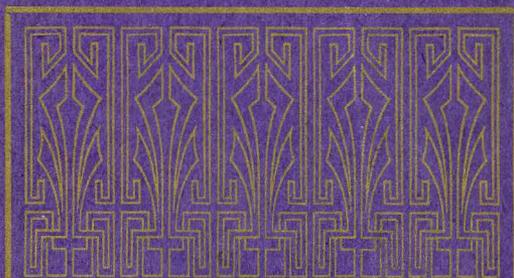


Proceedings of the Grand Council  
of Royal and Select Masters  
of the State of New York



August Twenty-third  
1910

## In Memoriam

**WILLIAM H. ANDREWS**

Died September 6th, 1910



NEW YORK, September 24th, 1910.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS :

The shadow of death has again passed over our Grand Council and left the space within its portals more dark than night. Like a crash from out a sunlit sky came the news of the sudden death of

**M. ILL. WILLIAM H. ANDREWS**

who was our Grand Master during the year of 1908.

On the 6th of the present month, Companion Andrews, in company with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Neilson, was riding in his automobile near his home at Portland, Connecticut, when suddenly from no apparent cause, the machine turned at a right angle, and dashing through a low retaining wall at the side of the road, precipitated itself to the ground beneath, and turning almost completely over, buried its occupants under the wreckage.

Both were almost instantly killed. Companion Andrews was still breathing when found, but soon passed away. The exact reason for this accident will never be known, as those who could give the correct information have gone to that bourne from which no traveller returns.

William H. Andrews was a man of fine attainments and brilliant intellect. Retiring from the active practice of law, in which profession he was a prominent member, he devoted the last years of his life to the study of those subjects in which he took particular interest; one of these being Free Masonry, in which he became an earnest student and an accomplished scholar.

His annual address, which he delivered before this Grand Council at the close of his term of office, will long remain as a monument of earnest and patient endeavor to arrive at the truth; while its drastic statements and logical conclusions compelled this Grand Council to adopt his recommendations and to fix the date of its birth in the year 1823 in place of an earlier period which had long been inscribed upon its banner.

His Masonic career began in Sagamore Lodge, No. 371, in which he was raised in 1878, and the scenes of his most active labors were the Lodge and Council to which he gave many years of devoted service. He served his Lodge as Master for three consecutive

years from 1883 to 1885; and in the latter year was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District, an office which he filled with ability and distinction. In 1886 he was elected a Commissioner of Appeals, and held that office for six years. It was upon Companion Andrews' motion that the Grand Lodge created the Committee on Antiquities, and he served as its Chairman almost continuously up to the last Grand Lodge, and in that position rendered valuable services to the Craft.

He was a member of Phoenix Chapter, No. 2, Adelpic Council, No. 7, Palestine Commandery, No. 18, the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of New York, Mecca Temple and Azim Grotto. But it was in his Lodge and the Cryptic Rite that the Masonic life of our Companion found its most earnest existence, and Sagamore Lodge, Adelpic Council and this Grand Council have met with a loss that will not be replaced.

Elected Master of Adelpic Council in 1894 and 1895, he served that body with zeal and ability, and in 1902 was placed in the grand line by his election as Grand Standard Bearer. He became Grand Master in August, 1907, serving until August, 1908, and in that brief term of one year he rendered services to this Grand Council that should never be forgotten; nor will they be by those who knew and loved this man, and who understood and appreciated his work.

The funeral services were held on Saturday, September 10th, at Trinity Church, Portland, Conn., the Grand Council being represented by R. Ill. Companions Herbert W. Greenland, Grand P. C. of the W.; Benno Loewy, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Georgia, and Charles T. Lunt, Grand Recorder.

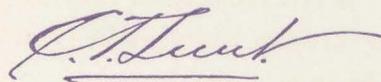
Masonic services were given at the grave by the members of Sagamore Lodge, No. 371, and Warren Lodge, of Middletown, Conn. He lies at rest in the little cemetery in the village of Portland, and there we leave him in the hands of the Grand Architect in whose cause he labored long and well.

Companions, death loves a shining mark, and while his remorseless hand has deprived us of further intercourse with our esteemed and beloved Past Grand Master, let us not despair nor lose our belief in the beautiful teachings of our Fraternity, but journey on with renewed faith in that reunion in the land beyond the stars.

It is my order that this obituary be read in each subordinate Council at their first regular Assembly following the receipt thereof, and that the altars be draped for the period of sixty days.

WILL L. LLOYD,  
*Grand Master.*

*Attest:*



*Grand Recorder.*



Eng<sup>d</sup> by W T Basher, N.Y.

*Most Illustrious Morris S. Mac Kenzie*  
*Elected Grand Master August 31st. 1909*  
*Died March 7th. 1910.*

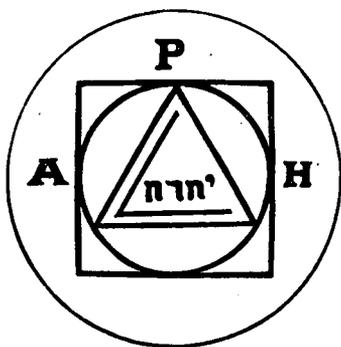
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**87TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

AUGUST 23d, 1910

MASONIC TEMPLE,

ALBANY, N. Y.

RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS WILL L. LLOYD, ACTING GRAND MASTER

**Opening Exercises**

- |   |   |                |
|---|---|----------------|
| 1 | Overture <i>Light Cavalry</i>   | VON SUPPE      |
| 2 | Entrance of Grand Officers<br>Priests' March from "Athelie"             | MENDELSSOHN    |
| 3 | Salutation  |                |
| 4 | Cornet Solo, with Violin and Organ<br>Intermezzo "Cavalleria Rusticana" | MASCAGNI       |
| 5 | Opening of Grand Council  |                |
| 6 | Overture <i>Romantique</i>  | KELER BELA     |
| 7 | Prayer  | GRAND CHAPLAIN |
| 8 | Chorus <i>Air, "America"</i>  |                |

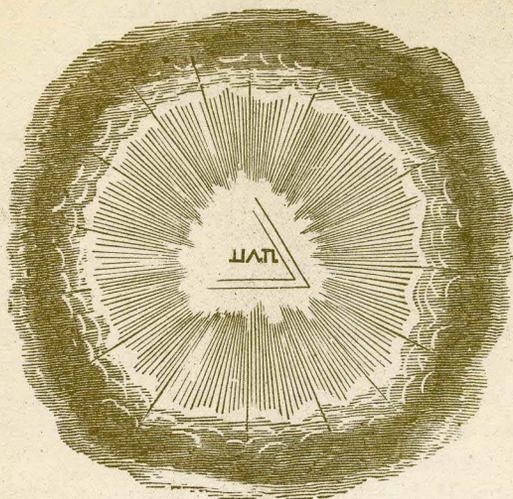
(Companions will rise and unite in singing)

Hail! Cryptic Rite, divine!  
 Glory of ages shine,  
 Long may'st thou reign;  
 Where'er thy councils stand,  
 May they have great command,  
 And always grace the land:  
 Hail! Cryptic Rite.

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

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| 9  | Proclamation   | GRAND MARSHAL  |
| 10 | Doxology<br>Be thou, O God, exalted high,<br>And as Thy glory fills the sky<br>So let it be on earth displayed,<br>Till thou art here as there obeyed. |                |
| 11 | Roll Call  | GRAND RECORDER |

Music under the direction of Companion Samuel B. Belding



Eighty-Seventh Annual Assembly  
OF THE  
**Grand Council Royal and Select  
Masters**  
of the State of New York

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GRAND COUNCIL ROOM,  
MASONIC TEMPLE,  
ALBANY, NEW YORK,  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1910.

**OPENING.**

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York convened in Annual Assembly in the Ten Eyck Room, Masonic Temple, corner of Maiden Lane and Lodge

Street, in the City of Albany, State of New York, on Tuesday,  
August 23d, 1910, A. D., 2910 Anno. Dep. at 10 o'clock A. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

R. III. WILL L. LLOYD . . . . . Deputy Grand Master  
 R. III. MARTIN Q. GOOD . . . . . Grand P. C. of W.  
 M. III. GEORGE A. NEWELL . . . . . Grand Treasurer  
 R. III. CHARLES T. LUNT . . . . . Grand Recorder  
 R. III. HERBERT W. GREENLAND . . . . . Grand C. of the G.  
 R. III. J. HARRIS BALSTON . . . . . Grand C. of the C.  
 R. III. GEORGE E. HATCH . . . . . Grand Marshal  
 R. III. EDWARD H. LISK . . . . . Grand Steward  
 R. III. EUGENE E. HINMAN . . . . . Grand Lecturer  
 R. III. REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER . . . . . Grand Chaplain  
 M. III. A. OPPENHEIMER }  
 M. III. JOHN P. DEAL } . . . . . Grand Trustees  
 R. III. HARWOOD DUDLEY }  
 III. WILLIAM H. GLADDING . . . . . Grand Sentinel

Together with the Representatives of the following Councils:

COLUMBIA . . . . . No. 1.	PALMYRA . . . . . No. 26.
UNION . . . . . No. 2.	KING SOLOMON . . . . . No. 31.
BROOKLYN . . . . . No. 4.	JAMESTOWN . . . . . No. 32.
ADELPHIC . . . . . No. 7.	OLEAN . . . . . No. 33.
CENTRAL CITY . . . . . No. 13.	HORNELLSVILLE . . . . . No. 35.
BLOSS . . . . . No. 14.	CRYPTIC . . . . . No. 37.
BRUCE . . . . . No. 15.	WASHINGTON . . . . . No. 52.
BUFFALO . . . . . No. 17.	PEEKSKILL . . . . . No. 55.
DORIC . . . . . No. 19.	PHOENIX . . . . . No. 70.
KEYSTONE . . . . . No. 20.	ALPH-OMEGA . . . . . No. 71.
DEWITT CLINTON . . . . . No. 22.	JOHNSTOWN . . . . . No. 72.
DUNKIRK . . . . . No. 25.	

And permanent members as follows:

JOHN J. MARTIN . . . . .	P. G. M.
JOHN W. COBURN . . . . .	P. G. M.
RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE . . . . .	P. G. M.
ALEXANDER B. KING . . . . .	P. G. M.

GEORGE A. NEWELL .....	P. G. M.
A. OPPENHEIMER .....	P. G. M.
FREDERICK KANTER .....	P. G. M.
GEORGE MCGOWN .....	P. G. M.
JOHN P. DEAL .....	P. G. M.
WILLARD S. BRADT .....	P. G. M.
FRED E. OGDEN .....	P. G. M.
WILLIAM H. ANDREWS .....	P. G. M.
FRANK M. ADEE .....	P. G. M.
GARVEY DONALDSON, Columbian, No. 1 .....	Past T. I. M.
EDWARD COOPER, Brooklyn, No. 4 .....	Past T. I. M.
ALFRED B. CONRAD, Brooklyn, No. 4 .....	Past T. I. M.
FRANK P. WISEBURN, Brooklyn, No. 4 .....	Past T. I. M.
ALFRED D. SLOUGH, Adelphic, No. 7 .....	Past T. I. M.
ELIAS WHITNEY, Adelphic, No. 7 .....	Past T. I. M.
GEORGE B. CATHERS, Central City, No. 13 .....	Past T. I. M.
ARTHUR MACARTHUR, Bloss, No. 14 .....	Past T. I. M.
EDWIN BUCHMAN, Bloss, No. 14 .....	Past T. I. M.
MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY, Bloss, No. 14 .....	Past T. I. M.
A. W. H. SPEAR, Bloss, No. 14 .....	Past T. I. M.
CHARLES DUNCAN, Bloss, No. 14 .....	Past T. I. M.
HERBERT M. LOVELL, Southern Tier, No. 16 .....	Past T. I. M.
CHARLES M. COLTON, Doric, No. 19 .....	Past T. I. M.
WILLARD S. GIBBONS, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22 .....	Past T. I. M.
EUGENE CRAWFORD, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22 .....	Past T. I. M.
CHARLES L. MYERS, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22 .....	Past T. I. M.
PETER SCHUMACHER, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22 .....	Past T. I. M.
DERRICK BROWN, King Solomon, No. 31 .....	Past T. I. M.
CALEB S. HANKS, Olean, No. 33 .....	Past T. I. M.
EDMUND C. NATION, Peekskill, No. 55 .....	Past T. I. M.
WILBER F. WESSELLS, Peekskill, No. 55 .....	Past T. I. M.
MOSES D. GETTY, Phoenix, No. 70 .....	Past T. I. M.
FRANKLIN T. DAVIS, Phoenix, No. 70 .....	Past T. I. M.
OSSIAN H. LANG, Phoenix, No. 70 .....	Past T. I. M.
J. CALEB FISHER, Phoenix, No. 70 .....	Past T. I. M.
JOHN G. FERRES, Johnstown, No. 72 .....	Past T. I. M.
HARWOOD DUDLEY, Johnstown, No. 72 .....	Past T. I. M.

With Representatives from the following Grand Councils :

CONNECTICUT .....	Rep. by Comp.	Oliver H. LaBarre
COLORADO .....	" "	Charles M. Colton
ENGLAND AND WALES .....	" "	Arthur MacArthur
FLORIDA .....	" "	Eugene Crawford
GEORGIA .....	" "	Benno Loewy
ILLINOIS .....	" "	Wilbur F. Wessells
KANSAS .....	" "	Derrick Brown
MAINE .....	" "	John G. Ferres
MASSACHUSETTS .....	" "	Charles L. Myers
MARITIME PROVINCES .....	" "	Charles Duncan
MINNESOTA .....	" "	Edwin Buchman
MISSOURI .....	" "	Franklin T. Davis
NORTH CAROLINA .....	" "	Alfred B. Conrad
OHIO .....	" "	James Chambers
OKLAHOMA .....	" "	Alfred B. Price
RHODE ISLAND.....	" "	Marshall F. Hemingway
VERMONT .....	" "	Warren F. Bascom
WASHINGTON .....	" "	Herbert M. Lovell
WISCONSIN .....	" "	Willard S. Gibbons

M. Ill. JOHN P. DEAL acted as Grand Deputy Master; and by reason of the unavoidable absence of R. Ill. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, Grand Standard Bearer, his station was filled by R. Ill. HARWOOD DUDLEY.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form, R. Ill. WILL L. LLOYD presiding. The Representatives of the other Grand Councils were formally received and welcomed by the Deputy Grand Master, and the fraternal regards of this Grand Council were extended to them for conveyance to the respective Grand Councils which they represented.

R. Ill. DERRICK BROWN, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Kansas, responded for the Grand Representatives.

**Select Masters Invited to Remain as Visitors.**

The usual motion was made and carried, that all Companions, Select Masters in good standing, be invited to remain as visitors during this Grand Assembly, except at such times as prohibited by the Constitution.

### Regrets.

Letters of regret of their inability to be present at this Grand Assembly were received from

R. .Ill. .and M. .W. .S. NELSON SAWYER, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Mississippi, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

R. .Ill. .WILLIAM H. SMITH, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of California.

R. .Ill. .WILLIAM H. SMITH, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Nebraska.

Ill. .WILLIAM HOMAN, 33° Deputy of the State of New York for the Supreme Council A. A. S. R. of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

R. .Ill. .WILLIAM SHERER, Grand Representative of the former Grand Council of Scotland.

R. .Ill. .HARRY L. BRIGGS, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Tennessee.

R. .Ill. .WILLIAM DOWNES, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Maryland.

R. .Ill. .GEORGE E. BRIGGS, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Indiana.

R. .Ill. .MARK D. WELSHER, Past Grand Representative, now residing at Sierra Madre, Cal.

R. .Ill. .WILLIAM H. ELLIS, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Council.

M. .Ill. .WILLIAM H. JEWELL, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Florida, through R. .Ill. .EUGENE CRAWFORD, Grand Representative, and conveying his fraternal regards.

M. .E. .JAY B. KLINE, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York.

M. .P. .GRAFF M. ACKLIN, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, through M. .Ill. .A. OPPENHEIMER, expressing his disappointment at his inability to be present at this Grand Assembly, and also expressing the hope that he would be more fortunate in that regard in 1911.

### Visitors.

M. .E. .J. HARRIS BALSTON, Past Grand High Priest, of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York.

M. .E. .GEORGE A. NEWELL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York.

M. .E. .CHARLES C. HUNT, Past Grand High Priest, of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York.

M. .P. .JOHN W. COBURN, Past General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, who responded briefly to the welcome of the Acting Grand Master, giving voice to his appreciation, and to the pleasure he felt in being with the Companions.

R. .P. .GEORGE A. NEWELL, General Grand Captain of the Guard of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, who was escorted to the Grand East and received with the honors due his high and exalted station. Companion NEWELL addressed the Grand Council, expressing his thanks for the honor and courtesy conferred upon him, also assuring this Grand Council of the high regard in which it is held by the General Grand Council.

M. .Ill. .JAMES H. WITHERELL, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Maine, was introduced by R. .Ill. .JOHN G. FERRES, Grand Representative of that jurisdiction, escorted to the Grand East, welcomed by the Acting Grand Master, and accorded the Grand Honors.

The Illustrious Companion addressed the Grand Council extending his appreciation for the cordial and fraternal greeting that had been given him, and presenting the best wishes and sincere regards of the Grand Council of Maine.

### Minutes of the Last Annual Assembly.

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

R. .Ill. .WILL L. LLOYD, Deputy Grand Master then presented the following:

## ADDRESS

*Companions of the Grand Council:*

One year ago, when I was honored by this Grand Body with the office of Grand Deputy Master, I little thought in that brief space of time, it would devolve upon me to prepare the customary annual report of the proceedings of this Grand Council, and to stand in its Grand East as I do today, to render an account of my stewardship.

Companions, on the seventh day of March last, death struck this Grand Council a cruel blow, and removed from our midst, he who was at that time our Grand Master; and it is by the sad dispensation of that Supreme Authority from which there is no appeal, that I am here in the place of our late honored chieftain, and attempting to discharge the duties which were allotted to him, and which through natural ability he was so well fitted to perform.

The burial of our Grand Master occurred on Thursday, March 10th, the funeral services being given at his late residence in the city of Watervliet, and it is to the credit of this Grand Council that it was so well represented at those last sad rites, by its officers and members; four Past Grand Masters, and all of the officers with but three exceptions, being present.

Morris S. MacKenzie was one to whom the Cryptic Rite owes much; his will power, vitality, vigor and energy, seemed almost magnetic in influencing those with whom he came in contact, ordinary difficulties never deterred him from pursuing a path of duty once decided upon, they only spurred him on to renewed effort. His example in this respect as well as his record as a man and Mason, commands our honor and emulation.

On March 19, a circular letter addressed to the officers and members of the Grand Council, and to the Subordinate Councils, was issued, and is hereto annexed as Appendix A. This circular

letter was written by our Grand Recorder, R. Ill. CHARLES T. LUNT, and was a beautiful tribute to the memory of our late Grand Master.

The other deaths in our jurisdiction have been as follows:

R. Ill. JOHN P. WILSON died on January 17, 1910. Comp. Wilson was the Master of King Solomon Council, No. 31, of Poughkeepsie, and did much to build up that Council, and to sustain the interest of the members in its advancement and prosperity.

He was Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Florida, a position he held at the time of his death. In the demise of Comp. Wilson the Cryptic Rite met with a distinct loss and he will be greatly missed.

R. Ill. MARK C. FINLEY died on the 22d of December, 1909. Comp. Finley was one of the Past Masters of Palmyra Council, No. 26, and lived to the ripe age of 83. He devoted many years of his life to the interests of Cryptic Masonry, and was a man of marked ability and firmness of character.

He was the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Mississippi, and held that exalted station until removed by death.

Th. Ill. WILLIAM M. POSTLEY, one of the Past Masters of Union Council, No. 2, died on the 21st of April, 1910, at the extreme age of 86. He was an active Mason for many years; at one time Secretary of his Lodge and Chapter, and devoted at all times to the interests of the craft.

Th. Ill. THOMAS J. BISHOP, a Past Master of De Witt Clinton Council, No. 22, died on the 6th of September, 1909.

Th. Ill. CYRUS K. PORTER, a Past Master of Buffalo Council, No. 17, died on the 30th of January, 1910.

Th. Ill. HAMDEN W. MCINTYRE, a Past Master of Southern Tier Council, No. 16, died on the 19th of September, 1909.

Th. Ill. EDMUND R. WILLERTON, a Past Master of De Witt Clinton Council, No. 22, died on the 14th of February, 1910.

Th. Ill. AUSTIN C. WOOD, a Past Master of Central City Council, No. 13, died on the 22d of January, 1910. Comp. WOOD

was one of the most prominent Masons in Syracuse, a member of the various branches of the fraternity and an earnest and enthusiastic worker. He was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of this State in 1888, and had received the 33d Degree in the A. A. S. R.

I have attempted to name only a few of the more prominent Companions who have passed to their reward, and in the report of the Committee on "Fraternal Dead" will be found a more complete list.

Death has also visited other jurisdictions, and removed therefrom many Companions distinguished not only in the Cryptic Rite, but in all branches of Masonry.

OHIO.—WILLIAM MOORE CUNNINGHAM, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio, died on the 16th of August, 1909.

ILLINOIS.—JOHN O'NEIL, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Illinois, and Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York, died on September 25, 1909.

JOHN M. PEARSON, Past Grand Master, died on June 4, 1910.

WISCONSIN.—WILLIAM N. PENNELL, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Wisconsin, died on October 22, 1909.

MASSACHUSETTS.—BAALIS SANFORD, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, died on November 16, 1909.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—FRANK DANA WOODBURY, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New Hampshire, died on November 22, 1909.

CALIFORNIA.—FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of California, died on March 16, 1910.

TENNESSEE.—WILLIAM A. CLENDENING, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Tennessee, died on May 19, 1910.

These Companions were all active workers and valuable members of the Rite in their respective jurisdictions, and our sympathy is extended to these Grand Councils in the loss they have sustained.

## VISITATIONS AND RECEPTIONS.

M. Ill. MORRIS S. MACKENZIE, our late Grand Master, in compliance with the very courteous invitation of M. E. CHARLES C. HUNT, Grand High Priest, attended the 113th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held in this room on Tuesday, February 2, 1910. He was introduced by a Past Grand High Priest, who is also an officer of this Grand Council: M. Ill. GEORGE A. NEWELL, our Grand Treasurer.

He received a warm and fraternal greeting, and was escorted to the Grand East. This was his last appearance in public.

At the January Assembly of his home Council, Bloss, No. 14, of Troy, he was present for the first time after being stricken with what proved to be his last and fatal illness. He was received with enthusiasm and all the honors that the Companions had to give were accorded him.

It was an occasion that will long remain in the memory of the members of Bloss Council and visiting Companions. Every living Past Master with two exceptions were present, the latter being absent through illness.

On this occasion the Grand Master was presented with a beautiful Grand Council apron, the presentation speech being made by R. Ill. MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New Jersey, was held in the Masonic Hall, Trenton, on Tuesday, April 19, 1910. As Acting Grand Master I received a most cordial and fraternal invitation to attend; a ticket for the banquet which followed, being also enclosed; but owing to business engagements, was unable to be present.

Our Grand Recorder, however, attended this function, which is an assurance that our Grand Council was well represented.

I received one other invitation of a similar nature, which came through M. Ill. Companion OPPENHEIMER, Past Grand Master, inviting me to be present on Monday evening, June 6, 1910, to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of Buffalo Council.

No. 17, and assist in the welcome to the official visitor, R. Ill. EDWARD H. LISK, Grand Steward.

As I was on an important business trip to Chicago, I was reluctantly compelled to send my regrets.

The illness of M. Ill. MORRIS S. MACKENZIE prevented his attendance at the meeting of the General Grand Council, which was held at Savannah, Georgia, on November 8, 1909. He sent his proxy, however, to our Grand Recorder, R. Ill. CHARLES T. LUNT, who attended the General Grand Assembly as the representative of our late Grand Master. Companion LUNT reports that this meeting was very well attended, and much interest taken in the proceedings; and that he was honored by being appointed on two important committees as were R. Ill. Companions MARTIN Q. GOOD, and J. HARRIS BALSTON, who were also present.

R. P. GEORGE A. NEWELL, our Grand Treasurer, who is in the official line of the General Grand Council, was advanced to the position of General Grand Captain of the Guard.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS BY THE GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS.

Under the direction of the Constitution, the several Councils in the State were assigned by Grand Master MACKENZIE to the Grand Council officers for visitation in the following circular letter:

GRAND COUNCIL  
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

MORRIS S. MACKENZIE,  
*Grand Master.*

Troy, N. Y., November 22, A. D., 1909, Anno Dep., 2909.

Circular No. I.

*To the Officers of the Grand Council and to the Thrice Illustrious Masters of all Councils throughout the State of New York:*

Companions:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution, I hereby make the following assignments:

R. III. WILL L. LLOYD, D. G. M., Albany.

Brooklyn, No 4..... Brooklyn  
Doric, No. 19..... Rochester  
Keystone, No. 20..... Buffalo

R. III. MARTIN Q. GOOD, G. P. C. of W., New York City.

Southern Tier, No. 16..... Elmira  
De Witt Clinton, No. 22..... Albany  
King Solomon, No. 31..... Poughkeepsie

R. III. HERBERT W. GREENLAND, G. C. of G., Syracuse.

Bloss, No. 14..... Troy  
Bruce, No. 15..... Lockport  
Phoenix, No. 70..... Mount Vernon

R. III. J. HARRIS BALSTON, G. C. of C., Brooklyn.

Union, No. 2..... New York  
Olean, No. 33..... Olean  
Alph-Omega, No. 71..... Medina

R. III. GEORGE E. HATCH, Grand Marshal, Rochester.

Columbian, No. 1..... New York  
Central City, No. 13..... Syracuse  
Palmyra, No. 26..... Palmyra

R. III. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, Grand Standard Bearer, Buffalo.

Adelphic, No. 7..... New York  
Hornellsville, No. 35..... Hornell  
Washington, No. 52..... Whitehall

R. III. EDWARD H. LISK, Grand Steward, Troy.

Buffalo, No. 17..... Buffalo  
Cryptic, No. 37..... Saratoga Springs  
Johnstown, No. 72..... Johnstown

R. III. EUGENE E. HINMAN, Grand Lecturer, Albany.

Dunkirk, No. 25..... Dunkirk  
Jamestown, No. 32..... Jamestown  
Corning, No. 53..... Corning

R. III. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, Grand Chaplain, Poughkeepsie.

Peekskill, No. 55..... Peekskill

R. III. WARREN C. HUBBARD, at his own request, has been given no assignments. The Grand Lecturer, R. III. EUGENE E. HINMAN, will, in addition to officially visiting the Councils mentioned above, endeavor to visit as many as possible of the Councils for the purpose of instructing officers in the Standard Work. He will also, at the request of the Grand Master, hold several conventions throughout the State, the time and place of which will be announced later by the Grand Master.

Fraternally yours,

MORRIS S. MACKENZIE,  
Grand Master

Attest:

C. T. LUNT,  
Grand Recorder.

Under the aforesaid assignment, on the night of June 27th, I had the pleasure of making an official visit to Doric Council, No. 19, at Rochester.

On the arrival of my train from Albany, I was welcomed at the railroad station by the Master of the Council, and by Past Grand Master WILLARD S. BRADT, who escorted me to Powers Hotel where accommodations had been engaged for me; after a brief rest and a good supper, I was taken to the Masonic Temple where I found the following Companions in waiting to receive me:

M. Ill. GEORGE MCGOWN and WILLARD S. BRADT, P. G. Masters, R. Ill. GEORGE E. HATCH, R. Ill. CHARLES M. COLTON, R. Ill. EMIL H. SCHMIDT, Th. Ill. Companions GEORGE W. COOPER, EARL J. NEVILLE of Doric Council, GEORGE W. BARNES of Palmyra Council, SIDNEY E. WHITE, Master of Doric Council, with a large delegation of the Companions.

After having been received with the honors due an officer of the Grand Council, I witnessed a splendid exemplification of the degrees, the work of both the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees being done as well as I have ever seen it rendered.

The delivery of the ritualistic portion of the Royal Masters' Degree by the P. C. of the W. was superb; and his interpolated address to the Candidates was given with so much earnestness, that it could not fail to leave impressions of the beauties of the Cryptic Rite on all within the sound of his voice.

At the request of the Th. Ill. Master, I presented to Past Master EMIL H. SCHMIDT on behalf of Doric Council, the first life membership certificate ever given in that Council.

After the Assembly had closed, the Companions repaired to the Masonic Club, where a Banquet was served, and an opportunity given to many of the Companions to state how pleased they were to be present; this privilege was not limited as is customary, to those who were seated at the so-called speaker's table, but was extended to all; even some of the newly received Companions were called on to express their views of the work they had witnessed for the first time that evening.

I shall remember my visit to Doric Council as one of the most pleasant visits of an official character I have ever made.

Finding that the evening I was to have made my official visit to Keystone Council, No. 20, of Buffalo, was the night its room in the Masonic Temple in that city had been allotted to the Grand Commandery for its use during the Annual Conclave, I was reluctantly obliged to omit my visit to that Council.

Being absent in Chicago on a business trip, I requested R. Ill. CHARLES T. LUNT, Grand Recorder, to act as my proxy in making the official visit to Brooklyn Council, No. 4. He very kindly consented to do so, and reports that in accordance with said request, he visited this Council on the evening of June 18th, it being the date of their regular assembly.

He was presented by M. Ill. CHAS. STEWART and warmly greeted by the Th. Ill. Master, Companion GEORGE A. LUTZ, and escorted to the East, and briefly addressed the Companions urging them to greater activity in bringing in candidates, and offering some suggestions for the accomplishment of that desirable object.

There were a large number of Companions present, among whom he mentions M. Ill. FREDERICK KANTER, P. G. M.; M. Ill. CHARLES STEWART, P. G. M.; R. Ill. J. HARRIS BALSTON, Grand Conductor of the Council; R. Ill. Companions ALFRED B. CONRAD, JOHN L. JUDGE, and OLIVER H. LABARRE, Grand Representatives; Th. Ill. CHARLES H. STODDARD, Master of Adelpic Council, No. 7, accompanied by a large delegation, Th. Ill. ELIAS WHITNEY of Adelpic and Th. Ill. FRANK WISEBURN, Past Master of Brooklyn, No. 4.

