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OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Grand Council Room
Masonic Temple, Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Monday, August 31, 1931

OPENING

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York convened in its One Hundred and Eighth Annual Assembly in the Masonic Temple, City of Niagara Falls, New York, Monday, August 31, 1931, Anno.˙.Dep.˙.2931, at 10:00 o'clock, A. M., Daylight Saving Time.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

*M.˙.Ill.˙.JEROME L. CHENEY.....Grand Master
R.˙.Ill.˙.JOHN A. DERTHICK.....Deputy Grand Master
R.˙.Ill.˙.ALBERT S. PRICE.....Grand P.˙.C.˙.of the W.˙.
M.˙.Ill.˙.ROLAND K. MASON.....Acting Grand Treasurer
M.˙.Ill.˙.GEORGE EDWARD HATCH.....Grand Recorder
R.˙.Ill.˙.WILLIAM F. SEBER.....Grand Captain of the Guard
R.˙.Ill.˙.S. ORMOND GOLDAN.....Grand Conductor of the Council
R.˙.Ill.˙.A. EDWARD KRIEGER.....Grand Marshal
R.˙.Ill.˙.RAYMOND E. WESTBURY.....Grand Standard Bearer
R.˙.Ill.˙.CHARLES B. WELLER.....Grand Steward

* M.˙.Ill.˙.Companion CHENEY, who had been ill for some time, made the journey to Niagara Falls anticipating that he would be able to preside at the opening of the Grand Council. He had, however, over-estimated his strength, and shortly after his arrival in Niagara Falls suffered a slight set-back and his physician would not allow him to leave his room so that he was unable to attend the Assembly of the Grand Council although in the city. I am happy to say that the Grand Master suffered no serious set-back from the effort he made to be present.—Grand Recorder.

R.·.Ill.·.and Rev. Harry G. Greensmith, B.D.....Grand Chaplain
M.·.Ill.·.Oliver H. LaBarre.....Grand Trustee
M.·.Ill.·.George R. Hemenway.....Grand Trustee
M.·.Ill.·.Roland K. Mason.....Grand Trustee
R.·.Ill.·.E. Parker Waggoner.....Grand Lecturer
Companion Thomas Platts.....Grand Sentinel

Together with the Representatives of the following Councils:

Columbian	No. 1	Cryptic	No. 37
Union	No. 2	Tyrian	No. 43
Brooklyn	No. 4	Fulton	No. 50
Adelphic	No. 7	Washington	No. 52
Rotica	No. 12	Corning	No. 53
Central City	No. 13	Peekskill	No. 55
Bloss	No. 14	Hudson	No. 62
Bruce	No. 15	Phoenix	No. 70
Southern Tier	No. 16	Alph-Omega	No. 71
Buffalo	No. 17	Johnstown	No. 72
King Hiram	No. 18	St. George's	No. 74
Doric	No. 19	Skoi-Yase	No. 75
Keystone	No. 20	Huntington	No. 76
Ancient City	No. 21	St. Lawrence	No. 77
DeWitt Clinton	No. 22	Catskill	No. 78
Binghamton	No. 24	Temple	No. 79
Palmyra	No. 26	Flatbush	No. 80
King Solomon	No. 31	Joseph Warren	No. 81
Jamestown	No. 32	Salamanca	No. 82
Olean	No. 33	Zabud	No. 84
Watertown	No. 34	Triangle	No. 85
Hornellsville	No. 35	Lafayette	No. 86
Adoniram	No. 36	Oneonta	No. 87

And Permanent Members as follows:

John P. Deal.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
Willard S. Bradt.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
Frank M. Adee.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
Martin Q. Good.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
George Edward Hatch.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
Oliver H. LaBarre.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
Eugene E. Hinman.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
Roland K. Mason.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
William S. Riselay.....P.·.G.·.M.·.

