	24.50
Oct. 15	10	Buffalo-Keystone Council, No. 17, contribution to host Council	350.00
Oct. 15	11	E. P. Waggoner, Grand Recorder, postage for Special Assembly, Oct. 4, 1948.....	3.57
Oct. 15	12	E. P. Waggoner, salary for Sept. 1948.....	\$62.50
		Less S. S. Tax .....	.63
			61.87

Oct.	13	CANCELLED, by order of Grand Master.....		
Oct.	23 14	O. Frank Hart, General Grand Recorder; 1948 dues, 6,503 members, at 2c.....	130.06	
Oct.	23 15	Cromwell Printery, Inc., 4,500 3c stamped envelopes, warrant book and 5,000 letterheads.....	278.15	
Oct.	23 16	G. S. Wyman, one yr. rent, safe deposit box \$6.00 one rubber endorsement stamp.....	3.00	9.00
Oct.	23 17	E. P. Waggoner, travel expense; conference with the Grand Master by his order	20.40	
Oct.	23 18	Brockport Pennysaver, mimeographing notices.....	12.50	
Oct.	23 19	Harry J. McKay, premium on surety bond, Grand Recorder	37.50	
Oct.	29 20	Carl G. Wilhelms, Treas., a/c expenses Triennial Assembly, Oct. 4 and 5, 1948, N. Y. City.....	700.00	
Oct.	21	CANCELLED, by order of Grand Master.....		
Nov.	3 22	E. P. Waggoner, salary, Oct. 1948.....	\$62.50	
		Less S. S. Tax .....	.63	61.87
Nov.	3 23	Kaelber Ins. Agcy., premium on surety bond, Grand Treasurer	37.50	
Nov.	3 24	H. G. Dobson, stationery and supplies.....	\$14.00	
		Postage \$4.85, telegrams \$4.21.....	9.06	23.06
Nov.	12 25	Buell Duplicating Service, mimeographing 200 notices, 10-4-48, N. Y. City.....	2.70	
Nov.	12 26	H. E. Rogers & Sons, flowers to funeral of M. P. Chas. H. Johnson	11.47	
Nov.	12 27	E. P. Waggoner, salary, Nov., 1948.....	\$62.50	
		Less S. S. Tax .....	.63	61.87
Dec.	1 28	Cromwell Printery, Inc., 1,000 carbon tissues, 200 Memorials to C. H. Johnson	11.00	
Dec.	1 29	H. G. Dobson, travel and hotel expense at Triennial, N. Y. City 9-29 to 10-6-48.....	120.68	
Dec.	1 30	E. P. Waggoner, telegrams \$1.25, phone 58c, postage \$5.13	6.96	
Dec.	13 31	Buell Duplicating Service, 200 copies Reception distinguished guests	2.00	
Dec.	13 32	Cromwell Printery, Inc., imprinting letterheads and envelopes, 50 Gosnell, 100 Hartmann.....	6.00	
Dec.	13 33	E. P. Waggoner, salary, Dec., 1948.....	\$62.50	
		Less S. S. Tax .....	.63	61.87
1949				
Jan.	12 34	Addressograph Multigraph Corp., 114 plates.....	6.35	
Jan.	12 35	Brockport Pennysaver, mimeographing \$8.25 Check lost (payment stopped)		
Jan.	12 36	Cromwell Printery, Inc., 500 attendance records....	7.20	
Jan.	12 37	G. S. Wyman (refunding amt. paid by him) Internal Rev. tax, salaries 3rd quarter 1948.....	3.65	
Jan.	12 38	G. S. Wyman (refunding amt. paid by him) 300 pads	\$ 4.00	
		4 rubber stamps	11.00	15.00
Jan.	12 39	Collector Internal Revenue, S. S. Tax salary of Grand Recorder, 4th quarter 1948.....	3.76	

Jan. 12 40	E. P. Waggoner, salary Jan., 1949.....	\$62.50	
	Less S. S. Tax .....	.63	61.87
Feb. 14 41	E. P. Waggoner, express on Proceedings, \$13.52, postage \$4.48.....		18.00
Feb. 14 42	Cromwell Printery, Inc., letterheads and envelopes (J. H. Watson and J. G. Purdy).....		3.00
Feb. 14 43	Metal Arts Co., Inc., 5 Dist. Deputy Jewels and cases		24.78
Feb. 14 44	Masonic Home & School of Texas, printing 650 1948 Proceedings, cuts and etchings, envelopes and postage		368.08
Feb. 14 45	H. E. Rogers & Sons, flowers for funeral of M. I. Chas. M. Colton		10.00
Feb. 14 46	E. P. Waggoner, salary, Feb. 1949.....	\$62.50	
	Less S. S. Tax .....	.63	61.87
Feb. 14 47	Ira R. Ferguson, expenses, Grand Lecturers Conventions		33.19
Feb. 16 48	H. G. Dobson, telegrams and phone re: Funeral, Chas. M. Colton		9.44
Mar. 1 49	Albany Show-case Corp., steel filing cabinet for Grand Recorder's Office		92.88
Mar. 8 50	E. P. Waggoner Frt. & Ctg., new cabinet \$9.60, postage \$3.97, and moving old cabinet to Ma- sonic Temple \$12.36		25.93
Mar. 8 51	Cromwell Printery, Printing C. M. Colton memorial cards		7.50
Mar. 8 52	E. Parker Waggoner, salary, March 1949.....	\$62.50	
	Less S. S. Tax .....	.63	61.87
Mar. 14 53	Bill's Print Shop, printing 5,000 folders for Committee on Masonic Education		47.00
Apr. 11 54	W. S. Addison, Executor, repurchase P. G. M. Jewel, Estate of Chas. M. Colton.....		25.00
Apr. 11 55	Ira R. Ferguson, expense of Grand Lecturer.....		41.86
Apr. 11 56	Collector of Internal Revenue, S. S. Tax of Grand Recorder, 1st quarter of 1949.....		3.76
Apr. 11 57	H. G. Dobson, postage and envelopes.....	\$7.28	
	Mimeographing letters	2.50	9.78
Apr. 11 58	E. Parker Waggoner, salary, April 1949.....	\$62.50	
	Less S. S. Tax .....	.63	61.87
Apr. 11 59	Cromwell Printery, 300 copies R. & S. M. Rituals....		153.00
Apr. 11 60	Dept. of Printing, Masonic Home & School of Texas, 250 Past Masters' Certificates		29.95
May 11 61	Cromwell Printery, Annual Returns \$57.50, notices, etc., \$18.25, lists, reports, letters, \$22.50....		98.25
May 11 62	Buell Duplicating Service, mimeographing 175 letters		3.40
May 11 63	E. Parker Waggoner, salary, May 1949.....	\$62.50	
	Less S. S. Tax .....	.63	61.87
June 10 64	E. Parker Waggoner, postage \$6.61, telegrams \$1.07		7.68
June 10 65	W. M. Hartmann, Masonic Education Committee, postage on folders.....		3.19

June 10 66	Cromwell Printery, imprinting 3c stamped envelopes for G. S. Wyman.....	4.50
June 10 67	Ira R. Ferguson, expense of Grand Lecturer.....	62.84
June 10 68	E. Parker Waggoner, salary, June 1949.....\$62.50 Less S. S. Tax .....	.63 61.87
July 6 69	Harold G. Dobson, expense of Grand Master.....	500.00
July 6 70	E. Parker Waggoner, salary, July 1949.....\$62.50 Less S. S. Tax .....	.63 61.87
July 21 71	Collector of Internal Revenue, S. S. Tax of Grand Recorder, 2nd quarter of 1949.....	3.76
July 29 72	Geo. R. Hemenway, Chm. Board of Trustees, transfer int. on U. S. Sav. Bonds to Perm. Fund....	50.00
Aug. 5 73	Cromwell Printery, Inc., 500 notices, Annual Assembly	14.50
Aug. 5 74	Buell Duplicating Service, 55 letters to Recorders....	1.50
Aug. 5 75	E. Parker Waggoner, salary, August 1949.....\$62.50 Less S. S. Tax .....	.63 61.87
Aug. 11 76	Grand Council, R. & S. M., special payroll account for R. R. and per diem, 1949 Annual Assembly.....	1,600.00
Aug. 16 77	E. Parker Waggoner, postage \$5.48, telegrams \$2.50	7.98
Aug. 16 78	Cromwell Printery, Inc., 500 2nd sheets, 500 perforated ballots	3.75

Total of disbursement checks No. 1 to No. 78, incl...\$6,294.42

Your Grand Treasurer wishes to further report that at the request of the Grand Trustees, he has placed in the Mt. Vernon Safe Deposit Company vaults in safe deposit box No. 2762, in the name of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York, the following Bonds and savings bank books, which comprise the Permanent Funds of this Grand Council:

- (1) One U. S. Savings Bond No. M-1953152-G.....\$1,000.00
- (1) One U. S. Savings Bond No. M-1953153-G..... 1,000.00
(Both of these; 12 years maturity; payable Nov. 1955,
interest rate 2½%)

and the following Savings Bank Books:

Book No. 319938	East River Savings Bank.....	N. Y. City
Book No. 100611	National Savings Bank.....	Albany
Book No. 21263	Elmira Savings Bank	Elmira
Book No. 360056	Erie County Savings Bank.....	Buffalo

This safe deposit box is accessible to your Grand Treasurer and to one of your Grand Trustees.

In order that your Grand Trustees may have the interest which will have accrued to July 1st added to these books, your Grand Treasurer has mailed by registered mail the above mentioned four savings bank books on June 10, 1949, to M. I. George R. Hemenway, Chairman of Grand Trustees, for him to keep in his possession until after the 126th Annual Assembly.

GEORGE S. WYMAN,

Grand Treasurer

This Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer has been audited and verified with his books, and is hereby certified to be correct. By: Committee on Finance and Accounts.

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

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER

Albany, N. Y., August 29, 1949.

To the Grand Council:

In accordance with Section 11-7 of the Constitution of the Grand Council of the State of New York, I hereby submit my report as Grand Recorder for the year ending May 31, 1949.

Cash receipts for the year are as follows:

From Constituent Councils, Fees.....	\$ 583.50	
Dues.....	3,902.40	\$4,485.90
From Northern Star Council, U. D.		
Fee for Dispensation	\$ 20.00	
Fee for Charter	10.00	30.00
From Fees, T. I. M. Degrees		83.00
From Fees, Special Dispensations		21.00
From Sale of Rituals and Constitutions.....		52.75
From Sale of Old Safe		100.00
From Sale of Past Master Certificates		144.00
From Interest on Bonds		50.00
From Refunded unused Pay of Representatives		197.88
From Refund account expenses Triennial Assembly.....		269.07
From Board of Trustees		1,000.00
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Total Receipts		\$6,433.60

All of which has been turned over to the Grand Treasurer and his receipt taken therefor.

MEMBERSHIP

Number of Members May 31, 1948, as reported.....	6,515
Error in one Council membership	1
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	6,516

Additions:

Greeted during the year	389
Affiliated during the year	6
Restored during the year	50
Charter Members of new Council	15
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	460
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	6,976

Deductions:

Died during the year	214	
Dimitted during the year	71	
Suspended for non-payment of dues	49	
Suspended in Royal Arch Chapter	22	
Members of Olean Council, charter surrendered.....	12	368
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Number of Members, May 31, 1949.....		6,608
Net GAIN in membership		92

During the past year many of our Councils have had their membership checked with the Grand Council records. This has resulted in 19 Councils assuming losses this year, even though the loss occurred in some cases several years ago.