R. Ill. MARTIN Q. GOOD, Grand P. C. of the W., reports that he was unable to visit more than one of the Councils assigned to him. On May 19, 1910, he visited officially DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, at Albany, where he received a courteous and fraternal welcome, and witnessed the conferring of the Degrees of Royal and Select Master on a large class of candidates. He states that the work was perfect and impressive, and congratulates that Council on having such a well qualified and efficient

staff of officers. Among the distinguished Companions present are mentioned R. Ill. EUGENE E. HINMAN, Grand Lecturer; R. Ill. Companions EUGENE CRAWFORD, CHARLES L. MYERS, T. AUSTIN WILLIAMSON, and Th. Ill. WILLIAM H. BUTLER, PETER SCHUMACHER, GEORGE R. HODGKINS, and Th. Ill. ZINA C. LEWIS, Master of Bloss Council, No. 14.

Companion GOOD wrote twice to the Master of Southern Tier Council, in the endeavor to arrange a visit during the present term, but received a reply to the effect that an official visit would be a burden which the Council was unwilling to assume, and as Companion GOOD had no desire to force his presence upon the Council, he reluctantly abandoned the attempt.

Companion GOOD was also assigned to King Solomon Council, No. 31, but that Council had the misfortune to lose its Master, Companion WILSON, whose death has been brought to your attention, since which event no assembly has been held, this Council having adopted the custom of meeting "on the call of the Master."

A meeting had been arranged, however, to take place on or about the 11th of June, last, but at the last moment the Deputy Master, who is the Acting Mayor of Poughkeepsie, found that it would be impossible for him to be present, and was obliged to request that the visit be postponed.

R. Ill. HERBERT W. GREENLAND, Grand Captain of the Guard, was assigned to Bloss, No. 14, Bruce, No. 15, and Phoenix, No. 70, and visited them all. On April 1st he was present officially at Bloss Council, No. 14, and after being entertained by the Master and officers at the Elks Club, was escorted to the Council Chamber where he found a very large gathering of the Companions who had assembled in his honor.

After a formal greeting due his rank and station he had the pleasure of witnessing the conferring of the Super Excellent Masters' Degree on a large class of candidates. He reports the work as being excellently done, and thoroughly enjoyed by the Companions present. As was quite natural, he speaks of the absence of our late Grand Master, which was keenly felt by all,

particularly by Companion GREENLAND himself, as he had looked forward to this visit, before the Grand Master's illness, with many pleasant anticipations, and when the time finally arrived the realization of Companion MACKENZIE's death came with redoubled force.

There were present on the occasion of this visit R.'.Ill.'. CHARLES T. LUNT, Grand Recorder; R.'.Ill.'. EUGENE E. HINMAN, Grand Lecturer; M.'.Ill.'. ALEXANDER B. KING, P. G. M.; R.'.Ill.'. MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY, and CHARLES F. MYERS, Grand Representatives; R.'.Ill.'. EDWARD H. LISK, Grand Steward.

On Monday evening, May 9th, accompanied by M.'.Ill.'. FREDERICK KANTER, P. G. M., and Th.'.Ill.'. CHARLES H. STODDARD, Master of Adelpic Council, No. 7, he made an official visit to Phoenix Council, No. 70, at Mount Vernon. He was received and heartily welcomed by the Master, Th.'.Ill.'. HARRY W. PRATT, a large number of Companions being present. He reports that this Council appears to be in a prosperous condition, and the opening ceremonies were given in a manner that showed careful rehearsals. Through the inability of the candidates to be present, no degree was presented, which the R.'.Ill.'. Companion says was a disappointment, as he had every reason to expect very creditable work. After an enjoyable evening, which culminated in a banquet, at a late hour, he returned to New York.

In addition to the two distinguished Companions already mentioned there were present R.'.Ill.'. FRANKLIN T. DAVIS, Grand Representative of Missouri, and Th.'.Ill.'. Companions MOSES D. GETTY, JOHN E. MURPHY, FRANK A. KATELEY, J. CALEB FISHER, and OSSIAN LANG.

On Monday, May 23d, Companion GREENLAND made his official visit to Bruce Council, No. 15, at Lockport. On account of other Masonic meetings that evening, the attendance was not as large as he expected; but what it lacked in that respect was made up in good fellowship.

He expresses his gratification in meeting at this assembly M.'.Ill.'. Companion GEORGE A. NEWELL, who was accompanied

by a strong delegation from Alph-Omega Council. It is an old practice for these two Councils to frequently exchange visits, a custom which the R. Ill. Companion highly commends. To quote his own words, "There is nothing like cultivating a neighborly feeling."

Companion GREENLAND praises in high terms the work of Bruce Council, the officers acquitting themselves in a manner which entitles them to the earnest support of the Companions.

R. Ill. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, Grand Standard Bearer, was assigned to Adelpic, Washington and Hornellsville Councils, and very soon after the Grand Assembly, found that the demands of business would prevent him from making any of these official visits and so informed the Grand Master.

But on June 10th he was enabled to be present officially at Hornellsville Council, No. 35, and reports that he was most cordially received by the Master, R. Ill. PHILLIP M. NAST, JR., and witnessed the exemplification of the Royal and Select and Super Excellent Degrees, which were conferred in a very creditable manner.

He reports this Council in a very flourishing and prosperous condition, with a spirit of co-operation plainly manifest among the Companions.

The labors of the evening were followed by a banquet at which there were many expressions of loyalty and felicitation to the Grand Council. Companion ELLIS says he shall always remember with pleasure his visit to Hornellsville Council.

R. Ill. EUGENE E. HINMAN, Grand Lecturer made an official visit to Jamestown Council, No. 32, on March 17th. He reports this Council as being in a most thriving condition, both officers and members actively interested. He was cordially and fraternally received and welcomed, and under his supervision the Degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred in ample form.

A collation followed the Assembly, which was interspersed with delightful music.

On the evening of April 2d he visited Adelpic Council, No. 7,

of New York City, in the place of R. Ill. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, who was prevented from filling that assignment. He was entertained at dinner at the Masonic Club, after which he repaired to the Council Chamber where he was most cordially greeted by the Master, Th. Ill. CHARLES H. STODDARD, and to use the official visitor's own words, "found himself among many friends."

The Degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred in the splendid style for which this Council is noted, upon a large class. In conclusion he says "it seems unnecessary to report that this veteran Council is still in a flourishing condition."

On April 22d, Companion HINMAN made an official visit to Dunkirk Council, No. 25. He reports that during the afternoon he discussed the degrees with the officers of the Council, and witnessed the work at the assembly in the evening.

It was exceedingly well done and given before a large audience, among whom were a large delegation of the officers and members of Jamestown Council, No. 32, who came over by special train. M. Ill. Companion OPPENHEIMER, P. G. M., and R. Ill. ROBERT W. WILSON, the newly appointed Grand Representative for Oregon, were also present.

The Assembly was followed by a thoroughly enjoyable banquet in the hall devoted to that purpose.

In conclusion, Companion HINMAN says that Dunkirk Council, although numerically small, maintains a high position in the city from which it derives its name; and also shares in the enjoyment of a new Temple and Masonic Club, which are very complete in every detail.

R. Ill. J. HARRIS BALSTON, Grand Conductor of the Council visited Union Council, No. 2, on Saturday evening, February 12th.

The report of this visit was made to our late Grand Master, in which the R. Ill. Companion states that he found every officer of the Council at his station, and fully 75 Companions present.

The degrees were conferred on a class of four, and from the proficiency shown by the officers in line, we have the assurance

that this old Council will continue the progress it is now making under R. Ill. Companion O. H. LABARRE, the present Master, the past two years showing an increase in membership of 24 per cent.

There were present on the occasion of this visit, M. Ill. FREDERICK KANTER and WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, P. G. M.

R. Ill. CHARLES T. LUNT, Grand Recorder; R. Ill. N. H. FREELAND, P. G. Captain of the Guard; R. Ill. Companions GEORGE E. W. STIVERS, WILLIAM E. DUNCAN, and WILLIAM H. SMITH, Grand Representatives; and Th. Ill. Companions J. CALEB FISHER, J. EDWARD MURPHY, MOSES D. GETTY of Phoenix, No. 70, EDMOND F. PIERDON of Columbian, No. 1, W. PARKER WORCESTER, THOMAS CLERNAND, and JOHN BRAMWELL of Union; and Th. Ill. CHARLES H. STODDARD, Master of Adelpic, No. 7, and a delegation. The presence of M. E. GEORGE, E. W. STIVERS, HENRY DEWITT HAMILTON, and CHARLES C. HUNT, Past Grand High Priests, added to the pleasure of the evening.

Companion BALSTON also states that it was his privilege to present to Companion LABARRE, on behalf of the Companions of Union, No. 2, a Grand Council apron, properly clothing him as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Connecticut.

He further reports that he visited Olean Council, No. 33, on the evening of May 10th, and Alph-Omega Council, No. 71, on the evening of May 11th.

This was the first Assembly of Olean Council which has been held this year, owing to its small membership, and the difficulty in getting a constitutional number to enable them to proceed.

He was cordially received and entertained by the Master, T. Ill. and Rev. CUYLER W. BACHELDER, and the Degrees of R. and S. M. were conferred on one candidate. Since making this visit, the T. Ill. Master has accepted a call to duty elsewhere and has located in Syracuse, N. Y. Olean Council is now in charge of the Deputy Master Ill. Companion J. G. MURDOCK, who is the immediate Past Commander of the Commandery, and the right man in the right place; and the R. Ill. Companion feels

confident that the Council will make good progress under his administration.

Leaving Olean on the morning of the 11th he stopped over in Buffalo on his way to Medina, where he had the pleasure of meeting M. Ill. Companion OPPENHEIMER, P. G. M.

On arriving in Medina he was entertained at dinner, as was also R. Ill. EUGENE E. HINMAN, by M. Ill. GEORGE A. NEWELL, Grand Treasurer of this Grand Council, and the present Master of Alph-Omega Council, No. 71, and they both very much appreciated the courtesies shown them.

The Council was opened in full ceremonial form, every officer at his station, and the Degrees of R. and S. M. conferred on one candidate, with that full attention to detail, for which this Council is noted.

A large number of Companions were present, and the Council also honored with a delegation of 14 Companions from Bruce Council, No. 15, acting as an escort to its Master, T. Ill. W. C. SHAPLEIGH.

R. Ill. EDWARD H. LISK, Grand Steward, made four official visits, taking on Washington Council, which had been originally assigned to R. I. Companion ELLIS.

On the evening of March 31st he visited Cryptic Council, No. 37, at Saratoga Springs. He was accompanied by R. Ill. EUGENE E. HINMAN, Grand Lecturer; R. Ill. CHARLES L. MYERS, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Massachusetts; R. Ill. EUGENE CRAWFORD, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Florida; R. Ill. JOHN BENNETT and R. Ill. J. MARSHALL COLCORD, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New Jersey.

He was met at the station by M. Ill. FRANK M. ADEE, P. G. M., and escorted to the hotel for dinner, after which he repaired to the Temple and to the Council Chamber where he was received in a most cordial and hospitable manner by Th. Ill. FRANK A. COOK, the Master of the Council.

The Degrees of R. and S. M. were conferred in a manner most creditable. After the close of the work one of those banquets for which the Saratoga Companions are celebrated was served, and the evening thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On Wednesday, May 4th, he visited Johnstown Council, No. 72. On his arrival he was met by the Master, Th. Ill. LOUIS K. MAYLENDER, JR., Past Master EDWARD M. BARINGER, and R. Ill. HARWOOD DUDLEY, Grand Trustee, who gave him a most cordial welcome, showing him every courtesy, and hospitality; after which he was conducted to the Masonic Temple of old St. Patrick's Lodge, which contains many valuable relics.

In the Council Chamber he was introduced by R. Ill. HARWOOD DUDLEY, and fraternally greeted by the Th. Ill. Master who gave a good account of the Council, its present condition and the outlook for the future. There being no degree work, the Council was formally closed, and some time given to social matters followed by a banquet where addresses were made by many of the leading members. The R. Ill. Companion congratulates Johnstown Council on its steady growth, and its membership of prominent and esteemed citizens.

On Friday, May the 13th, he had the pleasure of visiting Washington Council, No. 52, at Whitehall.

The Master, R. Ill. WARREN F. BASCOM, met him at the station and escorted him to the beautiful new Temple which the Brethren of Whitehall have recently erected.

On being introduced in the Council he received a warm and cordial welcome from the Master and the Companions, and had the pleasure of witnessing the Royal and Select Degrees conferred upon a class of six candidates in an excellent manner. At the close of the Assembly the Companions repaired to the banquet hall where a bountiful repast was served by the ladies of the Episcopal Church. He concludes by saying that a greater interest in Cryptic Masonry now prevails in Whitehall, and that Washington Council is rapidly becoming a growing one.

Companion LISK made his fourth and last visit to Buffalo Council, No. 17, on Monday evening, June 6th. The occasion

outside of his official visit, was the celebration by the Council of its Fiftieth Anniversary, and he had the distinguished honor of being accompanied by M. P. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the U. S. of A.; R. P. GEORGE A. NEWELL, General Grand Captain of the Guard; R. Ill. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Council; M. Ill. ABRAHAM OPPENHEIMER, M. Ill. FRED E. OGDEN, and M. Ill. RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE, Past Grand Masters; R. Ill. JOHN H. CLARK, G. R. of Louisiana; R. Ill. EARL N. BLOOD, G. R. of New Hampshire; R. Ill. ROBERT W. WILSON, G. R. of Oregon; R. Ill. WILLIAM J. DONALDSON, G. R. of South Carolina; R. Ill. GEORGE L. KINGSTON, Past G. R. of South Carolina, and Th. Ill. Companions ELIAS HAFFA, Master of Keystone, No. 20; PHILIP M. NAST, JR., Master of Hornellsville, No. 35; ALEXANDER WILLIAMS, SR., Master of Dunkirk, No. 25; FRANK W. TRAVIS, Past Master of Bruce, No. 15.

R. Ill. Companion LISK was presented by R. Ill. WILLIAM H. ELLIS and received a most cordial and fraternal greeting from the Master, Th. Ill. PETER POST.

He witnessed the conferring of the Royal and Select Degrees by M. Ill. ABRAHAM OPPENHEIMER, who is the oldest living Past Master of this Council; who was assisted in the work by the other Past Masters. At the conclusion of the work all repaired to the banquet hall where a most enjoyable hour was spent. And thus ended a most brilliant Assembly which Companion LISK will always remember with pleasure and satisfaction.

R. Ill. GEORGE E. HATCH, Grand Marshal, presents a voluminous and interesting report:

On the afternoon of February the 3d, it was his privilege to officially visit the oldest Council in the world, Columbian, No. 1, at its first Assembly held in the new Masonic Hall, New York City. As on the previous day he had visited the late Grand Master at his home in Watervliet, and could not give an encouraging report of his condition, this visit to Columbian Council was tinged with sadness.

He was introduced by R. .III. . MARTIN Q. GOOD, Grand P. C. of the W., and courteously welcomed by the Master, Th. .III. . EDMOND F. PIERDON. The Degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred in a very commendable manner, and after the close of the Assembly an enjoyable banquet was provided.

He was accompanied on this occasion by M. .III. . WILLIAM H. ANDREWS and FREDERICK KANTER, Past Grand Masters; R. .III. . CHARLES T. LUNT, Grand Recorder; R. .III. . ALFRED B. PRICE, G. R. of Oklahoma; R. .III. . OLIVER H. LABARRE, G. R. of Connecticut; Th. .III. . COMPANIONS STODDARD and WHITNEY of Adelpic, No. 7; JOHN D. CAWEIN, JAMES STEWART, and JOHN J. DOWERS of Columbian.

On Tuesday, April 12, he visited Palmyra Council, No. 26, accompanied by a large number of the officers and Companions of his own Council, Doric, No. 19. They were met by Th. .III. . GEORGE W. BARNES and M. .III. . GEORGE MCGOWN, who entertained them at the Powers House most hospitably, after which he was escorted to the Temple and cordially greeted by the Master of the Council, after being introduced in a very happy manner by Companion MCGOWN; under whose watchful eye this Council could not be otherwise than in a most prosperous condition, the twenty-three petitions read that evening being a striking evidence as to the interest manifested by the members.

Among the many Companions present he mentions M. .III. . WILLARD S. BRADT, P. G. M.; R. .III. . CHARLES M. COLTON, G. R., and Th. .III. . COMPANIONS SIDNEY E. WHITE, E. B. ANDERSON, S. E. BRAMAN, JOHN C. COATES, and A. C. HOPKINS. After the work of the evening a collation was served and the occasion ended in a very satisfactory manner to all.

On the following evening, Wednesday, April 13th, in company with R. .III. . CHARLES M. COLTON, he visited Central City Council, No. 13, at Syracuse, and was met at the station by R. .III. . Companion GREENLAND, R. .III. . Companion HINMAN and Th. .III. . J. L. CHENEY and he spent the afternoon and evening very pleasantly in seeing the many interesting features of that city.

At the Assembly he was introduced by R. .III. . Companion

GREENLAND and cordially welcomed by the Master; after which the Degrees of R. and S. M. were conferred on a large class.

The work was splendidly put on, and contained a number of new ideas of Companion GREENLAND's which were introduced for the benefit of the committee specially appointed at the last Grand Assembly on the work of the ritual, all of the members of which were present. After the close of the Assembly this committee met for a discussion and interchange of ideas.

One of the interesting events of the occasion was the presentation of a dispensation for a new Council at Auburn, N. Y., and from the character of the Companions who received it and the interest manifested by them, R. Ill. Companion HATCH is led to believe that the new Council will be a most successful one.

The distinguished Companions present in addition to those already mentioned were R. Ill. CHARLES L. MYERS, G. R. of Massachusetts; R. Ill. THEODORE M. BARBER, G. R. of California; Th. Ill. Companions GEORGE B. CATHERS, A. W. WORTH, HENRY A. MACGRUER, Past Masters of Central City, and LEVI S. GATES, P. M. of Keystone Council, No. 20, and who is the Master of the new Council known as "King Hiram" U. D. at Auburn.

Companion HATCH concludes by saying that his visits to all of these Councils, have been both pleasant and profitable to him, and he trusts that they will result in some material benefit to the Cryptic Rite.

R. Ill. and Rev. Companion S. WRIGHT BUTLER, Grand Chaplain, reports that on the evening of Monday, May 9th, he made an official visit to Peekskill Council, No. 55, and recalls it as one of the satisfactory experiences of his life. All possible honor was shown the Grand Council, in the preparation for and reception of its Grand Representative. Diverting Masonic assemblies of Grand Bodies in contiguous territories, depleted the numbers in attendance, but the quality and earnestness of the Companions present witnessed the solidity, sincerity, continuance and growth of this Council.

Palms and elaborate floral decorations adorned the Council

Chamber. Greetings, Grand Honors, reminiscences, addresses, and viands occupied the evening, and at the close the Council felt and expressed itself as having passed an occasion of exceeding pleasure and abiding profit.

From the foregoing reports it will be seen that the subordinate Councils, with the exception of four, were visited officially. It is a matter of regret that any Council had to be omitted, and I trust that during the coming year, nothing will stand in the way of complete visitation, as it has long been conceded that these official visits are productive of much good, and often prove of great benefit to the subordinate bodies.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Our relations with other Grand Councils continues to be of the most friendly and fraternal character. Our late Grand Master, prior to his death, made a number of changes in the line which will doubtless be of mutual benefit.

He accredited the following Companions as Grand Representatives:

September 14, 1909.—R. Ill. MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY to be Grand Representative of Rhode Island.

October 4, 1909.—R. Ill. WILLIAM M. PECKHAM, to be Grand Representative of Texas.

October 6, 1909.—R. Ill. HARRY L. BRIGGS, to be Grand Representative of Tennessee.

November 20, 1909.—R. Ill. GEORGE E. BRIGGS, to be Grand Representative of Indiana.

November 5, 1909.—R. Ill. OLIVER H. LABARRE, to be Grand Representative of Connecticut.

December 10, 1909.—R. Ill. ALFRED B. PRICE, to be Grand Representative of Oklahoma.

January 8, 1910.—R. Ill. DERRICK BROWN, to be Grand Representative of Kansas.

January 31, 1910.—R. Ill. EUGENE CRAWFORD, to be Grand-Representative of Florida.

On April 23d I received and accredited the commission of R. Ill. ROBERT W. WILSON of Buffalo Council, No. 17, as Grand Representative of the Council of Oregon, and on May 1st the commission of R. Ill. S. NELSON SAWYER as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Mississippi in place of R. Ill. MARK FINLEY, deceased.

These last two named Companions were also appointees of our late Grand Master, but their commissions did not arrive until after his death.

On August 22d, 1910, I accredited the Commission of R. Ill. CHARLES DUNCAN, of Bloss Council, No. 14, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of the Maritime Provinces. This Commission was received just prior to the date of this Grand Assembly.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

At the request of other Grand Jurisdictions, our late Grand Master appointed the following named Companions to be Grand Representatives of this Grand Body, near their respective Grand Councils:

R. Ill. J. J. DAVIS to be Grand Representative of the Grand Council of the State of New York near the Grand Council of Texas. October 25, 1909.

R. Ill. FREDERICK W. KRENGEL, near the Grand Council of Illinois. January 12, 1910.

R. Ill. GEORGE E. TURRILL, near the Grand Council of Ohio. January 18, 1910.

R. Ill. EDMUND S. BAKER, near the Grand Council of Wisconsin. February 1, 1910.

R. Ill. WILLIAM C. TWOMBLY, near the Grand Council of Connecticut. February 28, 1910.

In formally exchanging Grand Representatives with the Grand Council of Texas, our late Grand Master recognized the legiti-

macy of that Grand Body, and as the Grand Council of New York has never taken any formal action in this matter, I recommend that the action of Grand Master MACKENZIE be ratified at this Grand Assembly.

#### WAIVER OF JURISDICTION.

On March 16, 1910, the Grand Council of Vermont through its Grand Recorder requested a waiver of territorial jurisdiction over Royal Arch Companion FRED W. HEWETT, of Granville, N. Y., on behalf of Morning Star Council, No. 10, of Poultney, Vt.

The request was sent to Washington Council, No. 52, of Whitehall, who kindly granted the waiver on June 10, 1910.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued the following dispensations:

March 13, 1910.—To Corning Council, No. 53, to receive and ballot upon petitions for membership, and to confer the Degrees of Royal and Select Master upon all candidates thus elected at a Special Assembly to be held in the Council Room at Corning on the night of March 16th.

It being represented to me that this Council had been promised this dispensation by our late Grand Master, and had issued notices in the usual manner to all of its Companions, for the date named.

April 22, 1910.—To Dunkirk Council, No. 25, to receive and ballot upon petitions for membership, and to confer the Degrees of Royal and Select Master upon all candidates thus elected at a Special Assembly to be held in the Council Rooms in Dunkirk on the night of April 22, 1910.

This Special Assembly was asked for in order that the Grand Lecturer might be present.

April 20, 1910.—To Bruce Council, No. 15, to receive and ballot on petitions for membership, and to confer the Degrees of Royal and Select Master upon all candidates thus elected at a

Special Assembly to be held in the Council Rooms at Lockport on the night of April 27th; the reason given therefor, being that their rooms were not available for their use on the night of their regular Assembly.

April 23, 1910.—To Olean Council, No. 33; to receive and ballot upon petitions for membership, and to confer the Degrees of Royal and Select Master upon all candidates thus elected at a Special Assembly to be held in the Council Rooms at Olean on the night of May 10th.

May 15, 1910.—To Buffalo Council, No. 17, to receive and ballot upon petitions for membership, and to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master upon all candidates thus elected at a Special Assembly to be held in the Masonic Temple, Buffalo, on the night of June 6th, it being the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Council.

June 10, 1910.—To Keystone Council, No. 20, to receive and ballot upon petitions for membership, and to confer the Degrees of Royal and Select Master upon all candidates thus elected at a Special Assembly to be held in the Masonic Temple, Buffalo, on the night of June 17th, their Council Room not being available on the night of their regular Assembly.

In the early part of June I received a petition from Jamestown Council, No. 32, for a dispensation to hold a Special Assembly at Midway Park, on July 20th, for the purpose of conferring the Degrees of Royal and Select Master on a large class of candidates.

As this Assembly was to occur in the midst of the summer outing, the idea impressed me unfavorably, and I declined to sanction it, and instructed the Grand Recorder to so inform the Council officers, but on further information received by me from the Th. .III. .Master, and being assured that the said Assembly would be conducted in a proper manner and all necessary caution and decorum observed, and also that the failure to obtain the desired permission to carry out their original plans would put a damper on the enthusiasm then existing, and deter a number of desirable Companions from becoming identified with Cryptic Masonry, upon further deliberation I granted the dispensation.

## DISPENSATIONS TO FORM NEW COUNCILS.

On February 14, 1910, M. Ill. Companion MACKENZIE issued his dispensation to a constitutional number of Companions to form a Council of Royal and Select Masters at Schenectady, N. Y., to be known as St. George's Council, and of which Companion ERNEST L. SIMPSON was named as first Th. Ill. Master, Companion FRANK H. SARGENT, Ill. Deputy Master, and Companion SAMUEL S. FORSTER as Principal Conductor of the work.

It was the intention of the Grand Master to present this dispensation in person, and to start this Council on its way; but the unfortunate state of his health intervened and he was obliged to abandon the attempt.

He deputed R. Ill. EDWARD H. LISK, the Grand Steward, to act in the matter, and on the 15th day of February, 1910, he delivered the Grand Master's dispensation to these Companions, and wished them Godspeed and good luck, wishes which seem to have borne fruit, as I am given to understand that starting with a membership of 53 they have succeeded in more than doubling that number in the brief space of time in which they have been working.

This would seem to indicate that this new Council is composed of live and energetic Companions, and if granted a charter will undoubtedly prove to be a bright star in our galaxy of subordinate Councils.

On March 28th I issued a dispensation for the formation of King Hiram Council, at Auburn, N. Y., empowering Companions LEVI S. GATES to act as Th. Ill. Master, WILLIAM F. CLAUDIUS to act as Deputy Master, and FREDERICK J. HUMPHRYES to act as Principal Conductor of the Work.

On the 18th of April I received a letter from R. Ill. HERBERT W. GREENLAND, to whom great credit is due for the formation of this Council, stating that on Wednesday, April 13th, the dispensation had been duly presented by him at a Stated Assembly of Central City Council, No. 13; at Syracuse. As the formation of a new Council is a matter of so much interest to all, his letter is printed in full and reads as follows:

Syracuse, April 18, 1910.

R. Ill. W. L. LLOYD,  
*Acting Grand Master.*

Dear Companion:

I have the honor to report that at the Stated Assembly of Central City Council, No. 13, R. and S. M., Wednesday, April 13th, in your name I presented a dispensation to form the King Hiram Council in Auburn to Companion LEVI S. GATES, Master. He was accompanied by the following named Companions:

WILLIAM F. CLAUDIUS, named as Deputy Master; FRED J. HUMPHRYES, named as Principal Conductor of the Work, and Companions WILLIAM E. TAYLOR, J. H. PEARSON, BENJAMIN F. BENHAM, G. P. BAIN, J. J. NOAKES, HENRY G. WISE, FRANK A. WEDDIGAN. Companion F. H. PARKER was not present but desires to come in under the dispensation.

Companions who are members of Central City Council, are represented by the enclosed receipts for dues for 1910. Companion GATES has a receipt from the Grand Recorder.

Companion B. R. WITHAM, I understand, has a dimit from a Council in Illinois. There is also a Companion, GEORGE F. WELLS, who was the last Master of King Hiram Council, No. 18, and Companion FRED M. WEBSTER, who all desire to be added to the list.

They expect to get to work immediately and have a good report by the time the Grand Council meets, at which time they hope to receive a charter.

Fraternally yours,

H. W. GREENLAND,

*G. C. of G.*

Understanding that the requirements of Section 16, of Article I, of the Constitution have been complied with, and that the Grand Lecturer has certified to the ability of these Companions to confer the degrees of the Cryptic Rite, I take pleasure in recommending that a charter be granted to King Hiram Council of Auburn.

In the name of the Grand Council I extended invitations to be

present at this Annual Assembly to the following eminent craftsmen, Grand Masters of Royal and Select Masters of near by States, viz:

EVERETT C. BENTON of Massachusetts,  
 MORRIS S. SMOKER of New Jersey,  
 CHARLES D. WEIRICK of Pennsylvania,  
 ALBERT KNIGHT of Rhode Island.  
 THOMAS W. MORGAN of Connecticut.  
 DANIEL C. NOBLE of Vermont,  
 CHARLES W. BICKFORD of New Hampshire, and  
 JAMES H. WITHERELL of Maine.

Also to M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY and M. E. JAY B. KLINE, Grand Master and Grand High Priest of the State of New York respectively; and while at the present writing, no responses have been received I hope that some of them may honor us with their presence.

My grateful thanks are extended to R. Ill. CHARLES T. LUNT, Grand Recorder for the valuable assistance and unfailing courtesy he has given me during the six months I have served as Acting Grand Master of this Grand Council.

With but two or three exceptions, the Councils within our jurisdiction have been active and prosperous during the year; and the report of the Grand Recorder shows a substantial increase in membership, which is a source of gratification, inasmuch as it is encouraging evidence of the fact that our degrees are becoming recognized as the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry, and should teach us that the Cryptic Rite has a bright and promising future if we and those who succeed us continue to labor for its up-building, and put forth our best efforts for its advancement.

Companions, the business of the Grand Council is before you.

WILL L. LLOYD,  
*Acting Grand Master.*

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

New York City, March 19, 1910.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Council and to Those  
of all Subordinate Councils of this Jurisdiction:*

Illustrious Companions:

It is with deep regret and profound sorrow, over the loss we have sustained, that we announce the death of our Grand Master,

M. ILL. MORRIS S. MACKENZIE,

who has passed from this life, into that spiritual temple eternal in the Heavens.