GEORGE R. HEMENWAY.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
GEORGE O. LINKLETTER.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
CHARLES M. COLTON.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
CHARLES H. JOHNSON.....P.·.G.·.M.·.
WILLIAM J. MORGAN, Columbian, No. 1.....P.·.M.·.
WILLARD C. CURTISS, Columbian, No. 1.....P.·.M.·.
EDWARD FEIH, Union, No. 2.....P.·.M.·.
MATTHEW S. CUMNER, Adelphic, No. 7.....P.·.M.·.
JOHN F. BIRMINGHAM, Adelphic, No. 7.....P.·.M.·.
HENRY HELLER, Adelphic, No. 7.....P.·.M.·.
J. OSCAR GOETZ, Adelphic, No. 7.....P.·.M.·.
JOHN H. ADAMS, Rotica Council, No. 12.....P.·.M.·.
GEORGE B. CATHERS, Central City, No. 13.....P.·.M.·.
FREDERICK W. POWERS, Bloss, No. 14.....P.·.M.·.
JESSE M. BELL, Bruce, No. 15.....P.·.M.·.
HERBERT B. CANNON, Bruce, No. 15.....P.·.M.·.
HERMAN MILLER, Bruce, No. 15.....P.·.M.·.
LEWIS MOREY, Bruce, No. 15.....P.·.M.·.
HARRY I. TONG, Southern Tier, No. 16.....P.·.M.·.
CHAUNCEY B. HAMMOND, Southern Tier, No. 16.....P.·.M.·.
LEWIS E. MARTIN, King Hiram, No. 18.....P.·.M.·.
GEORGE T. CLARKE, King Hiram, No. 18.....P.·.M.·.
FRED S. THOMPSON, King Hiram, No. 18.....P.·.M.·.
GEORGE J. VETTER, Doric, No. 19.....P.·.M.·.
CHARLES S. NARAMORE, Doric, No. 19.....P.·.M.·.
GEORGE W. GULICK, Ancient City, No. 21.....P.·.M.·.
EUGENE CRAWFORD, DeWitt Clinton, No. 22.....P.·.M.·.
E. STANLEY PIER, Binghamton, No. 24.....P.·.M.·.
ALFRED C. HOPKINS, Palmyra, No. 26.....P.·.M.·.
HARRY BAYER, King Solomon, No. 31.....P.·.M.·.
JAMES H. MASON, Jamestown, No. 32.....P.·.M.·.
PHILIP M. NAST, JR., Hornellsville, No. 35.....P.·.M.·.
DUNCAN BOUGHNER, Hornellsville, No. 35.....P.·.M.·.
ANDREW D. TRAVIS, Hornellsville, No. 35.....P.·.M.·.
WALTER S. PRESCOTT, Cryptic, No. 37.....P.·.M.·.
HARRY CLAY HITCHCOCK, Tyrian, No. 43.....P.·.M.·.
RANSOM A. SHORT, Fulton, No. 50.....P.·.M.·.
WILLARD M. SAGE, Corning, No. 53.....P.·.M.·.
ELBERT F. UTTER, Peekskill, No. 55.....P.·.M.·.
AMOS BURTON, Hudson, No. 62.....P.·.M.·.
WILLIAM HERBERG, Hudson, No. 62.....P.·.M.·.
OSSIAN LANG, Phoenix, No. 70.....P.·.M.·.
JOHN BURDEN, Phoenix, No. 70.....P.·.M.·.
GEORGE S. WYMAN, Phoenix, No. 70.....P.·.M.·.

CHARLES A. MACK, Alph-Omega, No. 71.....P.·.M.·.
CLAUDE W. GRINNELL, Alph-Omega, No. 71.....P.·.M.·.
EDWARD M. BARINGER, Johnstown, No. 72.....P.·.M.·.
SAMUEL S. FORSTER, St. George's, No. 74.....P.·.M.·.
WALTER E. HOWE, Catskill, No. 78.....P.·.M.·.
CHARLES F. CUSHING, Temple, No. 79.....P.·.M.·.
CHARLES R. PHELPS, Temple, No. 79.....P.·.M.·.
THOMAS W. AITKEN, Temple, No. 79.....P.·.M.·.
G. EDWARD SIMS, Temple, No. 79.....P.·.M.·.
WILLIAM H. HUNT, Temple, No. 79.....P.·.M.·.
W. T. NORTON OUTHWAITE, Temple, No. 79.....P.·.M.·.
HERBERT L. WASHBURN, Temple, No. 79.....P.·.M.·.
CHARLES A. GAMBLE, Flatbush, No. 80.....P.·.M.·.
ARTHUR H. MOELLER, Flatbush, No. 80.....P.·.M.·.
WILLIAM LEE, Joseph Warren, No. 81.....P.·.M.·.
FRANK L. MOORE, Joseph Warren, No. 81.....P.·.M.·.
CLIFFORD C. CHENEY, Salamanca, No. 82.....P.·.M.·.
GEORGE WOOD, Zabud, No. 84.....P.·.M.·.
EDWARD L. HEIN, Triangle, No. 85.....P.·.M.·.
RICHARD H. BURTON, Triangle, No. 85.....P.·.M.·.

With Grand Representatives from the following Grand Councils:

CALIFORNIA .....R.·.Ill.·.EDWARD L. HEIN
CANADA, EASTERN JURISDICTION.....R.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM LEE
CONNECTICUT .....R.·.Ill.·.MATTHEW SMITH CUMNER
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA .....R.·.Ill.·.HARRY CLAY HITCHCOCK
ENGLAND AND WALES.....M.·.Ill.·.CHARLES H. JOHNSON
GEORGIA .....R.·.Ill.·.FRANK L. MOORE
ILLINOIS .....R.·.Ill.·.CHAUNCEY B. HAMMOND
INDIANA .....R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES S. NARAMORE
KENTUCKY .....R.·.Ill.·.HARRY BAYER
MARYLAND .....R.·.Ill.·.AMOS BURTON
MASSACHUSETTS .....R.·.Ill.·.JOHN F. BIRMINGHAM
MICHIGAN .....R.·.Ill.·.JOHN BURDEN
MINNESOTA .....R.·.Ill.·.CLAUDE H. HEATH
MISSISSIPPI.....R.·.Ill.·.FREDERICK W. POWERS
MISSOURI .....R.·.Ill.·.GEORGE B. CATHERS
MONTANA .....R.·.Ill.·.LEWIS E. MARTIN
NEVADA .....R.·.Ill.·.GEORGE WOOD
NEW JERSEY .....R.·.Ill.·.ARTHUR H. MOELLER
NORTH CAROLINA .....R.·.Ill.·.WALTER S. PRESCOTT
NORTH DAKOTA .....R.·.Ill.·.THOMAS W. AITKEN
OHIO .....R.·.Ill.·.HARRY I. TONG