While this reduces our net gain in membership for the year, it creates a more satisfactory condition by not requiring the local Council to continue to pay dues on members who have been out for some time.

Very early during the past year, arrangements were made with the Masonic Hall Association of Albany, N. Y., for the storage in the Masonic Temple, corner of Maiden Lane and Lodge Street, of a large steel storage cabinet and a four-drawer steel letter file, both having locks, where we have stored many of our valuable and historic records. This is being done at no cost to this Grand Council.

A complete inventory of the contents has been made and copies of the inventory are on file with the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Trustees.

We now have on file, either in the steel cabinet or in the Grand Recorder's office, a complete set of the Proceedings published by this Grand Council, from its inception in 1810 up to date, with the exception of one year, 1905. For some of the years we only have one copy, but that is sufficient to make our file complete.

Respectfully submitted,
 E. PARKER WAGGONER,
 Grand Recorder.

The Report of the Grand Recorder was on motion received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Rochester, N. Y., August 29, 1949.

To the Grand Council:

Your Trustees respectfully present the following Annual Report:
 Total assets reported August 30, 1948.....\$ 15,258.56

RECEIPTS

Erie County Savings Bank, interest to July 1, 1949....	\$ 34.43	
East River Savings Bank, interest to July 1, 1949.....	47.56	
National Savings Bank, interest to July 1, 1949.....	51.67	
Elmira Savings Bank, interest to July 1, 1949.....	66.37	
Received from Grand Recorder, interest on U. S. Government Bonds	50.00	
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	\$250.03	250.03
TOTAL		<hr/>
		\$ 15,508.59

DISBURSEMENTS

Nov. 15, 1948, paid E. Parker Waggoner, Grand Recorder, as authorized by Grand Council	1,000.00
Total assets, July 1, 1949	\$ 14,508.59

The above funds are deposited as follows:

Erie County Savings Bank of Buffalo, N. Y.....	\$ 1,743.10
East River Savings Bank of New York City.....	2,754.23
National Savings Bank of Albany, N. Y.....	3,484.72
Elmira Savings Bank of Elmira, N. Y.....	4,526.54
1 Series G U. S. Government Bond No. M1953152G, issued Nov. 1, 1943, and due 12 years from the date thereof	1,000.00
1 Series G U. S. Government Bond No. M1953153G, issued Nov. 1, 1943, and due 12 years from the date thereof	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 14,508.59

The above funds are deposited in said banks in the name of Grand Council of Royal & 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 government bonds are written in the same name and all are in the custody of our Grand Treasurer.

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 continuations to September 15, 1949. This bond has the approval of our Grand Master.

We have in our possession the bond of our 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, with continuations to September 15, 1949. This bond has the approval of our Grand Master.

We have in our possession the fire insurance policy issued by the Aetna Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., Policy No. 10889, covering the personal property of the Grand Council in the custody of our Grand Recorder. This bond has the approval of our Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE R. HEMENWAY,
CHARLES B. WELLER,
CHESTER D. CROWELL,

Grand Trustees.

The Report of the Grand Trustees was, on motion, received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

August 29, 1949.

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

It was indeed a pleasure for your committee to review the Address of our Grand Master, which reflects in every paragraph the sincerity of purpose in which he assumed his responsibilities as our leader in the Cryptic Rite of this state.

As we note the most extensive list of visitations made by our Grand Master, we realize the tremendous amount of planning required, time consumed and energy put forth, not to mention what must have been a large personal financial sacrifice on the part of our beloved Grand Master. All of these arduous duties were performed at a time when his heart was saddened by the illness and even death which visited his immediate family. Your committee feels that we are expressing the sincere and kindly sentiments which are in the hearts of all those who know our Grand Master when we say that his courage and will to carry on have been an inspiration to all of us.

His efforts have been founded on a carefully prepared program to determine the needs of the Cryptic Rite and then to extend a strong and helping hand to all those who, like himself, are laboring in the secret vault to bring to light the treasures hidden there awaiting the touch of the searching hand of him who is seeking to open the treasure chest of Masonic Light and wisdom.

Many and unusual problems have been his, but there were none that did not lend themselves to the touch of his guiding hand.

His comments and recommendations contain wise words of counsel and are worthy of our careful consideration.

The address having been referred to this committee for sub-divisions and reference, we make the following recommendations:

1. That portion of the address having reference to deceased members be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Dead.
2. That all parts of the address referring to financial transactions be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.
3. That all dispensations granted be approved.
4. That all appointments made and all commissions accredited be approved.
5. That the procedure followed in connection with the arresting of the charter of Olean Council, No. 33, be approved.
6. That the official acts and the decisions rendered by the Grand Master be approved.
7. That the Grand Master's comments under the heading of "Fertile Fields for New Councils" be referred to the Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite, for study and recommendations.
8. That the recommendation for the purchase of equipment for the Grand Recorder's Office be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

9. That the recommendation for the adoption of an annual budget and the employment of a Certified Public Accountant for making an annual audit and report be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.
10. That the recommendation for modification of the Bonds on the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, to cover a three-year period, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.
11. That the recommendation having reference to the Bulletin be referred to the Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite and the Committee on Masonic Education, jointly.
12. That the recommendations pertaining to the degree of Thrice Illustrious Master be referred to the Ritual Committee.

As our Grand Master comes to the end of his stewardship as head of this Grand Council, we extend to him the sincere appreciation that is felt by every member of the Cryptic Rite in this State for his untiring effort to do his part in making Masonry a living and vital force for good in this troubled world which so needs the uplifting influence which we call Masonic Light.

May the guiding hand of Most Illustrious Harold G. Dobson, through the blessings of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, be spared to us for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER D. CROWELL,
 GEORGE A. LAMBERT,
 Committee.

On motion of R. Ill. Comp. Crowell, made to the Deputy Grand Master, the report was adopted.

The Grand Recorder reported that he had received a request, in proper form, from Huntington Council, No. 76, asking that they be privileged to a regular application for a charter, accompanied by the required fee, which was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Grand Recorder reported that all of the books and papers of Northern Star Council, U. D., had been received by him, together with change the name of their Council to Suffolk Council, No. 76, stating that as many of their candidates came from sections of Suffolk County, other than Huntington, they were desirous of having a name that was not so confining. On motion this was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the resolution adopted earlier in the session, the Grand Master announced that the time had arrived for the election of Officers for the ensuing year and requested M. Ill. Raymond E. Westbury to preside over the election.

The Acting Grand Master then appointed the following as Tellers:

- Ill. George Goldstone, Master, Rotica, No. 12.
- R. Ill. Brady A. Smith, Past Master, Corning, No. 53.
- R. Ill. R. Elmer Marriott, Past Master, Rotica, No. 12.

The results of the election were as follows:

M. Ill. George W. Pratt.....	Grand Master
R. Ill. Harold I. Blessing.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. Ill. James Garfield Purdy.....	Principal Conductor of the Work
M. Ill. George S. Wyman.....	Grand Treasurer
M. Ill. E. Parker Waggoner.....	Grand Recorder
R. Ill. Howard L. Adams.....	Grand Captain of the Guard
R. Ill. Walter E. Price.....	Grand Conductor of the Council
R. Ill. George T. Burns.....	Grand Marshal
R. Ill. Edward L. Flemming.....	Grand Standard Bearer
R. Ill. James H. Watson.....	Grand Steward
M. Ill. George R. Hemenway.....	Grand Trustee for 3 Years

The Tellers were thanked by the presiding officer for their handling of a difficult but pleasant job.

At the conclusion of the election, the Grand Master called on M. W. Richard A. Rowlands, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, who gave us a splendid talk which was appreciated greatly.

Remarks were also made by M. Ill. Cornelius D. Struble, Grand Master of Missouri; M. Ill. Howard A. Gray, Grand Master of Massachusetts, and M. Ill. Paul E. Reed, Grand Master of Ohio.

REPORT OF GRAND LECTURER

Buffalo, New York, August 12, 1949.

To the Grand Council:

It has been my pleasure during the past year to again serve this Grand Council in the office of Grand Lecturer, particularly so due to the splendid co-operation of our District Deputy Grand Masters, through whose efforts the plans and ground work of the several District Conventions were so efficiently made, for which I am deeply grateful, and to all of them I extend my heartiest thanks and best wishes for many more years of faithful service to our beloved Rite.

To me the splendid attendance at our Conventions of the line officers and the exhibition of their proficiency of the forms and ceremonies of our Ritual, also the interest manifested by so many of the membership, including present and Past Grand Officers, clearly demonstrates that the Cryptic Rite, in our jurisdiction, is surely on the up-grade and soon will have a commanding percentage lead. With only two exceptions (Salamanca, No. 82, and Cyrus, No. 89) all Councils were represented at our Conventions.

Our Grand Master, whose constant efforts and activities for the promotion of Cryptic Masonry did, by his attendance at our Conventions whenever possible, and his congratulatory telegrams stimulate inspiration and enthusiasm.

In addition to my attendance at each of the District Conventions I witnessed the conferring of degrees in several constituent Councils, including the Super-Excellent at Rochester by Doric, No. 19.

The continuance of present conditions is an assurance that the officers of our Councils will give due attention and adherence to our rules and regulations so that the Ancient Landmarks of our Order will not be infringed.

Numerous requests have been submitted for a revision of our Ritual to a shorter form of the Closing Ceremony. It is my suggestion that this matter be referred to the Committee on Ritual for consideration and report.

Data on District Conventions follows:

- DIST. 1—R. I. William R. Seifert, D. D. G. M. February 25, 1949, Masonic Temple, Jamaica. Host Council, Triangle, No. 85. All Councils represented. Total attendance, 55.
- DIST. 2—R. I. Arthur F. Ivans, D. D. G. M. February 26, 1949, Masonic Temple, Bronx, N. Y. C. Host Council, Union, No. 2. All Councils represented. Total attendance, 77.
- DIST. 3—R. I. Coral Couchman, D. D. G. M. January 28, 1949, Masonic Temple, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Host Council, King Solomon, No. 31. All Councils represented. Total attendance, 35. (Due to density of fog in Hudson River Valley, driving conditions were difficult and prevented many from attending.)
- DIST. 4—R. I. Raymond E. Warner, D. D. G. M. April 30, 1949, Masonic Temple, Johnstown, N. Y. Host Council, Johnstown, No. 72. All Councils represented. Total attendance, 191; including 33 from Cryptic, No. 37, 6 from Washington, No. 52, 5 from Joseph Warren, No. 81, and 1 from Binghamton, No. 34. Super-Excellent Degree conferred on 86 candidates by officers of Johnstown Council.
- DIST. 5—R. I. Jerome E. Campbell, D. D. G. M. January 7, 1949. Masonic Temple, Glens Falls, N. Y. Host Council, Joseph Warren, No. 81. Total attendance, 30. All Councils represented except Cryptic, No. 37, and Cyrus, No. 89. Cryptic, however, attended the 4th District Convention at Johnstown on April 30th with 33 members.
- DIST. 6—R. I. Harold W. Jackson, D. D. G. M. (Absent). May 14, 1949, Masonic Temple, Syracuse, N. Y. Host Council, Central City, No. 13. All Councils represented, including Northern Star, U. D. Total attendance, 117.
- DIST. 7—R. I. Raymond L. Savage, D. D. G. M. December 3, 1948, Masonic Temple, Hornell, N. Y. Host Council, Hornellsville, No. 35. Total attendance, 40. All Councils represented except Southern Tier, No. 16, and Binghamton, No. 24. However, Binghamton was represented at the 4th District Convention at Johnstown and Southern Tier was represented at 9th-10th District Convention in Buffalo.
- DIST. 8—R. I. Walter B. Keefer, D. D. G. M. April 12, 1949, Masonic Temple, Palmyra, N. Y. Host Council, Palmyra, No. 26. All Councils represented. Total attendance, 50.