Companion MACKENZIE died on Monday, March 7, 1910, at 11:30 A. M., at his home in Watervliet, N. Y., after a long and complicated illness, which was alternated with hopes and fears on the part of those who knew and loved him, and attended with much pain and suffering, all of which was borne with quiet patience and most exemplary resignation.

He died at the early age of forty-three, having been born on March 24, 1867, at Bath-on-the-Hudson. He was educated in the schools of Troy, and it was in that city, and in Watervliet where he made his home, that his life was passed and his work accomplished.

To know MORRIS MACKENZIE was to love him, for he was in every sense a man; one who could and did command respect and esteem for his loyalty and integrity. He was faithful to his friends, and they will at this time, more than ever, realize all his commendable qualities, and miss him now that he is gone.

Brother MACKENZIE was raised in Evening Star Lodge, No. 75, F. and A. M., of Watervliet, on October 24, 1893. He passed through the chairs and became its Master in 1897. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, near the Grand Lodge of New York, in 1905, and held the office for three years, to the satisfaction of the Quebec Brethren, and to whom he endeared himself. He was exalted in Hudson River Chapter, No. 262, R. A. M., of Watervliet, on April 20, 1899, and at the time of his death had attained to the office of Captain of the Host, and had his life been spared would have undoubtedly become its High Priest.

It was in Cryptic Masonry, however, that Companion MACKENZIE gained the greatest distinction. He was greeted in Bloss Council, No. 14, R. and S. M., of Troy, on May 5th, 1899. The active interest which he took in the work soon brought him to the station of Th. Ill. Master in 1902, which he filled with ability and to the best interests of the Council. In 1904 he was elected Grand Steward of the Grand Council, and after successful service in the different offices of that Grand Body, was unanimously elected Grand Master on August 31, 1909.

Stricken down during the following month of September, he was not permitted to enjoy the high and exalted station which he had reached, and which was the goal of his Masonic ambition.

His funeral obsequies were held at Watervliet on Thursday, March 10th, and were largely attended by the Masons of Albany and Troy, as well as from the other and more distant parts of the State.

The Grand Council was represented by R. Ill. WILL L. LLOYD, Deputy Grand Master; R. Ill. MARTIN Q. GOOD, Grand P. C. of W.; R. Ill. CHARLES T. LUNT, Grand Recorder; R. Ill. HERBERT W. GREENLAND, G. Capt. of the Guard; R. Ill. GEORGE E. HATCH, Grand Marshal; R. Ill. EDWARD H. LISK, Grand Steward; R. Ill. EUGENE E. HINMAN, Grand Lecturer; M. Ill. ALEX. B. KING, M. Ill. JOHN P. DEAL, M. Ill. WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, M. Ill. FRANK M. ADEE, Past Grand Masters; R. Ill. Companions MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY, CHARLES M. COLTON, ARTHUR MACARTHUR, CHARLES L. MYERS, WAR-

REN F. BASCOM, EUGENE CRAWFORD, Grand Representatives, and Th. Ill. Companions ZINA C. LEWIS and CHARLES DUNCAN.

Companions, our Grand Master has gone; gone in the time of matured manhood; gone when he had attained his ambition, and we can but wonder why, and bow to that all-powerful will that moves in those mysterious ways we cannot comprehend.

His memory remains, and those of us who knew him, and understood and appreciated his lovable qualities, while realizing that we cannot look into his eyes, hear the sound of his voice, nor feel the warm clasp of his hand, yet in the belief of a glorious immortality which is taught by our fraternity, we can cherish the hope and faith that all these things will be restored to us when we, like him, shall have sailed over the Crystal Sea.

"Now cracks a noble heart.  
Farewell, sweet Prince, and flights of Angels  
Guard thee to thy rest."

It is my order that this obituary notice be read in all Subordinate Councils at the next regular Assembly following the receipt thereof, and that the altars be draped in mourning for the period of ninety days.

WILL L. LLOYD,  
*Deputy Grand Master.*

ATTEST:

C. T. LUNT,  
*Grand Recorder.*

On motion the address was referred to a committee consisting of Companions FRED E. OGDEN, WILLARD S. BRADT and OLIVER H. LABARRE for sub-division and reference.

#### **Grand Treasurer's Report.**

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

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

Your Grand Treasurer presents the following as his Annual Report:

## RECEIPTS.

1909		
Aug. 31.	Balance on hand as per last Report .....	\$1262.64
1910		
Aug. 23.	Received during year from Grand Recorder .....	3055.50
Aug. 23.	Received interest on bank account .....	26.68
		\$4344.82

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1909			
Aug. 31.	C. T. Lunt, Grand Recorder, Warrant No. 47	\$400.00	
	C. T. Lunt, Grand Recorder " " 48	105.29	
	A. J. Brown, Organist " " 49	4.00	
	Entertainment Committee " " 50	83.20	
	Trustees H. & A. Fund Rent " " 51	50.00	
	Pay of Representatives " " 52	703.83	
	W. H. Getty, Grand Sentinel, " " 53	10.00	
	Masonic Standard " " 54	50.00	
	Frank M. Adee, Grand Master " " 55	20.00	
	George A. Newell, Gr'd Treas. " " 56	10.00	
	John W. Coburn " " 57	100.00	
	Music " " 58	20.00	
Sept. 24.	Trustees	500.00	
Oct. 2.	H. W. Mordhurst, G. G. R. " " 59	105.70	
Nov. 1.	C. G. Braxmar Co. " " 60	15.00	
Nov. 3.	W. T. Bather " " 61	100.00	
Nov. 20.	Kalamazoo L. L. Bind'g Co. " " 63	24.75	
	C. T. Lunt, Grand Recorder " " 64	63.80	
Dec. 14.	E. H. Lisk, Printing " " 65	263.00	
	C. T. Lunt, Grand Recorder " " 66	24.95	
Dec. 16.	Montross Clarke Co. " " 67	90.10	
Jan. 8.	Buffalo Fire Office " " 68	7.50	
Feb. 25.	Prudential Life Ins. Co. " " 69	48.56	
April 15.	Sambrook Brothers " " 70	20.00	
June 14.	H. W. Mordhurst, G. G. R. " " 71	20.00	
Aug. 15.	Montross Clarke Co. " " 72	77.70	
Aug. 23.	Balance on hand	1427.44	
		\$4344.82	

I do further report that I have in my possession Bank Book No. 83,186 of the East River Savings Institution, and Bank Book No. 105,888 of the Irving Savings Institution, both of New York City, showing balances to the credit of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York, of \$2,486.47 and \$2,519.48 respectively.

Faternally submitted,

GEORGE A. NEWELL,  
*Grand Treasurer.*

### Grand Recorder's Report,

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

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

Your Grand Recorder respectfully submits the following report:

The receipts for the current year have been as follows:

For dues as acknowledged in printed Proceedings of 1909.....	\$3000.00
Dispensation St. George Council, Schenectady .....	20.00
Dispensation King Hiram Council, Auburn .....	20.00
Sale of Reprints .....	4.00
Sale of Rituals .....	7.00
Affixing the Seal of the Grand Council .....	4.50
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	\$3055.50

which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and for which I hold his receipts.

The changes in membership have been as follows:

Registered as per report in 1909 .....	5285
Companions received and greeted during the year .....	428
Companions affiliated during the year .....	17
Companions restored during the year.....	10
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	455
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	5740
Companions suspended during the year .....	84
Companions dimitted during the year .....	48
Companions died during the year.....	91
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	223
Making a registered membership of .....	5517

The largest number received and greeted by any one Council, was 64 in Bloss, No. 14, and the largest increases by percentage, were made by Union Council, No. 2, and Palmyra, No. 26.

The former with a membership of 73, received and greeted 32, showing a gain of 44%; and the latter with a membership of 79, received and greeted 33, showing a gain of almost 42%.

The net gain last year made by all the Councils was 230; this year it is 232, an increase of two over the preceding year.

All of which is fraternally submitted:

C. T. LUNT,  
Grand Recorder.

### Trustees' Report.

The Trustees of the Permanent Fund presented the following as their Annual Report, which, on motion, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

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

#### Companions:

The Trustees of the Permanent Fund make the following report:

Total assets as reported Aug. 31, 1909 .....	\$3494.01
Receipts—Sept. 28, 1909. From Grand Treasurer .....	\$500.00
June 1, 1910. From Prudential Ins. Co. ...	855.72
July 1, 1910. One year's interest on savings banks accounts .....	156.22
	<u>1511.94</u>
Total assets .....	\$5005.95
These funds are invested as follows:	
East River Savings Institution, New York .....	\$2486.47
Irving Savings Institution, New York .....	2519.48
	<u>\$5005.95</u>

Said Savings Bank Books are in the possession of the Grand Treasurer. The Grand Treasurer's bond has been renewed, and is in the possession of the Trustees.

Fraternally submitted,

A. OPPENHEIMER,  
HARWOOD DUDLEY, } Trustees.  
JOHN P. DEAL,

### Committees Appointed.

The Acting Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

#### CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS

CHARLES T. LUNT

FRANK G. STANLEY

FRANK P. WISEBURN

#### WARRANTS AND DISPENSATIONS

GEORGE MCGOWN

SIDNEY P. WHITE

PETER SCHUMACHER

#### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

WILLIAM H. ANDREWS

A. OPPENHEIMER

FRANK A. COOK

## APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

CHARLES M. COLTON

THOMAS P. C. BARNARD

JEROME L. CHENEY

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FREDERICK KANTER

WARREN F. BASCOM

EDMUND C. NATION

## NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

EDMOND F. PIERDON

CHARLES L. MYERS

ZINA C. LEWIS

Companion CHARLES C. HUNT was appointed the Official Reporter of this Grand Assembly.

**Petitions for Charters.**

Petitions were received from St. George's Council U. D. of Schenectady, N. Y., and King Hiram Council U. D. of Auburn, N. Y., requesting that Charters be granted them, and on motion, were referred to the Committee on Warrants and Dispensations.

**Estate of Peter Forrester.**

On motion it was resolved that the Trustees be given the authority to take all necessary and requisite measures for the protection of the interests of this Grand Council in its claims against the estate of the late Peter Forrester.

**Time Set for Election.**

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

**Report of the Committee on Credentials and Returns.**

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

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

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns respectfully report that, in addition to the Grand Officers and Permanent Members of the Grand Council, the following Councils have made

returns, paid their dues, and their Representatives as designated below, are entitled to seats in this Grand Body.

Columbian, No. 1	Edmond F. Pierdon	T. I. M.
	Harry W. Putnam	P. C. of W.
Union, No. 2	Oliver H. LaBarre	T. I. M.
Brooklyn, No. 4	Warren H Francis	D. M.
Adelphic, No. 7	Charles H. Stoddard	T. I. M.
	Frank G. Stanley	D. M.
	Alfred D. Slough	
	proxy for P. C. of W.	
Central City, No. 13	Jerome L. Cheney	T. I. M.
Bloss, No. 14	Zina C. Lewis	T. I. M.
Bruce No. 15	William C. Shapleigh	T. I. M.
Buffalo, No. 17	Peter Post	T. I. M.
Doric, No. 19	Sidney E. White	T. I. M.
Keystone, No. 20	Thos. P. C. Barnard	D. M.
	William Hopkins	P. C. of W.
DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	Luther C. Warner	T. I. M.
	L. C. Vanderheyden	D. M.
	William E. Bailey	P. C. of W.
Dunkirk, No. 25	Alex. Williams, Sr.	T. I. M.
Palmyra, No. 26	George W. Barnes	T. I. M.
King Solomon, No. 31	Derrick Brown proxy for	T. I. M.
	S. Wright Butler	P. C. of W.
Jamestown, No. 32	Roland K. Mason	D. M.
Olean, No. 33	Cuyler W. Bachelder	T. I. M.
Hornellsville, No. 35	Phil H. Nast, Jr.	T. I. M.
Cryptic, No. 37	Frank A. Cook	T. I. M.
Washington, No. 52	Warren F. Bascom	T. I. M.
Peekskill, No. 55	Lanning G. Roake	T. I. M.
	Edmund C. Nation proxy for	D. M.
	W. F. Wessells proxy for	P. C. of W.
Phoenix, No. 70	Harry W. Pratt	T. I. M.
	Ossian Lang	proxy for D. M.
	Moses D. Getty proxy for	P. C. of W.

Alph-Omega, No. 71 .... George A. Newell ..... T. I. M.  
 Johnstown, No. 72 ..... John W. Pakosta ..... D. M.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. LUNT,

FRANK G. STANLEY,

FRANK P. WISEBURN,

} Committee.

### **Foreign Correspondence.**

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented, and was on motion, received and ordered printed and incorporated in the issue of these Annual Proceedings.

On motion special permission was given to the Standing Committees to continue work during the sitting of the Grand Council.

### **Intermission.**

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment until 2:30 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Council was called to order at 2:30 o'clock. Officers and Representatives as at the morning session.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

### **Report of Special Committee on Super Excellent Degree.**

The Report of the Special Committee on the Super Excellent Degree was presented and read, and, on motion, its recommendations were adopted.

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

The Special Committee appointed at the Annual Assembly in 1909, to review the ritual of the degree of Super Excellent Master, and to submit their conclusions at the present Assembly of 1910, respectfully reports as follows:

That in the year 1893 an attempt was first made to revise and correct the ritual of this degree, in this jurisdiction, and to bring out more forcibly the impressive and dramatic features which are contained therein.

That since this period further efforts to the same end have been made by Companions of skilled ability, both in this and other jurisdictions, and the degree as thus enlarged and improved has been presented in Councils in this State and in Illinois, Ohio, and other jurisdictions.

That the Committee has examined the rituals of the degree as now exemplified in Adelpic, Bloss, and Central City Councils in this State and also the ritual as published for the use of Councils under the Grand Council of Ohio, and has given as much care and attention to the subject as the limited time at its disposal would permit.

As a result the Committee submits a form of ritual for the degree of Super Excellent Master which has met with the ap-

proval of the Grand Lecturer, and which the Committee regards as containing all necessary requirements.

In drafting this ritual the Committee has included passages which are not considered essential to the presentation of the drama of the degree, but which are nevertheless of illuminating value. These passages it is proposed to print in type smaller than that used for the general text.

Your Committee finds that the degree of Super Excellent Master has not been formally recognized or sanctioned by the Grand Council, although it has often been conferred without objection. Your Committee therefore recommends that the Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council be authorized to confer the degree of Super Excellent Master as an additional degree, aside and apart from the degrees of Royal and Select Master which are the regular degrees of the Cryptic Rite.

Your Committee further recommends the adoption of the ritual as presented, and that the same be printed by Grand Council for the use of all Councils under its jurisdiction.

August, 23d, 1910.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. ANDREWS,

H. W. GREENLAND,

C. T. LUNT,

M. F. HEMINGWAY,

} Committee.

### Report of the Grand Lecturer.

R. III. EUGENE E. HINMAN submitted the following as his Annual Report. It was listened to with great interest, and, on motion, its recommendation in regard to supplying the Councils with the latest edition of the ritual was adopted.

Albany, N. Y., August 23d, 1910.

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

I trust that the record of the work of my department during the past year shows that a determined effort, not only on the part of your Grand Lecturer but also by the officers and members of

the Subordinate Councils, has been made to raise the standard of our ritualistic work. Certainly my efforts in that direction have been ably seconded by the several Councils, and every opportunity for improvement has been eagerly taken advantage of.

I have officially visited a majority of the Councils for the purpose of instructing in the standard work and have endeavored to present it in accordance with my best understanding of the ritual.

My custom has been on the occasion of such visits to call together the officers of the Council during the afternoon for an informal discussion of the work, taking that opportunity to make all necessary corrections in text and floor work and offering whatever suggestions seemed advisable, and at the evening assembly to personally confer the degrees or to assist in the work. A great deviation from the standard work was observed and corrected, due in nearly every instance to the use of obsolete copies of the ritual.

In several instances, where several Councils were located near together, they combined for this work and a convention was held, the stations being filled by the officers of the Councils represented.

This manner of instruction, I believe, should be maintained. We have been very lax all of these years in this matter. The office of Grand Lecturer has been too much an honorary one with too little responsibility attached to it, but from now on let us see to it that the Companions of our Secret Vaults receive as much consideration in the matter of their ritualistic work as that given by any of the other grand bodies. It will mean an increase of interest and an added importance to the Cryptic Rite.

It has been a great pleasure to see the formation of two new Councils during the year, a dispensation having been granted to St. George's Council at Schenectady and to King Hiram Council at Auburn. I visited them and have certified to their proficiency in the work, and, with pleasure, have recommended that their petitions for Charters be granted. Their officers and members are both enthusiastic and well informed and I believe that they will enjoy a very full measure of success.

Believing that there was a sufficient desire on the part of delegates to this Assembly to witness an exemplification of the standard work it was a pleasure both to myself and the officers of DeWitt Clinton Council to prepare for the work as placed before you last evening. This, too, is a new departure from the old order of things, and I trust that it meets with your approval and that it will come to be a part of the program of each Grand Assembly. The second section of the degree of Royal Master as presented

was not done so with a view of calling it "standard" but to show that section as it is conferred by a sister grand jurisdiction and which appealed to me, as it did to many others about the state, as being far more beautiful and instructive than that section as now rendered.

I recommend that this Grand Council secure a sufficient number of rituals, presenting the standard work and that each Council be supplied with three copies of such ritual at the earliest possible moment, and that all obsolete copies now in the possession of Councils be recalled when the new copies are forwarded. It is most necessary that not less than three be supplied to each Council in order that the officers may get at their work quickly without being compelled to copy everything from one book.

I desire at this time to express my deep appreciation of the support and co-operation which has been extended by my associate grand officers as well as that received from my many friends among the Subordinate Councils, and I sincerely hope that the beginning that we have made this year may mark a new era in the interest which we know our beautiful degrees merit.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE E. HINMAN,

*Grand Lecturer.*

### **Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead.**

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

*To the Grand Council of the State of New York:*

Our divine Master, King Solomon, gives forth his edict: "All the rivers run into the sea: yet the sea is not full."

This declaration is found in that portion of our great Light which is entitled, "The Song of Solomon." May I not then call your attention for a moment or two to some of the meaning of it all? First, it is a song: not a hymn or an anthem, not a dirge or a requiem, but a song; and a song interprets joy. It is the overflow of the heart, or perhaps the vent of that which cannot longer be restrained. Yes, Solomon is exultant when he declares that "all the rivers run into the sea: yet the sea is not full." As the thoughts are arrested and awakened, wonder comes first, assent next, and reverence crowns both. The statement is true as we look at the map of the earth. There is our own Mississippi fed by numberless rivers, literally dividing our United States from north

to south and emptying itself into the Gulf of Mexico. The St. Lawrence of Canada, the Amazon of South America, the Thames of England, the Seine of France, and the majestic streams of other countries, all bearing on their bosom the hundreds of tributaries, hurrying to the great ocean which receiving all is never full. There are two great thoughts for us to take to ourselves, Companions. The rivers, emblematic of activity of purpose, and the great sea, of accomplishment. That is Life. Did you ever, while summing up the millions of Earth's peoples, realize how comparatively small a proportion lives? I mean really lives? A snail lives in a sense, but not in that sense which a human being might envy. A mole lives, but lives in its own dug grave. We may ascend the scale of living and see life in the trees and in the flowers, but they live to a purpose and bring forth, the one leaves and fruit, the other blossoms and fragrance. But among human beings there are many snails and many moles. Nature furnishes them with a breathing apparatus, and they use it until it is worn out; and when that happens they are buried to be gotten out of the way, and forgotten as if they had never lived. Solomon does not think of these; they are not rivers, but stagnant pools, green with slime and foul with decay. No onward progress is wished for or made by them and so no sea receives them. Do not imagine that this simile is intended to describe poverty as contrasted with riches. Multitudes of the rich live stagnant lives; many of the poor have been the world's benefactors. O living is such a grand accomplishment; to go forward is such a glorious march; to reach and to hold aloft anything, which is a something worth, is a magnificent victory. To *do* for the sake of self finds no example in the rivers; they go on to cast themselves into the great sea that they may add to it. To lose self in the sea of humanity's good and happiness is our offering which follows afar off, the world-wide gift for which that world worships the divine Nazarene. Nor do these great thoughts on these great pictures of Life's movement destroy, in any wise, the use and need of lesser streams. The Mississippi is forced to empty itself through the mouths of a great delta, in Louisiana, but its source is in the little pool of Lake Itaska in Minnesota. The home is not too humble for the molding of children who shall grow from springs into streams; the business or trade is not too circumscribed to forbid streams to swell into rivers; the hand with its five fingers only, is big enough to write a nation's history; while the mind, with no form at all, is powerful enough to grasp the lightnings of heaven and chain them to menial service. Remember this, before we pass on to the subject of this Report. We do not see all the little streams hidden

in the depths of the forest's silence which feed the rivers that tumble on to swell the sea; so, too, are there many lives which, hid in humble corners, are yet the needful allies to the success of the greatest ventures for which the world is a debtor. Remember, also; that the rivers having finished their course become one with, but lost sight of, in the great sea—"yet the sea is not full."

Now let us turn to the human lives which, like the rivers, have run their length, and are now invisible though numbered in the sea of spirits who rest from their labors. Sister jurisdictions have lost Grand Masters since last we met, among whom the following have been brought to the notice of your Committee:

Dec. 15, 1909, Past Grand Master, ANTHONY ZELL LEVERING of Minnesota.

March 16, 1910, Past Grand Master, FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, of California.

June 4, 1910, Past Grand Master, JOHN M. PEARSON, of Illinois.

June 24, 1910, Past Grand Master, HENRY CLAY HENSLEY, of Tennessee.

Of lesser rank:

Grand Recorder, WILLIAM A. CLENDENING, of Tennessee.

Our own State claims Past Grand Master DAY, as he was born in Gowanda, Cattaraugus County.

The official notifications of the deaths of these M. . III. . Companions, are at one in portraying noble characters who, in full realization of what life is, made themselves known and felt among men and left an impress upon communities and organizations which cannot be soon forgotten or removed. Activity was their very breath, and life its arena. Death cannot silence them, for though designated as dead yet they speak through their deeds and live in the grateful hearts of many who follow after—and so they triumph over death.

Our sister jurisdictions have been notified of that which to-day tinges our Annual Assembly with sorrow as we face the fact that we have no Grand Master to preside over our affairs, but that in the cemetery at Albany, lies the form of MORRIS S. MACKENZIE, sleeping in peace. Last year your votes called him to the high and honorable position of our M. . III. . Grand Master, and as he stood before us, young, manly, and apparently in restored health, we little dreamed that in a very few days his river of life would be partially impeded in its course, and from a rapid onward flowing would become sluggish in movement and silent in sound. It was seemingly a cruel stoppage, an inexorable fate. Yet it brought out

the strength of the man. He was dauntless in effort, patient in his tribulation, and stood like a hero as he faced his grim enemy. From the 13th of last September until the 7th of March, about six months, he lived in partial death. There must have been longings for the free swing of life again; there must have been within, the sore places of bitter disappointment. Life, in its liberty, must have looked more alluring than ever before, and, in its opportunities must have called to him with siren-like voice. Yet he was brave before his hindrances; patient under his clogging trials; calm in the midst of the storm; resigned as only manly courage can be. Yet while the river was stilled upon the surface it glided on until it finally reached the sea of its destination. His personality was attractive, his manner dignified, his character clean, his duties wedded to responsibilities, his tastes those of a gentleman, not ashamed of membership with a church, his heart warm in friendships, his hand clasped in that of God. Short as was his river of life yet it moved on with activity, glistened in the sunlight of men's affections, and when it reached the sea bore upon its fair bosom the wreaths of many victories yet the tears from many eyes, but attuned itself to sing the deep-toned anthem of the crystal sea. Companions, summon to your thoughts his face, to your hearts his worth, and then bid him farewell and a safe voyage over that sea of mystery, with all your love. Good bye, Most Illustrious Grand Master! God be with you, Companion! A glorious transit attend you. Again, good-bye dear MACKENZIE. Father, give him welcome.

On Dec. 22, 1900, T. III. Master MARK C. FINLEY, after eighty-three years of sojourning here was summoned to the rest of faithful warriors. Our dear old Companion was a marvellous mixture of brusqueness and humor. One did not at first know quite how to take him. He was very decided in his opinions and that decision mastered his tongue, his will, and nearly always, his opponents. He was a notable exemplification of a Mason in Masonry. Enthusiastic to an untiring degree, indefatigable in expending of his mental equipments, regardless of physical cries of rebellion, he was a teacher not only by his lips but by his life of the authority of Masonry in all its branches and in all its beauty. The Cryptic Rite found in him a warm advocate. Palmyra Council, of which he was a charter member, mourns him, yet is proud to bid him God-speed to his well-earned rest. A rock of trust among his fellow-men, God grant that he may have found the stronghold of safety on the Rock of Ages, and a glorious welcome where the age of earth is transformed into the youth that is eternal, hailed as a son who, meeting God, cries Abba, Father!

On Jan. 17th of this year, JOHN POWELL WILSON, T. .III. Master of King Solomon Council, No. 31, at Poughkeepsie, fell asleep. He was a physician, and a conscientious one. One of the tributes paid him by the press was, that the alleviation of suffering was more to him than the patient's fee. The poor were not barred from his skilful hand of relief because they could not put into it the stated price of his service. His heart was bigger than his gains, God bless him! And if he needed any recommendation to the mercy of his God it was found in the thanksgiving of the needy and the benediction of the aged. It was a practical and a beautiful exemplification of the brotherhood of humanity. Pain was the royal road to his heart, and those who trudged along upon that road found him more than half way there to meet them. The sympathy of speech is not to be disesteemed, and is music to the ear, but the sympathy of the silent touch shines bright into travelling souls and wins the smile of God. Dr. WILSON was a very active Mason. Beyond contradiction, the medical profession is one of ceaseless activities which regard not day or night. No neglect of duty could one venture to hint at in the presence of his patients. Yet his Masonic ardor brought him to the various stations of Master of his Lodge, High Priest of his Chapter, Commander of his Commandery; and he served his Council continuously as its Master, beginning in 1901. Such a man is worthy of all honor. He has won the love of those whom he served. Think you that he has failed to win that of his Maker? There may be saints who prayed much and well, but there are many saints who labor in lieu of prayers, and whose labor has been the cause of the prayers of the relieved as they sped them gladly onward to the Throne of God. Blessed be the river of our Companion's life, and blessed it is, for it has emptied itself into that sea upon whose shores lies the beautiful city, the new Jerusalem.

Five days later died another faithful Cryptic Mason, who forty years ago, served our Rite as T. .III. Master of Central City Council, No. 13, at Syracuse. It is said of AUSTIN COOK WOOD, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, that "duty towards those whose interest was in his keeping was his only thought." A rebuke to some, a lesson to others, and an example for all. Fourscore years and more God left him here to do that duty. It must indeed have been well done, so to have won the divine confidence and approbation. How mistaken is that too prevalent idea of duty! Many deem it an unfeeling and intrusive autocrat whose mission it is to enslave freedom and shadow life; too blind to see that it is an inspiring leader whose mission is universal and reciprocal service. Duty has but

one enemy in all the world: that is selfishness. But selfishness is the soul of greed, the minister of cruelty, the assassin of equality. Duty has for its following the most magnificent army that can march under the banner of brotherly love and God-like service. This, our venerable Companion appreciated and accepted. There was much of the soldier in him, and loyal service, even to battling in its cause, found in him the inflexible advocate and the shining exemplar. But duty has now led him on to that place where it is joy to do the will of God, and where the hoary head is crowned with the diadem of honor and welcome. If we can but leave behind us the record of his devotion to duty, we are indeed true Cryptic Masons, earning our wages of admission into the secret but glorious vault of Heaven.

On Jan. 30, 1910, CYRUS K. PORTER, T. III. Master of Buffalo Council, died at the ripe age of 82 years. He was a 33° Mason and had been High Priest of his Chapter. Your Committee gladly insert the following tribute to his memory, sent at the same time as the official notice of his death.

T. III. Companion CYRUS K. PORTER was of a quiet peaceable, loving disposition. He put the best he had in his Masonic work, and cheerfully did the duties imposed on him by the order he loved. He was acknowledged as the founder of the Royal Templars of Temperance.

In civil life he was of the old school line of architects, whose works speak words of praise and commendation for the able, efficient and durable manner they were designed and erected. Public buildings, many beautiful churches, banking houses, office buildings and residences to-day stand mute monuments of his handi-craft and skill. At the time of his death he was the peer of his profession at whose honor and integrity no man dared to point the finger of reproach, or speak even the whisper of suspicion. He died as he lived, a quiet, modest, peaceable, law-abiding citizen, loved by all who knew him and honored by the community in which he lived.

The following Subordinate Councils report deaths as herewith:

Doric Council, No. 19—Companions SETH D. W. CLEVELAND, GEORGE J. OAKS, A. W. JACK, and FRED C. SEITZ.

Columbian Council, No. 1.—Companion WILLIAM E. TWAY.

Johnstown Council, No. 72—Companions WILLIAM H. KIBBE, and ANDREW KORN.

Cryptic Council, No. 37—Companion MARCUS CLYDE ALLEN.

Hornellsville Council, No. 35—Companion FRANK A. JONES.

Johnstown Council, No. 72—Companion JAMES S. GOODCHILD.  
 Central City Council, No. 13—Companions ELIJAH UPSON  
 SCOVILLE, WILLIAM ALLEN MURRAY and ARTHUR LINCOLN  
 JONES.

Buffalo Council, No. 17—Companions C. HENRY CURTIS,  
 HENRY SAUERWEIN, FREDERIC H. C. MEY, WILLIAM A. MC-  
 NULTY and ADAM FLEEMAN, JR.

Adelphic Council, No. 7—Companions \*GEORGE Z. BRETZ,  
 WILLIAM H. RIGGS, HENRY E. SMITH, JOHN TULLY, JAMES  
 HUGGINS, BENJAMIN LILLARD, HENRY W. MASON, CHARLES  
 H. WADE, WILLIAM W. CHURCHILL, JAMES A. STEVENSON and  
 LEWIS MIDDLETON.