PENNSYLVANIA .....R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES A. GAMBLE
RHODE ISLAND .....R.·.Ill.·.SAMUEL S. FORSTER
SCOTLAND .....M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE EDWARD HATCH
TENNESSEE .....R.·.Ill.·.HENRY HELLER

The following Grand Representatives sent letters and telegrams of regret at their inability to be present and requesting to be excused from attendance at this Annual Assembly:

R.·.Ill.·.CLARE E. BURTIS.....Grand Rep. of Arkansas
R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES M. BUCK.....Grand Rep. of Delaware
R.·.Ill.·.EVERETT E. GREEN.....Grand Rep. of Iowa
R.·.Ill.·.DANIEL F. H. ALLEN.....Grand Rep. of Louisiana
R.·.Ill.·.CLARENCE F. HEATH.....Grand Rep. of Maine
R.·.Ill.·.FRANK F. WILLIAMS.....Grand Rep. of New Hampshire
R.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS.....Grand Rep. of Wisconsin

Welcomed to Niagara Falls

Ill.·.G. EDWARD SIMS:

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Associate Grand Officers of the Grand Council, Delegates and Companions, I have been delegated by the Illustrious Master of Temple Council, No. 79, in behalf of that body to extend a welcome to this Grand Council. We are particularly pleased and proud to act as your host and we hope when your Assembly is closed you will find that your stay with us has been a most pleasant one. This city is at the threshold of one of the greatest natural wonders of the world. We hope this will afford you a great deal of pleasure during the time when you are not in session here, and will make you forget the cares and problems with which you are struggling. Arrangements have been made to conduct you at your convenience to the various points of interest and to show you the grandeur and beauty which surrounds us. If our success in our endeavors to entertain you is commensurate with our desire to please you, we shall be very well satisfied.

R.·.Ill.·.JOHN A. DERTHICK, Deputy Grand Master:

Illustrious Companion SIMS, in behalf of the Grand Council permit me to say that we appreciate these words of welcome from Temple Council. Last year when the question came up as to where we would hold our Annual Assembly this year and your willingness to entertain us was made known, you had no opposition for everyone wanted to come here. Of course, it is only a half mile across the line. We certainly appreciate this warm welcome and we know we shall have a good time while we are here. We are grateful to your Companions for the many courtesies extended and I ask you to please convey to the members, and especially the committees of Temple Council, our sincere thanks and appreciation.

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form, R.·.Ill.·.JOHN A. DERTHICK, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

R.·.Ill.·.and REV. HARRY GLADSTONE GREENSMITH, B.D., Grand Chaplain, was escorted to the Altar and offered the following

Prayer

Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth, Thou in whom we live and move and have our being, we bow this day before Thee in humble penitence, seeking Thy favor. We ask that through Thy Holy Spirit the Grand Council may this day be guided by Thee in all its deliberations; that a spirit of kindliness and cooperation may prevail in all our labors.

We thank Thee that Thou hast spared so many of us in health throughout the year, and hast permitted us to assemble once more in this Grand Council.

Bless those of our older members who have borne the burden and heat of the day, but who still give willing service.

Be especially near to those who meet in this Grand Council for the first time. Select from among them "A son of Jesse", whom Thou shalt delight to honor in the years just ahead.

And to all of us, whose work is not yet completed, give to us, we pray, Thy guidance and Thy Divine wisdom, that we may still work on, until the day dawns and the shadows flee away.

We ask Thy blessing on Grand Master Cheney at this time. May it be Thy will and good pleasure to restore him to health. For many years he has rendered to the various bodies of the Craft his kindly service to the Lodges, Chapter and Councils, leaving behind him pleasant memories of his association. Minister unto him in this hour. Especially do we ask Thee to give him strength that he may at least grace this Grand Council with his presence, which will do so much to cheer us in our work and lighten our labors.

All this we ask in the Name of Our Blessed Saviour, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who died for us all.

Amen.