DIST. 9—R. I. James H. Watson, D. D. G. M. (9th) and 10—R. I. Harry B. Lyon, D. D. G. M. (10th). June 4, 1949, Ancient Landmarks Temple, Buffalo, N. Y. Host Council, Buffalo-Keystone, No. 17. All Councils represented except Salamanca, No. 82. Total attendance, 116; including 2 from Southern Tier, No. 16; 1 from Corning, No. 53, and 3 from Skoi-Yase, No. 75. Degree of Super-Excellent Master was conferred on 27 candidates by the Degree Team of Buffalo-Keystone, No. 17.

Respectfully submitted,

IRA R. FERGUSON,
Grand Lecturer.

This report was received and on motion was referred to the Committee on Ritual.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rochester, N. Y., August 29, 1949.

To the Grand Council:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts herewith submits its report. We have examined the books and records of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer and find them to be correct. We have received written confirmations from the several savings banks in which the permanent funds are deposited, and they agree with the report of the Grand Trustees.

We have examined the Returns of the Constituent Councils and find them to be correct. We note that due to the efforts of the Grand Recorder in checking membership records with constituent Councils, we now have a truer picture of the membership of this Grand Council. This checking process brought to light many cases of deaths, dimits, suspensions and restorations not previously reported. In one Council alone 35 such cases were discovered. In another Council a suspension occurring in 1903 was unreported.

We have examined the surety bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder as well as the fire insurance policy on Grand Council effects, and find them to be in order. We were unable to inspect the government bonds, because they were not available.

We have examined the report of the Grand Trustees, and find it to be correct in all respects.

In accordance with Section 18.2 of our Constitution, your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the salary of the Grand Recorder be set at \$750.00 for the ensuing year, payable in equal monthly installments.
2. That the Honorarium to the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year be set at \$10.00, payable immediately.

Your committee further recommends the following expenditures:

- (a) 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 \$300.00.

(b) That the Committee on Arrangements for this Grand Assembly be allowed the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to assist in defraying the cost of entertaining the Grand Council.

(c) That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay such bills for entertainment of guests of this Grand Council, as shall be approved by the Grand Master.

(d) That the sum of \$132.16 be appropriated to cover the per capita tax due the General Grand Council.

Your committee again desires to call attention to the financial condition of this Grand Council. The General Fund, as of today, is less than \$2,700.00. We have reviewed the income and expenditures of this Grand Council for the twenty-year period, 1928-1948, and find that with the exception of four years, the expenses have exceeded the operating income in amounts ranging from \$166.00 to \$1,763.00, per year. In other words, for the twenty years, we have spent \$14,156.00 more than we received in fees, dues and miscellaneous items. This year, 1949, we again show a deficit of \$861.00. This cannot continue indefinitely. We must obtain additional revenue or drastically curtail our expenditures.

Your committee recommends the discontinuance of the practice of supplying stamped envelopes and imprinted individual letterheads to Grand Line Officers, with the exception of the Grand Master and Grand Recorder, Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters and Committee Chairmen. In lieu thereof, we suggest that the Grand Recorder supply Grand Line Officers, Past Grand Masters, District Deputies and Committee Chairmen, on request, Grand Council letterheads necessary for their use. We further suggest that communications between officers be made on inexpensive paper, rather than on the expensive Grand Council letterheads. We feel that the adoption of the above suggestions will result in material savings.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Grand Recorder and the Grand Trustees for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

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

On motion of R. I. Albin C. Anderson the above report was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Grand Master announced that a luncheon would be served in the lower dining room for the Recorders of all of our Councils. He stated that this was an innovation in our Grand Council, which was suggested by the Grand Recorder, and it is hoped that much good will come from it.

After announcing that the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree would be conferred on all new Masters of Councils at 3:30 P. M. and that all Past Masters of Councils who have not yet received this degree were cordially invited to join with the group this afternoon, the Grand Master called a recess until 9:00 A. M. Tuesday morning and asked the Grand Chaplain to offer a closing prayer, which he did as follows:

CLOSING PRAYER, MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 1949

"Eternal God, who hast called us to a great Brotherhood under Thy Fatherhood, whose Fatherly care for us is never ceasing, at the close of this session of our Grand Council, we commit to Thee all reports made and all actions taken that Thy blessing may rest upon all which is in accord with Thy will and for the good of our Companionship. May Thy blessings also rest upon all who have assembled with us, upon all Distinguished Visitors and the Grand Bodies which they represent. Wilt Thou now dismiss us with Thy blessing and continue with us until our next Session, in the Name of Him who was and is and ever shall be, World without end. Amen."

The Grand Master then called a recess until 9:00 A. M., Tuesday morning.

At 7:00 o'clock on Monday evening, a testimonial dinner was held in honor of our retiring Grand Master, Most Illustrious Harold Gardner Dobson, in recognition of his untiring efforts for the Cryptic Rite during the year he presided as Grand Master.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1949

Labor was resumed in the Council Chamber at 9:15 A. M.

Prayer by our Grand Chaplain as follows:

OPENING PRAYER, AUGUST 30, 1949

R. Ill. and Rev. Dr. Frank L. Gosnell

"Heavenly Father, who callest in the darkness and openest up for us the gates of the morning, we thank Thee that Thou hast brought us to this new day and to this final session of the Assembly of our Grand Council. In Thy wisdom wilt Thou continue to guide us in the completion of our business. As Thou hast blest our Grand Officers in the past year of leadership, wilt Thou also bless those who assume new responsibilities in the year to come. May our secret retreat ever prove to be the seat of moral virtues, the home of the Select. Amen."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION AND EXTENSION OF THE RITE

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 29, 1949.

To the Grand Council:

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

Ten years ago this week Nazi Germany invaded Poland and kindled a spark which kept the world in a seething cauldron for more than seven years. And for the past three years the persistent Russian Red policies of aggressive expansion in an effort to make Communism the dominant political and economic force of the world have strained our resources, affected our domestic economy and played havoc with our political institutions in an effort to prove democracy's worth and continue its dominance in the world. It is not strange, therefore, that fraternal organizations have been obscured and that interest in the further advancement of Masonry has been temporarily shuttled to the background by the continual crises which have developed.

Under such conditions, not only Cryptic Masonry, but other Masonic bodies have suffered a slowing down in their membership gain. The high peak of membership of 1929, which all Masonic bodies enjoyed before the economic crash, has never been regained. Then we had over 13,000 Council members; now we have but 6,608. In places where outstanding leadership and enthusiasm for the Rite has predominated, however, steady gains have been noted. This is both significant and encouraging. Significant because it shows what can be done; encouraging because more active and able Companions have stopped us from slipping into the depths of despair and even innocuous desuetude.

The recapitulation of gains and losses in membership shows:			
Total membership, May 31, 1948.....			6,515
Error in one Council membership			1
			6,516
Greeted during the past year	389		
Affiliated	6		
Restored	50		
Members of New Council, U. D.....	15	460	
			6,976
Died	214		
Dimitted	71		
Suspended N. P. D. in Council	49		
Suspended in Chapter	22		
Olean Council loss	12	368	
			6,608
Total membership, May 31, 1949.....			6,608
NET GAIN for year			92

This net gain of 92 does not compare with last year's 231, or the 291 net gain for 1947. Twenty-eight Councils show a gain of 251; 3 show no loss nor gain; 14 show a loss of 163.

GAINS

Central City leads with	48
Northern Star is second	38
St. George's is third	34
Corning is fourth	23
Huntington is fifth	13

LOSSES

Buffalo-Keystone is first with.....	37
Bloss is second with	28
Union is third with.....	23
Columbian is fourth with	13
Olean is fifth with	12

Nineteen of these Councils assumed their losses in membership by having their list of members checked with Grand Council records. Some of those losses show the member died or was dropped as far back as 1935, but it had never been checked before with Grand Council records. Some of the other Councils which were leaders last year in net gain have very small gains or no gain at all this year.

Masonic Education work has not been pushed with the vigor of former years. This has been a distinct loss in morale. It is urged that extra effort be put into this important field. Open meetings with the other York Rite bodies and the Blue Lodge are again suggested and urged.

All, however, is not on the darker side. Some spots offer real encouragement. Reports from official visitors in many instances show real, solid and substantial work in some areas. The far western part of the State and the far northern part present opportunities for either reviving old Councils whose charters have been surrendered, and also spots for new ones. The new Council, U. D., at Carthage reports 38 members. This is encouraging. More like this will greatly strengthen the Rite. It is noted that earnest inquiries have been received by the Grand Master as to the locating of new Councils. These are being studied carefully and look very promising.

Then, too, the Super Excellent Degree has again been successfully dramatized in a number of places. We urge again further development of this degree. The Grand Lecturer reports successful conventions in all parts of the State. Ritualistic work seems to be improving, but there is still room for greater improvement.

Because conditions in the State and Nation are comparable to those immediately preceding World War II, where there is a general tightening of financial positions, if not a real recession in business, and with the cost of living being up and the value of the dollar down, more than ever there is need for aggressive leadership of intelligent Masons who are whole-heartedly sold on Cryptic Masonry.

A number of Councils profited by our suggestion last year for interchange of visitations. We believe this to be productive of the finest there is in Masonry.

We approve that portion of our Grand Master's address having reference to "fertile fields for new Councils."

We also approve that portion of our Grand Master's address having reference to the bulletin.

It is a pleasure for us to approve the splendid report of R. Ill. Albin C. Anderson, as Fraternal Correspondent. The many visitations made by him in foreign countries, as well as in the many States of our country, without the hope of fee or reward and without expense to our own Grand Council, is proof that we are deeply indebted to him for his faithful service. We urge a careful study of this report by the Companions.

In these uncertain times, thrice blest is he who is alert to his opportunities. Officers of both Grand Council and constituent Councils are called on as never before to get to work and push Cryptic Rite in every way. Competition not only from other fraternal organizations, but from various service clubs and from the other branches of Masonry makes it obligatory for us to work every angle, to demonstrate the true worth and power of the Cryptic Rite, to prove not only to members of other Masonic bodies, but to the public at large, that we are united; that we

are strong of heart; that our influence is vital and worthy of all the unselfish effort and sacrifice in time and money and effort that many fine members of our Rite give unreservedly to the end that the Council may be a real potent factor in not only Masonic, but civic affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. HEMENWAY,
EUGENE B. SANFORD,
CHARLES B. WELLER.

On motion of the Chairman, M. Ill. Geo. R. Hemenway, the Report was received, approved and adopted. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

Rochester, N. Y., August 29, 1949.

To the Grand Council:

Once again your Committee on Ritual is pleased to report that considerable improvement in the ritualistic work of the officers of the several Councils throughout this Grand Jurisdiction is very noticeable. The Grand Lecturer reports that interest in the Cryptic Degrees shows a steady improvement. This is good news, and we commend those responsible for it.

At the mid-year conference of Past and Present Grand Council Officers, held in Albany in February, 1949, your committee was asked to find, if possible, a standard form to be used for the aprons of the Grand Council Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Representatives, as well as for the officers of constituent Councils. We have been working with the Board of General Activities of the Grand Lodge along this line, using the description given in our new Constitution, and have made some progress, but feel that the matter should be given further study, and therefore recommend that the question of standard forms of aprons again be referred to the Committee on Ritual for further study and report.

During the year the supply of Rituals for the Degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, as well as the Opening and Closing, became exhausted, and at the mid-year conference the matter of printing was approved and the books ordered. Because of the increased cost of printing, it now becomes necessary to charge \$1.00 each for the Rituals.