There is the second thought connected with the saying of Solomon referred to in the beginning of the Report, but left for its conclusion. The running rivers stand for Time; the unfilled sea for Eternity. Your life and mine is a river running to this sea, but the sea may yet be in the distance or it may be just beyond a near bend of that river. Questions arise in silence and conscience answers them. What about the individual river of each of us? Life may be sluggish with dullness of desire and lack of purpose. One will say that such a life may be freer from sin than the busier one. That is a dangerous sophistry by which to be beguiled. There is no simile more often used in the Bible to define life than that of laborers. "Fields and vineyards" are the Master's noted pictures of it. The mind which never aspires and a will which is only half awake do not represent a bona fide man but a two-legged beast of burden. Perhaps a suggestion is made that there are many small streams in nature, unnoticed and unknown. Yes, many; but in its obscurity the smallest stream is always in its hurry, rippling its song, as it were a rollicking glee.

Again, life may be the very opposite of sluggish, in fact so rushing that it is roiled and muddy. The strenuousness of its day often pushes the weak in principle into the mire of determined treachery to it. Aspiration coarsens into ambition, and ambition leads, as it did Mother Eve, into the choice of evil. Aspiration looks towards ideals; ambition worships self. Look each to your own river, Companions. See that it runs clear and clean. See that it moves on over the rocky bed of good purposes. And then, let it sing for life is joyous. God gave both the sun with its glorious radiance and the moon in her silvery beauty that life might be; for their absence would toll the death knell of life. Let your river run on with all the happiness you can put into it, but spell and define happiness aright and in the questioning of the eyes of mother.

\* Companion BRETZ affiliated as Past Master.

And then, at last, there will be the sea that is and never can be full, because it is Eternity. One stands abashed before its immensity of meaning. But rivers are running into it along with ours; some have emptied themselves into it, lives of those "whom we have loved on earth and lost awhile." We would bring no shadow across the pleasure of our reunion here today. Rather, would we bid you attune your life's song in such harmonies as shall one day be in unison with the Anthem of the angels when you come to stand on the shores of the sea in Heaven, and find yourselves indeed happy, and at Home.

WARREN C. HUBBARD, }  
 S. WRIGHT BUTLER, } *Committee.*  
 ELIAS WHITNEY, }

### **Report of Special Committee on Acting Grand Master's Address.**

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

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

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of R. Ill. WILL L. LLOYD, Acting Grand Master, for subdivision and reference to the proper Committees, respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That the portion which relates to our fraternal dead, be referred to the Committee on Necrology.
2. That the portion which relates to the appointment of Grand Representatives to, and the accrediting of Grand Representatives for other Grand Jurisdictions be approved.
3. That so much as relates to Dispensations be approved.
4. That the portion which relates to Waiver of Jurisdiction be approved.
5. That so much as refers to the granting of Warrants to St. George's Council, U. D., of Schenectady, and King Hiram Council, U. D., of Auburn, be referred to the Committee on Warrants and Dispensations.

6. We further recommend that that portion of the Acting Grand Master's Address which refers to the action of our late Grand Master, MORRIS S. MACKENZIE, in recognizing the legitimacy of the Grand Council of Texas through the exchange of Grand Representatives, be and is hereby formally ratified and approved.

In conclusion:

7. We commend the address of the Acting Grand Master in the trying position under which he has been forced to labor during the past year.

Signed

FRED E. OGDEN,  
WILLARD S. BRADT, } *Committee.*  
O. H. LABARRE,

#### Election of Officers.

The time fixed by special order for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Master appointed as tellers, M. Ill. WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, R. Ill. DERRICK BROWN, and R. Ill. ALFRED B. CONRAD, and the Grand Council proceeded to the election, with the following result:

WILL L. LLOYD .....	elected Grand Master.
MARTIN Q. GOOD .....	" " Deputy Master
HERBERT W. GREENLAND.....	" " P. C. of the Work.
GEORGE A. NEWELL .....	" " Treasurer.
CHARLES T. LUNT .....	" " Recorder.
J. HARRIS BALSTON .....	" " Capt. of the Guard.
GEORGE E. HATCH .....	" " Con. of the Council.
WILLIAM H. ELLIS .....	" " Marshal.
EDWARD H. LISK .....	" " Standard Bearer.
OLIVER H. LABARRE .....	" " Steward.
EUGENE E. HINMAN .....	" " Lecturer.
A. OPPENHEIMER .....	" " Trustee for 3 years.

The tellers were then discharged with the thanks of the Grand Council.

The Grand Master Elect appointed:

Rev. Companion WARREN C. HUBBARD, ..... Grand Chaplain  
Rev. Companion S. WRIGHT BUTLER ..... Grand Chaplain  
Companion CHARLES D. WILSON of Jamestown... Grand Sentinel

Also the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year :

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY

JAMES CHAMBERS

CHARLES M. COLTON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

JOHN W. COBURN

PHIL. NAST, JR.

ALBERT W. H. SPEAR

FRATERNAL DEAD

REV. WARREN C. HUBBARD

REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER

ELIAS WHITNEY

PRINTING

CHARLES T. LUNT

GEORGE A. NEWELL

M. F. HEMINGWAY

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**Report of the Special Committee on the Royal and Select Master's Degrees.**

The Report of the Special Committee on Degrees of Royal and Select Master was presented and read, and, on motion it was resolved that the matter be laid over until the next Grand Assembly. The Grand Master continued the same Committee in office.

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It was moved and seconded that the Grand Officers be furnished with copies of the proposed changes in the ritual, and submit the same to the Subordinate Councils on the occasion of their official visits, for approval or otherwise.

Motion was acted on and declared lost.

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On motion it was resolved that the Grand Recorder be authorized to procure a sufficient number of the latest edition of the present ritual of the Royal and Select Master Degrees to supply all of the Subordinate Councils, and that the rituals antedating the same now in the possession of said Subordinate Councils be recalled.

### **Report of the Committee on Constitution and Laws.**

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

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

We respectfully report that no business has been brought before the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

Faternally submitted,  
WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, }  
A. OPPENHEIMER, } *Committee.*  
FRANK A. COOK, }

### **Report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.**

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

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

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully report that there have been no appeals or grievances presented to them for consideration. Your Committee congratulates the Grand Council on the harmony and good feeling which prevails throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, and sincerely trusts it will always exist.

CHARLES M. COLTON, }  
THOMAS P. C. BARNARD, } *Committee.*  
J. L. CHENEY, }

### **Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business.**

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

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully reports

that there is no unfinished business to claim the attention of the Grand Council at this time.

FREDERICK KANTER, }  
 WARREN F. BASCOM, } *Committee.*  
 E. C. NATION, }

### **Report of the Committee on Next Place of Meeting.**

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

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

Your Committee on Next Place of Meeting respectfully recommend that the next Grand Council Meeting be held at Jamestown on Tuesday, August 22d, 1911. The Council officers of Jamestown Council, No. 32, through their Representative, Ill. Companion R. K. MASON, will, in the event of the recommendation being accepted, entertain the Companions on the day before the meeting of the Grand Council with an outing on Chautauqua Lake, with a dinner and other forms of entertainment, and a splendid time is promised to all who may be there.

EDMOND F. PIERDON, }  
 C. L. MYERS, } *Committee.*  
 ZINA C. LEWIS, }

### **Report of the Committee on Warrants and Dispensations.**

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

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

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations to whom was referred the applications of St. George's Council, U. D., of Schenectady, and King Hiram Council, U. D., of Auburn, for Charters, respectfully report that we have examined the respective applications and the accompanying documents and find them to conform

to Article I, Section 16, of the Constitution, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That a Charter be granted to Companions ERNEST L. SIMPSON as T. Ill. Master, FRANK H. SARGENT as Deputy Master, and SAMUEL S. FORSTER as Principal Conductor of the Work, and their associates, empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in the City of Schenectady, to be known as St. George's Council, No. 74.

RESOLVED, That a Charter be granted to Companions LEVI S. GATES as T. Ill. Master, WILLIAM F. CLAUDIUS as Deputy Master and FREDERICK J. HUMPHRYES as Principal Conductor of the Work, and their associates, empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in the City of Auburn, to be known as King Hiram Council, No. 18.

In the petition of King Hiram Council for a Charter, special request is made that said Council receive the number held by a former Council located in that city, viz. 18, and we recommend that their request be granted.

GEORGE MCGOWN,  
SIDNEY E. WHITE,  
PETER SCHUMACHER, } *Committee.*

### **Report of the Committee on Finance and Accounts.**

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

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

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

Your Committee recommends the payment of the following amounts:

Pay of Representatives at this Annual Assembly .....	564.24
Salary of the Grand Recorder to date .....	400.00
Grand Recorder sundry expenses for the year .....	58.74

Grand Sentinel services this Assembly .....	10.00
Masonic Standard printing Grand Council card .....	50.00
Entertainment of Representatives .....	88.00
Will L. Lloyd expenses as Acting Grand Master .....	20.00
Grand Treasurer's expenses for the year .....	10.00
John W. Coburn, Chairman Committee, Foreign Correspondence ..	100.00
Music at this Assembly .....	20.00
Eugene E. Hinman, Grand Lecturer, expenses for the year .....	100.00
Frank H. Deal, legal expenses Forrester death claim .....	18.50
Rent of hall for this Assembly .....	20.00

We also recommend that the Committee on Printing be authorized to print 600 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Assembly, and that the Grand Recorder draw a warrant for the cost of the same.

Also that the Grand Recorder draw a warrant for the payment of the annual dues of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.

We recommend that the sum of \$400.00 be appropriated as the salary of the Grand Recorder for the ensuing year, to be paid to him in quarterly payments if he so elect.

We recommend that a warrant for \$500.00 be drawn on the Grand Treasurer payable to the order of the Trustees for investment in the Permanent Fund.

We recommend that the expense of entertaining the Grand Officers of sister jurisdictions be paid upon the presentation of a bill approved by the Grand Master.

We have carefully examined the report of the Trustees and find the sums named therein to be on deposit in the East River Savings Institution and the Irving Savings Institution, as shown by the examination of the pass books of said banks.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY,  
 JAMES CHAMBERS,  
 CHARLES M. COLTON, } *Committee.*

### **Appropriation.**

On motion it was resolved that the sum of \$150.00 be appropriated for the annual expenses of the Grand Lecturer.

### Installation of Officers.

The Grand Officers elected and appointed, with the exception of the Grand Sentinel, were duly installed by M. P. JOHN W. COBURN, assisted by M. Ill. FREDERICK KANTER, as Grand Marshal.

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### Vote of Thanks.

A vote of thanks was extended to DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, of Albany, for the very hospitable and generous manner in which they entertained the officers and members of the Grand Council.

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### Resolution.

On motion it was unanimously resolved that the portrait of our late Grand Master, M. Ill. MORRIS S. MACKENZIE, be engraved, and placed in the Annual Proceedings of this year.

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### Closing.

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



*Grand Recorder.*

Appendix

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Statistics

## IN MEMORIAM

Deaths reported to the Grand Council for the year 1910.

Columbian, No. 1, Comp.	Daniel MacKinnon.....	Died	July	21st,	1909
"	"	"	May	7th,	1910
Union, No. 2	William M. Postley....	"	April	21st,	1910
Brooklyn, No. 4	Axel Anderson .....	"	Aug	10th,	1910
"	"	"	March	22d,	1910
"	"	"	May	4th,	1910
"	"	"	May	18th,	1910
Adelphic, No. 7	George Z. Bretz .....	"	Dec.	4th,	1909
"	"	"	Oct.	29th,	1909
"	"	"	Jan.	1st,	1910
"	"	"	Feb.	22d,	1910
"	"	"	Feb.	19th,	1910
"	"	"	March	6th,	1910
"	"	"	March	15th,	1910
"	"	"	March	20th,	1910
"	"	"	March	24th,	1910
"	"	"	April	25th,	1910
"	"	"	May	25th,	1910
Central City, No. 13	Willis L. Morgan .....	"	Aug.	7th,	1908
"	"	"	Sept.	14th,	1909
"	"	"	Dec.	28th,	1909
"	"	"	Jan.	17th,	1910
"	"	"	Jan.	22d,	1910
"	"	"	March	22d,	1910
"	"	"	April	2d,	1910
Bloss, No. 14	H. B. Marks .....	"	July	10th,	1909
"	"	"	July	20th,	1909
"	"	"	July	28th,	1909
"	"	"	Aug.	8th,	1909
"	"	"	Aug.	13th,	1909
"	"	"	Nov.	18th,	1909
"	"	"	Dec.	17th,	1909
"	"	"	Dec.	30th,	1909
"	"	"	Jan.	10th,	1910
"	"	"	March	7th,	1910
"	"	"	April	8th,	1910
"	"	"	April	25th,	1910
Southern Tier, No. 16	Hamden W. McIntyre..	"	Sept.	19th,	1909
"	"	"	Nov.	5th,	1909
"	"	"	Feb.	11th,	1910
	Alden Derby .....	"			

Buffalo, No. 17, ... Comp.	C. Henry Curtis.....	Died	Nov. 23d,	1909
" " .....	Henry Sauerwein .....	"	Jan. 28th,	1910
" " .....	Curus K. Porter .....	"	Jan. 30th,	1910
" " .....	Adam Fleeman, Jr. ....	"	March 9th,	1910
" " .....	Frederick H. C. Mey... ..	"	April 24th,	1910
" " .....	William A. McNulty... ..	"	May 3d,	1910
Doric, No. 19 .....	James D. Casey .....	"	Sept 21st,	1909
" " .....	Edward Schafer .....	"	Feb. 28th,	1908
" " .....	George Hunt Clark....	"	Jan. 15th,	1910
" " .....	James Sargent .....	"	Jan. 25th,	1910
" " .....	George W. Rogers .....	"	March 3d,	1910
" " .....	James E. Galbraith....	"	April 19th,	1910
" " .....	Fred C. Lauer, Jr. ....	"	June 23d,	1910
Keystone, No. 20 ..	Eugene S. Thomas .....	"	Aug. 24th,	1909
DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	Fred Phisterer .....	"	July 13th,	1909
" " " " .....	John Laubenheimer....	"	July 15th,	1909
" " " " .....	Thomas J. Bishop .....	"	Sept. 6th,	1909
" " " " .....	Henry Hayes .....	"	Sept. 12th,	1909
" " " " .....	J. Douglas Rice .....	"	Oct. 2d,	1909
" " " " .....	Charles H. Gaus .....	"	Oct. 31st,	1909
" " " " .....	L. G. A. Snyder .....	"	Nov. 10th,	1909
" " " " .....	L. S. Dillenbach .....	"	July 9th,	1909
" " " " .....	W. P. Dayton .....	"	Feb. 1st,	1910
" " " " .....	A. J. Winne .....	"	Feb. 10th,	1910
" " " " .....	E. R. Willerton .....	"	Feb. 14th,	1910
" " " " .....	Marvin Tanner .....	"	April 14th,	1910
Dunkirk, No. 25 ...	Joseph Effenberger ....	"	Feb. 6th,	1910
Palmyra, No. 26 ...	Charles H. Veeder ....	"	Oct. 2d,	1908
" " " " .....	Gilbert F. Everson ....	"	Oct. 26th,	1909
" " " " .....	Mark C. Finley .....	"	Dec. 22d,	1909
" " " " .....	Alonzo Langdon' .....	"	Feb. 1st,	1910
King Solomon, No. 31	John P. Wilson .....	"	Jan. 17th,	1910
Jamestown, No. 32..	James A. Goodchild....	"	Feb. 21st,	1910
Hornellsville, No. 35	Frank A. Jones .....	"	Sept. 22d,	1909
" " " " .....	William H. Dunn .....	"	Nov. 12th,	1909
Cryptic, No. 37 ....	C. B. Thomas .....	"	Nov. 29th,	1909
" " " " .....	Marcus C. Allen .....	"	Jan. 19th,	1910
" " " " .....	Frederick Tarrant .....	"	June 13th,	1910
Corning, No. 53 ....	George Hitchcock .....	"	Oct. 22d,	1909
" " " " .....	William Linford .....	"	Nov. 14th,	1909
Peekskill, No. 55... ..	James W. A. Dodge....	"	Dec. 24th,	1909
" " " " .....	Stephen F. Horton .....	"	June 21st,	1910
Phoenix, No. 70 ....	John L. Piper .....	"	Summer of	1909
" " " " .....	Samuel L. Berrian .....	"	Jan. 4th,	1910
Alph-Omega, No. 71	Mvron S. Newell .....	"	March 27th,	1910
Johnstown, No. 72..	William H. Kibbe .....	"	March 9th,	1910
" " " " .....	Andrew Korn .....	"	April 1st,	1910
" " " " .....	William L. Johnson....	"	June 26th,	1910

In Memoriam

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WILLIAM H. ANDREWS

Elected Grand Master

August 27th, 1907

Died September 6th, 1910

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

NAME.	No.	MASTER.	DEPUTY MASTER.	P. C. OF W.	RECORDER.	WHERE LOCATED.		DATE OF MEETINGS.
						CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.	
COLUMBIAN.....	1	Edmond F. Pierdon.	C. E. Goodrich.	Harry W. Putnam.	Martin Q. Good.	New York.	New York.	1st Thursday, 2 p. m.
UNION.....	2	Oliver H. LaBarre.	Edward LaBarre.	John W. England.	Rich'd M. Backus.	New York.	New York.	2d Saturday.
BROOKLYN.....	4	George A. Lutz.	Warren H. Francis.	Garrett Van Mater.	Walter H. Young.	Brooklyn.	Kings.	3d Saturday.
ADELPHIC.....	7	Charles H. Stoddard.	Frank G. Stanley.	Henry D. Hamilton.	John W. Coburn.	New York.	New York.	1st Saturday.
CENTRAL CITY.....	13	James L. Cheney.	L. Thompson.	John P. Listman.	Frank Collins.	Syracuse.	Onondaga.	1st Wednesday.
BLOSS.....	14	Zina C. Lewis.	Daniel Jones.	Harry A. Sheldon.	Irving S. Freeman.	Troy.	Rensselaer.	1st Friday.
BRUCE.....	15	Wm. C. Shapleigh.	Burton A. Preish.	Robt. E. Emerson.	Henry C. Hulshoff.	Lockport.	Niagara.	4th Monday.
SOUTHERN TIER.....	16	J. Mont. Tillman.	G. R. Hemenway.	Wm. P. Lovell.	Jesse L. Cooley.	Elmira.	Chemung.	3d Monday.
BUFFALO.....	17	Peter Post.	Walter A. Fleming.	James R. Newman.	Wm. J. Donaldson.	Buffalo.	Erie.	2d Thursday.
KING HIRAM.....	18	Levi S. Gates.	William F. Claudius.	Fred J. Humphryes.	Geo. M. McCarthy.	Auburn.	Cayuga.	2d Monday.
DORIC.....	19	Sidney E. White.	William A. Buff.	Thomas G. Young.	John Alexander.	Rochester.	Monroe.	2d and 4th Mondays.
KEYSTONE.....	20	Henry W. Root.	Thos. P. C. Barnard.	William Hopkins.	George J. Volger.	Buffalo.	Erie.	3d Tuesday.
DEWITT CLINTON.....	22	Luther C. Warner.	L. C. Vanderheyden.	William E. Bailey.	J. C. Allanson.	Albany.	Albany.	3d Thursday.
DUNKIRK.....	25	Alex. Williams, Sr.	R. H. Heppell.	J. A. H. Kaufman.	John Y. Bartlett.	Dunkirk.	Chautauqua.	1st Wednesday.
PALMYRA.....	26	George W. Barnes	S. D. Van Alstine.	M. I. Greenwood.	George McGown.	Palmyra.	Wayne.	2d Tuesday.
KING SOLOMON.....	31		John C. Welch.	S. Wright Butler.	Frank J. Schwartz.		Poughkeepsie.	Dutchess.
JAMESTOWN.....	32	O. N. Rushworth.	Roland K. Mason.	Joseph R. Rogers.	Hugo E. Sellvin.	Jamestown.	Chatauqua.	3d Thursday.
OLEAN.....	33	C. W. Bachelder.	J. G. Murdock.	John Sloan	A. A. Swarts.	Olean.	Cattaraugus.	2d Wednesday.
HORNELLVILLE.....	35	P. M. Nast, Jr.	Ray V. Woodbury.	Wm. A. Rodgers.	Geo. H. Alvord.	Hornell	Steuben.	2d Friday.
CRYPTIC.....	37	Frank A. Cook.	John C. Dorsey.	Adelbert P. Knapp.	A. L. Churchill.	Saratoga Spr'gs.	Saratoga.	2d and 4th Thursdays.
WASHINGTON.....	52	Warren F. Bascom.	Ernest T. Horton.	DeWitt C. Smith.	Nathan E. Foote.	Whitehall.	Washington.	2d Friday.
CORNING.....	53	Hugh H. Kendall.	John Comosh.	Joseph C. Moore.	G. W. Robertson.	Corning.	Steuben.	1st and 3d Thursdays.
PEEKSKILL.....	55	Lanning G. Roake.	Chas. E. Felton.	Fred. A. Smith.	George E. Briggs.	Peekskill.	Westchester.	2d Monday.
PHOENIX.....	70	Henry W. Pratt.	Arthur W. Peene.	Wm. H. Mason.	Ossian Lang.	Mt. Vernon.	Westchester.	2d Monday.
ALPH-OMEGA.....	71	Geo. A. Newell.	A. Gardner Phillips.	Burt M. Frary.	Geo. H. Shattuck.	Medina.	Orleans.	2d Wednesday.
JOHNSTOWN.....	72	L. K. Maylender, Jr.	John W. Pakosta.	Abram Baird	Eugene Moore.	Johnstown.	Fulton.	2d Wednesday.
ST. GEORGE'S.....	74	Ernest L. Simpson.	Frank H. Sargent.	Samuel S. Forster.	Hanford Robison.	Schenectady.	Schenectady.	2d Tuesday.

## Abstract of Returns from Subordinate Councils

No.	NAME OF COUNCIL	No. of Members 1909	Greeted	Affiliated	Restored	Suspended	Dimitted	Died	Expelled	Total Membership 1910	Receipts
1	COLUMBIAN .....	162	47	2		1	6	2		202	\$129 00
2	UNION.....	73	31	4			1	1		106	69 50
4	BROOKLYN. ....	354	18		1	17	12	4		340	195 00
7	ADELPHIC.....	555	41	6	1	14	7	14		568	321 50
13	CENTRAL CITY...	384	25			1		7		401	217 00
14	BLOSS .....	826	64		1	16	1	12		862	477 00
15	BRUCE .....	87	2							89	45 50
16	SOUTHERN TIER..	109						3		106	54 50
17	BUFFALO.....	241	14			2	3	6		244	134 50
19	DORIC.....	418	37		1		1	7		448	246 00
20	KEYSTONE.....	171	7	1	1		6	1		173	93 00
22	DEWITT CLINTON	688	37		3	1	2	12		713	381 00
25	DUNKIRK.....	70	3		1		2	1		71	38 00
26	PALMYRA .....	79	33			1		4		107	72 50
31	KING SOLOMON...	141	1				3	1		138	71 50
32	JAMESTOWN .....	91	23	2				1		115	69 50
33	OLEAN .....	28	1							29	15 00
35	HORNELLSVILLE.	77	3			7		2		71	41 50
37	CRYPTIC .....	269	3		1	11	4	3		255	137 50
52	WASHINGTON.....	52	19							71	45 00
53	CORNING.....	57				10		2		45	28 50
55	PEEKSKILL.....	77	7	1		3		2		80	46 00
70	PHOENIX.....	79	8					2		85	47 50
71	ALPH-OMEGA.....	86	1					1		86	44 00
72	JOHNSTOWN.....	111	3	1				3		112	59 00
		5285	428	17	10	84	48	91		5517	\$3079 00

## Permanent Members of the Grand Council

(Being Past Masters of Subordinate Councils living, and in good standing.)

Tabulated in the order of seniority.

### COLUMBIAN COUNCIL, No. 1.

William S. Paterson	Harry Alton Russell
Garvey Donaldson	John D. Cawein
James H. Curtin	James Stewart
Martin Q. Good	John J. Dowers

### UNION COUNCIL, No. 2.

William Henry Smith	Alexander Milligan
Clarence H. Sanford	J. Stewart Wilson
Charles E. Lansing	John Bramwell
Robert Neil	Thomas Clernand

### BROOKLYN COUNCIL, No. 4.

Edward Cooper	Charles A. Tonsor
Albert E. Leach	William H. Sutton
William Sherer	John L. Judge
George Nicholson	John D. Goodwin
Adolph C. Wenzel	William Bamber
Charles G. Little	Alfred B. Conrad
Lawrence Coffin	Frank P. Wiseburn
Charles Stewart	Charles C. Rhodes

### ADELPHIC COUNCIL, No. 7.

John W. Coburn	William E. Duncan
William Downes	Alfred D. Slough
E. M. L. Ehlers	James Chambers
Frederick Kanter	C. Victor Twiss
George E. W. Stivers	Richard J. Secor
T. F. Russell	Charles T. Lunt
John R. Gardner	Elias Whitney
J. Harris Balston	Edward A. Quick
Reno R. Billington	(by affiliation).

## CENTRAL CITY COUNCIL, No. 13.

Seymour H. Stone	Herbert W. Greenland
Charles W. Snow	George B. Cathers
Edward H. Brown	Alonzo W. Worth
Abel G. Cook	Henry A. MacGruer
Theodore M. Barber	

## BLOSS COUNCIL, No. 14.

Charles Teson	Henry Calhoun
Alexander B. King	Edward A. Webster
William M. Peckham	Edward H. Lisk
Robert B. Stiles	Edwin Buchman
Arthur MacArthur	Marshall F. Hemingway
T. Campbell Collin	A. W. H. Spear
Joseph A. Leggett	Ensign S. Homer
John P. Deal	Charles Duncan

## BRUCE COUNCIL, No. 15.

Charles N. Palmer	Edward J. Taylor
Rollin B. Moore	J. A. McLaughlin, Jr.
William J. Jackman	Mark D. Welsher
Frank E. Smith	Frank W. Travis

## SOUTHERN TIER COUNCIL, No. 16.

Jesse L. Cooley	Herbert M. Lovell
Conrad Wehnes	Henry Mander
Charles L. Hart	Guy W. Shoemaker
De Witt C. Brown	James M. Randall
John M. Diven	Charles S. Tuttle

## BUFFALO COUNCIL, No. 17.

A. Oppenheimer	H. Jason Knapp
William J. Donaldson	John H. Clark
William H. Cass	Edgar C. Neal
George L. Kingston	Henry Post
Charles E. Markham	William H. Ellis
R. Kenneth Bickford	Robert W. Wilson
William Dempster	

## DORIC COUNCIL, No. 19.

Henry M. Plant  
 John W. Merriam  
 Willard S. Bradt  
 Samuel C. Pierce  
 Ezra M. Sparlin  
 Edward Schaefer  
 A. D. McMaster  
 Edward Edwards

Harry J. Mulligan  
 Charles M. Colton  
 John C. Baumer  
 George E. Hatch  
 Emil H. Schmidt  
 George W. Cooper  
 Earl J. Neville

## KEYSTONE COUNCIL, No. 20.

John L. Brothers  
 Levi S. Gates  
 Warren F. Chandler  
 Robert T. Walker  
 Fred E. Ogden  
 David W. Adams  
 George Clinton

Charles S. Butler  
 Earl N. Blood  
 William S. Riselay  
 John D. Shanahan  
 Fred. A. Busch  
 Percy Eaton  
 Elias Haffa

## DE WITT CLINTON COUNCIL, No. 22.

Frank Chamberlain  
 James W. Morange  
 John J. Martin  
 James B. McEwan  
 T. Austin Williamson  
 George R. Hodgkins  
 Willard S. Gibbons  
 George C. Bishop

Will. L. Lloyd  
 William H. Spawn  
 William E. Woollard  
 Eugene Crawford  
 Eugene E. Hinman  
 Charles L. Myers  
 William H. Butler  
 Peter Schumacher

## DUNKIRK COUNCIL, No. 25.

Frank B. Barnard  
 Hiram A. Matteson  
 E. L. Clement  
 John W. Ware

John Y. Bartlett  
 Henry C. Pentecost  
 Harry B. Lyon  
 Albert E. Nugent

## PALMYRA COUNCIL, No. 26.

George McGown  
 John H. Coates  
 S. Nelson Sawyer

Edwin B. Anderson  
 Alfred C. Hopkins

## KING SOLOMON COUNCIL, No. 31.

William Morgan Lee  
 William B. Hull  
 Edgar M. Meeks

Willet Titus  
 Derrick Brown

## JAMESTOWN COUNCIL, No. 32:

John B. Shaw  
 Harry L. Briggs

Nathan Stern

## OLEAN COUNCIL, No. 33.

Caleb S. Hanks  
 Martin Southern  
 W. L. Myrick  
 Albert A. Swarts  
 John Sloane

Ed. F. Halliday  
 E. H. Austin  
 A. W. Nelson  
 Isaac P. Collins

## HORNELLSVILLE COUNCIL, No. 35.

J. H. Sprong  
 H. T. Harris  
 I. S. Lanning  
 W. H. Prangen

B. B. Babcock  
 Frank Donahue  
 George W. Brown  
 Phil. M. Nast, Jr.

## CRYPTIC COUNCIL, No. 37.

J. Marshall Colcord  
 Adelbert P. Knapp  
 Frank M. Adee

R. C. Fonda  
 John Bennett

## WASHINGTON COUNCIL, No. 52.

Norman Z. Baker

Warren F. Bascom

## CORNING COUNCIL, No. 53.

Truman S. Pritchard  
 George B. Hill  
 W. A. Wicks  
 Jerome S. Billington  
 John Comosh  
 Herbert C. Austin

Charles E. Greenfield  
 Hugh H. Kendall  
 Joseph C. Moore  
 S. E. DeVore  
 Warren J. Cheney  
 Edgar E. Magee

## PEEKSKILL COUNCIL, No. 55.

John Halstead	George E. Briggs
N. H. Freeland	Edward L. Bullock
Edward F. Hill	Wilbur F. Wessells
William R. Thorne	Charles A. Dyckman
Edmund C. Nation	Albert Ellis Phin
Henry P. Dain	

## PHOENIX COUNCIL, No. 70.

Ralph E. Prime	Ossian H. Lang
John E. Murphy	Jarvis W. Mason
Moses D. Getty	J. Porter Freeman
Franklin T. Davis	Frank A. Kateley
Edmund S. Middleton	J. Caleb Fisher

## ALPH-OMEGA COUNCIL, No. 71.

George A. Newell	Irving L'Hommedieu
Charles D. Ross	

## JOHNSTOWN COUNCIL, No. 72.

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

## ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS

### ALABAMA

George A. Beauchamp.....Montgomery

### ARKANSAS

Fay Hemstead .....Masonic Temple, Little Rock

### CALIFORNIA

Thomas A. Davies.....110 Sutter St., San Francisco

### COLORADO

Ernest LeNeve Foster .....Masonic Temple, Denver

### CONNECTICUT

James McCormick.....152 State Street, Hartford

### ENGLAND AND WALES

C. F. Matier....Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen St., London, W. C.

### FLORIDA

Wilber P. Webster .....Jacksonville

### GEN'L GRAND COUNCIL

Henry W. Mordhurst.....Fort Wayne, Ind.