Committees Appointed

The Grand Recorder read the appointment, by the Grand Master, of the following Committees:

CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS

George Edward Hatch — Frank A. Rupp

E. Stanley Pier

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Eugene E. Hinman — Harold L. Goodenough

Oliver F. Bartold

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Charles M. Colton — John G. Moller

Charles F. Flammer

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

George O. Linkletter — Bernard C. Harter

Ransom A. Short

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

GEORGE R. HEMENWAY — GEORGE S. ROSENDALE

CLIFFORD C. CHENEY

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

WILLIAM S. RISELAY — ROBERT W. STEWART

JOHN G. FERRES, 2ND

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OLIVER H. LABARRE — D. L. PALMER

HOWARD R. STILES

M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, Grand Recorder:

I also announce on behalf of the Grand Master the appointment of R.·.Ill.·.and REV. HARRY GLADSTONE GREENSMITH, B.D., as Grand Chaplain in place of R.·.Ill.·. and REV. MURRAY BARTLETT, D.D., who tendered his resignation owing to his inability to be present.

The Grand Master has also appointed Ill.·.HENRY J. WILLIAMS of Brooklyn Council, No. 4, as a member of the Finance Committee in place of R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES M. BUCK who is unable to be present.

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 same.

Select Masters Invited to Remain as Visitors

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

Time Fixed for the Election of Officers

On motion, the election of Officers was made a special order of business immediately after the reading of the journal Tuesday morning, September 1st.

R.·.Ill.·.A. EDWARD KRIEGER, Grand Marshal, introducing the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council said:

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, I present the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council.

R.·.Ill.·.JOHN A. DERTHICK, Deputy Grand Master:

Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, it is certainly a very pleasing duty for me this morning to receive the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Council—the men who have done so much for the Craft and the men who will continue to serve this Grand Council. I greet you and invite you to seats in the East.

The roll of Grand Representatives was then called by the Grand Recorder, each Grand Representative present responding and standing in his place. The Deputy Grand Master then addressed the Grand Representatives as follows:

R.·.Ill.·.JOHN A. DERTHICK, Deputy Grand Master:

I am pleased to see so many of the Grand Representatives here this morning for it is evidence that you are interested in the Cryptic Rite. Please convey to the Grand Jurisdictions which you have the honor to represent our felicitations and best wishes and accept the thanks of this Grand Council for your presence.

Introduction of Visitors

R.·.Ill.·.JOHN F. BIRMINGHAM introduced M.·.Ill.·.ALDEN B. HEFLER, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, and R.·.Ill.·.JOHN A. CROSIER, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York near the Grand Council of Massachusetts.

R.·.Ill.·.HARRY I. TONG introduced M.·.Ill.·.OLIVER D. EVERHARD, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio, and Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York near the Grand Council of Ohio.

R.·.Ill.·.JOHN BURDEN introduced M.·.Ill.·.ORON J. R. BURY, Grand Master, and R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES A. CONOVER, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Michigan.

R.·.Ill.·.MATTHEW S. CUMNER introduced M.·.P.·.ADDISON L. BARNES, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Connecticut.

R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES A. GAMBLE introduced Ill.·.Companion EVERETT H. COOKE, M.·.P.·.Grand Master, and Ill.·.Companion JESSE FORESMAN, P.·.Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania.

R.·.Ill.·.SAMUEL S. FORSTER introduced M.·.Ill.·.FRED W. JOHNSTONE, Grand Master, and M.·.Ill.·.EDWARD M. WHEELER, Grand Recorder and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Rhode Island.

R.·.Ill.·.Arthur H. Moeller introduced M.·.Ill.·.Howard L. Carter, Grand Master, and M.·.Ill.·.Donald J. Sargent, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of New Jersey.

M.·.Ill.·.Martin Q. Good introduced M.·.Ill.·.John H. C. Woodward, Grand Master and R.·.Ill.·.Henry I. Orr, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Canada, Western Jurisdiction.

R.·.Ill.·.Chauncey B. Hammond introduced M.·.E.·.Roy B. Davis, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York.

M.·.Ill.·.George O. Linkletter introduced R.·.E.·.Arthur L. Lee, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the State of New York.

M.·.Ill.·.Roland K. Mason introduced Ill.·.Harry C. Walker, 33° Active, Deputy for New York, Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

M.·.Ill.·.Eugene E. Hinman introduced R.·.P.·.Nelson Williams, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and R.·.P.·.Charles H. Johnson, General Grand Marshal of the General Grand Council, R.·.& S.·.M.·. of the United States.

M.·.Ill.·.George Edward Hatch introduced M.·.W.·.Charles H. Johnson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F.·.& A.·.M.·. of the State of New York.

The distinguished visitors were cordially welcomed by the Deputy Grand Master, escorted to the East and received with Grand Honors.

Regrets

Letters and telegrams were received from the following distinguished Craftsmen regretting their inability to be present at this Annual Assembly:

M.·.P.·.Walter L. Stockwell, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council and Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York near the Grand Council of North Dakota.

M.·.Ill.·.Edwin F. Hillman, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Maine and Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York near the Grand Council of Maine.

M.·.Ill.·.Alfred C. Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Vermont.