It has also been suggested that the Ritual of the Super Excellent Degree be studied with the idea of improving the wording of the context, which in many parts does not lend itself to the best in exemplification, and we would therefore recommend that this matter be referred to the Committee on Ritual for study and report.

In order to keep our new Constitution up to date, we recommend that a new section be added to the General Regulations, giving a description of the jewel of the District Deputy Grand Master. A suggested wording is "The jewel of the District Deputy Grand Master is a replica of the SEAL of the Grand Council of the State of New York."

Your Committee on Ritual has carefully considered the recommendations of the Grand Master relative to appointment of the Committee on the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master as a standing committee, and beg to report that in their opinion this action should not be taken, but that this committee should be appointed each year as a special committee for the conferring of this degree with such ritual as shall have been recommended by the Committee on Ritual and approved by this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

E. PARKER WAGGONER, Chairman,
CHARLES D. CROWELL,
GEORGE W. PRATT.

This report was, on motion, received and adopted.

REPORT OF FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

New York City, August 29, 1949.

To the Grand Council:

Your Fraternal Correspondent respectfully submits his eighth report on Cryptic activities throughout the world. It seems but yesterday that we entered upon this work with trepidation and misgiving, but eight years have made many friends for your scribe—friendships that all the gold in Fort Knox couldn't buy. It has been a labor of love, well repaid. This report, of necessity, will be brief, because of the very few proceedings reaching our desk. Our only sources are the courtesies of the many Grand Recorders in sending a copy direct to the writer, some of them automatically, the rest in courteous response to our communications. This year, because of my long periods of absence from New York, I have been unable to write many letters; hence the brevity of this report.

During the past year it has been my fortune to visit Masonic bodies in 21 states of the Union; also in Canada, Mexico, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Scotland and England; and having the privilege of meeting leaders of the Craft in many different jurisdictions. The impressions gained at first hand bear out the printed word in the various proceedings. Masonry is healthy—it is progressing—albeit somewhat slower this year than in the previous three years. It is this writer's considered opinion that from a candidate point of view we are on the downward grade. From 65 volumes of proceedings of various York Rite bodies which I have seen this year, 90% of them show from 5% to 15% less candidates than in the preceding year. In the great majority of cases the total membership continues to climb, although not as fast as a year ago. This is due to the small amount of dimits and suspensions. The death rate is still high—especially in the higher bodies.

What is the answer? If we look back into the late 20's, we find a rapid growth in all Masonic bodies. Then, shortly after the depression—from 1930 to 1934—our source of candidates was almost completely lost. Commencing with 1935 we began showing an increase in candidates, although our net loss in membership continued until the early 40's, primarily due to suspensions or dimits. Now that we are on another upsurge, with the peak of candidates passed, what means should be used to hold what we have, as well as to encourage new blood? Our good friend, R. Lee Joiner, down Texas way, writes in his review this

year, in part "With fifteen to twenty thousand new members coming into the Councils, there is great need for systematic teaching and explaining, that our worst foe, ignorance, shall not reap a large part of the harvest Masonry cannot thrive on ignorance, it cannot survive neglect, it cannot exist in darkness." This just about gives the desired answer. The mere processing of men in degrees alone will not build up a strong organization. We must instil in their hearts and minds the principles of these degrees by impressive ritualistic work and instruction.

And speaking of degrees—I feel that most of us who have been privileged to take both the York Rite and Scottish Rite Degrees will say our York Rite Degrees are equally if not more impressive than those of our Scottish Rite friends. Yet, we in the York Rite can take a page from their presentation of their degrees and use it to good advantage. Anent, I quote from M.'P.' Charles Inbusch's report to the last Triennial:

"Another thing I have noticed, and that is a growing tendency to embellish the degrees of R. & S. M. to make them still more enlightening and interesting. Would it not be desirable for our Ritual Committee to get hold of all these revised rituals from the many jurisdictions with a view of taking the best out of them all and our Rituals made considerably more attractive for use, for it would be to the advantage of all to have a uniform ritual throughout the country." There is much food for thought in that statement.

At the recent Triennial of the General Grand Council, held in New York City last year, M.'Ex.'Comp. Earl E. Dusenbery, General Grand High Priest, in addressing the session, spoke on the importance of the Council Degrees and declared that something should be done to make the Council Degrees pre-requisite to membership in the Commandery. He favored requiring candidates to petition the Chapter and Council simultaneously and expressed the hope that something could be worked out to this effect. Your scribe expressed the very same desire in his 1947 report to this Grand Council. If our General Grand High Priest will work out his expressed desires with the officers of the General Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment—and put them into operation—what a magnificent York Rite we would have. Apropos—the Grand Council of Florida, at their 1949 session, passed a resolution requesting the General Grand Council to ask the Grand Encampment to make Council membership pre-requisite to the Commandery Orders.

That grand old man of Masonry, Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, Past General Grand Master (and Past Grand of all four York Rite bodies of North Dakota) in his report on the State of the Rite, says he feels the time is ripe for another "Crusade" to enlist the attention of all Companions of the Royal Arch to the beauty and the value of our Cryptic degrees. He further states: "While we must have a goodly number of members for our very existence, and while good ritualistic work is the foundation of our fellowship, we cannot survive if we lean on members only, nor upon ritualistic proficiency. Without true fraternal good fellowship, we have little excuse for existence, and if we are not to see our membership fade away by the thousands when the next depression strikes our country's economic life, just as it faded away in the thirties, we should now labor with renewed zeal and energy to develop and encourage a spirit of true fraternity."

This statement bears out your correspondent's words of yore, that Cooperation and Education should be our watch words. Without Cooperation from the organizations from which we draw our membership, and a definite

program of Education to present to prospective members, how can we continue to maintain our strength and grow in numbers? Again—the time is now ripe to put in the scythe and reap the harvest. The Committee on Condition of the Rite in Illinois says: “The Chapter and Council can be sold to Masons by effort, but not by laziness or inactivity. We can do something about this, let’s do it!”

In reading proceedings, especially the allocutions of the various Grand Masters, one is always outstanding. This year it is Minnesota’s. Grand Master Charles C. Mierow says, in part, “We are assembled in a period of transition in world history. The post war years thus far have brought little save disillusionment, dishonesty, disloyalty and an approach to despair. Education is being superseded, in many instances, by mere training in techniques. Might challenges right. Democracy is everywhere discredited. Greed, avarice and stupidity are again in the saddle. Religion is less and less a vital force in the life of our Nation, and of the world. There are wars and rumors of war. ‘Change and decay in all around I see.’ Civilization is apparently on the way out.” We found an interesting anecdote in Vermont’s report where the Grand Master reported that he had read through the proceedings of that State for the past 35 years and noted continued pessimism on Cryptic Masonry in Vermont, but finds that they have held their own despite continued pessimism. He opines:

“Think what could have been accomplished by optimism.” He claims the first rule is to believe in what you are selling and then sell it. Likewise, Kansas’ Grand Master very aptly puts it this way: “Only those who are interested in Masonry take the Cryptic degrees and the true companionship and harmony among the Companions show that we are truly a select group.”

Your scribe again wishes to express his personal appreciation for the many courtesies extended him by the Grand Recorders of sister jurisdictions and for the space allotted to New York in their reviews. The pleasant hours spent in personal contact with Grand Recorders at the Guild Meeting in New York last October was a source of pleasure and education. I would be remiss were I not to specially mention the courtesies extended me by Sir Thomas Lumley-Smith, Grand Recorder of England, during my recent visit with him. To our Grand Master, Harold G. Dobson, our thanks for his confidence in asking us to prepare this report for the eighth time.

In conclusion, allow me to leave one thought with you, and that is the hope that every Companion present comes to the realization that the future of our Rite rests largely with him—personally. For by his exemplary and forceful leadership, he will inspire his fellow Companions with confidence, thereby enabling them to achieve the goal he sets for them. In Unity there is Strength. United we Stand, Divided we Fall. There is no half way—no give and take. Think it over.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBIN C. ANDERSON,
Fraternal Correspondent.

This report was received and adopted.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES
AND APPEALS**

August 29, 1949.

To the Most Ill. Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the
Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters in the
State of New York:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals is pleased to report that
peace and harmony prevail in our Grand Jurisdiction, and no grievances
and appeals have been presented to your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN Q. GOOD, Chairman,
GEORGE D. BARCLAY

This report was received and approved.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE, LAWS
AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES**

Rochester, N. Y., August 30, 1949.

To the Grand Council:

The Committee on Jurisprudence, Laws and General Activities submits
the following report of its activities for the Cryptic year ending with this
Annual Assembly of Grand Council:

New By-Laws have been approved for Hudson Council, No. 62, and
Huntington Council, No. 76.

Amendments to By-Laws have been approved for DeWitt Clinton Coun-
cil, No. 22, Adoniram Council, No. 36, Flatbush Council, No. 80, and
Lafayette Council, No. 86.

During the year your committee decided to adopt an official form of
By-Laws for Councils Under Dispensation. Such a form has been
adopted, it has been officially approved by the Grand Master and a copy
is annexed to this report. At a first reading, it may seem that these
By-Laws are very sketchy and possibly inadequate. Your committee made
a careful study of our Constitution, and the form adopted covers all
matters which may be acted upon by a Council, U. D. The general
powers and limitations of Councils, U. D., are expressly set forth in
our Constitution, and they have no real place in the By-Laws of a Council.

The committee has set \$3.00 as the minimum dues of a Council, U. D.,
it being of the opinion that this sum is the least with which the Council
can hope to operate successfully.

This form requires only the insertion of (1) the name of the Council,
(2) its location, (3) the date of its stated assemblies, (4) the months
it holds no stated assemblies, (5) the fee for reception and greeting, and
(6) the annual dues, which must be \$3.00 or more.

These By-Laws may be adopted at the time the Dispensation is pre-
sented and be signed by the members without further action by our
committee.

OFFICIAL RULINGS

1. May a Council adopt a by-law making any Companion who is in arrears for dues ineligible to hold any office?

As our Constitution contains no applicable provision, it was necessary to refer to the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

By Section 304, membership in good standing in a Lodge is necessary for eligibility to hold office therein, except the Tiler.

Section 700 defines "Good Masonic Standing," so far as here is applicable, to be "not unaffiliated, suspended or expelled."

From these provisions it would seem that a member in good standing is eligible to hold office, even if in arrears for dues.

Your committee inquired of the Proctor of Grand Lodge, asking if there were any official decisions of Grand Lodge applicable. We have been referred to a decision in the Proceedings of 1888 of Grand Lodge, which, after referring to the definition of "Good Masonic Standing," states:

"This is the primary law of the Fraternity, but upon this the Grand Lodge, by their General Regulations and subordinate Lodges by their By-Laws may impose conditions and restrictions."

Your committee is of the opinion, in view of this decision of Grand Lodge, that a Council by an appropriate by-law may deny the right to hold office in that Council by any member who is in arrears of dues, although otherwise qualified.

This opinion has been officially approved by the Grand Master.

2. May the first three elective officers of a Council, U. D., represent and vote at the Annual Assembly of Grand Council?

We advised that they may do neither. Section 3.3 of our Constitution limits those rights to the officers of a "chartered" Council, and our Constitution thus follows a similar limitation in the Constitutions of Grand Lodge, Section 328.

3. Are fees and per capita payable by a Council on those upon whom only one degree has been conferred?

We advised that under Section 18.1 of our Constitution, fees and per capita are payable only after both degrees have been conferred.