### GEORGIA

W. A. Wolihin .....Macon

### ILLINOIS

George W. Warvelle.....Masonic Temple, Chicago

### INDIANA

Calvin W. Prather.....Masonic Temple, Indianapolis

### IOWA

Alfred Wingate .....Des Moines

### KANSAS

Albert K. Wilson .....Topeka

### KENTUCKY

Henry B. Grant .....Masonic Temple, Louisville

### LOUISIANA

Richard Lambert .....Masonic Temple, New Orleans

### MAINE

Stephen Berry .....Portland

### MARYLAND

Gustav A. Eitel .....1521 No. Caroline Street, Baltimore

### MASSACHUSETTS

J. Gilman Waite .....Masonic Temple, Boston

### MARITIME PROVINCES

William B. Wallace .....65 Prince William St., St. John

## MICHIGAN

Charles A. Conover ..... Coldwater

## MINNESOTA

John Fishel .....Masonic Temple, St. Paul

## MISSISSIPPI

Frederick Speed ..... Vicksburg

## MISSOURI

Robert F. Stevenson .....510 Pine St., St. Louis

## NEBRASKA

Francis E. White .....1608 Capital Ave., Omaha

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Harry M. Cheney ..... 3 No. Main St., Concord

## NEW JERSEY

Hiram E. Deats ..... Flemington

## NEW YORK

Charles T. Lunt .....U. S. Treasury, New York

## NORTH CAROLINA

James C. Munds ..... Wilmington

## OHIO

William E. Evans ..... Chillicothe

## OREGON

Seth L. Pope ..... Portland

## OKLAHOMA

Rev. Joseph S. Murrow .....Atoka

## PENNSYLVANIA

Frank W. Martens ..... South Bethlehem

## RHODE ISLAND

William R. Green ..... Atlantic Nat. Bank, Providence

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Zimmerman Davis ..... Charleston

## TENNESSEE

John B. Garrett ..... Nashville

## TEXAS

John A. Bryan ..... Cleburne

## VERMONT

Henry H. Ross ..... Burlington

## WASHINGTON

Edward R. Hare .....Box 25, Tacoma

## WISCONSIN

William W. Perry .....Masonic Temple, Milwaukee

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

		Appointed.
ALABAMA	Hugh H. Kendall.....	Corning .....1898
ARKANSAS	Hiram A. Matteson.....	Dunkirk .....1895
CONNECTICUT	Oliver H. LaBarre.....	New York .....1909
CALIFORNIA	Theo. M. Barber.....	Syracuse .....1895
COLORADO	Charles M. Colton.....	Rochester .....1903
ENGLAND & WALES	Arthur Mac Arthur.....	Troy .....1908
FLORIDA	Eugene Crawford ....	Albany .....1910
GEORGIA	Benno Loewy .....	New York .....1907
IOWA	Emil H. Schmidt.....	Rochester .....1909
ILLINOIS	Wilbur F. Wessels.....	Peekskill .....1908
INDIANA	Geo. E. Briggs.....	Peekskill .....1909
KANSAS	Derrick Brown .....	Poughkeepsie ....1910
KENTUCKY	John Bennett .....	Saratoga Sps. ....1905
LOUISIANA	John H. Clark .....	Buffalo .....1906
MAINE	John G. Ferres .....	Johnstown .....1908
MARYLAND	William Downes .....	New York .....1886
MASSACHUSETTS	Charles L. Myers.....	Albany .....1908
MARITIME PROV'S	Charles Duncan .....	Troy .....1910
MICHIGAN	William Bamber .....	Brooklyn .....1906
MINNESOTA	Edwin Buchman .....	Troy .....1908
MISSOURI	Franklin T. Davis.....	Mount Vernon ...1907
MISSISSIPPI	S. Nelson Sawyer ....	Palmyra .....1910
NEBRASKA	William H. Smith.....	New York .....1908
NEW JERSEY	J. Marshall Colcord...	Saratoga Sps. ....1908
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Earl N. Blood .....	Buffalo .....1907
NORTH CAROLINA	Alfred B. Conrad.....	New York .....1908
OHIO	James Chambers .....	New York .....1903
OREGON	Robert W. Wilson.....	Buffalo .....1910
OKLAHOMA	Alfred B. Price.....	New York .....1896
PENNSYLVANIA	Geo. W. Brown.....	Hornell .....1907
RHODE ISLAND	M. F. Hemingway.....	Troy .....1909
SOUTH CAROLINA	Wm. J. Donaldson....	Buffalo .....1906
TENNESSEE	Harry L. Briggs.....	Jamestown .....1909
TEXAS	Wm. M. Peckham.....	Troy .....1909
VERMONT	Warren F. Bascom....	Whitehall .....1908
WASHINGTON	Herbert M. Lovell....	Elmira .....1908
WISCONSIN	Willard S. Gibbons...	Albany .....1907

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

ALABAMA	Jacob U. Ray	Woodstock
ARKANSAS	Peter Brickey	Marianna
CONNECTICUT	W. C. Twombly	Stamford
CALIFORNIA	Charles Lord Field	San Francisco
COLORADO	Joseph W. Milson	Canon City
ENGLAND & WALES	Charles F. Matier	London
FLORIDA	James A. Chaffin	Pensacola
GEORGIA	Wm. A. Wolihin	Macon
IOWA	Wm. F. Cleveland	Harlan
ILLINOIS	Fred W. Krengel	Chicago
INDIANA	Lucienne A. Foote	Crawfordsville
KANSAS	Wm. M. Shaver	Topeka
KENTUCKY	John T. Kincaid	Lexington
LOUISIANA	Richard Lambert	New Orleans
MAINE	Charles I. Riggs	Portland
MARYLAND	Geo. A. Smith	Baltimore
MASSACHUSETTS	Wm. B. Lawrence	Medford
MARITIME PROV'S.	J. V. Ellis	St. John
MICHIGAN	Emerson M. Newell	Fenton
MINNESOTA	George W. Cooley	Minneapolis
MISSOURI	John C. Humes	Kansas City
MISSISSIPPI	John S. Brooks	Robinsonville
NEW JERSEY	John B. Bertholf	Jersey City
NEBRASKA	Francis E. White	Omaha
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Rev. J. M. Durrell	Tilton
NORTH CAROLINA	E. S. Martin	Wilmington
OHIO	George E. Turrill	Cleveland
OREGON	Milton S. Woodcock	Corvallis
OKLAHOMA	I. H. G. Hulme	Weatherford
PENNSYLVANIA	Geo. C. Johnstone	Ben Avon
RHODE ISLAND	A. H. Cushman	Providence
SOUTH CAROLINA	George S. Mower	Newberry
TENNESSEE	John B. Garrett	Nashville
TEXAS	J. J. Davis	Galveston
VERMONT	K. Haskins	Brattleboro
WASHINGTON	Abraham L. Miller	Vancouver
WISCONSIN	Edmund S. Baker	Portage

## OFFICERS OF GRAND COUNCIL

Elected and Appointed August 23d, 1910

WILL L. LLOYD, Albany .....	Grand Master
MARTIN Q. GOOD, New York City .....	" Deputy Master
HERBERT W. GREENLAND, Syracuse .....	" P. C. of W.
GEORGE A. NEWELL, Medina .....	" Treasurer
CHAS. T. LUNT, (U. S. Treas.) New York City .....	" Recorder
J. HARRIS BALSTON, Brooklyn .....	" Capt. of Guard
GEORGE E. HATCH, Rochester .....	" Cond. of the C.
WILLIAM H. ELLIS, Buffalo .....	" Marshal
EDWARD H. LISK, Troy .....	" Standard Bearer
OLIVER H. LABARRE, New York City .....	" Steward
EUGENE E. HINMAN, Albany .....	" Lecturer
REV. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Brooklyn .....	" Chaplain
REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, Poughkeepsie .....	" Chaplain
A. OPPENHEIMER, Buffalo .....	Trustee (term expires 1913)
HARWOOD DUDLEY, Johnstown .....	Trustee (term expires 1912)
JOHN P. DEAL, Troy .....	Trustee (term expires 1911)
CHARLES D. WILSON, Jamestown .....	Grand Sentinel

## LIVING PAST GRAND MASTERS

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 JOHN W. COBURN  
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 A. OPPENHEIMER  
 FREDERICK KANTER  
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GEORGE McGOWN  
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 JOHN R. GARDNER  
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*Most Illustrious Will L. Lloyd, Acting Grand Master, and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York:*

We submit our yearly report, showing the result of our readings of the journals of proceedings of the several Grand Councils which we have received during our term.

With fraternal wishes,

JNO. W. COBURN,  
ALBERT W. H. SPEAR, } *Committee.*  
ROBERT W. WILSON, }

Alabama . . . . .	1909*	Minnesota . . . . .	1909*
Arkansas . . . . .	1909	Mississippi . . . . .	1910*
California . . . . .	1909, 1910	Missouri . . . . .	1910
North Carolina . . . . .	1910	Nebraska . . . . .	1909
Colorado . . . . .	1909*	New Hampshire . . . . .	1909, 1910
Connecticut . . . . .	1909	New Jersey . . . . .	1909, 1910
Illinois . . . . .	1909	Ohio . . . . .	1909
Indiana . . . . .	1909	Oklahoma . . . . .	1909*, 1910
Iowa . . . . .	1909	Oregon . . . . .	1910*
Kansas . . . . .	1910	Pennsylvania . . . . .	1910
Kentucky . . . . .	1909*	Texas . . . . .	1909
Maine . . . . .	1909	Vermont . . . . .	1910
Maryland . . . . .	1909	Washington . . . . .	1909
Massachusetts . . . . .	1909	Wisconsin . . . . .	1910
Michigan . . . . .	1910	General Grand Council . . . . .	1909

\* No report on correspondence.

## ALABAMA—1909.

Seventy-second Annual Assembly in Montgomery, December 6th. Twenty-four members present, among whom were five Past Grand Masters. All the Councils, eight in number, were represented and made returns. Thirty Companions were greeted in seven of them, Mobile, No. 12, having eleven. Membership, October 15th, 1909, was 467, an increase of twenty-nine. Receipts, \$237.50; expenditures, \$200.83; in treasury, \$287.49. Nineteen Grand Councils had Grand Representatives present, New York being cared for by R. Ill. JACOB U. RAY.

Grand Master SMITH, during his year of service, labored in arousing a greater interest in the degrees, in which he fears the rite is lacking among the general membership. Urging the individual not to hold back because others do not show a proper amount of activity, he says:

“One enthusiast is worth twenty members who don’t go, don’t know, and don’t care. One such enthusiastic member cannot carry the whole burden of the Council, but he can do much to get others into the state of mind with himself.”

He advises the Subordinate Council not to worry about growth of numbers, but aim to interest and incite interest in those already there; try for perfection in the ritual; impress upon the newly greeted the beauties and symbolism of the work, and the added duties and responsibilities they are voluntarily assuming. When in the condition naturally resultant from such action, Companions attending because of the desire to do so, regardless of the work, the membership will increase without special effort, and there will be no necessity to figure out an inducement of Grand Encampment proportions. He looks upon the Texas plan rather favorably. The old “pre-requisite” song and dance is receiving a further sleeping potion by this young “requisite” melody.

He visited the General Grand Council triennial at Savannah, regretting he was alone in representing Alabama, and urges for a fuller showing at these gatherings which are “instructive” and this one added greatly to his knowledge of Cryptic conditions

throughout the United States, as well as giving him great pleasure in the enjoyment of "a true Southern and Masonic welcome."

We note the reappointment of R. Ill. HUGH H. KENDALL of Corning Council, No. 53, their Grand Representative to New York. The only dispensation asked for was "right to ballot on applications out of statutory time" (whatever that is), and falling in with previous occupants he granted it. Past Grand Master BLOCK reported that his absence was caused by illness.

The chairman of the committee to urge upon the Grand Commandery the importance of pre-requisite affairs, wisely reported the uselessness of the job till such times as the Grand Encampment should enact legislation giving power to the Grand Commandery to act.

Montgomery Council offered twenty-two candidates, which with three each from two other Councils, the Grand Council proceeded to confer the degrees upon. A past Grand Master's Jewel was ordered to be procured and presented to the retiring Grand Master in token of their respect and esteem.

Next Annual Assembly at Montgomery, December 5th, 1910. M. Ill. LAWRENCE H. LEE, Montgomery, Grand Master; M. Ill. GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Montgomery, Grand Recorder.

#### ARKANSAS—1909.

Forty-seventh Annual Assembly in Little Rock, November 19th. Thirty-four members present, of whom eight were Past Grand Masters. Of the twenty-seven Councils and one U. D. on the roll, nineteen were represented, and twenty-three made returns; sixteen greeted 112 Companions, Aholiab Council being credited with nineteen of the number. Membership, October 1st, 1909, 628, an increase of 208. Receipts, \$1,323.50; expenditures, \$483.74; in treasury, \$1,184.79. We fail to find any report of the presence of our Grand Representative and trust his absence was not caused by illness.

Grand Master WHIPPLE had quite an active year. In opening his address his companions are complimented for the "zeal and

enthusiasm with which they pulled together to make it one of the most prosperous years of their history." Realizing that increasing business of the Assembly would render the allotted time, already for some years too short, inadequate for its proper transaction, therefore he proposed to talk "without indulging in any rhetorical calisthenics," being up to date on conservation.

Dispensations were given for new Councils at Pocahontas, Jasper, Harrison, Van Buren, Crossett, Fordyce, Prescott, Malvern and Mizpah and for revivals at Batesville, Bentonville, Pine Bluff and Fayetteville. All the new Councils were chartered during the session excepting that at Fordyce which was continued under dispensation. Of Councils No. 29 and 32 he says, "they ignore the kindly efforts made to enthuse life within their bodies, and we have all wasted much time and effort over them," and recommends their Charters be canceled. The Grand Council gave one a year, and the other a few months to do the right thing or lose its charter. Outside of new Councils and reviving dormant, only one dispensation was granted, to hold the annual election and installation of officers two days ahead of the regular date, showing a progressive spirit by taking time by the forelock.

He has loving words in memory of the Grand Sentinel, who died August 3d, 1909, and to whom the Committee on Memorials pay fitting tribute. Companion NEILL'S portrait is given. He was also Tiler of the other Grand Bodies.

With a full delegation, the Grand Master attended the Tenth Triennial of the General Grand Council. Every moment there not claimed by business was used in "good times." In noting FAY HEMPSTEAD'S advancement to the office of General Grand Marshal he intimates Companion FAY was stubborn and wouldn't vote, but it did no good, as every delegate present voted for him, thus giving the deepest gratification to the Companions of their jurisdiction.

R. .P. .FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Mashal of the General Grand Council, and M. .EX. .CHARLES N. RIX, Grand Royal Arch Captain of the General Grand Chapter, were duly received and warmly welcomed, responding in fitting manner to the courteous and

cordial greeting. M. Ill. Companion HORSFALL, the able and efficient Grand Lecturer, who had so greatly helped in the success of the year, was voted an honorarium of fifty dollars.

An amendment is pending to change the Annual Assembly to the day immediately preceding the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge.

A Committee on Foreign Correspondence was provided for as recommended by the Grand Master, and Companion HEMPSTEAD informs us it will be his duty to report next year. We shall look for an excellent paper, as HEMPSTEAD always performs duties. For the present year he continues his annual notes, giving Grand Recorder DAVIS' story of a Century of Cryptic Masonry and half century thereof in South Carolina; the Degrees and their Symbolism; also Warvelle's information as to the Shechinah, Past Rank Degrees and German Freemasonry.

Why have a Poet Laureate without having some poetizing, so this distinguished official was called upon and he recited his poem "Adios" which, by direction of the Grand Council, was printed in the Journal. This poem was given at the banquet during the last triennial. He also breaks out into song "Colrairie, dedicated to Savannah Companions and friends, in memory of a pleasant day under the Oaks." Backing the song is a picture, "The finish of the barbecue" in which we see a great spread of white, but only a few pieces of the barbecue lying around, but those grand old oaks with their "gray and ghostly hangings" indeed give inspiration for song.

The Constitution and Digest of edicts to date is given. The volume presents the same fine appearance it has shown of late years, with an improvement of the groundwork of its cover. The portrait of the Grand Master faces the title page. From a merry little twinkle of the eye we are inclined to think he is not so fiercely stern as the artist shows him.

M. Ill. JOHN C. BONE, Batesville, Grand Master; R. P. FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock, Grand Recorder and Correspondent. (Next Annual Assembly at Little Rock, November 15th, 1910.)

## CALIFORNIA—1909.

Forty-ninth Annual Assembly in San Francisco, April 19th. Forty-three members, including fourteen Past Grand Masters were present. Thirteen Councils and three U. D. were represented. All of their nineteen Councils made returns; sixteen greeted 277 Companions, Los Angeles, No. 11, again having the largest number, fifty-four. Membership, January 31st, 1909, 2,355, an increase of 230. Receipts, \$1,826.91; expenditures, \$1,267.68; in treasury, \$3,812.98. Grand Representatives of seventeen jurisdictions were cordially welcomed and made response to their courteous reception. New York was cared for by M. Ill. CHARLES LORD FIELD. One Grand Representative sent written report and several of their own Grand Representatives in other jurisdictions reported in writing.

Grand Master GAYNOR reports a year of prosperity, much activity and renewed interest. Dispensations were given three Councils which were granted Charters during the Assembly as San Jose, No. 20, Pomona, No. 21, and Oroville, No. 22. He visited all the Councils excepting three, witnessed the conferring of the degrees on most of the occasions, and was favorably impressed by the efficiency of the various officers. He gives earnest, loving tribute to the memory of M. Ill. JACOB HART NEFF (1900) Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Commander, who died March 26th, 1909. Companion NEFF's portrait in memoriam is given with obituary by the Grand Recorder.

The Constitution was amended calling for at least five Councils as a quorum for any Assembly of the Grand Council. A General Regulation was adopted refusing permission to sign by-laws to a Companion until he shall have received the degree of Super Excellent Master. This does not appear to us as wise action, understanding that this Degree is a side issue and its conferring is simply permissible.

An enjoyable affair was the presentation of a Past Grand Master's Jewel to M. Ill. Companion GAYNOR, on behalf of the Grand Council, at the hands of Past Grand Master DAY.

Thirty Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed in the brilliant report of Companion MERRITT. New York, 1908, receives over a page of his consideration. He is a little curious as to the invitation of Select Masters' to remain as visitors. Their Select Masters perform the remaining act without any invitation. Our Companions are very modest and feel more at ease upon invitation to visit, where they are not members; as the Constitution does not prohibit, they can be as happy as if in California. He considers our Grand Master did a year's work in the compilation of his address alone, and considers the article on New York Cryptic History an interesting paper. This Committee gets a gentle reminder in "We still live" on account of the absence of California from their report. We disliked to leave out that heading; but it had not shown up when we started for the Press. And here goes to even up:

## 1910.

Fiftieth Annual Assembly in San Francisco, April 18th. Fifty-five members present, of whom fifteen were Past Grand Masters. Seventeen Councils, and two U. D., were represented. Twenty made returns; sixteen greeted 158 Companions, Los Angeles having twenty-seven of the number. Membership 2,470 on January 31st, an increase of 115. Receipts, \$1,661.19; expenditures, \$1,859.63; in treasury, \$3,614.24. Eighteen Grand Councils had Grand Representatives present, M. Ill. CHARLES LORD FIELD for New York. They were duly received and made welcome. Reports in writing were received from Grand Representatives of two jurisdictions, and two of their own to other Grand Councils made report.

The portrait of Grand Master WILLIAM OHMER GIRARDEY of Sacramento opens the Journal. The illness which kept him from the last Annual Assembly continued so long that it was impossible for him to make many visits. He finds the addition to membership not great, and extends the "glad hand" to the new-comers. He reports the death of Grand Treasurer, M. Ill. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY (1885), Past Grand High Priest, on March 16th, 1910, of whom portrait in memoriam, and obituary by the Grand Recorder are given.

A Special Committee was appointed, and the Grand Chapter was requested to name a like committee to confer for the purpose of formulating a plan similar to that put in force by the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council of Texas regarding the Cryptic Degrees. The two Councils under dispensation were granted Charters as San Diego, No. 23, and Siskiyou, No. 24, at Yreka. A Past Grand Master's Jewel is to be procured by the Grand Recorder each year for presentation to the retiring officer.

Companion MERRITT gives another of his characteristic and lively reports bristling with puns, and good ones, in reviewing the Journals of thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions, giving to New York, 1909, a page and half.

He says that we are certainly getting "high-toned," noting our program of opening exercises, much of which is taken from the German. "With only a little over 5,000 members in the great Empire State there would seem to be room for work."—Correct, there is. He rejoices that we believe there are "other sheep not of this fold," and that it is a pleasant thing for "brethren to dwell together in unity."

Commenting upon the decision not to confer the Degrees on a non-resident, from Idaho, he thinks the applicant would be no more successful in applying to Oregon or Washington, adjoining states, under like conditions. "It would seem that any Grand Master ought to have the power to lead a poor, stray lamb, belonging to no one, into a safe and comfortable fold, unless it is held that permission should be obtained from the General Grand Master." The "unless" is the way out of the difficulty.

Having regard for our scruples, he withdraws his printed challenge as to the workings of our Committee on Correspondence and, under the protection of the courts, may renew it orally, if the writer ever goes to "God's country"—a prospect of delight on this or any subject with MERRITT.

Next Annual Assembly at San Francisco, April 17th, 1911.  
M. Ill. THOMPSON WILSON DRULLARD, Santa Cruz, Grand Master; R. Ill. THOMAS ABRAHAM DAVIES, San Francisco,

Grand Recorder; M. Ill. JAMES BESTOR MERRITT, Oakland, Correspondent.

#### NORTH CAROLINA—1910.

Thirty-fourth Annual Assembly in Salisbury, May 11th. Twenty-seven members present, among them three Past Grand Masters. Twelve Councils are on the roll; ten were represented; all made returns; nine greeted sixty-eight Companions, Henderson, No. 11, the largest number, twenty-nine. April 1st, 1910, the membership was 533, an increase of fifty-eight for the year. Receipts, \$372.22; expenditures, \$258.96; in treasury, \$476.85. Grand Representatives from eighteen jurisdictions are recorded as present, but we fail to find New York among the number, nor any report therefrom.

Grand Master SMALLBONES was unable to visit the Councils, but arranged for an excellent substitute in Grand Recorder MUNDS. He has great faith in the value of visitation, and advises it be continued, and that the Grand Master be given power to appoint some one in his place if he cannot attend. The Grand Council thought the same about the visitations, but kept quiet on the "in place of" suggestion.

In Companion MUNDS' report of his visitations, some remarkably interesting papers are given, which were read at the organization of a Council at Halifax, recently receiving dispensation and being considered as a reorganization of old Roanoke, the earliest Council in the state, which recite much history of this body and the early establishment of Masonry there. Its first lodge "Royal White Hart" was named by and received its Charter from the Grand Master of England, the Duke of Beaufort. Attention is called to the Bible printed in London, 1760, and on the Altar since 1764; the Master's Chair, in service since 1765; the candlesticks bought in 1784, and a large Masonic chart of emblems presented in 1771. Some of the banquets of these older days cost ten dollars a plate and pensions of twenty-five dollars per month were paid to Masons' widows. Roanoke Chapter received Charter from the Grand Chapter of Virginia in 1821, which was read,

that its quaint and beautiful language might be noted. The original Charter of the Council, signed by JAMES CUSHMAN, Deputy Grand Puissant, by order of T. Ill. JEREMY L. CROSS, and the minute-book up to its last entry in 1834, were also present on this occasion.

The salary of the Grand Recorder was increased from, as the Grand Master says, a merely nominal sum, to \$100.00. New York's old friend, Past Grand Master A. B. ANDREWS, JR., who often talks like a Governor, was there, active on committee work, Grand Representing and Installation service.

To quote the gifted correspondent of California, "The Correspondence report comes to us by way of the Southgate," and like all work passing that portal, shows careful and studious preparation even under the action of a condenser. New York, 1909, is given a couple of pleasant pages. Grand Master ADEE'S "address is worthy of this large jurisdiction, and up to high water mark." Our Committee is talked about, and nicely, which reminds us that Companion SPEAR thinks our friend is a man of keen judgment; who must be not alone able but most companionable. The presence of their Representative, R. Ill. A. B. CONRAD, at our Assembly was noted. We wish we could say likewise of our Representative at their Annual. Twenty-eight Journals of twenty-seven Grand Councils are reviewed.

Next Annual Assembly at Wilson, May 10th, 1911. M. Ill. JOHN E. CAMERON, Kinston, Grand Master; R. Ill. JAMES C. MUNDS, Wilmington, Grand Recorder; M. Ill. JAMES SOUTHGATE, Durham, Committee on Correspondence.

#### COLORADO—1909.

Fifteenth Annual Assembly in Denver, September 20th. Thirty-three members present, including seven Past Grand Masters. Eleven of their twelve Councils were represented, and all made returns; nine greeted fifty-two Companions, Denver, No. 1, being credited with twenty-seven of the number. Membership July 31st, 1909, 678, an increase of thirty. Receipts, \$376.00; expenditures \$335.36; in treasury, \$711.13.

Grand Representatives of twenty-one jurisdictions responded to roll call, were cordially received and charged with messages of friendship and good wishes for prosperity to their several Grand Councils. R. Ill. Companion COLTON, their Grand Representative, who is always present at our annual gatherings, is quite concerned at the continued absence of our Grand Representative, fearing he may be ill. We know it is a distance from his residence to the Temple and perhaps he cannot get over it.

Grand Master SITES reports nine visits, finding good conditions and careful rendering of the work, with tender of great honor and lavish hospitality to the visitor. The Companions of Glenwood Council, No. 9, finding it impracticable to longer continue their organization, desired the recall of their Charter, which was granted by the Grand Council. List of membership by Councils, the Constitution, and By-Laws for the regulation of Subordinates are given, the Journal being in the usual neat style of the Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly at Denver, September 19th, 1910. M. Ill. WILLIAM H. TROUT, Canon City, Grand Master; M. Ill.; ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, Denver, Grand Recorder.

#### CONNECTICUT—1909.

Ninety-first Annual Assembly in New Haven, May 12th. All the officers at their stations. Sixty-three members present, eleven Past Grand Masters among them. All of their twenty-three Councils were represented and made returns; twenty-one had work greeting 374 companions, Wolcott, No. 1, having sixty of the number. Membership 4,947, an increase of 251. Receipts, \$718.25; expenditures, \$782.15; in treasury, \$1,031.73. Twenty-four Grand Councils were represented.

The honored name of the distinguished Companion borne on the roll as our Grand Representative for over forty years has been removed: Past Most Puissant Grand Master JAMES L. GOULD, (1867) died January 26th, 1909. He was Past Grand Master of Masons, and Past Grand High Priest. Our sympathy

goes out to our Companions of Connecticut as with them we mourn the loss of this venerated Mason.

Grand Master GOODSSELL, who almost talks to us upon opening the journal, made some ten visits and evidently was well satisfied with the conditions existing. By dispensation he set the clock ahead twenty-four hours for one of the Councils so they could act on St. Patrick's Day same as on March 18th, requiring however that all the Companions should be notified of the change.

Grand Recorder LUNT and Past Grand Master ANDREWS, of "ours," visited the Assembly and were received in due form.

The living Past Grand Masters are to be presented with Jewels, showing their past rank. A petition from Union Council, No. 27, that it be permanently located at Derby was granted. The usual appropriation of one hundred dollars to the Masonic Charity Foundation was made.

Pleasant thoughts of many hours of the past come to us as we turn to the loved Barlow's department of so many years, and no detraction from them arises in following the pleasing, easy flowing vein of thought of Past Grand Master KIES, who now wields the pen in a style that shows the Master, experienced even if it is labeled a first report. That he has opinions, there can be no doubt, and he is not at all backward in giving utterance to them. They are in the main sound, especially the ones we agree with. We quote from his "conclusion" on Pre-requisition.

"Some zealous Grand Councils are still chasing the rainbow  
 \* \* \* On the whole we are doing very well through our own  
 efforts. We had better totally ignore this question and thus  
 maintain our self-respect as Cryptic Masons." New York, 1908,  
 has a page and a half of careful fraternal attention.

Annual Assembly of 1910, at Hartford, May 11th. M. Ill. E. J. POOLEY, Meriden, Grand Master; R. Ill. JAMES McCORMICK, Hartford, Grand Recorder; M. Ill. GEORGE A. KIES, Norwich, Committee on Correspondence.

## ILLINOIS—1909.

Fifty-seventh Annual Assembly in Springfield, September 8th. Seventy-seven members present, sixteen of them Past Grand Masters. Forty-one of their fifty-five Councils were represented; forty-nine made returns; thirty-one greeted 615 companions, Palestine, No. 66, contributing 146 of the number. Membership, 6,211, an increase of 373. Receipts \$3,439; expenditures, \$2,427.72; in treasury, \$7,021.30. Upon calling the roll of Grand Representatives, nineteen Grand Jurisdictions responded. These "ambassadors" were presented by Past Grand Master WARVELLE, and duly honored and given welcome by the Master.

Grand Master CLARKSON has not an uplifted opinion of the value of the usual encyclical, dividing the State into arches and appointing companions with assistants in charge, and thinks excepting in two arches, no work was done by those appointed, but two reports thereon were received by him. He made a number of visits, among them one to Olney Council, No. 55, which for nineteen years had held no meeting. He approved the consolidation of El Paso Council, No. 62, with Bloomington, No. 43.