M.˙.Ill.˙.Walter M. Hubbard, Grand Master of the Grand Council of New Hampshire.

M.˙.P.˙.George Gill Platt, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Connecticut.

M.˙.Ill.˙.Cornelius E. Beatty, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Delaware.

M.˙.Ill.˙.Charles E. O'Neal, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio.

M.˙.P.˙.O. Frank Hart, Past General Grand Master and present General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council.

R.˙.Ill.˙.and Rev. S. Wright Butler, D.D., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of New York.

M.˙.Ill.˙.Fred E. Ogden, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of New York.

M.˙.Ill.˙.Charles H. Dudley, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Colorado and Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York near the Grand Council of Colorado.

On motion, the Grand Recorder was directed to send R.˙.Ill.˙.and Rev. S. Wright Butler, D.D., our Grand Chaplain, a telegram expressing our affection and our regret that he cannot be with us today.

The Deputy Grand Master then read the Grand Master's Address.

ADDRESS

Companions:

We are met at the One Hundred and Eighth Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York, and to it I give you a hearty welcome. It has been customary on occasions of this kind for the Grand Master to present a report of the doings in Cryptic Masonry during the year that has passed and I am here carrying out that custom. I regret to be obliged to begin an address of that character with an apology, but I see no escape from it. It was with a great deal of reluctance that I accepted the election as Grand Master which you so generously tendered me last year, for I feared that because of the condition of my health, I would be unable to perform the duties incumbent upon the office. I said at the time that I did not feel able to carry on in this Grand Council alone, and that I did not expect to do it; that the measure of my success during the year that I was the titular head would be gauged by the support that I would receive from my associate Officers, and the Officers of the various Councils in this State. That support I asked and I am glad to be able to report that I received it in the fullest measure, and what you are receiving is an account of what has been accomplished by my associates in the work, rather than what I have personally contributed.

Necrology

The greatest joy attendant upon a meeting of this kind is that we have an opportunity of mingling with our friends, those Companions with whom we have worked for many years in Cryptic Masonry, and whom we rarely otherwise meet; but that joy is always mingled with a tinge of sadness, for each year as we gather, we find that there are gaps in our circle which can never be filled, caused by the falling out of those who have answered the call of the Grim Messenger. We shall miss them, and while others step up and carry on the work, it is true that new friends never quite fill the place of the old ones. We pause a moment to put on record our tribute to the memory of those who have gone.

Of Our Own Grand Council

M.·.Ill.·.Henry A. MacGruer, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Kansas and Past Master of Central City Council, No. 13, died November 16, 1930.

M.·.Ill.·.Irving L'Hommedieu, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio and Past Master of Alph-Omega Council, No. 71, died July 14, 1931.

R.·.Ill.·.Samuel C. Pierce, Past Grand Marshal and Past Master of Doric Council, No. 19, died May 13, 1931.

R.·.Ill.·.Philip F. Sohni, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Oregon and Past Master of DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, died January 31, 1931.

R.·.Ill.·.Frank H. Whitney, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Colorado and Past Master of Peekskill Council, No. 55, died October 30, 1930.

Ill.·.Major D. Hanna, Past Master of Adelphic Council, No. 7, died June 3, 1930.

Ill.·.Henry W. Remington, Past Master of Adelphic Council, No. 7, died October 22, 1930.

Ill.·.Augustus A. Derdenger, Past Master of Buffalo Council, No. 17, died May 5, 1931.

Ill.·.James R. Kimber, Past Master of Doric Council, No. 19, died June 19, 1930.

Ill.·.Henry B. Schryver, Past Master of King Solomon Council, No. 31, died April 8, 1931.

Ill.·.A. Gardner Phillips, Past Master of Alph-Omega Council, No. 71, died August 23, 1930.

Ill.·.Charles F. Loomis, Past Master of Fulton Council, No. 50, died January 5, 1931.

Ill.·.H. Lloyd Griffin, Past Master of Peekskill Council, No. 55, died May 22, 1931.

In this list are contained the names of two Past Grand Masters of this Grand Council. To me personally the one whom I will miss the most is Henry A. MacGruer. The doctor and I had been very closely associated in all branches of Masonic activity and to him probably more than anyone else is due any prominence which I have obtained in Cryptic Masonry. He early became an Officer in the Grand Council, and in serving his interest there, especially during the period when he was absent in service in the World War, I formed the habit of always attending the Assemblies. Suitable memorials of these distinguished Companions have been prepared and distributed.

Of Other Grand Councils

Alabama—M.·.Ill.·.George Fleming Moore, Past Grand Master, died December 4, 1930.

Arizona—M.·.Ill.·.Charles Washington Conway, Past Grand Master, died February 1, 1931.

M.·.Ill.·.Joseph H. Byers, Past Grand Master, died July 3, 1931.

M.·.Ill.·.David J. Mills, Past Grand Master, died July 6, 1931.