4. May a permanent member of Grand Council, who dimitts from his Council and becomes a petitioner for a Council, U. D., retain his standing and privileges as such permanent member.

We advised that such permanent members of Grand Council retain their standing as such only while they are members of a Council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council (Section 3, Constitution). As a Council, U. D., must cease to work the first day of the month in which the Annual Assembly of Grand Council is held and turn over to the Grand Recorder its Dispensation, all of its books and records (Section 26.3, Constitution) and has no official standing at Grand Council Assembly, that Council has no longer a legal standing as such. Hence, a Past Master who has dimitted from his former Council is not a member "of a Council under the jurisdic-

tion of this Grand Council" and is a non-affiliate, but when a charter is granted he automatically is restored to his standing as a permanent member of Grand Council.

This condition may be avoided if the Past Master retains his membership in his original Council as authorized by Section 26.2 of the Constitution.

Numbers 2, 3 and 4, have not been submitted to the Grand Master and have not been approved by him.

No matters contained in the Grand Master's address were referred to our committee for consideration.

We close this report and extend to our Grand Master our sincere congratulations on his management of the affairs of Grand Council the past Cryptic year. His conscientious devotion to his task, the keen insight he has shown in meeting the problems as they arose, and his wisdom in solving them constitute a record of achievement of which he should be justly proud and which will be an inspiration to those who follow him for years to come.

May we have the benefit of his personal experience and wise counsel for many future years.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

JAMES G. PURDY, Chairman,
RAYMOND E. WESTBURY,
GEORGE S. WYMAN,
A. EDWARD KRIEGER,
GEO. O. LINKLETTER.

This report was received and on motion approved and adopted.

(Official Form, approved by Committee on Jurisprudence,
Laws and General Activities)

BY-LAWS of.....COUNCIL, U. D.

ARTICLE I.

Name, Location and Assemblies

Section 1. The name of this Council is.....Council, U. D.

Section 2. The Council shall be located at.....

Section 3. The stated assemblies of this Council shall be held on the
.....of each month, except....., at 8 P. M.

Section 4. Special assemblies may be held at any time at the discretion of the Illustrious Master upon five days notice in writing by mail or personally to each member. No business may be transacted at a special assembly except that specified in the notice.

ARTICLE II.

Fees and Dues.

Section 1. The fees for reception and greeting of candidates shall be \$10.00 (or more), of which \$5.00 (or more) must accompany the petition and the balance shall be paid before the Royal Master Degree is conferred.

Section 2. The dues shall be \$3.00 (or more) per annum, payable in advance.

ARTICLE III.

Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended only if the proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing at a stated assembly and approved by a two-thirds vote at a subsequent stated assembly to which the members shall have been summoned on not less than ten days' notice and the proposed amendment or the substance thereof shall have been embodied in the summons or annexed thereto. Any amendment so approved shall become effective upon receipt of the approval of the Grand Council's Committee on Jurisprudence, Laws and General Activities.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Rochester, N. Y., August 29, 1949.

To the Grand Council:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations has had referred to it for consideration and recommendation the following two matters:

1. An application made by Huntington Council, No. 76, to change its name to Suffolk Council, No. 76. Sufficient reason seems to exist for the change and your committee therefore recommends that the change be made.

2. An application for charter made by Northern Star Council, U. D., located at Carthage. Your committee has examined the various papers and documents pertaining to this application and is of the unanimous opinion that all requirements of our Constitution pertaining to Charters and Dispensations have been complied with and that the constitutional fee for a charter has been paid. Your committee, therefore, recommends that a charter be forthwith issued to the new Council to be known and designated as Northern Star Council, No. 34, with the following Companions as its officers for the ensuing year: Frank L. Gosnell, as Ill. Master, C. Howard Greene as Deputy Master, and John H. O'Brien as Principal Conductor of the Work.

No other matters have been referred to this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE B. SANFORD,
CORAL COUCHMAN,
KENNETH M. STEWART.

There being no objection the report was approved and the recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

Rochester, N. Y., August 29, 1949.

To the Grand Council:

The Committee on Masonic Education respectfully submits the following report:

It is with profound regret that we record the recent withdrawal of Most Illustrious Walter M. Hartmann as a member and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education. Since the organization of the committee some years ago, he has been the leader and mainspring of its activities. To him, above all others, is due the thanks of Grand Council for whatever good has resulted from the committee work. Grand Council can ill afford to lose his wise counsel, aggressive spirit and ability to get things done.

From our position in the Cryptic Rite, our chief objective is to insist upon and to bring home to all Masonic Brothers the fact that the Drama of Ancient Craft Masonry, consisting of the Lodge, the Chapter and Council, must be considered as a WHOLE, and that instruction in all these degrees is ESSENTIAL to a full understanding of the theme. It is with this main purpose in view that the committee has functioned.

Whenever requested by any Masonic body, a speaker has been assigned to lecture on the Cryptic Rite and its essential place in Ancient Craft Masonry. Lectures were given in St. George's Chapter, Washington Lodge, Cyrus Council and many other places. As an immediate result of a lecture in Adonai Lodge at the Village of Highland where only a Lodge exists, seven Brothers signed petitions for the Chapter and signified their intentions of petitioning the Council. All speaking assignments have been filled without expense to Grand Council.

The Cryptic Circle of the Metropolitan area, in connection with its other valuable activities, has been of great assistance to furthering our education program.

Masonic instruction of candidates prior to their initiation is urged by the committee. Under this plan, candidates are asked to be present at the hour of opening the Council. They assemble in the preparation room and, while the business meeting is in session, are given a talk on Ancient Craft Masonry by a Past Master or other qualified Companion. This innovation has been tried out in some Councils and has elicited many favorable comments from the candidates. Conducted by Ill:Louis Rask, who is thoroughly familiar with all branches of Masonry, it has been an established practice in St. George's Council during the whole of the past year. It has been very popular with the forty candidates greeted there and has stimulated a desire for further light. One result of such instruction in this Council was the formation of a class of ten or more candidates from the Village of Altamont early in the year. These candidates, on being Greeted, asked and were given permission to work the degrees themselves. Not only did their enthusiasm show that their lesson had been learned, but their degree work at a later Assembly was an outstanding credit to themselves and to their Council. The committee has caused a circular letter on this subject to be sent to all Councils. It is hoped the plan will be used in all Councils.

Pursuant to the request of many Councils and Companions, a third printing, consisting of 5,000 copies of the folder, "The Cryptic Rite," has been printed and distributed among all the Councils. There are now 10,000 copies of this folder in circulation. Another folder presenting the subject from a different viewpoint is being discussed by some members of the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

EUGENE B. SANFORD,
HOWARD L. ADAMS,
TOM MAYCOCK,
JAMES H. WATSON,
ELWIN L. COOPER.

On the recommendation of the chairman, the report was received and its recommendations adopted. Carried.

At this time M. Ill. Lloyd O. Miller, Grand Master of the Grand Council of the District of Columbia, was called on for a few remarks. He gave us a splendid talk, outlining the activities of their Grand Council, which was most interesting.

The Grand Master announced that the brother of our Grand Chaplain had passed away during the night and extended the sympathy of our Grand Council to our Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master then presented R. Ill. George W. Brooks, Principal Conductor of the Work of the Grand Council of Maryland, who gave us an interesting talk.

Ill. Floyd A. Cortright, Master of Corning Council, No. 53, presented the report of the Committee on Time and Place of the next Annual Assembly, and on motion, no objection appearing, it was ordered received and adopted.

To the Grand Council:

Your Committee on Time and Place of the Next Annual Assembly has received an invitation from Corning Council, No. 53, to hold the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters in the City of Corning, New York, for the year 1950, on the date specified by the Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

FLOYD A. CORTRIGHT,
HAROLD M. MURPHEY,
GEORGE A. STRAIGHT,
RALPH WALDO PRENTICE.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

To the Grand Council:

The Committee on Resolutions respectfully submit the following report:
Whereas, the officers and members of this Grand Council have been most graciously entertained by Doric Council, No. 19, Palmyra Council, No. 26, and Skoi-Yase Council, No. 75, and

Whereas, this Grand Council has been highly honored by the presence of many representatives from other Grand Bodies and from other States and the Dominion of Canada, and

Whereas, the constituent Councils throughout the State have accorded to our M. Ill. Grand Master and his staff of officers many gestures of courtesy, cooperation and accommodation on the occasions of their visitations during his term of office,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that this Grand Council extend to Doric Council, No. 19, Palmyra Council, No. 26, and Skoi-Yase Council, No. 75, and their officers and all the committees who have participated herein, its deepest gratitude and appreciation for the courteous hospitality accorded to this Grand Council at its 126th Annual Assembly in 1949.

And Be it Further Resolved, that this Grand Council convey to the many distinguished representatives from other jurisdictions and from the other Grand bodies, our appreciation for honoring us with their presence, and for their help in making this Grand Assembly a more notable occasion by their participation in our deliberations.

And Be it Further Resolved, that this Grand Council extend our sincere thanks to the Companions of the State of New York for the many courtesies extended to our M. Ill. Grand Master and to his staff.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD I. BLESSING,
JAMES G. PURDY,
WALTER B. KEEFER.

On motion this report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

To the Grand Council:

Report of the Committee on Finance and Accounts to the Grand Council on matters referred to it in the address of the Grand Master:

1. Regarding the recommendation for the purchase of office equipment for the Grand Recorder, your committee feels that there is definite need for the machines mentioned—an addressograph and a mimeograph. Due to the wide range in the type of the machines and the cost of them, it is the suggestion of your committee that the Grand Recorder indicate the type of each of the machines desired along with the estimated cost of each to the committee for consideration.

2. Regarding the recommendation that the Grand Council adopt an annual budget, the committee will be glad to cooperate with the officers named, and to assist in the preparation of a budget to be submitted at the next Annual Assembly of this Grand body.

The committee is in accord with the statement that the services of a certified public accountant be acquired for a complete report annually to the Finance Committee. The committee will endeavor to secure such a report for the coming year at no expense to the Grand Council.

3. It is the opinion of your committee that the recommendation regarding the proposed reduction of the Surety Bonds covering the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer to \$5,000.00 each is contrary to the provisions

of the Constitution as it now stands. Your committee feels that the Grand Council should, however, take advantage of the saving to be obtained through the purchase of three-year term bonds. If and when the constitutional requirement is changed to permit bonds in the \$5,000.00 amount, the committee is heartily in accord with the recommendation of the Grand Master.

Your committee recommends the approval of the above report.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Carried.

M. Ill. Charles B. Weller presented the verbal report of the Committee on Unfinished Business. He stated that the only business not completed at the last Annual Assembly was the proposal to increase the per capita dues from 60c per member to 75c.

He then called on R. Ill. James G. Purdy, who offered the resolution a year ago to present the matter to the Grand Council. Mr. Purdy explained the need for this increase and moved the adoption of the resolution.

After some discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution was approved.

In order to comply with the recommendation of the Grand Master and the Finance Committee in reducing the amount of the Bonds of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder, an amendment to change Section 10-5 and Section 11-12 of the Constitution, was presented, and by unanimous consent of the Companions present, it was passed and the said Sections of the Constitution were amended.

On motion of M. Ill. Chester D. Crowell, the Bonds of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder were placed at \$5,000.00 each, and to be issued together in a joint bond and for three years. Carried.