The committee on the address approved of the encyclical letter, while regretting its expected good did not seem to materialize, and passed the matter on, when the Committee on Condition of the Rite took it up and found the Officers in charge had displayed the usual zeal and fidelity in discharging their duties during the year, but were derelict in not making proper reports, and talked to them so that in the future they ought to be good. The back dues of two Councils, El Paso, No. 62, and Olney, No. 55, were remitted in accordance with the desire of the Grand Master. The by-laws were amended by abolishing the Grand Council fee for greeting, relying on an annual fee of fifty cents per capita of the membership. The Grand Council of Texas was recognized. The retiring Grand Master was decorated with the official Jewel of past rank, and was installed a member of the illustrious guild of Past Grand Masters. A picture of Grand Master HUBBARD is in front of the Journal, his back upon 1909, looking forward to the joys of the incoming year.

Of course Companion WARVELLE furnishes the Correspondence report, and he calls it the "eighteenth annual epistle to the Gib-  
"limites." Thirty Grand Councils are cared for in some thirty-  
two pages, New York, 1908, gets nearly a page of liberal notice.  
Of Grand Master ANDREWS, he says:

"Devotes much space to his researches into the dim and misty  
"past of Cryptic Masonry in New York; shatters a few long  
"cherished idols, and lets in a flood of light to the heretofore  
"dark places."

He gives us a flash of his genial kindness, but seems to have  
formed the idea that we are old. "Now, it was only last year that  
MORDHURST, well known in and about the several courts, called  
us young. Strange they differ? Had the picture showing the  
remainder of the Committee been at hand, and an average struck,  
age would have been forgotten. No report from WARVELLE can  
be considered finished without some bright and instructive ideas  
of his are appended, and we have "Orate Fratres" in which Grand  
Masters are shown the wisdom of staying out of the Grand Chap-  
lain's field. Something therein fits in our niche of thought—"Of  
"course, we are all poor, miserable sinners, and we know it. We  
"don't have to be told of this fact by any one, not even by a  
"Grand Master, and most of us are satisfied with the spiritual  
"ministrations of the Grand Chaplain."

Excellencies follow "The Shechinah," "The Super Excellent  
"Degree," "Past Rank Degrees," "German Freemasonry," and  
a rollicking song of 1909 "Boston Council." A little chat on con-  
ditions, pre-requisition, and the Texas plan, together with some  
figures in comparison on membership, greetings, and gains, in two  
out of three of which Illinois gets second place with a threat to  
down Ohio in time if she don't ratio right on, form the conclusion.

Next Annual Assembly at Peoria, September 14th, 1910. M. I.  
Ill. HARRY T. HUBBARD, Decatur, Grand Master; M. I. Ill.  
GEORGE W. WARVELLE, Chicago, Grand Recorder and Corre-  
spondent.

## INDIANA—1909.

Fifty-fourth Annual Assembly in Indianapolis, October 19-20. Ninety-two members present, including sixteen Past Grand Masters and representatives from all their Councils, sixty-three chartered and three under dispensation. Four hundred and sixty-six Companions were greeted by fifty-three Councils, Indianapolis, No. 2, having the greater number, seventy-seven. Membership, January 1, 1909, 5,747, an increase of 291. Receipts, \$3,216.36; expenditures, \$2,661.45; in treasury, \$4,566.82; mileage (six cents) and per diem (\$3.00) to 90 members, \$926.24. Representatives from nineteen Grand Councils were present, M. III. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, for New York.

Grand Master MIKELS says the system of inspection lately adopted "is bearing good fruit." He refused to issue dispensations to receive petitions and ballot thereon, or to ballot on pending petitions at a Special Assembly. Dispensations were given for new Councils at Alexandria, Liberty and Butler, which were chartered during the Assembly as No. 85, No. 84 and No. 83. Earnest, loving tribute is given to Grand Treasurer JACOB W. SMITH, Past Grand High Priest, who died the day before the opening; to Past Grand Master SIMEON STEVENS JOHNSON (1804), Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Commander, who died January nineteenth, and to Grand Sentinel ROGER PARRY, who died April seventeenth. Obituaries of these Companions are given by Special Committees appointed for the purpose.

The Grand Master rather inclines to pre-requisition, and appears to think the Grand Commandery would favorably receive the proposition. However, the Committee on Jurisprudence placed him wise on the subject, with the information that the Grand Commandery had no control, the matter being entirely with the Grand Encampment. Then they concluded to tell the General Grand Council all about it and their desires. We note the report of the Jurisprudence Committee was presented by Past Grand Master MARSHALL, which shows his interest in Masonry is not thrown aside as Governor of the State.

The Grand Inspector, who holds like office in the Grand Chapter, reports every Council visited, but does not find conditions satisfactory in all. He indulges the hope that future inspections will show that the first has been productive of much good, and will evidence improvement in the business and work of the Councils. In a model form of minutes submitted and adopted, the minutes of the last Stated Assembly are to be read and approved. Wonder why this is not done at the time of the Assembly? The Grand Secretaries Guild, which meets on Triennial occasions of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, General Bodies, is considered of benefit and interest to them, and they authorize the Grand Recorder to represent Indiana thereat in Savannah, but they only allow one-half the amount that is given a Representative to the General Grand Council. A change of date of meeting of the Triennial at Savannah cut out Grand Master MIKELS, as such, so they gave him permission to go upon the new date (which he did not require), but the official authorization, however, carried allowance for expenses with it. A Jewel of Past Grand Master was presented to the retiring officer.

And now we come to one of the great pleasures of the year—the reading of Companion MORDHURST'S Correspondence Report, a good share of humor and brim full of wise notions and suggestions supplementing a careful review, telling about thirty-five jurisdictions. New York, 1908, being favored with three pages. Commenting on Grand Master ANDREWS' dispensation for a new Council, the first since 1893, he thinks we are in need of a revival, as there are but twenty-five Councils in the state. The explanation of the 947 Companions being lost from the roll of membership is given in full.

Next Annual Assembly at Indianapolis, October 18th, 1910. The Grand Master's portrait is at the beginning, and he is M. ILL. EDWARD P. BUSSE, of Evansville; R. ILL. CALVIN W. PRATHER, Indianapolis, Grand Recorder; R. P. HENRY W. MORDHURST, Fort Wayne, Chairman Committee of Correspondence.

## IOWA—1909.

Tenth Annual Assembly in Davenport, October 5th. Twenty-nine members present, including five Past Grand Masters. Thirteen of their seventeen Councils were represented, and all made returns; twelve of them greeted 122 Companions, Crescent, No. 16, being credited with thirty-three. Membership, December 31, 1908, was 978, an increase of 124. Receipts, \$821.02; expenditures, \$631.42; in treasury, \$875.57. Mileage and pay roll of officers, \$92.10 to twelve members. Grand Representatives from twenty Jurisdictions were present, New York by R. P. WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND.

Grand Master FOWLER reports the death of Grand Chaplain SAMUEL R. J. HOYT, May 5, 1909, and Past Grand Master HERBERT CHURCH SHADBOLT (1907), December 9, 1908. Special obituary reports and portraits in memoriam of these loved Companions are given. T. H. EMIL H. SCHMIDT, of Doric, No. 19, was commissioned their Grand Representative to us, replacing R. W. WM. E. DUNCAN resigned, who has Iowa so faithfully served from its organization. Dispensation was granted to a new Council at Sioux City, which was chartered as Zadok, No. 24.

The Committee who look out for visitors in reporting, put on the hose and gave us a shower of eloquence, treating of the virtues and honors of those they were welcoming. We fancied we saw Cleveland blush while we were reading. They were R. P. W. F. CLEVELAND, Past Grand Master, and General Grand Marshal (now General Grand Conductor of the Council), whom they wish may live to become Grand Master of the General Body. So do we, and that it may be convenient for a still longer stay; V. E. WILLIAM H. NORRIS, Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand High Priest, and Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Encampment, K. T.; M. H. FREDERICK W. CRAIG, Past Grand High Priest and General Grand Principal Sojourner, whom all Iowa Masons wish to greet as General Grand High Priest, and Most Excellent LOUIS BLOCK, Grand High Priest. There is a portrait and biographical sketch of the retiring Grand Master.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is of thirty-two Grand Councils, comprising about 150 pages. It is from the ably wielded pen of Past Grand Master CLEVELAND, and is submitted "with the satisfying knowledge that Cryptic Masonry is realizing a very healthy and substantial growth."

"The pre-requisite idea has long since been abandoned as an iridescent dream not likely of realization," and Texas, in establishing "the largest Grand Council in the world, complete in all its parts, with an unquestioned genealogy, by this one act puts to sleep, let us hope forever, the pre-requisite hobby, proclaiming their belief that through the Chapters and not the Com-manderies relief must come."

New York, 1908, has nearly three and one-half pages of courteous consideration. Comment is made upon the absence of Iowa's Grand Representative—we think R. I. Companion DUNCAN probably had resigned and his successor had not been appointed. Grand Master ANDREWS is quoted from "necrology heading." Kindly reference is made to our late Grand Recorder, VAN VLIET, Grand Chaplain HUBBARD's report on Fraternal Dead is commended, and altogether our leading labors are succinctly given.

Next Annual Assembly at Boone, October 11th, 1910. M. Ill. ISAAC T. FORBES, Marshalltown, Grand Master; R. Ill. ALFRED WINGATE, Des Moines, Grand Recorder; R. P. WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, Harlan, Correspondent.

#### KANSAS—1910.

Forty-second Annual Assembly in Hutchinson, February 14th. Fifty-four members present, including eight Past Grand Masters. Twelve of their thirteen Councils were represented and all made returns; ten greeted 242 Companions, Hutchinson, No. 13, having the largest number, 103. Membership December 31, 1909, 1,465, an increase of 221. Receipts, \$784.37; expenditures \$925.89; in treasury, \$891.93. Representatives from twenty-five Grand Councils were present. R. P. EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and M. Ill.

WILLIAM F. KUHN, of Missouri were introduced and received with due honor.

Grand Master APPELEGATE says the duties he has been called upon to perform "were perfunctory in the extreme"—they did not satisfy, and he believes "the occupant of such an important chair should have more arduous duties than the signing of a few vouchers that he knows nothing about, and the making of appointments and issuing commissions to people whom he never saw." He has also some beliefs, that if practically applied would certainly give results.

He gave dispensation to Hutchinson Council to roam to Dodge City, where, despite terribly inclement weather, they gathered in a class of eighty-four, which record carries belief that it will stand for some time "top notch." Zabud Council also received permission to go to Overbrook, where they conferred the degrees on twenty and, also, had a very bad spell of stormy weather.

Grand Recorder WILSON reports the completion of the Historical Registry of members. T. III. DERRICK BROWN, Past Grand High Priest, of King Solomon, No. 31, was appointed their Grand Representative to us. The deposit on Pike's Peak seems to be staying all right, only a loose retaining rail, which was appropriately referred to the railway company. The salary of the Chairman of Committee on Correspondence was increased twenty-five dollars. The retiring Grand Master was duly decorated with Jewel. His portrait is placed facing the title page of the Journal and a biographical sketch is given.

Companion MILLER furnishes his second report on correspondence; he does not say its the second, but calls it annual; some folks are modest and leave out the age, at least in the beginning. Like the first one it is good and gives pleasure in the reading, surrounding thirty-four Grand Jurisdictions. New York, 1909, has fraternal attention. We have "excellent opening exercises with their beautiful musical numbers." Grand Chaplain HUBBARD's report was "excellent, as customary" and its closing sentences are quoted. He finds our Committee fully reviewed Kansas, thereby giving us happiness in the appreciation of our labors.

Next Annual Assembly at Kansas City, February 13th, 1911. M. Ill. PERRY M. HOISINGTON, Newton, Grand Master; R. Ill. ALBERT K. WILSON, Topeka, Grand Recorder; Comp. MATTHEW M. MILLER, Topeka, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

#### KENTUCKY—1909.

Eighty-second Annual Assembly in Louisville, October, 18th. All the officers at their stations. Forty-two members present, among them fifteen Past Grand Masters. Of thirty-four Councils, twelve were represented and twenty-three made returns; fifteen greeted 211 Companions, Hiram, No. 70, again leading with thirty-three of the number. Membership of the Councils reporting 1,646, apparent increase 160. Receipts, \$559.75; expenditures, \$346.35; in treasury, \$974.14. Twenty-five Grand Councils were represented, New York by M. Ill. JOHN THOMAS KINCAID.

Grand Master BOARD informs us that the lapse of time has brought about their eighty-second year. Evidently there has been some reposing therein, by reason of no "apparent advance;" however, in resting "seeds have been sown that will yield abundantly in the future."

In loving and sympathetic words he tells of the death of three of their number, Past Grand Master THOMAS TODD (1871-2), aged 89, on April 30; V. Ill. ED. G. ATKINS, Grand Conductor of Council, on August 26; V. Ill. HERMAN HOEPPNER, Grand Steward, on February 5.

In praising Grand Recorder GRANT, he is sorry that he did not have more cause to engage his time and attention. The Grand Recorder complains of the failure of many Councils to make returns, but thinks it will be difficult to secure them "so long as representatives do not receive pay or more interest be injected into the rite." A Special Committee was appointed to decide what amount ought to be paid to Representatives.

Portraits of the Grand Master, M. Ill. HANSON PETERSON, Cynthiana, and in memoriam of Past Grand Master TODD.

Next Annual Assembly at Louisville, October 17th, 1910. M. Ill. HENRY B. GRANT, Louisville, Grand Recorder, and Reporter of Doings of other Grand Councils.

MAINE—1909.

Fifty-fifth Annual Assembly in Portland, May 5th. All the officers at their stations. Eighty-five members present, among them all but one of their fifteen resident Past Grand Masters. Of their sixteen Councils, fourteen were represented and all made returns, fifteen greeted 254 Companions, Portland, No. 4, leading with forty-five, closely followed by King Hiram, No. 6, with forty-three. Membership April 1, 1909, 4,359, an increase of 158. Receipts, \$784.17; expenditures, \$365.12; in treasury, \$1,358.52. Twenty-eight Grand Councils had Representatives present, R. Ill. CHARLES I. RIGGS for New York.

Grand Master LEACH and his two associate Officers of the Council report all the Councils were visited, and with two exceptions everything found satisfactory. A dispensation was granted shortening the required time of residence, which makes a resident time limit look rather absurd if it can be dispensed with. An appropriation to meet expense of attending Triennial at Savannah was recommended, a former suggestion for salary to the Grand Treasurer, repeated, and a query "is the salary of our Grand Recorder commensurate with the labor of the duties of the office?" To the first, seventy-five dollars was accorded; for the second, fifteen-dollars was named; and the query remains unanswered. Safe to say it is not; salaries to Grand Recorders are not generally built on so equitable a basis.

Past Grand Master CHASE presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing thirty-three Grand Councils, New York, 1908, receiving over a page of careful and fraternal consideration. "A fine portrait of a fine looking man appears to us as we open the proceedings" is what he tells us of Grand Master ANDREWS, whom he quotes under the approval of the commission of their Grand Representative to us. He also says: "Grand Recorder LUNT's face is worthy of appearing in a steel engraving."

Annual Assembly of 1910 at Portland, May 4th. M. III. MURRAY B. WATSON, Auburn, Grand Master; R. III. STEPHEN BERRY, Portland, Grand Recorder; M. III. ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

#### MARYLAND—1909.

Thirty-sixth Annual Assembly in Baltimore, November 17th. Fifty members present, including four Past Grand Masters. Of thirteen Councils, twelve were represented and made returns; ten greeted ninety-eight Companions, Jerusalem, No. 2, having the largest number, forty-eight. Membership, 1,222, an increase of sixty. Receipts, \$358.37; expenditures, \$273.74; in treasury, \$459.88.

Grand Master DUKEHART welcomed the Grand Representatives of sixteen Grand Councils. New York did not get any of it, as its Grand Representative is not reported present. Every Council in the jurisdiction was visited by him, only one exception to excellent condition. He was at the tenth Triennial in Savannah, at which there was no legislation directly affecting them, and was gratified by the cordial reception and numerous courtesies extended their delegation. We notice he retires from the chief's chair after three years' able service, confining his official activity to the Grand Lecturership, which he has been running as a side issue.

R. III. JOHN M. CARTER gives the Report on Correspondence. It enumerates the reception of the proceedings of thirty Grand Councils, and a bound volume of Illinois, 1853-1870 (which we have heard of, but have not viewed), New York, 1908, having its share of enumeration. "They indicate a continuing and "growing interest in the Cryptic Rite throughout the country, "which is still further evidenced by the large and enthusiastic "gathering at the recent Triennial in Savannah of the General "Grand Council," and he signs. Sorry he returns to brevity, as from last year's presentation we had hoped for a more extended report. Portrait of the Grand Master appears.

Next Annual Assembly at Baltimore, November 16, 1910. M. Ill. THOMAS L. MATTHEWS, Baltimore, Grand Master; R. Ill. GUSTAV A. EITEL, Baltimore, Grand Recorder; R. Ill. JOHN M. CARTER, Baltimore, Chairman Committee of Correspondence.

#### MASSACHUSETTS—1909.

Eighty-fourth Annual Assembly in Boston, December 8th. Eighty members present, including five Past Grand Masters. Twenty-four of their twenty-eight Councils were represented and all made returns. Twenty-seven greeted 529 Companions, Boston having 165 of the number. Its membership is 1,315. Membership of the state, August 31, 1909, 7,809, an increase of 273. Receipts, \$3,032.49; expenditures, \$2,615.24; in treasury, \$2,279.46, and \$5,032.41 reported by the Trustees of Funds. Twenty-one Grand Councils were represented, New York by M. Ill. WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE. R. P. J. ALBERT BLAKE, General Grand Deputy Master of the General Grand Council, and M. Ill. ALBERT KNIGHT, Grand Master of Rhode Island, were received with due honor and were cordially welcomed.

Grand Master BENTON established fraternal relations with the Grand Council of Texas in the exchange of Grand Representatives, which was ratified by the Grand Council. With the assistance of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, all the Councils were visited, with the showing of good condition throughout. Not alone were the usual requirements attended to, but the proper care of the rituals, with which the Councils had been entrusted, was looked into. These Official Visitations he considers of "great value to the Officers and working staffs," "and are becoming more and more beneficial to our Rite. He tells of a visit to Boston Council, upon a notable occasion, when not less than seventy-three candidates were received. At this time, he was presented on behalf of the Grand Council with a Past Grand Master's Jewel.

Grand Recorder WAITE, Committee on Correspondence, presents a valuable abstract of the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Councils. From his "Conclusion" we quote:

"The upbuild of the Rite along its best lines is steady and assuring. One of the best evidences of it is found in the attention given by the Grand Officers to the interests of the Subordinate Council; first, by a well organized system of inspection, *annually*; second, by an exemplification of the Ritual for the instruction of officers, and members as well, and last, by placing the fees for the degrees at a sum that shall yield a respectable balance to be carried to the credit of a permanent fund, and the annual dues at a sum that will yield a sufficient amount to cover the fixed charges of the Council (rent, light, printing, etc.).

"New evidences appear, in some quarter, each year, of an awakening interest in the Rite, but *nowhere* are there signs of a retrograde movement."

New York, 1909, has nearly four pages of fraternal attention, and the comments made are favorable. Regarding the question of conferring the degrees on a visiting Companion from a state without a Council, he says Grand Master ADEE "judiciously replied," and gives his answer. Our Grand Recorder had flowers thrown at him. Yes, Companion ADEE is appreciative of excellent service. Like unto Massachusetts, we have one of the best, but he must WAITE for some years before he can equal the number shied at her recording genius. The report of the three distinguished Companions of our Special Committee of Excavation, regarding Scotland, is given, and our remarks under Washington, which lead him to infer we are not strongly in favor of pre-requisition, are quoted.

The death of Past Grand Master BAALIS SANFORD (1900-2), was of so recent occurrence that no memorial had been prepared. A number of the Past Grand Masters and the Grand Master gave tribute to his memory. A pleasing picture of enjoyment among the Palms shows the beloved Companion and is the last one of him.

The sum of five hundred dollars was appropriated for the Masonic Home at Charlton. A Special Assembly was held in Springfield November 29, 1909, at which the degrees were exemplified under the direction of the Grand Lecturer. The Royal consumed one hour and ten minutes; the Select, fifty-five minutes, and the Super Excellent, one hour and five minutes.

Next Annual Assembly at Boston, December 14th, 1910. M. Ill. EVERETT C. BENTON, Belmont, Grand Master; R. Ill. J. GILMAN WAITE, Boston, Grand Recorder and Committee on Correspondence.

#### MICHIGAN—1910.

Fifty-second Annual Assembly in Lansing, May 16th-17th. Ninety-eight members present, fourteen Past Grand Masters among them. They have sixty-three Councils. All made returns, and but four were unrepresented; forty-three greeted 340 Companions, Kendall, No. 71, with thirty-one, followed by Monroe, No. 1, with thirty. The latter Council has a membership of 1,011. Total membership December 27, 1909, 7,148, an increase of 154. Receipts, \$2,042.25; expenditures, \$1,934.73; in treasury, \$1,697.14. Nineteen Grand Councils were represented. New York among them.

Grand Master TOWNSEND tells us "the stability of this great American republic to-day rests largely in the hands of the Masonic Fraternity \* \* \* It behooves the Masonic Order to guard and protect this nation against the encroachments of dishonest and corrupt politicians." "Steel has never been forged that has been truer to the purposes for which it was forged, than I have been to my party, but from now henceforth, my influence shall always be for the man, not the party. Corruption must be eradicated from our body politic." No gainsaying the quality of the ideas, although we fancied there was a shade of politics in them, but we were not at all surprised when upon reading a biographical sketch (which refers us to the frontispiece for portrait), we learned he was in the state senate, a republican from the democratic Saginaw district, and the only one in eighteen

years, as for twelve years preceding, and since the close of his term, none of that brand have been popular enough to do likewise.

He granted dispensation to a Council at Fremont, which was chartered during the session as Fremont, No. 76. A companion who had received the Council Degrees in a Chapter of the state of Virginia, had been visiting one of their Councils under the impression that he was in good standing, and upon learning of the irregularity, requested to be healed, which request was granted. A number of Special Dispensations were granted, to ballot at Special Assemblies, and to turn Special Assemblies into regular ones, which the jurisprudence folks said were in accord with the Constitution and Laws, as they found after a careful review. Among the requests received was one for a Special Dispensation to hold an Assembly to receive the petition of a Master Mason, who was about to apply for the Chapter Degrees, as he intended to move and wanted the Degrees before leaving, thus showing implicit faith in the powers that be. It didn't work, of course.

The Grand Lecturer, Past Grand Master McCloud, reports a year of steady growth and increased interest. Forty Councils were visited. All are in a healthy and prosperous state. Among these visits which are reported in full detail, we note that to Monroe, No. 1, when the Super Excellent Degree was given, the attendance was 450. At another, the institution of Fremont, he confesses to early morning showing up before he got away, but he explains that CONOVER was there, and also a fine dinner was served by the Eastern Star Ladies—yes, we understand.

A resolution was adopted, empowering the Grand Master to grant Special Dispensation to a Council to hold a Special Assembly in any suitable Masonic lodge room within the territorial jurisdiction of such Council, and the existing edict thereon was revoked. The preparation of a Ritual for the ceremonies of opening and closing, calling off and calling on, for the Grand Council, was authorized.

In the sympathetic and feeling Report on Obituaries, our loss of Grand Master MACKENZIE is given, and they say "the an-

“nouncement of his death by Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master WILL L. LLOYD, is a feeling tribute to the memory of a “highly esteemed and lovable Companion.”

Companion CONOVER appears to have been busy. The Grand Master tells quite something of fine conditions found upon an inspection of the Grand Recorder's Office; how a complete history of each Companion can instantly be referred to, among other interesting things, and is sure “no one without a personal inspection can grasp the magnitude of the good work Companion CONOVER is doing for us.”

Then we have a full Grand Recorder's Report, in which he denies emphatically that he said the Council returns came in on time, that is all of them. He has experienced the lingering of some Recorders in answering, and in sentimental mood wonders if they would treat wife or sweetheart so. No! No! That is in this climate; while we are inexperienced in both these lines, we have some friends who are, and thus we hazard the opinion.

In addition to the usual statistical and financial statements there is a full inventory of Grand Council property, which shows good equipment for business and record library purposes, and a valuable collection of framed pictures of Grand Masters and Grand Recorders. But it is not insured.

Then comes a report (CONOVER, Chairman), telling that the Cryptic Manual, reviewing the Constitution, regulations, edicts, forms and ceremonies, has been duly prepared, and is to be published as the standard manual this year or next, according to finances.

Then a Report on Ritual (CONOVER, Chairman). The Ritual was carefully reviewed “and such corrections and alterations were made as seemed necessary to correct the grammatical construction, and to conform to Biblical history and the traditions of “our Order.” It was adopted as the standard work of the Grand Council.

Then he obtained permission to procure a frame and hang in the Grand Council office, a group picture of the members. This

photograph was announced to be taken before the opening. It appears in the Journal, and shows a lot of fine looking fellows, some of whom mostly the younger, have got inside of the opening, which is in form of an archway, and is entitled the "Grand Council at Lansing, 1910." And last, but a great distance from the least, we have the "Annual Review of Cryptic Masonry." It is his seventh, covers thirty-four Grand Jurisdictions, and takes in eighty-four pages. We quote from his conclusion:

"Has any reviewer ever seen the outlook for Cryptic Masonry any brighter than it is now? Not a Grand Council reports a loss and some report enormous gains.

"More Craftsmen are awaking to the possibilities of the Council degrees, rituals are being revised and the records of history and tradition are being ransacked for authorities and verifications of ideas in all three degrees. The Super-Excellent degree is gaining in favor, and frivolous levity and undignified farce is giving place to serious efforts to standardize the work along historical lines with lavish and spectacular staging. The seed sown by Boston Council at the Triennial in 1903 is sprouting all over the country and soon there will be an abundant harvest and the old horse play Super-Excellent will be forgotten."

New York, 1909, is favored with over three pages of fraternal story. He considers "the luxury of a steel engraved portrait of the Grand Master at once gives class to the printed proceedings of any jurisdiction." Grand Master ADEE's "address is an excellent paper." Grand Lecturer HINMAN presents a splendid report," and he quotes therefrom. The report of our "Scotland" Special Committee is also quoted. By the way, the modesty revealed in this report's ultimatum, is not surprising; considering the extreme modesty of the head is proverbial, and the excessive modesty of the other end is well known, the happy connecting link causes the work of the Committee to create a Deal of attention.

Regarding the manufacturers of our Journal, he says: "I have no reason to withdraw a word regarding the work of

"either CHARLEY LUNT or EDW. H. LISK. Their work is still up to the standard. Fine feathers do not make fine birds, but fine proceedings cannot help creating a good impression." Honor is given this Committee in liberal quotation.

It is noted we have a "NEWELL" for Grand Treasurer, and in their Grand Chapter they have one of that distinguished label doing likewise. "Our GEORGE A." made us think very highly of him before, when, and after being Grand Master, so much so, that we have loaned him to the General Grand Council for a few years. As he was out of a steady job in our body, being a bank president, we considered he would fit in the Treasury; and he does. We have another NEWELL, "M. III. EMERSON M.," who lives out at Fenton, Mich., and who has ably represented us at that Grand Council for more than ten years and who is also inclined to finances.

A Jewel of Past Grand Master was ordered for M. III. EMORY TOWNSEND, as an expression of the appreciation of the Grand Council for his able administration. The Grand Lecturer was instructed to continue his work in the coming year, three hundred dollars and the actual expense of holding the schools of instruction being voted for the purpose.

Next Annual Assembly at Marquette, June 26th, 1911. M. III. WILLIAM P. PERRY, Hillsdale, Grand Master; R. III. CHARLES A. CONOVER, Coldwater, Grand Recorder and Committee on Correspondence.

#### MINNESOTA—1909.

Fortieth Annual Assembly in St. Paul, October 11th. Twenty-seven members present, among them fourteen Past Grand Masters. All of their eight Councils except one were represented and all made returns; seven greeted 150 Companions, St. Paul, No. 1, leading with fifty-seven of the number. Membership, September 1st, 1909, 1,237, an increase of 133. Receipts, \$444.50; expenditures, \$235.81; in treasury, \$755.28 and \$500 invested. Twenty-three Grand Representatives made report. New York

was silent, which is proof that M. P. GEORGE W. COOLEY was not in town.

Grand Master BUSH, with rather serious mien, appears as we open the Journal. We learn the year has been very harmonious, and the coming one promises to be one of events, among them the "Tenth Triennial" and the opening and dedication of St. Paul's Masonic Temple. This building had the corner-stone laid in April, 1909, on which occasion, upon invitation of the Grand Master of Masons, and the committee in charge of the ceremonies, the Grand Council attended in a body, having seven of its officers and eight Past Grand Masters in the procession. Most of the remaining officers were present in official capacity with other Grand Bodies. He is of the opinion that ten dollars is too small a fee for the degrees, and there is not a member in Minneapolis Council (which some years ago advanced it to fifteen dollars), that would vote for a reduction. He hesitated about granting dispensation to ballot on petitions at a Special Assembly, but as he found the Grand Council had done so, he concluded he had the right to do so when the Body was not in session, although there was no specific permission for the exercise of this power. The Grand Council, through its Committee on Jurisprudence, couldn't find such permission, but concluding it had authority to ratify the action of the Grand Master, did so. Wonderful handy thing this dispensation business is to get rid of law when it gets in the way of one's desires.

Past Grand Master THOMAS G. LEE was appointed a committee to visit the Grand Secretary's Vault in the New York City Masonic Hall for the inspection of the comfort and condition of the "Centennial Deposit." He makes a very full and lengthy report and gives a resume of the history of this chest. Acknowledgement is made and thanks given to R. III. Companion Colonel ED. M. L. EHLERS, R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge; R. III. Companion CHARLES T. LUNT, Grand Recorder, and M. III. Companion FREDERICK KANTER, P. G. M., for their hospitality and courtesv. The inspection revealed everything in good condition as was reported to the General Grand Council. A little anxiety is shown regarding a necessary removal on account of

changes in the building. General Grand Recorder MORDHURST, ever watchful of General Grand Council interests, opened correspondence with a former officer of that body, who had the deposit taken from the old hall, and, accepting the courteous offer of the Grand Secretary, placed the chest in the vault adjoining his office in the new building.