California—M.·.Ill.·.Thomas O. Heydenfeldt, Past Grand Master, died April 17, 1930.

M.·.Ill.·.August Wackerbarth, Past Grand Master, died February 21, 1931.

Colorado—M.·.Ill.·.William Shockley, Past Grand Master, died June 30, 1930.

M.·.Ill.·.H. Wadsworth Woodward, Past Grand Master, died November 6, 1930.

M.·.Ill.·.John William Wingate, Past Grand Master, died November 15, 1930.

Connecticut—Ill.·.Daniel Fairchild Wheeler, Grand Treasurer, died April 5, 1931.

Georgia—M.·.Ill.·.Clarence H. Andrew, Past Grand Master, died August 20, 1930.

M.·.Ill.·.John T. Waldrop, Past Grand Master, died May 19, 1931.

Indiana—R.·.Ill.·.Vestal Warren Woodward, Grand Treasurer, died April 21, 1931.

Iowa—M.·.Ill.·.Amos Norris Alberson, Past Grand Master, died August 17, 1931.

Kentucky—M.·.Ill.·.Charles H. Fisk, Past Grand Master, died October 30, 1930.

Maryland—M.·.Ill.·.John Walter Bueschel, Past Grand Master, died January 8, 1931.

Michigan—M.·.Ill.·.Horace Edgar Hatch, Past Grand Master, died May 4, 1931.

M.·.Ill.·.Frank Pomeroy Wilcox, Past Grand Master, died July 1, 1931.

Minnesota—M.·.Ill.·.Christian Roug, Grand Master, died January 26, 1931.

Mississippi—M.·.Ill.·.William Henry Whitaker, Past Grand Master, died March 19, 1931.

Missouri—M.·.Ill.·.Louis Moller, Past Grand Master, died December 5, 1930.

M.·.Ill.·.John M. Waller, Past Grand Master, died March 27, 1931.

M.·.Ill.·.Victor H. Falkenhainer, Past Grand Master and Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York, died May 6, 1931.

Nebraska—M.·.Ill.·.John D. Moore, Past Grand Master, died July 26, 1930.

M.·.Ill.·.William L. Ritter, Past Grand Master, died October 20, 1930.

North Carolina—M.·.Ill.·.Merle J. Carson, Past Grand Master, died September 1, 1930.

M.·.Ill.·.James H. Taylor, Past Grand Master, died January 21, 1931.

R.·.Ill.·.John S. Wood, Grand Chaplain, died February 1, 1931.

Ohio—M.·.Ill.·.Otto Bishop Cornell, Past Grand Master, died May 5, 1931.

Oklahoma—R.·.Ill.·.Milo A. Nelson, Grand Treasurer, died September 1, 1930.

South Carolina—M.·.Ill.·.Francis Eugene Harrison, Past Grand Master, died June 15, 1931.

Tennessee—M.·.Ill.·.Stith M. Cain, Past Grand Master and Grand Recorder, died July 22, 1930.

Vermont—M.·.Ill.·.Frederick Herbert Babbitt, Past Grand Master, died July 29, 1931.

Wisconsin—M.·.Ill.·.Daniel McNaughton, Past Grand Master, died November 13, 1930.

Grand Representatives

Appointed

It has been my privilege to appoint the following named Representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils:

October 22, 1930. At the request of the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Louisiana, I was pleased to appoint R.·.Ill.·.Harry Sellers as our Representative near that Grand Council.

March 17, 1931. At the request of the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Louisiana, I was pleased to appoint R.·.Ill.·.RUDOLPH LATZKO as our Representative near that Grand Council.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Accredited

I have also been pleased to recommend for appointment as Grand Representatives near our own Grand Council the following Companions. In each instance the recommendations were concurred in and commissions issued and presented to the Companions named.

October 16, 1930. M.·.Ill.·.CHARLES H. JOHNSON, Past Grand Master, Past Master of DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, as the Representative of the Grand Council of England and Wales.

November 22, 1930. R.·.Ill.·.HARRY I. TONG, Past Master of Southern Tier Council, No. 16, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio, his term of office having expired.

April 23, 1931. R.·.Ill.·.CLARE E. BURTIS, Past Master of Adoniram Council, No. 36, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Arkansas in place of R.·.Ill.·.THOMAS PARKE, resigned.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

September 23, 1930. Upon request, jurisdiction was waived by Warren Council, No. 5, of Jersey City, New Jersey, over Companion GEORGE PAYNE KINSEY, of Bayonne, New Jersey, in favor of Adelphic Council, No. 7.

January 7, 1931. Upon request, jurisdiction was waived by Warren Council, No. 5, of Jersey City, New Jersey, over Companion FRANCIS A. MORRISON, of Jersey City, New Jersey, in favor of Adelphic Council, No. 7.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES FOR OTHER COUNCILS

I am pleased to be able to report that no requests were made nor received for the conferring of degrees by courtesy for other Councils. While in ordinary instances, the complying with requests to perform this favor is not irksome, yet I have known of cases where it has caused quite a little inconvenience. Ordinarily a Council ought not to ask another one to do its work for it. And again the obtaining of Masonic degrees ought not to be made too easy. In my opinion the favor is done to the one receiving the degree, rather than the body conferring it. What is lightly gained is least esteemed. Think twice before making such requests.