M. Ill. George W. Pratt, our newly elected Grand Master, announced the following appointments as officers for the ensuing year:

- R. Ill. Frank L. Gosnell.....Grand Chaplain
M. Ill. Ira R. Ferguson.....Grand Lecturer
R. Ill. Albin C. Anderson.....Fraternal Correspondent
R. Ill. Harry Pachall.....Grand Sentinel
R. Ill. William G. Wittcke, D. D. G. M., 1st District, 139-14 88th Ave.,
Jamaica, N. Y.
R. Ill. Charles A. Zarman, D. D. G. M., 2nd District, 25-77 35th St.,
L. I. City, N. Y.
R. Ill. Robert L. Dod, D. D. G. M., 3rd District, N. Y. Military Academy,
Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.
R. Ill. Jean L. Davis, D. D. G. M., 4th District, 345 N. Main St., Glovers-
ville, N. Y.
R. Ill. Avery L. Bullen, D. D. G. M., 5th District, 24 Coolidge Ave.,
Glens Falls, N. Y.

R. Ill. Frederick C. Breithaupt, D. D. G. M., 6th District, 149 Sherrill Road, Sherrill, N. Y.

R. Ill. Harold S. Knerr, D. D. G. M., 7th District, 553 Beecher St., Elmira, N. Y.

R. Ill. Elton F. Van Deventer, D. D. G. M., 8th District, Palmyra, N. Y.

R. Ill. Reginald A. Fox, D. D. G. M., 9th District, 158 Box Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M. Ill. Martin Q. Good, then installed the new Grand Master, M. Ill. George W. Pratt, with M. Ill. Harold Gardner Dobson acting as Grand Marshal and R. Ill. Frank L. Gosnell as Grand Chaplain, who offered the prayer prescribed in the Constitution, followed by the proclamation by the Grand Marshal and the Private Grand Honors for the new Grand Master. In due order the other officers were installed, also the new District Deputy Grand Masters. After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the several officers were escorted to their respective stations by the Grand Marshal. The Grand Master was presented with the gavel by the Installing Officer.

M. Ill. E. Parker Waggoner then presented M. Ill. George W. Pratt with a Grand Master's Apron, wishing him every success possible during his term of office. M. Ill. Pratt expressed his appreciation.

M. Ill. Ira R. Ferguson presented to the retiring Grand Master a beautiful Past Grand Master's Jewel, complimenting him on the success of his term. M. Ill. Companion Dobson was much pleased with the gift, especially for the sentiment which was attached to it.

The new Grand Master addressed the Companions on his outlook for the coming year and asked for the cooperation and support of the Companions in his efforts to lead the Grand Council this year.

The record of the proceedings of this two-day Annual Assembly as kept by the Grand Recorder, was, on motion, approved.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

M. Ill. George W. Pratt announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

Finance and Accounts

Edward Bartell.....520 West 218th St., Bronx, N. Y.
John A. Cromie3 Ramsey Place, Albany, N. Y.
Earle E. Lumbard.....P. O. Box 154, Flushing, N. Y.

Jurisprudence, Laws and General Activities

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
George O. Linkletter.....Aug. 1953.....2883 Northern Blvd., Manhasset, L. I.
Martin Q. Good.....Aug. 1954.....2809 Avenue K., Brooklyn 10, N. Y.

Ritual

- Chester D. Crowell.....138 Harwood Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
- E. Parker Waggoner.....888 Warren St., Albany 3, N. Y.
- Harlan S. Perrigo.....39 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
- Edward Feih.....1540 Unionport Road, Bronx, N. Y.
- Ira R. Ferguson.....Erie County Hall, Buffalo, N. Y.

Condition and Extension of the Rite

- George R. Hemenway.....608 Hulett Bldg., Elmira, N. Y.
- Charles B. Weller.....472 Gramatan Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
- Eugene B. Sanford.....99 State St., Albany, N. Y.

Fraternal Dead

- Rev. Dr. Frank L. Gosnell.....42 North Main St., West Carthage, N. Y.

Printing

- George W. Pratt.....P. O. Box 125, Coming, N. Y.
- Harold Gardner Dobson.....Brockport, N. Y.
- E. Parker Waggoner.....888 Warren St., Albany 3, N. Y.

Committee on Public Affairs

Harold G. Dobson

Masonic Education

- Howard L. Adams.....1622 Neilson St., Utica, N. Y.
- James H. Watson.....1104 Parkside Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
- Tom Maycock.....40 East 66th St., New York, N. Y.
- Walter A. DeLamater.....12 Center St., Rhinebeck, N. Y.
- George A. Lambert.....333 Ovington Ave., Brooklyn 9, N. Y.
- Louis Rask.....14 Alvey St., Schenectady, N. Y.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Grand Master asked the Grand Chaplain to lead us in the closing prayer:

“O Thou Infinite Ruler, who art from everlasting to everlasting, we who are set within the bonds of time are come to the end of another Assembly of our Grand Council. May our transient efforts gain eternal significance in Thy presence. May we carry to our home Councils the lessons herein gained. May they strengthen the bonds of fraternal love between us, incite our hearts to duty, our desires to wisdom. Give our new officers courage and determination in the meeting of their responsibilities, and may the year ahead be a significant one in Cryptic Rite Masonry. We pray through Him whose very mystery is made manifest through our devotion to His name. Amen.”

The Grand Master then directed the Grand Standard Bearer and the Grand Steward, under the leadership of the Grand Marshal, to escort the colors to their accustomed place during recess. (Done.)

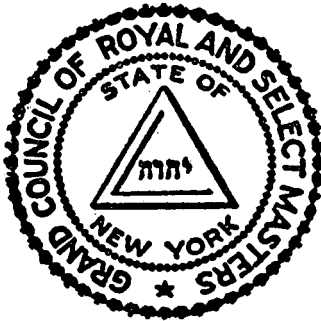
The Grand Master then declared the 126th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York closed (at 12:15 P. M.)

The Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master was conferred on Monday, August 29th, at 3:30 P. M., by the following cast:

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS DEGREE

Conferred by the following cast:

M. Ill. Ira R. Ferguson.....	Thrice Illustrious Master
R. Ill. John G. Rieger.....	Senior Warden
R. Ill. James H. Watson.....	Junior Warden
R. Ill. Edward Bartell	Chaplain
R. Ill. Andrew W. Nixon	Steward
R. Ill. George J. Vetter.....	Sentinel
R. Ill. George T. Burns.....	King David



HAROLD GARDNER DOBSON,
Grand Master.

ATTEST

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	August A. Perse	E. Reg. Smith	Alex. Robertson	Martin Q. Good	New York	1st Thurs., 1:00 P. M.
Union	2	Edwin Aram	Andrew H. Swanson	E. H. A. Smith	Geo. T. Burns	New York	4th Saturday (a)
Brooklyn	4	Warren R. Green	Joseph E. Foster	Max E. Mork	Walter L. Schneider	Brooklyn	3rd Saturday (a)
Adelphic	7	Jesse H. Groshans	Frederick L. Atwood	W. W. McClung	Harry Katz	New York	1st Saturday (b)
Rotica	12	George Goldstone	Wm. E. Hermant	Robert W. Trexler	Howard L. Adams	Rome	1st Monday (b)
Central City	13	Kenneth M. Stewart	Fred Hunter	Elwyn H. Bush	Andrew Sneddon	Syracuse	2nd Wednesday
Bloss	14	William A. Mabin	Alton R. Holmes	Morris G. Harple	Radcliff W. Taylor	Troy	1st Friday (f)
Southern Tier	15	George H. Butts	Arnold A. Acer	Harvey Acer	Louis T. Huber	Lockport	2nd Monday (e)
Buffalo-Keystone	17	Harold M. Murphy	Byron H. Ross	Roger S. Christian	Thomas A. Banfield	Elmira	3rd Monday
King Hiram	18	George G. Crewson	Hugh R. Stout	John H. Platt	Wilford J. Miller	Buffalo	4th Tuesday (f)
Doric	19	Walter K. Wildes	L. B. Underwood	Benj. B. Chappell	Harold W. Jackson	Auburn	2nd Wednesday (a)
Ancient City	21	E. Ray Burden	Earle E. Maynard	Cliff W. Sams	Robert Salter	Rochester	4th Monday (e)
DeWitt Clinton	22	Arthur J. C. Hahn	Claude Gorseline	Fred'k P. Carpenter	W. Frank Davis	Kingston	2nd Thursday
Binghamton	24	Ralph W. Prentice	Frank W. Bedell	Arthur S. Lewis	John A. Cromie	Albany	3rd Thursday
Dunkirk	25	T. Edgar Sharp	L. M. Hetherington	Fred A. Reynolds	Theodore J. Eckhardt	Binghamton	3rd Friday
Palmyra	26	G. Robt. Milligan	Arthur O. Ellsworth	Leverne R. Phelps	Matthew J. Scholtes	Dunkirk	1st Wednesday
King Solomon	31	Einar D. Reves	Austin E. Dodge	Albert F. Lawrence	M. F. Cathers	Palmyra	2nd Tuesday
Northern Star	34	Frank L. Gosnell	Geo. C. Lauritsen	C. Amzie Tiger	Abram B. Atkins	Poughkeepsie	4th Friday
Homeville	35	George A. Straight	C. Howard Greene	John H. O'Brien	Claude O. Dashnaw	Carthage	1st Monday
Adoniram	36	William J. Eason	William J. Eason	James Argyres	Roy M. Hackett	Hornell	1st Friday (a)
Cryptic	37	Harold C. More	Charles Samson	Frank Williams	Albert L. Plessis	Flushing	1st Friday (k)
Fulton	50	George A. Adams	Frank N. Wells	Roswell P. Barron	Jas. A. Diamond	Saratoga Springs	2nd & 4th Thursday
Washington	52	Arthur R. Hoffman	Charles H. Brown	Wright C. Sheldon	Hobart A. Coles	Fulton	4th Tuesday
Corning	53	Lawrence T. Inglee	Lawrence T. Inglee	John S. Mills	Herbert A. Belden	Whitehall	2nd Friday
Peekskill	55	Harry E. Hoffman	Harry E. Hoffman	Allan T. Dalrymple	Chas. W. Mills	Corning	3rd Thursday (a)
Hudson	62	P. Allen Dardis	P. Allen Dardis	W. Edwin Gallaher	Wm. H. Allen	Peekskill	2nd Monday (p)
Phoenix	70	Soren V. Vedsted	Soren V. Vedsted	John W. Traver	Royce C. Forgham	Hudson	2nd Monday (e)
Alph-Omega	71	Frank E. Pierce	Frank E. Pierce	John W. Galigher	William S. Quincy	Mt. Vernon	2nd Friday (a)
Johnstown	72	Franklin G. Axtell	Franklin G. Axtell	Chas. B. Raymond	Howard E. Brown	Medina	2nd Friday
St. George's	74	Albert Grimm	Albert Grimm	Robert Anderson	Ronald P. Wicks	Johnstown	1st Wednesday
Skoj-Yase	75	Arthur C. Bunker	Arthur C. Bunker	Gerard T. Jones	W. M. Hartmann	Schenectady	2nd Wednesday (f)
Suffolk	76	Gardenier Newman	Gardenier Newman	Charles Splyod	H. R. Wixom	Waterloo	2nd Friday
Catskill	78	Wm. S. Matsunaye, Jr.	Wm. S. Matsunaye, Jr.	Wm. Westerfield	Henry L. Neuroth	Huntington	2nd Friday
Temple	79	George A. Smith	George A. Smith	Rodney D. Botsford	Guernsey T. Kane	Catskill	4th Monday (a)
Flaughsh	80	Clyde K. Nelson	Clyde K. Nelson	Jesse U. McGee	Wm. C. Sharples	Niagara Falls	4th Friday (m)
Joseph Warren	81	Frederick H. Staal	Frederick H. Staal	H. Hachemeister, Jr.	Paul H. Hyser	Brooklyn	1st Wednesday (a)
Salamanca	82	M. R. Cleghorn	M. R. Cleghorn	H. Walter Monroe	Frank L. Moore	Glens Falls	1st Friday (g)
Zabud	84	Chas. G. Drachslin	Chas. G. Drachslin	Arthur M. Lloyd	John G. Krieger	Salamanca	2nd Monday (e)
Triangle	85	Harry W. Morrell	Harry W. Morrell	George Livingston	Joseph L. Cleary	Freeport	2nd Friday
Lafayette	86	Wm. J. Grimeck	Charles Durlach	Wm. J. Grimeck	Eber B. Kessler	Jamaica	4th Friday (a)
Oneonta	87	Geo. E. Schneider	Geo. E. Schneider	Geo. W. Primrose	S. W. Wakefield	Yonkers	1st Monday (b)
North Shore	88	Harris G. Cook	Harris G. Cook	Wm. N. Bliss	A. W. Damaschke	Oneonta	4th Wednesday
Cyrus	89	Ernest S. Robertson	Ernest S. Robertson	Henry Duck	Ralph J. Ely	Glen Clove	1st Tuesday (p)
		Douglas R. Spiers	Herbert D. Carlton	C. Arnold McCrea	Wray C. Stout	Rouses Point	3rd Monday (a)

No Assemblies: (a) July, Aug. (b) July, Aug. Sept. (c) June, July, Aug. (d) June, July, Aug., Sept. (e) June. (f) June, July, Aug., Sept. (g) June. (h) July, Aug., Sept., Jan. (p) Feb., Apr., June, Oct., Dec.