A report on correspondence is lacking, giving the volume rather an emaciated appearance.

Next Annual Assembly, October 10, 1910, at Minneapolis. M. Ill. JOHN T. JOHNSON, Fergus Falls, Grand Master; M. Ill. JOHN FISHEL, St. Paul, Grand Recorder.

#### MISSISSIPPI—1910.

Fifty-fifth Annual Assembly in Columbus, February 18th. All the officers at their stations. Fifty-nine members present, including three Past Grand Masters. Eighteen of forty-four Councils were represented; thirty-seven made returns; twenty-six greeted 185 Companions, Wm. S. Patton, No. 24, having twenty-three of the number. Membership, 2,008, an increase of forty-eight. Receipts, \$1,340.75; expenditures, \$1,183.38; in treasury, \$2,154.23. Nineteen Grand Councils were represented, New York in the person of R. Ill. JOHN S. BROOKS.

Grand Master MCKAY continues to be pleased with the arrangement of Grand Lecturer in conjunction with the Grand Chapter, and recommends its continuance. He tells of a joint school of instruction, under direction of the Grand High Priest and himself, which proved a great success, exhibiting great interest in the work by attending Companions, some forty in number, and a strong desire to receive the Standard Ritual. The Grand Master of Masons was present, and the interest shown by him was an inspiration to all. At least three of these schools, he considers should be held in the ensuing year at suitable locations, "as the very best means of dispensing knowledge of the Ritual and forms and ceremonies of the Order, supplementing the work of the Grand Lecturer." The Grand Council agreed, leaving the details with the Grand Master and the Grand Lec-

turer, and optional with them if more than three should be held. He talks under the heading General Grand Council, and to the point:

“The assembling of the General Grand Council in November last calls to mind the fact that this Grand Council is not in fraternal accord with the Great body of Cryptic Masonry of the United States, of which the General Grand Council is the exponent, but with a few other Jurisdictions, is holding itself aloof from the General Grand Council. Without going into the whys and wherefores, which may have possibly made such a condition desirable in the past, I think the time has come when the great Body of Cryptic Masonry in this blessed land of ours should be united in one common interest under one common organization,—a union of hearts, a union of hands, the union ‘of Masonry forever.’”

“I recommend that this Grand Council take immediate steps to become a constituent of the General Grand Council in order that the Companions of Cryptic Masonry may no longer be divided, and that the great heart of that branch of the Order in Mississippi beat in true Masonic unison with that of their Companions of the General Grand Chapter.”

A report of a Special Committee to whom this was referred, recommending this action, and directing the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder to take the necessary steps, was unanimously adopted.

A very full detailed report is made by Grand Lecturer SADLER, showing very active service. Thirty-nine Councils were visited and three revived. The existing arrangement was continued for the current year and an honorarium of one hundred dollars was voted to him. During his joint tour he collected for the Masonic Home, from the Chapters, \$775.25; from the Councils, \$154.75; and from individuals, \$54.00, making a total of \$984.00.

Portrait, in memoriam, is given of Grand Chaplain JOHN A. B. JONES, who died January 14, 1910, and is accompanied by three obituaries.

An allowance to the Grand Officers, members of standing committees, and Council Representatives of \$2.50 per diem, was made for attendance; one hundred dollars apportioned to the Grand Master for visiting expenses; one hundred dollars was appropriated to the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Home. The young man who selects the pictures for adorning the Journal went away back to 1873 and found a nice one for that purpose, which he places in front, where it gives us pleasant greeting and says, "I was Grand Master in that year." We note reading further along, that he is to produce the Foreign Correspondence, which the Grand Body decided to have prepared, naming the compensation at one hundred dollars; those who know tell us it will be a good report.

The next Annual Assembly will be held in Gulfport, February 24th, 1911. M. Ill. OLIVER LEE MCKAY, Meridian, Grand Master; M. Ill. FREDERIC SPEED, Vicksburg, Grand Recorder; M. Ill. ENOCH GEORGE DE LAP, Natchez, Committee on Correspondence.

#### MISSOURI—1910.

Forty-fifth Annual Assembly in St. Louis, April 26th. Fifty-five members present, among whom were ten Past Grand Masters. Thirteen of sixteen Councils were represented; all made returns; ten greeted 222 Companions, Hiram, No. 1, leading with ninety-three. Membership, December 31, 1909, 1,944, an increase of 121. Receipts, \$1,442.59; expenditures, \$1,542.36; in treasury, \$2,564.68. Pay-roll, mileage (four cents) and per diem (\$2.00), \$105.88, to thirteen members. Twenty-one Grand Jurisdictions had Grand Representatives present. We fail to find any record of the distinguished craftsman from New York being on hand, and R. Ill. FRANKLIN T. DAVIS their Grand Representative to us, who is always at our annuals, asks, "Is there any one of that shape?"

The Grand Master of the Grand Council of Arkansas sent up their greetings and their regrets that they could not be with them on this occasion. The committee who search for visitors found

two very prominent Companions and so reported, when Grand Master BROCK directed them to return to their labor, and with all the Past Grand Masters aiding them, escort into the assembly, M. P. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, General Grand Master, and R. P. HENRY W. MORDHURST, General Grand Recorder, of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America. They were royally received and expressed their great pleasure at the courteous attention given them. The visit made so happy an impression that the Missouri folks wanted their pictures, and what Companion ACKLIN said, for the proceedings when published. As the speaker had talked without committing to writing, and had a sort of feeling of objection to seeing in print his heart to heart talks in the Secret Vault, they have the speech in memory, but they secured the pictures and they come first. With them are the signatures, which take in over three inches. It almost looks as if the General Grand Master was trying to out-ink the General Grand Recorder, but the latter who holds the record, is a sixteenth of an inch ahead.

The Grand Master made twelve visitations. On at least half of them the Grand Recorder was with him. He finds it an advantage to have as many of the officers accompany him on these visits as possible, apparently stimulating to greater activity, with a tendency to improve the "work." He directs attention to the law passed a few years since by which, with a dispensation from the Grand Master, Councils can hold Special Assemblies in places where there are no Councils, act on petitions and confer the degrees. This has been taken advantage of by some with the best of results.

An excellent committee was selected to expatiate upon the Grand Master's address, consisting of all those present who had done likewise. They confined themselves to approval, and commended his action in making so many visits, which, without doubt, were productive of much good. After a survey of the bright and pleasing portrait which faces the title page, we should judge they were correct. It carries with it a something making it familiar, which is accounted for, when reading a biographical sketch, which might have been written by a Stevenson, wherein

we learn that he is a New York man. The new jewels and aprons were there, and, according to the Chairman of the committee, were extremely handsome, and the Companions could view the Grand Officers "arrayed in things of beauty, which we hope will be a joy forever." No grievance clouds out there. The committee could not find one even as large as a man's hand. The report on necrology notes the death of Grand Master MORRIS S. MACKENZIE.

The retiring Grand Master was officially relegated to the past by the jewel process, at the hands of Past Grand Master PARSON, with wise admonition, which he modestly accepted, and also the jewel. They captured Companion ACKLIN for a most charming installation performance, in which he was assisted by Past Grand Master KUHN.

A Recorder of one of the Councils failed to get in the returns and dues till long after due, and nearly a month after date of forfeiture of pay to Representative by reason of the delinquency; claim was made for per diem and mileage, which, under the law, could not be allowed. We should not be astonished if that officer heard something; he may lack a chance to make good next report.

Hiram Council, No. 1, learning of the expected visit of General Grand Dignitaries, joined the five Royal Arch Chapters of St. Louis in preparing entertainment for the visitors, resulting in an elegant repast, perfectly served, and enjoyed by about two hundred and fifty representative Royal Arch Masons and Select Masters in addition to their guests, for a couple of hours, upon the closing of the Assembly.

A picture of Past Grand Master WILLIAM G. HALL (1883), with biographical sketch, closes the volume, excepting the bigger half called the appendix, filled by the annual report on Fraternal Correspondence. As interesting as ever, it tells the story of the work of thirty-five Grand Jurisdictions, with comments of spicy fragrance, New York, 1909, claiming a couple of pages of attention. The author found out that Grand Master ADEE is modest, and he tells us that Grand Chaplain HUBBARD'S report "was

“seized upon as opportunity wherein to render an instructive lesson on the beautiful evidences of the Divine system in the development of the character of men.”

Next Annual Assembly in Kansas City, April 25th, 1911. M. Ill. BERT S. LEE, Springfield, Grand Master; M. Ill. ROBERT F. STEVENSON, St. Louis, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

#### NEBRASKA—1909.

Thirtieth Annual Assembly in Omaha, December 15th. Thirty-one members were present, which includes seven Past Grand Masters. Seventeen of twenty-one Councils, and one U. D., were represented. All made returns; twelve greeted 100 Companions, Omaha, No. 1, having the larger number, twenty-one. Membership, October 31, 1909, 1,415, an increase of nineteen. Receipts, \$463.40; expenditures, \$585.42; in treasury, \$792.09. Seventeen Grand Councils were represented, New York, as usual, in care of R. Ill. FRANCIS E. WHITE.

Grand Master SCHAUFELBERGER reports “prevalence of peace, harmony and good-will within this jurisdiction.” The Council U. D., at St. Paul, was chartered as Loup Valley, No. 25.

The report on correspondence is made by the Grand Representatives of five Grand Jurisdictions, and M. Ill. CHARLES J. PHELPS gives the balance of twenty-five Grand Councils. He likes the job, it is interesting and gives him a chance to retain information which it is a delight to own. However, he thinks the Grand Recorder who holds the reins, sometimes is a little too much given to setting the limit, but upon giving up thinking and resorting to judgment, he concludes that officer is about right. We suppose when he was thinking, he had brevity enforced in view, and it is astonishing what an excellent report he gets up even with this brevity. The review of New York, 1909, comes from our stand-by and Grand Representative R. Ill. FRANCIS E. WHITE, and like all work from his pen, first class. He wonders why we rejected the compulsory residing amendment for the officers. In our city many cannot afford a town residence, and if we go eastward we shortly get into Connecticut, and to the

west we have New Jersey, with its acres of homes more accessible than even many parts of our own city; in fact it is practically a great suburb of New York. In closing he assures us he continues "to like and appreciate everything that comes from New York," and "we three" secure a nice compliment.

Next Annual Assembly at Omaha, December 14th, 1910. M. Ill. FRANCIS MCGIVERIN, Fremont, Grand Master; R. Ill. FRANCIS E. WHITE, Omaha, Grand Recorder and Correspondent, and Grand Representative for New York; M. Ill. CHARLES J. PHELPS, General Correspondent.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE—1909.

Forty-eighth Annual Assembly in Concord, May 17th. All the officers at their stations. Forty-eight members were present, of whom eleven were Past Grand Masters. Thirteen of fifteen Councils were represented; all made returns, and all but one had work greeting 116 Companions, Adoniram, No. 3, having the greater number, twenty. Membership, April 15, 1909, 2,136, an increase of sixty-seven. Receipts, \$759.58; expenditures, \$1,033.79; in treasury, \$863.56. Twenty-two Grand Councils were represented, R. Ill. and Rev. JESSE M. DURRELL for New York.

The Councils were assigned for Official Visitation and inspection to the three principal Grand Officers. All were visited, Grand Master FIFIELD having five of them. The Finance Committee evidently had in view the excess of expenditures and reduction of Treasury balance, as they recommended raising the Grand Council fee for greeting (which is now one dollar), to three dollars, till otherwise ordered. One hundred dollars was appropriated for expenses of the Grand Officers to the Savannah Triennial. The Constitution was amended, giving title of "Thrice Illustrious" to the Master and Illustrious to the Deputy Master, and Principal Conductor of the Work; also making the applicant's residence his legal residence, and further permitting applications from the army, navy, marine corps, and revenue cutter services of the United States, to any Council of the jurisdiction.

Grand Chaplain ROBINS gives another fine report on Correspondence, embracing thirty-two Grand Councils. New York 1908, takes three and one-half pages of courteous treatment.

Grand Master ANDREWS' address "is a paper of great length and great merit, no review can do it justice." Regarding the use of "Grand" by Columbian Council and the explanation thereof, he relates a little story of a boy dispensing "hot peanuts" when cold, and being accused of wandering from exactitude in statement, said "No, that is their name." Quoting a portion of the address, he says "His words are most impressive, "being backed by deeds recorded in the lives of men. The printed page, a dim outline, is inspiring." Of Grand Chaplain HUBBARD'S report he "would that every Companion might read every word of it. Its minor strains of loving tenderness from a bleeding heart thrill the soul and lift the spirit into fellowship with the immortal. An open life, an open grave, an open Heaven, "death conquered, and a crown of life won."

A kind thought is given in memory of our M. Ill. GEORGE VAN VLIET.

#### 1910.

At the Annual Assembly in Concord, held May 16th, fifty-six members, including eleven Grand Masters, were present. All the officers were at their stations. They have fifteen Councils on the roll; all were represented, made returns, and greeted Companions, Horace Chase, No. 4, having seventy-nine of a total of 235. Membership, April 15, 1910, 2,312, an increase of 176. Receipts, \$1,267.16; expenditures, \$822.81; in treasury, \$1,307.91. R. Ill. and Rev. JESSE M. DURRELL, New York's Grand Representative, and those of twenty-three other Grand Councils were present, and were very cordially greeted.

Grand Master FIFIELD gives loving and deserved tribute to the memory of Grand Recorder M. Ill. FRANK DANA WOODBURY (1880), who died November 19, 1909. He was Past Grand Master of Masons and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and Grand Recorder of

the Grand Commandery. A most distinguished Mason whose loss will be keenly felt. Our thoughts of him are in our band of correspondents and are very, very pleasant memories. We note also the death at Haverhill, Mass., March 18, 1910, of M. Ill. GEORGE PERLEY CLEAVES (1883), Past Recording Officer of the four Grand Bodies.

The Councils were assigned for Official Visitation to the three principal Grand Officers, and all were visited. The Grand Master called to his assistance the four Junior Grand Officers, and on many occasions was accompanied by a large staff of prominent Cryptic Companions. In addition to the five Councils he assigned to himself he honored five others, and accepted two invitations in Massachusetts. He also gives interesting report of the visit to the General Grand Council at Savannah.

On December 20, 1909, he appointed M. Ill. HARRY MORRISON CHENEY, Acting Grand Recorder. On account of the work required he recommended the Correspondent be paid fifty instead of twenty-five dollars. Considering the excellence of the report, this appears a small sum, but we guess finances are not over abundant, as raise made was only to forty dollars.

The Constitution was altered, changing the date of Annual Assembly from the Monday before the fourth Wednesday to that before the third Wednesday.

New York's Grand Representative was called upon to decorate the retiring Grand Master with the Grand Council Jewel of Past Grand Master, and he acquitted himself in style.

Adoniram Council, No. 3, of Manchester, the largest Council in the state has increased the fee from twenty to thirty dollars; Horace Chase, No. 4, of Concord, second in size, from fifteen to twenty-five dollars, and St. John, No. 7, of Keene, fifth in size, from ten to fifteen dollars.

New York, 1909, receives about three pages of careful and fraternal consideration in the annual of R. Ill. Companion ROBINS, which covers twenty-nine Grand Councils in a way distinctly his own, and which we have learned to look for with pleas-

ure. Our "opening exercises were beautiful and impressive." Of Companion HUBBARD's report, he quotes portions, and the sad tale of the death of Grand Chaplain LAUBENHEIMER is told "with tears glistening with love in his words." "A beautiful mantle of sorrow is woven as a covering for the memory of the dead, in thought texture, in word-expression, tender, delicate, loving, so transparent that the Sun of Life shines through and scatters every shadow of the tomb, making the grave the end of weary toil and the open gateway to eternal glory." He says, "there seems to be no prejudice against clergymen" with us. Why should there be? How could there be? WEBSTER, so loved and venerated with us for twenty years; DOTY, faithful in service over ten years, before they passed on to the Master; HUBBARD, ministering to us over ten years, charming us with his eloquence; and now BUTLER is added, winning golden opinions. Men true and staunch, accomplished, earnest Masons, God's messengers to his people have in their lives and actions compelled our respect and admiration, and in their gift of their love to us have bound us to them with the strongest ties. Wandering from New York through the correspondence field we find others.

Our Committee is honored in the repeating of some of our sayings which is very far from being unpleasant.

The portrait of Grand Master FIFIELD is given in this Journal, and that of Past Grand Master NATHAN PARKER HUNT (1895), in that of last year.

Next Annual Assembly at Concord, May 15th, 1911. M.'.Ill.'. CHARLES W. BICKFORD, Manchester, Grand Master; M.'.Ill.'. HARRY M. CHENEY, Concord, Grand Recorder; R.'.Ill.'.and Rev. JOSEPH EMERSON ROBINS, Manchester, Correspondent.

#### NEW JERSEY—1909.

The fifty-first (and forty-ninth annual) Assembly was held in Trenton, April 20th. All the officers at their stations. Twenty-seven members were present, pretty nearly half of them Past Grand Masters. Six out of eight Councils were represented; all made returns, and promptly; seven greeted 151 Companions,

Kane, No. 2, with forty-five. Membership, 915, an increase of 138. Receipts, \$228.75; expenditures, \$183.14; in treasury, \$364.97. Twenty-one Grand Councils had Representatives present, M. Ill. JOHN B. BERTHOLF doing it for New York.

Grand Master NEILSON gives obituaries of Past Grand Master JOHN MARTIN KNAPP (1882); who died January 21, 1908, and who was at one time a member of Adelpic Council, No. 7, of New York; M. Ill. CHARLES BECHTEL (1866), who died August 16, 1908, and who was Grand Recorder for twenty-three years, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Commander, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery for twenty-four years and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge for thirty-six years; and, M. Ill. THOMAS HENRY ROOME REDWAY, (1873), who died August 29, 1908, he having been Past Grand High Priest, Past Deputy Grand Commander and for a number of years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

On October 8th the Grand Master commissioned T. Ill. J. MARSHALL COLCORD of Cryptic Council, No. 37, their Grand Representative to New York. Accompanied by many Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters, he visited three of the Councils and found time to make three visits in Philadelphia. He decided non-affiliation in the Chapter in no wise affected standing in the Council, which was approved by the Committee on Constitutions and the Grand Council.

Grand Recorder DEATS called attention to the erroneous enumeration of the annual assemblies, and, while we are unaware of what he said, it must have been convincing, for the Grand Council voted they were not fifty-one, only forty-nine years of age.

On the report of the Committee on Correspondence, official recognition was granted the Grand Council of Texas by exchange of Representatives. All the Past Grand Masters on the roll are to receive that style of apron, and one is to be given every Grand Master as he retires.

Just before closing, a Committee of five Past Grand Masters was provided to devise means and ways for the proper observance of the "Fiftieth" Anniversary of the Grand Council.

Grand Recorder DEATS, as Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, furnishes the annual report, which covers thirty Grand Council proceedings, nine of them being for two years. New York 1907 and 1908 has over a page and half of careful attention. He says "Grand Master ANDREWS' address is in every way a masterly document." The same difficulty in getting any response from Canada and Scotland he found upon trial.

The portrait of Grand Master WILLIAM SHURTE of Newark is used to beautify the Journal.

#### 1910.

An "Emergent Assembly was called for the purpose of bringing together the members of the Grand Council and invited guests, that the Semi-Centennial of the Grand Council might be celebrated by a dinner and a social gathering." All the officers were at their stations, and forty-two members were present. R. Ill. CHARLES T. LUNT was warmly welcomed as a visitor, and responded. The Grand Master read his address, named committees, gave Past Grand Master SCOTT the official apron voted to him, when the Emergent was closed and they started for the dinner, which began at one o'clock and was an excellent one.

Grand Master SHURTE read and commented upon portions of the minutes of the Convention forming the Grand Council, and of its first Assembly. Past Grand Master BLACKMORE delivered the address of welcome. Our Grand Recorder "made an interesting address in which humor and history, fact and fiction, were well mingled." Nice little talks were made by distinguished New Jersey Companions—HIGGENBOTHAM, GREAR, DEMAREST, BROWN, DEATS, LUKENS, BERTHOLF, MORROW, and finishing with a Smoker.

They must have finished by three o'clock, as at that hour was opened at the Masonic Temple the Fiftieth Annual Assembly. Members as at the Emergent. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were there, and three sent excuses. Seven Councils were represented; all made returns; seven greeted 139 Companions, Van Hook, No. 8, leading with sixty-four. Membership, 1034, an increase

of 119. Receipts, \$258.50; expenditures, \$247.44; in treasury, \$376.03.

Grand Representatives of twenty-five Grand Councils were introduced and welcomed. Of course New York's distinguished M. Ill. JOHN B. BERTHOLF was among them.

The Grand Master visited five of the Councils, and was accompanied by many of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters. On one occasion they had a very delightful time, which always occurred, but in addition they went home with a smile. It must have been a long one, as Companion SMOKER still clings to it in a picture as Grand Master, facing the title page, and he was at the time Deputy.

He notes the death of our Grand Master MACKENZIE, which is also recorded on a memorial page.

A dispensation to receive petitions, ballot, and confer degrees at a Special Assembly, was asked for and granted, but was disapproved by the Grand Council, the Committee on Constitutions considering the Grand Master had no authority to set aside a law which provides that a petition can only be received and acted upon at a regular Assembly. Such General Regulation was amended by the addition, or, at a Special Assembly by dispensation of the Grand Master.

The retiring Grand Master was invested with the official apron with some pleasing and appropriate talk by Past Grand Master MILLS. The Journals of thirty-six Grand Councils are reviewed by M. Ill. Companion DEATS, who gives New York, 1909, about two pages of courteous, fraternal notice. He quotes quite fully from Grand Lecturer HINMAN's report.

A reprint of the proceedings of the Organizing Convention, and the First Assembly of the New Jersey Grand Council makes an interesting and valuable addition to the Journal.

Next Annual Assembly, April 18th, 1911. M. Ill. MORRIS S. SMOKER, Merchantville, Grand Master; M. Ill. HIRAM E. DEATS, Flemington, Grand Recorder; M. Ill. JOSEPH MASON, Paterson, Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

## OHIO—1909.

Eightieth Annual Assembly in East Liverpool, October 5th. All the officers at their stations. 122 members present, including fourteen Past Grand Masters. All the Councils, sixty-eight, and one U. D., were represented, made returns and had work. 1004 Companions were greeted, Toledo, No. 33, having the largest number, fifty. Membership, July 31, 1909, 11,886, an increase of 769. Receipts, \$6,572.00; expenditures, \$6,411.45; in treasury, \$7,176.95. Mileage (8 cents), and per diem (\$3.00), \$1,212.00 to ninety-two members.

Grand Representatives of twenty-four Grand Jurisdictions were present. For the first time in years, New York was absent. The able, genial and lovable Companion who gave us of his service, has been taken by The Master to form a golden link in our Chain of Friendship—M. Ill. WILLIAM MOORE CUNNINGHAM, (1865-1866), Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand High Priest, died August 16, 1909, aged 80 years, 5 months and 7 days. Our sorrow is deep and our sympathy is with our Companions in this loss, and as a committee we mourn, and our thoughts revert to the days when he was of the "Correspondents."

An extended and eloquent address of welcome on behalf of the Companions of the "Pottery City" was given by Ill. Companion ROBERT E. PERRY of Keramos Council, No. 95, and was happily responded to by Past Grand Master WILLIAM A. SPILL, who is certain that the rich folks in New York City, when they go after costly and beautiful "vawzez," if they turn them up, will find the mark of East Liverpool displayed. He believes that's the proper wrinkle in naming as "vases" are the cheap article. (Quite near right, just a little piece of the Buckeye twang more than is necessary).

A number of distinguished visitors were duly received and made welcome. Among them we note R. P. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, General Grand Deputy Master (now General Grand Master) of the General Grand Council; M. W. CHARLES S. HOSKINSON, Grand Master of Masons; M. Ex. EDWARD H. ARCHER, Grand High Priest; R. Em. EDMUND B. KING, Grand Commander;

R. W. JACOB H. BROMWELL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge; R. Ex. EDWIN HAGENBUCH, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and a number of Past Grand Masters of Masons, Past Grand High Priests, and Past Grand Commanders. Grand Master HOSKINSON made response on behalf of these eminent Masons, for this courteous recognition.

Grand Master BAKER in his address gives fitting tribute to M. Ill. EDWIN MORRELL, (1892-1893), who died January 18, 1909, and M. Ill. WILLIAM MOORE CUNNINGHAM. Memorial letters issued at the time, and portraits are given, and the Committee on Obituaries bears testimony to their love, worth and ability.

The state, as usual, was divided into nine Arches for visitation and inspection, each division being assigned to a Grand Officer. Every Council was visited, and "with few exceptions they are in a healthy and prosperous condition, and the officers are beginning to realize that the claims of the Council Degrees for recognition and support rest wholly upon the attractive ceremonials and intrinsic worth of the Rite itself, and to that end they are exerting their utmost endeavors to perfect the work of their Councils.

One Council wanted a dispensation to elect officers at a Special, ahead of time; and another to ballot on petitions at a Special Assembly, but didn't get them, and were advised that if the code were consulted, the Grand Master would not be compelled to refuse requests for Specials not in his power to grant. Dispensation was granted to Welker Council at Bryan which was chartered as Bryan.

Sixteen visits he records as having made, a number of the bodies visited holding two sessions, having the Super Excellent in the evening and a banquet between. He was greatly pleased with the rendition of this Degree, and especially with the improvement in the addition of the Prophet Jeremiah and the Counsellors to King Zedekiah. "Fully convinced by observation, personal experience, and the reports of the Inspecting Officers that the Super Excellent Degree is bound to exert a powerful influence in promoting the growth of Cryptic Masonry in Ohio" he believes that it should be made a regular Degree with fee, not as the Con-

stitution now provides, "an appended Honorary Degree to be conferred without charge, and its conferring be made, at least annually obligatory. Undoubtedly much can be told of the interest created by this Degree, when given in proper dramatic shape, but it does not seem wise to change its standing. It is doing all this good work just where it is, and does not require reward, outside of perfect care, dramatic effect, and attention to details in giving it.

He gives some sensible talk on the subject of delinquency of dues:

"Some of the Councils are inclined to be very lenient, and also negligent in the matter of collection of dues, carrying members on their rolls who are in arrears two or three years. This is in direct violation of the Code, and such a condition should not be permitted to exist. If a member, for any reason, is unable to pay his dues they should be remitted, but where a Companion is abundantly able to pay, and ignores repeated requests for payment, there is but one course to pursue, suspension and expulsion. As a rule these Companions take little if any interest in the Council, rarely attending the assemblies, and the sooner such useless and dead timber is severed from the tree, the more rapid and vigorous will be its growth."

He notes the omission of the Grand Recorder's portrait in last year's Journal and thinks it may have occurred through that officer's extreme modesty. As he desires to scatter roses on the pathway of life, appreciating the work of his Companions, he would like to see the picture in this year's issue. It is there, in company with his own, giving us smiling, friendly greeting. This may not read as last we wrote, but since that time we have heard Companion WILLIAMS of Correspondence fame: that serious gaze "was all put on by our dear Companion for the benefit of the camera, for there is not anything serious either in the gaze or makeup of Companion EVANS, except that he looks seriously upon all the duties of life, and faithfully and scrupulously performs them, not, however, with a shade of sombreness enveloping him, but with a halo of pleasant smiles, twinkling eyes and genial manners illuminating him."

Then this time it shows in comparison, and upon closer examination, it is another picture.

Among the appropriations are \$2,000.00 to the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Home; \$200.00 Grand Master's Contingent Fund; and \$325.00 for Inspection Expenses. All the officers and committee members are required to meet a day earlier than date of the Annual, for which they are to receive an additional day's pay to the regular allowance. Provision was made for the expenses of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for their attendance at the Tenth Triennial.

The retiring Grand Master was investetd with the official Past Grand Master's Jewel by M. .P. .GRAFF M. ACKLIN, in a manner that was a delight to listen to, calling forth a response of feeling and impressiveness.

Grand Council Trustee JACOB H. BROMWELL of the Masonic Home, re-appointed to succeed himself, reported everything flourishing at that institution. By the liberal donations of the Grand Bodies, the improvement of the grounds was continued, two additional stories built over the dining room, and the Home kept in a high state of efficiency. The annual reports of the Home Officers as usual are very full and complete. The present residents are 174. \$42,081.88 was disbursed, for maintenance of Home \$31,896.39; of farm \$3,794.28; for betterments \$6,391.21.

In the report of Correspondence, we hear of thirty-three Grand Councils, and what they did. New Jersey, and England and Wales failed to reach the author M. .Ill. .NELSON WILLIAMS. New York, 1908, has three pages of fraternal review, in this, one of the choicest reports of the year.

Commenting on our reception of distinguished visitors, not necessarily prominent in Cryptic life:

"This is at it should be. There is no reason on earth why men who are prominent in other Masonic and in other Rites should not be received in our annual meetings, and be given that recognition to which they are entitled."

He never read so long an address from a Grand Master of a Grand Council, but found it extremely interesting, from his devotion of so much space to the question of the proper date of organization, which has been discussed by prominent reviewers, and says, "Grand Master ANDREWS seems to dispel all doubt."

The presence of R. Ill. JAMES CHAMBERS, their Grand Representative, is noted.

In his "conclusion" he says: "The prerequisite idea seems to be dying out, but in its stead we are to have a trial of the Texas idea, and it remains to be seen how it will result."

"We can but commend the closing paragraph: "Your committee believes that an abandonment of the foolish notion of having the Grand Encampment and Grand Chapters force men to take the Cryptic Degrees by one means or another, and a proper effort on the part of Grand, as well as Subordinate Councils, to impress upon Royal Arch Masons the importance of the Cryptic Degrees, and to exemplify them as they should be exemplified, is very much to be desired."