Decisions

But one request for a decision has reached me this year. Some inquiries have been made to the Grand Recorder, but as the answer was clearly indicated by a reference to the letter of the Constitution, they were disposed of by calling attention to the Constitutional rule.

The facts of this case are these: A Companion of one of our Councils, desiring to change his membership to another Council, presented a petition of affiliation to the latter Council. By action regularly taken therein the petitioner was accepted, and notice of said action duly given to the Council of which the petitioner was a member, as provided by Sec. 35 of the Constitution. This Council granted the request and issued a demit, which was forwarded to the Companion. The Companion did not appear in the Council to which he had been elected, deposit his demit and sign the by-laws, as required by Sec. 34 of the Constitution, to consummate his membership therein, and on being requested so to do, stated that he had changed his mind and wanted to retain his membership where it originally was. I was asked to define his present status, and to indicate the proper steps to be taken to complete his membership in either Council. My answer was that as this Companion had been granted a demit by his original Council he is no longer a member thereof, and as he has not consummated his membership in the second Council, to which he had been elected, by depositing the demit and signing the by-laws his status is that of an unaffiliated Council Mason. If he desires to resume his membership in the first Council he must petition for affiliation in the usual way, and if elected deposit his demit there and sign the by-laws. If, however, he again changes his mind and wishes to complete his membership in the second Council, he can do so by depositing the demit and signing the by-laws.

Dispensations

The usual number of Dispensations have been granted, but as they are all of a routine character they will not be reported in detail. It would appear that for the most part these are unnecessary. To a large extent their necessity is the result of carelessness on the part of the Recorders of Councils. As they greatly increase the labor of the Grand Master and Grand Recorder, it would be well if more attention were given to the requirements of the law by Officers of Councils, and the necessity of asking for and receiving a Dispensation will to a large extent be avoided.

New Rituals

Much to the relief of the Officers of the various Councils the new rituals which have been in the course of revision and preparation for a number of years, have been completed, printed and distributed to all the

Councils of the State. As the use of the new ritual is now imperative, much confusion will be prevented if all the old rituals be returned to the Grand Recorder for destruction. That was an integral part of the plan of distribution adopted by the Grand Recorder and for the most part has been complied with by the Councils. Some, however, have failed to return the old rituals, some indeed have requested that they be allowed to keep them. It is highly improper for there to remain in the hands of the Councils anything except the authorized rituals, and all such requests necessarily had to be denied. It is earnestly requested that all old rituals now outstanding be returned to the Grand Recorder at once.

Official Visitations

As soon as possible after the last Grand Assembly I caused to be prepared the schedule of Official Visits to be made by the Line Officers of the Grand Council to the Councils of the State and caused it to be distributed. The reports received show that all the Councils in the State were officially visited by a Representative of the Grand Council, and I have no doubt but that interest in Cryptic Masonry was revived and stimulated thereby. I was present at but one of those visits, my own Council, Central City, No. 13, where I appeared unofficially. I purposely refrained from appearing at any of the other official visits. The Official Visitor is put to a great deal of trouble in making these visits, and it is due to him that he be permitted to occupy the center of the stage upon that occasion, and not be overshadowed by the presence of the Grand Master.

The Official Circular follows:

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

M.·.Ill.·.JEROME L. CHENEY
GRAND MASTER
400 Court House, Syracuse, N. Y.

October 13, 1930.

To the Officers of the Grand Council and to the Officers and Companions of all Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York.

GREETING:

In compliance with the General Regulations of the Grand Council, the Councils of this Jurisdiction are hereby apportioned for Official Visitations, as follows:

R.·.Ill.·.JOHN A. DERTHICK
Deputy Grand Master
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Union, No. 2	New York City
Keystone, No. 20	Buffalo
DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	Albany
Palmyra, No. 26	Palmyra
Hornellsville, No. 35	Hornell
Oneonta, No. 87	Oneonta

R.·.Ill.·.ALBERT S. PRICE
Grand P.·.C.·.of the Work
Jamestown, N. Y.

Southern Tier, No. 16	Elmira
Olean, No. 33	Olean
Washington, No. 52	Whitehall
Peekskill, No. 55	Peekskill
Johnstown, No. 72	Johnstown
Huntington, No. 76	Huntington

R.·.Ill.·.William F. Seber

Grand Captain of the Guard

Troy, N. Y.