Name and Number of Council	No. of Members May 31, 1949	Greeted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Dismissed	Suspended in Council	Suspended in Chapter	No. of Members May 31, 1949	Amount of Fees and Dues
1 Columbian	371	3			15	1			358	227.10
2 Union	138	7		2	11		21		115	83.70
4 Brooklyn	292	9			8	4			289	188.70
7 Adelpic	367	15			9	3			370	242.70
12 Rotica	117	9			1				125	83.70
13 Central City	268	41		13	5	1			316	222.30
14 Bloss	417	5		17	34	5	8	3	389	257.70
15 Bruce	44	3							47	30.90
16 Southern Tier	260	7			2	4			261	166.50
17 Buffalo-Keystone..	311	15		4	29	7	7	13	274	209.10
18 King Hiram	61	8		1	3		1		66	48.60
19 Doric	258	4			9	3	1		249	160.80
21 Ancient City	68	4			3				69	46.80
22 DeWitt Clinton ..	456	24	1	1	17	1			464	309.60
24 Binghamton	39	5							44	30.90
25 Dunkirk	95				3	1			91	57.00
26 Palmyra	97	8			1	6	5		93	70.20
31 King Solomon	123	10			6				127	88.80
34 Northern Star	24	15			1				38	45.00
35 Hornellsville	108	1	1	1	1	1			109	66.30
36 Adoniram	162	13			2	3			170	116.70
37 Cryptic	124	10		1	2		1		132	89.40
50 Fulton	146	5				12			139	95.10
52 Washington	63	11			4				70	54.30
53 Corning	95	23							118	91.50
55 Peekskill	59	3			3	2			57	39.90
62 Hudson	125	5			3			2	125	82.50
70 Phoenix	163	8			4	1			166	109.80
71 Alph-Omega	52	3			2				53	36.30
72 Johnstown	219	9			5			1	222	144.90
74 St. George's	502	45	1	1	10	3			536	368.70
75 Skoi-Yase	70	3			5				78	46.50
76 Suffolk	38	15			1		1	1	51	45.30
78 Catskill	153	3		1	9	1	3	1	143	96.30
79 Temple	61				3		1		57	36.60
80 Flatbush	75	2		1	1	2			75	48.00
81 Joseph Warren	102	6		1	2				107	70.20
82 Salamanca	22								22	13.20
84 Zabud	57	3	2						62	38.70
85 Triangle	114	1			4	4			107	69.90
86 Lafayette	71	7			1	3		1	73	53.10
87 Oneonta	43	4	1		1	1			46	31.80
88 North Shore	39	3				1			41	27.90
89 Cyrus	59	5							64	42.90
	6,516	389	21	50	214	71	49	22	6,608	4,485.90

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	August A. Perse	E. Reg. Smith	Alex. Robertson	Martin Q. Good	New York	1st Thurs., 1:00 P. M.
Union	2	Edwin Aram	Andrew H. Swanson	E. H. A. Smith	Geo. T. Burns	New York	4th Saturday (a)
Brooklyn	4	Warren R. Green	Joseph E. Foster	Max E. Mork	Walter L. Schneider	Brooklyn	3rd Saturday (a)
Adelphic	7	Jesse H. Groshans	Frederick L. Atwood	W. W. McClung	Harry Katz	New York	1st Saturday (b)
Rotica	12	George Goldstone	Wm. E. Hermant	Robert W. Trexler	Howard L. Adams	Rome	1st Monday (b)
Central City	13	Kenneth M. Stewart	Fred Hunter	Elwyn H. Bush	Andrew Sneddon	Syracuse	2nd Wednesday
Bloss	14	William A. Mabin	Alton R. Holmes	Morris G. Harple	Radcliff W. Taylor	Troy	1st Friday (f)
Bruce	15	George H. Butts	Arnold A. Acer	Harvey Acer	Louis T. Huber	Lockport	2nd Monday (e)
Southern Tier	16	Harold M. Murphey	Byron H. Ross	Roger S. Christian	Thomas A. Banfield	Elmira	3rd Monday
Buffalo-Keystone	17	George G. Crewson	Hugh R. Stout	John H. Platt	Wilford J. Miller	Buffalo	4th Tuesday (f)
King Hiram	18	Walter K. Wildes	L. B. Underwood	Benj. B. Chappell	Harold W. Jackson	Auburn	2nd Wednesday (f)
Doric	19	E. Ray Burden	Earle E. Maynard	Cliff W. Sams	Robert Salter	Rochester	4th Monday (e)
Ancient City	21	Arthur J. C. Hahn	Claude Gorseline	Fred'k P. Carpenter	W. Frank Davis	Kingston	2nd Thursday
DeWitt Clinton	22	Wm. J. Reineck	Frank W. Bedell	Arthur S. Lewis	John A. Cromie	Albany	3rd Thursday
Binghamton	24	Ralph W. Prentice	L. M. Hetherington	Fred A. Reynolds	Theodore J. Eckhardt	Binghamton	3rd Friday
Dunkirk	25	T. Edgar Sharp	Arthur O. Ellsworth	Leverne R. Phelps	Matthew J. Scholtes	Dunkirk	1st Wednesday
Palmyra	26	G. Robt. Milligan	Austin E. Dodge	Albert F. Lawrence	M. F. Cathers	Palmyra	2nd Tuesday
King Solomon	31	Einar D. Reves	Geo. C. Lauritsen	C. Amzie Tiger	Abram B. Atkins	Poughkeepsie	4th Friday
Northern Star	34	George A. Straight	William J. Eason	James Argyres	Roy M. Hackett	Hornell	1st Friday (a)
Hornellsville	35	George D. Barclay	Charles Samson	Frank Williams	Albert L. Plessis	Flushing	1st Friday (k)
Adoniram	36	Harold C. More	Frank N. Wells	Roswell P. Barron	Jas. A. Diamond	Saratoga Springs	2nd & 4th Thursday
Cryptic	37	George A. Adams	Charles H. Brown	Wright C. Sheldon	Hobart A. Coles	Fulton	4th Tuesday
Fulton	50	Arthur R. Hoffman	Lawrence T. Inglee	John S. Mills	Herbert A. Belden	Whitehall	2nd Friday (a)
Washington	52	Floyd A. Cortright	Harry E. Hoffman	Allan T. Dalrymple	Chas. W. Mills	Corning	3rd Thursday (a)
Corning	53	Anton Leixner	P. Allen Dardis	W. Edwin Gallaher	Wm. H. Allen	Peekskill	2nd Monday (p)
Peekskill	55	Wm. G. Erickson	Soren V. Vedsted	John W. Traver	Royce C. Forgham	Hudson	2nd Monday (e)
Hudson	62	Kenneth A. Rose	Frank E. Pierce	John W. Galigher	William S. Quincy	Mt. Vernon	2nd Friday (a)
Phoenix	70	Lewis M. Phinney	Franklin G. Axtell	Chas. B. Raymond	Howard E. Brown	Medina	2nd Friday
Alpha-Omega	71	Franklin J. Cook	Albert Grimm	Robert Anderson	Ronald P. Wicks	Johnstown	1st Wednesday (f)
Johnstown	72	George Roes	Arthur C. Bunker	Cerard T. Jones	W. M. Hartmann	Schenectady	2nd Wednesday (f)
St. George's	74	Charles A. Rouse	Gardenier Newman	Charles Sloyd	H. R. Wixom	Waterloo	2nd Friday
Skoi-Yase	75	Ralph Leyrer	W. S. Matsunaye, Jr.	Wm. Westerfield	Henry L. Neuroth	Huntington	2nd Friday
Suffolk	76	Joseph H. Wilk	George A. Smith	Rodney D. Botsford	Guernsey T. Kane	Catskill	4th Monday (a)
Catskill	78	Henry A. Dobie	Clyde K. Nelson	Jesse U. Mc Gee	Wm. C. Sharples	Niagara Falls	4th Friday (m)
Temple	79	Walter R. Bates	Frederick H. Staal	H. Hachemeister, Jr.	Paul H. Hyser	Brooklyn	1st Wednesday (a)
Flatbush	80	Harry G. McNeil	M. R. Cleghorn	H. Walter Monroe	Frank L. Moore	Glens Falls	1st Friday (g)
Joseph Warren	81	Thomas E. Hunt	Chas. G. Drachslin	Arthur M. Lloyd	John G. Krieger	Salamanca	2nd Monday (e)
Salamanca	82	Norman W. Patterson	Harry W. Morrell	George Livingstone	Joseph L. Cleary	Freeport	2nd Friday
Zabud	84	Howard S. Wells	Charles Durlach	Wm. J. Grimeck	Eber B. Kessler	Jamaica	4th Friday (a)
Triangle	85	Frank G. Farnham	Geo. E. Schneider	Geo. W. Primrose	S. W. Wakefield	Yonkers	1st Monday (b)
Lafayette	86	Oron W. Gage	Harris C. Cook	Wm. N. Bliss	A. W. Damaschke	Ononta	4th Wednesday
Ononta	87	Walter Fenner, Jr.	Ernest S. Robertson	Henry Duck	Ralph J. Ely	Glen Clove	1st Tuesday (p)
North Shore	88	Douglas R. Spiers	Herbert D. Carlton	C. Arnold McCrea	Wray C. Stout	Rouses Point	3rd Monday (a)
Cyrus	89	Frank L. Gosnell	C. Howard Greene	John H. O'Brien	Claude O. Dashnaw	Carthage	1st Monday

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Master's name first.