Next Annual Assembly at Toledo, October 4th, 1910. M. Ill. CHARLES H. GIESSEN, Cleveland, Grand Master; R. Ill. WILLIAM E. EVANS, Chillicothe, Grand Recorder; M. Ill. NELSON WILLIAMS, Hamilton, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

#### OKLAHOMA—1909.

Fifteenth Annual Assembly in Oklahoma City, April 22d. Thirty-five members present, including eight Past Grand Masters. Ten Councils, and four U. D. had representatives present and all made returns; ten greeted ninety-three Companions, Union, No. 3, having the largest number, nineteen. Membership, 465, an increase of 103. Receipts, \$438.00; expenditures, \$297.77; in treasury, \$520.00. Grand Representatives from thirteen Grand Jurisdictions were present, and one unable to get there, reported by letter. New York did not appear nor report.

Grand Master ROBERT HERRMAN HENRY of Ardmore, whose portrait and biographical sketch immediately follow the title page, says: that they can congratulate themselves on the past year's prosperity, the increase in membership being greater than ever before. Dispensations were given for new Councils which were chartered during the session as Weatherford, No. 15, Cheyenne, No. 16, Okmulgee, No. 17, and Alpha (Oklahoma City), No. 18. Among the special dispensations issued was one to Union Council, No. 3, to have a Cryptic Rite pilgrimage to a spot dedicated for Masonic purposes, near North McAlester, with permission to all of their Councils to receive and ballot upon applications on the occasion. This trip and its results he tells us were "the crowning glory of the year." The three degrees of the Council were conferred upon twenty-two candidates "under unique conditions." At the close of the Select Degree, a deposit was made which is to be permanent in the northeast corner at Mount Moriah until A. D. 1934, when on a like occasion it is to be reopened, and when this shall occur he expresses the wish they all may be able to attend. Before starting upon the climb they enjoyed a lunch served by the fair ones of Antekhoma Chapter, No. 2, O. E. S., whose presence was very much appreciated, especially so by the Grand Officers (yes, they like the best of everything). Commenting upon these things, DR. HENRY, in addition to the value of properly executed ritualistic work, believes the social feature of our gatherings more fully developed, will cause affairs to flourish.

A resolution to change name from Indian Territory to Oklahoma introduced last year, was again taken up and unanimously adopted.

A committee was appointed to compile a history of Cryptic Masonry in their jurisdiction. M. Ill. Companion KNEISLEY, Committee on Correspondence, reported the work completed when the unexpected and unforeseen fire destroyed the manuscript, the notes, and proceedings reviewed, and also destroyed his library of thirty years accumulation, containing over 3,500 titles.

1910.

Sixteenth Annual Assembly in Okmulgee, April 21st. Thirty-one members present, among whom were eight Past Grand Masters. Ten Councils, and one U. D. were present by representatives. Twelve made returns. Nine greeted sixty-two Companions, Frederick, No. 14, having fourteen of the number. Membership of the reporting Councils 462, apparent increase forty-three. Receipts, \$294.50; expenditures, \$287.45; in treasury, \$527.05.

Fourteen Grand Councils were represented, New York by a recent appointment, R. III. I. H. G. HULME, of Weatherford, Okla. R. III. ALFRED B. PRICE, their Grand Representative to us, and the only one they have had here since their organization, sent them a letter full of interest which was well received, and some desire that he shall continue representing them so long as he lives. Friend ALFRED B. must have been doing fine work out there writing nice sayings. He was reappointed recently for another term.

Among the visitations of Grand Master JAMES A. SCOTT of Muskogee, we note one to Union Council, No. 3, on another "pilgrimage" to Mt. Moriah, on which occasion there were fifteen candidates, some of them from other Councils. He had promised by circular letter to all the Councils that he would permit them to "ballot out of time" upon all candidates who would make the pilgrimage. This annual meet has deeply impressed him, and he thinks Union Council should be encouraged and that it would be wise for the Grand Council to assist them financially; and, if agreeable to them, to make it a state instead of a local affair. This idea proved popular, for it was adopted by the Grand Council.

Dispensation was given for a new Council at Eldorado, which was chartered No. 19, and one for Sayre, which was continued for another year.

Among the deaths of Sister Jurisdictions, that of our Grand Master MACKENZIE is reported.

No trouble has been experienced in electing candidates at "any old time" during this administration, for believing it to be for the best interest, he never refused dispensation for "out of time ballot."

Of the visit to the Tenth Triennial, he bursts out in eloquence, carrying everything before him; compares the barbecue of the West with that of the South (to its detriment), as part of the latter brand would cause a fellow inclined to be of the prodigal class to run home; tells of copious draughts of the stream "that made Milwaukee famous;" announces his belief that eloquence is indigenous down in Georgia, "growing as freely as do the goobers in every small hill;" names two Georgia Past Grand Masters who can manufacture most truthful snake stories, and winds up with the statement as he says, "in the language of a prominent citizen, I had a bully good time."

A Special Committee was appointed to memorialize the Grand Chapter to take into consideration "the propriety of taking action towards requiring or recommending members of its constituency to apply for the Degrees of Cryptic Masonry in our Councils."

M. III. Companion KNEISLEY furnishes the report on Correspondence, in which he reviews thirty-two Grand Councils. While rather brief it gives a good resume of the work of the Grand Bodies, some excellent comments, and is interesting reading. We take from his closing remarks:

"But one conclusion can be reached, that is, interest in Cryptic Masonry is increasing in every jurisdiction, the day is fast coming when all thinking Masons will realize the necessity of possessing the Cryptic Degrees to round out their education in "Ancient Craft Masonry."

New York, 1909, has nearly one and one-half pages of kind and careful attention. Portrait and autobiographical sketch of the retiring Grand Master.

Next Annual Assembly at Lawton, April 21st, 1911. M. III. THOS. J. SEXTON, Durant, Grand Master; M. III. JOSEPH S. MURROW, Atoka, Grand Recorder; M. III. CHARLES C. KNEISLEY, Committee on Correspondence.

## OREGON—1910.

Twenty-fifth Annual Assembly in Eugene, April 15th. All the officers at their stations. Nineteen members present, including five Past Grand Masters. Six Councils are on the roll, all were represented and made returns. Four greeted fifty-three Companions, Washington, No. 3, again leading with thirty-eight. Membership, 529, an increase of thirty-seven. Receipts, \$200.50; expenditures, \$274.27; in treasury, \$492.37. Ten Grand Representatives from as many Grand Jurisdictions were present, made reports, and were duly welcomed, New York by M. Ill. M. S. WOODCOCK. Two of these Grand Officers, unable to be present, reported by letter. Their Grand Representatives at Maine and Illinois also sent letters, which were read.

Grand Master SFENCER reports the death of R. Ill. SIMON L. KLINE, Deputy Grand Master, September 8th, 1909, giving tribute to his memory, and notes the death of Grand Master MACKENZIE, extending to us fraternal sympathy.

He commissioned T. Ill. ROBERT W. WILSON of Buffalo Council, No. 17, their Grand Representative, with us in place of Past Grand Master OPPENHEIMER, resigned.

The Constitution was amended (and unanimously) increasing the minimum fee for the Degrees to twenty dollars, to take effect August 1st; at the date of this Assembly it is ten dollars. The Grand Recorder's salary was increased one hundred per cent., and still appears very low, \$100.00.

Next Annual Assembly at Corvallis, April 12th, 1911. M. Ill. J. H. RICHMOND, Portland, Grand Master; R. Ill. SETH L. POPE, Portland, Grand Recorder.

## PENNSYLVANIA—1910.

Sixty-fourth Annual Assembly in Erie, January 18th. Forty-eight members present, including twelve Past Grand Masters. All the officers at their stations; all of the twenty-five Councils made returns. Seventeen were represented, twenty-four greeting 414

Companions, Mt. Moriah, No. 2, of Pittsburg leading with ninety-one. Membership, 5,030, an increase of 299. Receipts, \$2,545.47; expenditures, \$2,361.51; in treasury, \$3,121.94. Mileage and per diem of \$570.30 paid to twenty-seven officers and Past Grand Masters. M. Ill. GEORGE C. JOHNSTONE, New York's Grand Representative, and those of thirteen other Grand Councils were present. Letters of regret were read from Past Grand Masters OGDEN and OPPENHEIMER of "ours."

Grand Master JOHNSTONE claims the Grand Visitations are a feature of the work of the Presiding Officer that cannot be neglected without loss to himself and the Companions. Accompanied by many of the officers and distinguished Masons, he made seventeen of these visits to the Councils, being greatly encouraged thereby. By virtue of his presence, he caused the Cryptic Degrees to be conferred upon M. W. GEORGE WILKINS GUTHRIE, Grand Master of Masons, in Mt. Moriah Council, No. 2. On the death of Past Grand Master WILLIAM THOMAS CORSON (1895), March 16th, 1909, he issued a memorial letter. Portrait and memorial by District Deputy Grand Master BLACKBURN (now Grand Principal Conductor of Work), are also given. In the list of deaths in other jurisdictions, our loss of Grand Chaplain LAUBENHEIMER is noted.

An amendment reduces the width of the sides of the triangle of a Past Master's Jewel from one-half to three-eighths inch.

Among the appropriations were \$250.00 for use of the Grand Master for visitation with his officers, and \$25.00 to the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania.

Our Grand Representative gave a report of a very pleasant visitation to us at the Assembly of 1909. He, also, on behalf of the Grand Council, presented to his son, the retiring Grand Master, a Past Grand Master's Jewel. The portrait of the latter officer and that of Past Grand Master CARL A. SUNDSTRÖM beautify the volume.

Grand Recorder MARTENIS again gives a carefully prepared report on Correspondence, reviewing thirty-six Grand Councils,

in which New York, 1909, has a friendly home of three pages. Grand Master ADEE is liberally quoted from the opening and closing of his address. Our Grand Chaplain HUBBARD's report "as usual is a splendid eulogy on the dead of their own and foreign Jurisdictions," and its conclusion in "beautiful language" is given. Your committee is also honored by quotation.

Next Annual Assembly at Bloomsburg, January 17th, 1911. M. P.: CHARLES D. WEIRICK, Lebanon, Grand Master; M. P.: FRANK W. MARTENIS, South Bethlehem, Grand Recorder and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

#### TEXAS — 1909.

Third Annual Assembly in Waco, December 6th. All the officers at their stations. Two hundred and nine members present, including the only Past Grand Master of recent times, M. Ill. JOHN L. TERRELL. On the roll are 242 chartered Councils, of which 221 sent in returns and 103 were represented. The reports show 1,094 Companions greeted, and membership 13,370. Receipts, \$1,457.63; expenditures, \$870.54; in treasury, \$1,838.59. Twenty-six Grand Councils were represented, New York by R. Ill. J. J. DAVIS of Galveston, all being warmly welcomed by the Grand Master.

Grand Master SMITH says:

"We should congratulate ourselves upon the remarkable results accomplished in so short a time, the complete rehabilitation of this Grand Body under good laws and government, and in such complete harmony with the Grand Chapter that our continued growth and success is fully assured."

In a list of twenty Grand Representatives commissioned, we note that of T. Ill. WILLIAM M. PECKHAM of Bloss Council, No. 14, for New York.

Dispensations were granted to five new Councils, and one continued, which, during the Assembly, were chartered as Kerville, No. 240; Silsbee, No. 248; Eldorado, No. 249; Sabinal, No.

250; Bay City, No. 251, and Evant, No. 252, as were an additional four conditionally.

The Committee reported that the Jewels ordered for the Past Grand Masters were duly presented and the recipients expressed gratification and high appreciation of the gift and what it stands for.

Companion ELGIN "was especially glad that he had been able "to see the rehabilitation of the Grand Body, which he sorrowfully saw made dormant at the time he was Grand Master in "1865."

The report of a Committee on Grand Council Charter that it was neither necessary nor advisable at this time that the Grand Council become a body corporate under the civil laws of the state, not owning or holding any property outside of a small amount of personal effects, was adopted. Charters of Manor Council, No. 74, and Channing, No. 207, were revoked by reason of the Chapters at these places having demised. Under their law, petitions can be received or acted upon by unanimous consent at a called Assembly of the Council. The Grand Recorder in his annual report is to name Councils in arrears for returns or fees. If such returns are not sent in and fees paid by the following June first, the delinquent Councils are to stand suspended. If made and paid previous to the following Annual Assembly, the charter rights are by such act restored, otherwise the charters are to be revoked. Certificates were issued to twenty-seven Companions by the Committee on Work, empowering them to teach the work.

M. III. Companion TERRELL and R. III. Companion STANFIELD sign the report on Correspondence. Acknowledging the usual custom of review separately of the various proceedings might be more satisfactory to their readers, but in view of condition of finances, they concluded to "boil it down to a few points "believed to be of most interest at the present time, and under "existing circumstances." Selections are made under headings, "Historical," "Prerequisite," "Visitation," "Super Excellent," "At Sight," and "Texas," and its plan, which render the work

quite interesting, New York enjoys quite a space, with a portion of Grand Master ANDREWS' story. A Past Grand Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master. The Constitution and By-Laws are given, also portrait of M. Ill. JNO. C. KIDD of Houston, who is Grand Master; R. Ill. JNO. A. BRYAN, Cleburne, Grand Recorder; M. Ill. JNO. L. TERRILL, and R. Ill. T. L. STANFIELD, Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Next Annual Assembly at Waco, December 5, 1910.

#### VERMONT—1910.

Fifty-seventh Annual Assembly in Burlington, June 14th, with all the officers at their stations. Forty-four members present, including seven Past Grand Masters. Seventeen Councils are on the roll, all of which made returns; thirteen were represented; fifteen greeted eighty-three Companions, Connecticut Valley, No. 16, having fourteen of the number. Membership, April 30, 1910, 1,376, an increase of thirty-seven. Receipts, \$484.08; expenditures, \$401.18; in treasury, \$1,409.25. Nineteen Grand Councils were represented, New York failing to appear.

Grand Master BAILEY, whose portrait is placed opposite the title page, assigned the Councils for Official Visitation and Inspection. Six failed of receiving visitation. Reports show good conditions generally and work well done, but in some parts of the state there is still a spirit of indifference. About half only are using the new ritual, which under their law is obligatory. He recommends one-half price be allowed by the Grand Recorder for all old rituals sent in, in exchange for new ones, the old being destroyed as received. This was adopted by the Grand Council.

Under "Waivers," he tells of request to our Grand Master for one, to which he had received no answer. This waiver was granted by Washington Council, No. 52, and the Grand Master so informed about the time this address was read. He urges those Councils that do not have dues to at once adopt this system, telling them "no good live Masonic body can exist without a revenue from some source."

A very cordial invitation from Grand Master ADEE to attend our Annual Assembly he was unable to accept.

Past Deputy Grand Master PERKINS, in the beginning of his report, indulges in a slice of poetry, giving comfort in the thought, "The smallest effort is not lost," from which we conclude that there is great satisfaction gained from his effective effort. Twenty-nine Journals are passed in careful and pleasing review. Alabama is first served, solely on account of "alphabetical precedence." New York, 1909, enjoys two pages of consideration; T. Ill. BASCOM's attendance is noted. Grand Chaplain HUBBARD's report is quoted from and "is again a beautiful memorial offering to loved and honored Companions."

Grand Lecturer Hinman "presented an interesting report." He is puzzled as to the meaning of the submission of improved ritual to the General Grand Council, saying:

"The General Grand is but an advisory body at the best in "matters of ritualistic bearing, except in cases of Subordinate "Councils of its own constituency."

How, then, can it require "uniformity of obedience, etc.," from the constituents of Grand Councils?

Unauthorized, we dislike to talk for other folks, and while we have a suspicion that Companion HINMAN is better versed in Templar jurisprudence than in General Grand Council law, we know he is enthusiastic and able in ritualistic matters, and having worked up some excellent ideas, perhaps he desired the General Grand folks should have the benefit. The constitution, general regulations and roll of membership by Councils are given.

Next Annual Assembly at Burlington, June 13th, 1911. M. Ill. DANIEL C. NOBLE, Middlebury, Grand Master; M. Ill. HENRY H. ROSS, Burlington, Grand Recorder; R. Ill. MARSH O. PERKINS, Windsor, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence.

## WASHINGTON—1909.

Fourteenth Annual Assembly in Seattle, June 19th. All the officers at their stations and thirty-eight members present, including nine Past Grand Masters. All their Councils, eight in number, were represented and made returns; six greeted eighty-one Companions, Spokane, No. 4, the greatest number, thirty-five. Membership, April 30, 1909, 834, an increase of sixty-seven. Receipts, \$507.00; expenditures, \$349.89; in treasury, \$424.42. Grand Representatives from twenty-four Grand Councils were introduced and given honored greeting. We are glad to announce New York had a part in the pleasures of the Assembly by the presence of R. Ill. ABRAHAM L. MILLER.

Grand Master BOWMAN's views of the value of Official Visitation of Grand Masters to the Councils are a shade pessimistic, and as he found matters of importance delayed by reason of smallness of funds, he concluded the fund placed at his disposal for this purpose would be better if left in the treasury. As a result, but two visits are reported, both to his own Council. The Finance Committee do not entirely agree with him, as they report they again recommend \$100.00 for Grand Master's traveling expenses, believing that he should at least visit the smaller Councils, and that such visits would stimulate them to greater exertion in behalf of their Councils," which report was adopted.

Grand Recorder HARE gives the annual report on Correspondence, being a review of the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Councils, showing that—

"Cryptic Masonry seems to be at peace with itself and with the world, its affairs are running as smoothly as a well oiled machine and harmony prevails within and without."

New York, 1908, has over a page of courteous attention. Our "proceedings are beautiful, a work of art," thus appreciating the work of Grand Recorder LUNT and of Grand Standard Bearer LISK, from whose press they emerge. Grand Master ANDREWS' address "is full of meat from start to finish. It shows him to have been an energetic, pains-taking officer." Portrait of the re-

tiring Grand Master is opposite the title page. Membership by Councils is given.

Annual Assembly of 1910 at Tacoma, June 28th. M. Ill. JOHN LILLIE, Port Townsend, Grand Master; R. Ill. EDWARD R. HARE, Tacoma, Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

#### WISCONSIN—1910.

Fifty-third Annual Assembly in Milwaukee, February 16th. All the Officers at their stations. Forty-two members were present, among whom were five Past Grand Masters. Of twenty-three Councils, and two U. D., the latter being chartered during the session as Sturgeon Bay, No. 32, and Wausau, No. 23, twenty were represented; all made returns; twenty greeted 279 members, Wisconsin, No. 4, having the largest number, forty-one. Membership, 2,907, an increase of 164. Receipts, \$689.95; expenditures, \$463.85; in treasury, \$577.08. Grand Representatives from nineteen Jurisdictions responded at roll call, R. Ill. E. S. BAKER for New York.

Grand Master FRANK E. NOYES of Marinette gave dispensation to two new Councils, as above. Three dispensations were granted a Council to hold a regular Assembly at other than its date; these, while approving them, the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that no dispensation be granted for holding a Regular Assembly at any other time than that provided by the by-laws of the Council interested, and that authority simply be given to do work which may be lawfully so done at a Special Assembly. Another dispensation for a Council to go from home for a Special Assembly to confer the degrees was also approved, but recommendation was given that Council meetings be held only at the place of meeting named in their Charter, and the report of the Committee was adopted.

We note his nomination of T. Ill. E. S. BAKER of Portage as our Grand Representative to Wisconsin.

He announces the death of M. Ill. HENRY L. PALMER, (1863-1864), aged eighty-nine years, May 7th, 1909, who had filled the

highest offices in the gift of the other state Masonic Grand Bodies and was for over a quarter century at the head of the Northern Jurisdiction of the A. A. S. R.; of R. Ill. WILLIAM CHESTER SWAIN, a number of years their Committee on Correspondence, on September 15th 1909, who had not only been active in Cryptic Masonry but in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery as well, and at the time of his death occupied next to the highest station in the General Grand Chapter; and of M. Ill. WILLIAM N. PENNELL, (1901-1902), October 22, 1909. At the request of the Grand Master Companion DREHER prepared a full and touching memorial to these Companions.

The per capita tax was advanced from fifteen cents to twenty cents, and the increased amount set aside for the payment of mileage to the ranking representatives who do not at the same time draw mileage from the Grand Chapter.

We learn—

“Wisconsin excels in the solemn ceremony of Installation. “There seems to be ample time, nothing is done hurriedly, and “another noticable fact is that the Companions who are not to “be installed remain in their places and do not hurry away as “soon as Installation is declared as the regular order of business.

A resolution and amendment offered in 1909 were unanimously adopted. We have not a copy of 1909, but judge it is departure from concurrent jurisdiction in the Councils, and withdrawing from the General Grand Council.

M. Ill. JACOB DREHER submits his fifth annual report on Fraternal Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Councils in thirty-four Journals. New York, 1908 and 1909, is favored with over three pages of fraternal notice; Grand Master ANDREWS' statistical letter is quoted from; Grand Chaplain HUBBARD'S report “beautifully portraying God's dwelling place to which the many deceased Companions have journeyed.” He also says we didn't say anything about Wisconsin, 1909. No! we didn't; had no text to talk upon; the proceedings did not reach us; guess, being a train number, according to Vermont, it ran by without stopping.

Next Annual Assembly at Milwaukee, February 15th, 1911.  
 M.·Ill.·PERCY A. HIMES, Milwaukee, Grand Master; M.·Ill.·  
 WILLIAM W. PERRY, Milwaukee, Grand Recorder; M.·Ill.·  
 JACOB DREHER, Committee on Correspondence.

#### GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL—1909.

Tenth Triennial Assembly in Savannah, Georgia, November 8th. One hundred and thirteen members present, among whom were Past General Grand Masters SENTER and SWANSTROM. All the Officers except Grand Treasurer HEATON were at their stations. Twenty-six of the twenty-seven constituent Grand Councils were represented, (Tennessee being absent), and five of the Councils immediately Subordinate. Before opening, the delegates were escorted into the presence of the Grand Council of Georgia, Grand Master WILKINSON presiding, which had been convened in Special Assembly for the purpose of formally receiving and officially welcoming them. M.·W.·THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, Past Grand Master of Masons, gave an eloquent address of welcome, presenting the greetings of the Grand Council and Masons of Georgia, which was responded to by R.·P.·JOHN ALBERT BLAKE, on request of the M.·P.·General Grand Master. Upon the close of these exercises, the Grand Council of Georgia retired. A number of distinguished Companions from Connecticut, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi and Rhode Island Grand Councils, not constituent members, were introduced, received with honor, and invited to seats as visitors.

General Grand Master LARRABEE granted dispensation to four new Councils, Adoniram, Washington, D. C.; Nevada, Goldfield, Nev.; Black Hills, Lead, S. D., and Tyrean, Missoula, Mont., three of which were chartered during the Assembly, and the dispensation of Nevada Council was continued.

The General Grand Recorder makes his eighth triennial report, embracing the term from June 19th, 1906, to October 1st, 1909, and, as usual, it is very full and detailed. Regarding finances, the change in system of the levy of dues from fifty cents a year on each Council to a per capita tax of two cents, shows

receipts of \$4,723.12, as against \$1,278.50 of the preceding three years. The detailed list of warrants drawn to cover expenses amounts to \$2,195.81. Statistical tables are given showing the workings of the several Grand Councils constituent and the Councils immediately Subordinate for the years 1906, 1907 and 1908. The greetings were 15,179; total increase, 16,878; decrease, 6,660, making a net increase of 10,218. Membership, 1906, 48,296; 1907, 51,699; 1908, 55,628. All the Bodies have paid their dues with one exception, Deming, No. 1, of New Mexico, whose charter was declared forfeited by reason of its delinquency, during the session. Grand Treasurer HEATON's report gives additional receipts of \$224.87 for interest, which, with excess of receipts over expenditures and balance at last audit, make now in treasury \$4,400.54. This officer, who has ably and faithfully served the Body for eighteen years, had made it known that he would be unable to serve longer. In view of this fact, R. P. GEO. A. NEWELL of New York moved that an appropriate testimonial be presented to him, which was agreed to by the ordering of a Committee to procure and present to him an appropriate Jewel.

Past General Grand Master GEORGE J. PINCKARD, regretting that ill health prevented his attendance, as Grand Representative of England and Wales, presented the greetings of that Grand Council. During the second day's session, M. Ex. JOSEPH E. DYAS, General Grand High Priest; M. Ex. JAMES W. TAYLOR and M. Ex. ARTHUR G. POLLARD, Past General Grand High Priests, were introduced, received with honor and cordially greeted, making appropriate response.

The three well known ritualists, composing that Committee, thought the appended Degree of Super Excellent Master, which has been receiving considerable attention, should be revised under their direction in order to recognize certain added ceremonials which have met with favor, and they said so. Their suggestion was adopted.

The matter of Texas status was looked into, and it was found that this Grand Council had supreme authority over the Cryptic

Degrees in the state of Texas, and the General Grand Council extended to them its courteous and fraternal greeting, "hailing her as a sister in the galaxy of Grand Councils in the Cryptic fold," and expressed the hope of their enrollment with them.

In reference to organizing Councils in the Province of Regina, as the Dominion of Canada is primarily under the Grand Jurisdiction of England and Wales and Dependencies, it would be discourteous and unfraternal to invade this territory without the knowledge and consent of such Grand Council. The General Grand Master, if he deemed best, was authorized to enter into correspondence with the Grand Council of England and Wales, in reference to the extension of the rite into the Dominion of Canada.

A proposition to reduce the per capita tax to one cent, caused a division in the Committee to whom it was referred, the minority favoring it, but the majority thought it not expedient at this time. The report of the majority was adopted.

A Past General Grand Master's Jewel was ordered procured and presented to M. P. Companion LARRABEE, and the General Grand Recorder instructed, hereafter, before each Triennial, to have a duplicate procured for presentation to the General Grand Master on his retirement from the office.

The reports of the conventions and the early proceedings of this Body, having long since become exhausted, 1880 to 1889, and the previous conventions, with 1891, if there is a scarcity, are to be reprinted and bound in one volume.

The salary of the Recorder is creeping up a little nearer a reasonable amount, it having been raised to \$300.00 per annum.

The railroad fare and hotel bills, while in attendance upon all Assemblies of the General Grand Council, of all Officers and Chairmen of all Standing Committees whose expenses are not paid pursuant to existing laws, are to be paid.

M. Ill. Companion STEVENSON of Missouri presented the report on our Fraternal Dead, a beautiful tribute of loving fraternal

affection, lightened and brightened with faith. In the fourteen pages of memorial tablets, we note those of Past General Grand Masters, with portraits, M. P. GEORGE M. OSGOODBY and M. P. WILLIAM HENRY MAYO.

The Committee on State of the Rite give a very interesting report. From the sayings and doings of the General Grand Officers, they find throughout the Jurisdiction everything satisfactory and encouraging. They have no statistics before them showing conditions outside of their Jurisdiction, but that don't phase them a bit, they have information and they congratulate heartily "on the happy and prosperous condition of the Rite throughout the world." Noticing the names of Companions NELSON WILLIAMS and BESTOR G. BROWN in list of signers of the report, we began to look for the "fire works," and we found them in the closing talk about the Grand Councils outside, engaged in our glorious work.

By request, the General Grand Chaplain, REV. DR. CHARLES H. STRONG OF GEORGIA, gave an address and was listened to with marked attention. The entertainments offered were many and delightful and every moment was made one of pleasure. It takes four pages and a picture to tell about them in the Appendix Department.

New York was represented by Grand Recorder LUNT, proxy for Grand Master: R. Ill. J. HARRIS BALSTON, proxy for Deputy Grand Master; R. Ill. MARTIN Q. GOOD, proxy for Grand Principal Conductor; General Grand Conductor of Council NEWELL, and Past Grand Master MCGOWN.

The present General Grand Officers are:

M. P. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, Toledo, Ohio, General Grand Master.

R. P. J. ALBERT BLAKE, Malden, Mass., General Grand Deputy Master.

R. P. EDWARD W. WELLINGTON, Ellsworth, Kans., General Grand Principal Conductor.

R. P. THOMAS E. SHEARS, Denver, Colo., General Grand Treasurer.

R. P. HENRY W. MORDHURST, Fort Wayne, Ind., General Grand Recorder.

R. P. GEORGE A. NEWELL, Medina, N. Y., General Grand Captain of Guard.

R. P. WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, Harlan, Iowa, General Grand Conductor of Council.

R. P. FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock, Ark., General Grand Marshal.

R. P. JOSEPH C. GREENFIELD, Atlanta, Ga., General Grand Steward.

M. III. GEORGE MCGOWN is on the Special Committees of Rituals and Jewels, and the Chairman of your Committee on the Standing Committee of Cryptic Jurisprudence.

Pictures of General Grand Master ACKLIN, with a talk about him by M. P. Companion SENTER, and of General Grand Recorded MORDHURST, who is continuously being before us in his valued work, are given, as also the usual tables of statistics, lists of permanent members, General Grand Officers from formation, Grand Councils and their representing officers, the Constitution and General Regulations and ceremonial forms for immediate Subordinate Councils.

Next Triennial Assembly upon call at such time and place as the first three General Grand Officers shall direct.



## OFFICERS OF GRAND COUNCIL

Elected and Appointed August 23d, 1910

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WILL L. LLOYD, Albany .....	Grand Master
MARTIN Q. GOOD, New York City .....	" Deputy Master
HERBERT W. GREENLAND, Syracuse .....	" P. C. of W.
GEORGE A. NEWELL, Medina .....	" Treasurer
CHAS. T. LUNT, (U. S. Treas.) New York City .....	" Recorder
J. HARRIS BALSTON, Brooklyn .....	" Capt. of Guard
GEORGE E. HATCH, Rochester .....	" Cond. of the C.
WILLIAM H. ELLIS, Buffalo .....	" Marshal
EDWARD H. LISK, Troy .....	" Standard Bearer
OLIVER H. LABARRE, New York City .....	" Steward
EUGENE E. HINMAN, Albany .....	" Lecturer
REV. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Brooklyn .....	" Chaplain
REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, Poughkeepsie .....	" Chaplain
A. OPPENHEIMER, Buffalo .....	Trustee (term expires 1913)
HARWOOD DUDLEY, Johnstown .....	Trustee (term expires 1912)
JOHN P. DEAL, Troy .....	Trustee (term expires 1911)
CHARLES D. WILSON, Jamestown .....	Grand Sentinel

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