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John J. Bott	Ray B. Leimbach	Harry Dana French
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° George Kretzschmar		

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° Tom Maycock	° Robert F. Janes	

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◦Chester L. Lane
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◦Jerome K. Cheney

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◦Geo. W. C. Braithwaite
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◦Millard F. Roesser
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MARTIN Q. GOOD, 1911
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GEORGE R. HEMENWAY, 1925
606-610 Hulett Building, Elmira

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

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
888 Warren St., Albany 3

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 Srteet, Mt. Vernon

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

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

IRA R. FERGUSON, 1947
Erie County Hall, Buffalo 2

HAROLD GARDNER DOBSON, 1948
Brockport

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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August 30, 1949

<i>Council No. State</i>	<i>Name and Address</i>	<i>Apptd.</i>
88 ALABAMA	—Ralph J. Ely, Glen Head, L. I., N. Y.....	1948
15 ARIZONA	—A. Irving Johnson, 521 Prospect Ave., Lockport, N. Y.....	1948
50 ARKANSAS	—Wiliam E. Howard, 212 So. 5th St., Fulton, N. Y.....	1935
34 CALIFORNIA	—C. Howard Greene, Masonic Temple, Watertown, N. Y.	1949
1 CANADA	East. Jur.—Edward W. Elwell, Old Greenwich, Conn.....	1941
19 ONTARIO	—Nathan C. Morrell, 241 Buckman St., Rochester, N. Y.	1948
71 CANADA	West. Jur.—Claude W. Grinnell, 512 Park Ave., Medina, N. Y.....	1948
7 COLORADO	—Kenneth G. Shaw, 418 South Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.....	1945
36 CONNECTICUT	—Chas. J. Van Buskirk, 4-69 Parsons Blvd., Flushing, N. Y.	1938
7 DELAWARE	—Tom Maycock, 40 E. 66th St., New York, N. Y.....	1946
14 DIST. OF COLUMBIA	—John W. Egleston, 162 Saratoga Ave., Waterford, N. Y.	1949
19 ENGLAND & WALES	—Raymond E. Westbury, 714 Union Trust Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.....	1949
12 FLORIDA	—R. Elmer Marriott, 17 Pearl St., New Hartford, N. Y.....	1949
7 GEORGIA	—Robert Foster Janes, 1 Fifth Ave., New York 3, N. Y.....	1947
16 IDAHO	—Elwin L. Cooper, 925 Scio St., Elmira, N. Y.....	1947
31 ILLINOIS	—Frank S. Partridge, 149 N. Clinton, St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	1949
87 INDIANA	—Arthur W. Damaschke, Oneonta, N. Y.....	1947
36 IOWA	—Julius H. Grau, 61-20 156th St., Flushing, N. Y.....	1947
89 KANSAS	—Wray C. Stout, 22 Academy St., Rouses Point, N. Y.....	1948
85 KENTUCKY	—George W. Woore, 88-43 80th St., Woodhaven, N. Y.....	1944
36 LOUISIANA	—Abraham U. Whitson, 143-25 Franklin Ave., Flushing, N. Y.	1945
55 MAINE	—Laurence R. Atherton, 506 Dyckman St., Peekskill, N. Y.....	1949
62 MARYLAND	—Thomas Leslie MacKnight, Tivoli, N. Y.....	1948
86 MASSACHUSETTS	—Stanley W. Wakefield, 58 Boone St., Yonkers 5, N. Y.....	1949

13	MICHIGAN—George W. C. Braithwaite, 199 Sherrill Rd., Sherrill, N. Y.	1949
76	MINNESOTA—Fred W. Hunninghouse, High St., Huntington, N. Y.	1948
70	MISSISSIPPI—Harry Pachall, 115 W. William St., Corning, N. Y.	1949
14	MISSOURI—Harry M. Platt, 22 Tuxil Square, Auburn, N. Y.	1949
72	MONTANA—Robert L. Dawson, 114 S. Perry St., Johnstown, N. Y.	1947
81	NEBRASKA—Russell J. Robinson, 4½ Lawrence St., Glens Falls, N. Y.	1946
50	NEVADA—Lewis Warren Emerick, Fulton, N. Y.	1946
70	NEW HAMPSHIRE—Harry W. Brown, P. O. Box No. 53, Larchmont, N. Y.	1947
4	NEW JERSEY—John C. Van DenHouten, 170 Rutland Road, Brooklyn, N. Y.	1947
	NEW MEXICO—Jerome K. Cheney, 16 Lyncrest Bldg., Fayetteville, N. Y.	1949
1	NO. CAROLINA—Raymond B. Leinbach, 725 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, N. Y.	1949
2	NORTH DAKOTA—Edward Bartell, 520 West 218th St., New York, N. Y.	1944
13	OHIO—Charles J. Wells, 1932 So. Salina St., Syracuse, N. Y.	1941
53	OKLAHOMA—Brady A. Smith, 140 Bridge St., Corning, N. Y.	1949
22	OREGON—Frederick W. Palmer, 414 New Scotland Ave., Albany, N. Y.	1944
35	PENNSYLVANIA—Andrew W. Travis, 14 Elm St., Canisteo, N. Y.	1948
74	RHODE ISLAND—Raymond W. Houghton, 16 School St., Schenectady, N. Y.	1946
74	SCOTLAND—Walter M. Hartmann, 805 Rankin Ave., Schenectady, N. Y.	1946
7	SOUTH CAROLINA—George A. Lambert, 333 Ovington Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	1944
2	SOUTH DAKOTA—William H. Myers, 2061 St. Raymond Ave., New York, N. Y.	1947
17	TENNESSEE—John G. Reiger, 501 Washington St., Buffalo, N. Y.	1947
22	TEXAS—John Wirth, 469 So. Pearl St., Albany, N. Y.	1947
26	UTAH—Carlton H. Boeheim, Palmyra, N. Y.	1948
22	VERMONT—Frederick A. Kullman, 10 Cuyler Ave., Albany, N. Y.	1949
53	WASHINGTON—Joseph Boughton, Painted Post, N. Y.	1946
21	WISCONSIN—Paul Jones, Albany Ave., Extension, Kingston, N. Y.	1946

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ALABAMA—William W. Waldo.....	Montgomery
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CANADA, WESTERN JURISDICTION—Stanley D. Cryden.....	Winnipeg
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CONNECTICUT—Harry F. Brown, 38 Avon.....	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
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KANSAS—Robert H. Montgomery, c/o State Hospital.....	Topeka
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MAINE—Philip G. Hodson.....	Yarmouth
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MINNESOTA—Arnold H. Haefemeyer.....	Faribault
MISSISSIPPI—J. E. Foglesong.....	Oxford
MISSOURI—Fred H. Knight.....	Kansas City
MONTANA—E. W. Spottswood.....	Missoula
NEBRASKA—Carl R. Greisen.....	North Platte
NEVADA—L. Wm. Semenza.....	Reno
NEW HAMPSHIRE—Charles H. Bernard.....	Manchester
NEW JERSEY—William Clifton Smith.....	New York City
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- J. HAROLD STACY.....*General Grand Conductor of the Council*
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- G. G. VERBRYCK.....*General Grand Marshal*
516 Professional Bldg., Long Beach, Calif.
- ROBERT M. REED.....*General Grand Steward*
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Councils—Brooklyn, No. 4; Adoniram, No. 36; Suffolk, No. 76; Flatbush, No. 80; Zabud, No. 84; Triangle, No. 85; North Shore, No. 88.

District No. 2:

R. Ill. Charles A. Zarman, 25-77 35th St., Long Island City 3, N. Y.
Councils—Columbian, No. 1; Union, No. 2; Adelpic, No. 7; Phoenix, No. 70; Lafayette, No. 86.

District No. 3:

R. Ill. Robert L. Dod, N. Y. Military Academy,
Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.
Councils—Ancient City, No. 21; King Solomon, No. 31; Peekskill, No. 55; Hudson, No. 62; Catskill, No. 78.

District No. 4:

R. Ill. Jean L. Davis, 345 N. Main St., Gloversville, N. Y.
Councils—Bloss, No. 14; DeWitt Clinton, No. 22; Johnstown, No. 72; St. George's, No. 74; Oneonta, No. 87.

District No. 5:

R. Ill. Avery L. Bullen, 24 Coolidge Ave., Glens Falls, N. Y.
Councils—Cryptic, No. 37; Washington, No. 52; Joseph Warren, No. 81; Cyrus, No. 89.

District No. 6:

R. Ill. Frederick C. Breithaupt, 149 Sherrill Rd., Sherrill, N. Y.
Councils—Rotica, No. 12; Central City, No. 13; King Hiram, No. 18;
Fulton, No. 50; Northern Star, No. 34.

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R. Ill. Harold S. Knerr, 553 Beecher St., Elmira, N. Y.
Councils—Southern Tier, No. 16; Binghamton, No. 24; Hornellsville, No.
35; Corning, No. 53.

District No. 8:

R. Ill. Elton F. Van Deventer, Palmyra, N. Y.
Councils—Doric, No. 19; Palmyra, No. 26; Skoi-Yase, No. 75.

District No. 9:

R. Ill. Reginald A. Fox, 158 Box Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
Councils—Bruce, No. 15; Buffalo-Keystone, No. 17; Alph-Omega, No.
71; Temple, No. 79.

District No. 10:

R. Ill.
Councils—Dunkirk, No. 25; Salamanca, No. 82.

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COLUMBIAN, No. 1.....	New York.....	Harold I. Blessing
UNION, No. 2.....	New York.....	Walter E. Price
BROOKLYN, No. 4.....	Brooklyn.....	James G. Purdy
ADELPHIC, No. 7.....	New York.....	Edward L. Flemming
ROTICA, No. 12.....	Rome.....	Walter E. Price
CENTRAL CITY, No. 13.....	Syracuse.....	James G. Purdy
BLOSS, No. 14.....	Troy.....	Howard L. Adams
BRUCE, No. 15.....	Lockport.....	Howard L. Adams
SOUTHERN TIER, No. 16.....	Elmira.....	George T. Burns
BUFFALO-KEYSTONE, No. 17.....	Buffalo.....	Walter E. Price
KING HIRAM, No. 18.....	Auburn.....	Edward L. Flemming
DORIC, No. 19.....	Rochester.....	Howard L. Adams
ANCIENT CITY, No. 21.....	Kingston.....	James G. Purdy
DeWITT CLINTON, No. 22.....	Albany.....	James H. Watson
BINGHAMTON, No. 24.....	Binghamton.....	Harold I. Blessing
DUNKIRK, No. 25.....	Dunkirk.....	George T. Burns
PALMYRA, No. 26.....	Palmyra.....	George W. Pratt
KING SOLOMON, No. 31.....	Poughkeepsie.....	George W. Pratt
NORTHERN STAR, No. 34.....	Carthage.....	Edward L. Flemming
HORNELLSVILLE, No. 35.....	Hornell.....	Howard L. Adams
ADONIRAM, No. 36.....	Flushing.....	George W. Pratt
CRYPTIC, No. 37.....	Saratoga Springs.....	James G. Purdy
FULTON, No. 50.....	Fulton.....	George T. Burns
WASHINGTON, No. 52.....	Whitehall.....	Walter E. Price
CORNING, No. 53.....	Corning.....	Edward L. Flemming
PEEKSKILL, No. 55.....	Peekskill.....	Harold I. Blessing
HUDSON, No. 62.....	Hudson.....	Edward L. Flemming
PHOENIX, No. 70.....	Mt. Vernon.....	Edward L. Flemming
ALPH-OMEGA, No. 71.....	Medina.....	George T. Burns
JOHNSTOWN, No. 72.....	Johnstown.....	Harold I. Blessing
ST. GEORGE'S, No. 74.....	Schenectady.....	James H. Watson
SKOI-YASE, No. 75.....	Waterloo.....	James H. Watson
SUFFOLK, No. 76.....	Huntington.....	Howard L. Adams
CATSKILL, No. 78.....	Catskill.....	Harold I. Blessing
TEMPLE, No. 79.....	Niagara Falls.....	Harold I. Blessing
FLATBUSH, No. 80.....	Brooklyn.....	George W. Pratt
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SALAMANCA, No. 82.....	Salamanca.....	James H. Watson
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