Columbian, No. 1	New York City
Doric, No. 19	Rochester
Binghamton, No. 24	Binghamton
Dunkirk, No. 25	Dunkirk
Bath, No. 40	Bath
St. George's, No. 74	Schenectady
Triangle, No. 85	Jamaica

R.·.Ill.·.S. Ormond Goldan

Grand Conductor of the Council

New York City

Bloss, No. 14	Troy
Buffalo, No. 17	Buffalo
Jamestown, No. 32	Jamestown
Fulton, No. 50	Fulton
Zabud, No. 84	Freeport
Lafayette, No. 86	Yonkers

R.·.Ill.·.A. Edward Krieger

Grand Marshal

Salamanca, N. Y.

Adelphic, No. 7	New York City
King Hiram, No. 18	Auburn
Cryptic, No. 37	Saratoga Springs
Phoenix, No. 70	Mt. Vernon
Temple, No. 79	Niagara Falls
Zarthan, No. 83	Ilion

R.·.Ill.·.Raymond E. Westbury

Grand Standard Bearer

Rochester, N. Y.

King Solomon, No. 31	Poughkeepsie
Watertown, No. 34	Watertown
Adoniram, No. 36	Flushing
Corning, No. 53	Corning
Alph-Omega, No. 71	Medina
Salamanca, No. 82	Salamanca

R.·.Ill.·.Charles B. Weller

Grand Steward

Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Central City, No. 13.....Syracuse
Bruce, No. 15.....Lockport
Ancient City, No. 21.....Kingston
Hudson, No. 62.....Hudson
St. Lawrence, No. 77.....Potsdam
Flatbush, No. 80.....Brooklyn

R.·.Ill.·.E. Parker Waggoner

Grand Lecturer

Buffalo, N. Y.

Brooklyn, No. 4.....Brooklyn
Rotica, No. 12.....Rome
Tyrian, No. 43.....Plattsburgh
Skoi-Yase, No. 75.....Waterloo
Catskill, No. 78.....Catskill
Joseph Warren, No. 81.....Glens Falls

The Grand Officers are requested to make their visits as early in the Council year as can be arranged. The Master of each Council will please immediately communicate with the Officer assigned to visit his Council who will set a date for his visit.

The Masters of the Councils are requested to arrange for the exemplification of one or more degrees at the time of the Official Visit, that the work of the Council may be witnessed by the Visitor.

Fraternally yours,

Jerome L. Cheney,

Grand Master.

Attest:

George Edward Hatch,

Grand Recorder.

Visitations

The necessity for conserving my health prevented me from accepting almost all of the invitations which I received during the year. I did attend the session of the Grand Council of Ohio, at Columbus on September 29th-30th, which was the occasion of the celebration of its One Hundredth Anniversary. This celebration was held in the historic temple

of New England Lodge, No. 4, at Worthington, O., a few miles from Columbus, which was built in 1820, and in which the Grand Council of Ohio was organized in 1830. The session was very interesting and instructive, and the Companions of Ohio were lavish in their hospitality. I also attended the Grand Council of Massachusetts held at Boston on December 8, 1930. To those who have been privileged to attend a session of this Grand Council it is only necessary to state that Massachusetts lived up to its reputation, and my only regret was that my time was so limited that I was obliged to leave earlier than I wished to. That we might not be unrepresented at other Grand Councils, to which my presence was requested, I delegated others of my Officers to attend in my stead. R.·. Ill.·.JOHN A. DERTHICK, Deputy Grand Master, visited the Grand Councils of Delaware, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and New Jersey; R.·.Ill.·. S. ORMOND GOLDAN, Grand Conductor of the Council, acted as my representative at the Grand Council of Connecticut, and R.·.Ill.·.JOHN BURDEN, our Grand Representative from Michigan, presented my compliments and regrets to that Grand Council. Each one of these Representatives were cordially received and welcomed. I was also officially received as the Grand Master of the Grand Council at the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York and at the Council of Deliberation of the State of New York, Scottish Rite Masons, which honor was gratefully appreciated.

On April 8, 1931, my own Council, Central City, No. 13, tendered me a reception at the Masonic Temple in Syracuse, which was largely attended and enjoyed. The Super-Excellent Master degree was conferred in the superb manner for which the workers in this Council are famous.

CONDITION OF THE RITE

As you will learn from the report of the Grand Recorder, the details of which I will not go into, we cannot gain much comfort from the statistics of the Cryptic Rite in this State for this year. There has been not only a decrease in the number of new Companions greeted, but also a considerable increase in our membership losses, the result being that we show a net loss of 545. This is much too great, and deserves careful consideration to determine the cause and to ascertain the methods by which if possible this can be corrected. The fact that other bodies of Masonry find themselves in the same situation may afford us a melancholy satisfaction, but that fails entirely to meet the condition. The cause presents a two-fold aspect, the falling off in new members, and the loss in those we already have, and each requires different treatment. To use the salesman's lingo, there can be no doubt but that we have something of value to sell. The degrees conferred in the Council of Royal and Select Masters are some of the most beautiful and instructive in the

whole realm of Masonry. As the General Grand Master said at our Assembly last year: "I confess to you that there are few degrees which make a more favorable or lasting impression upon candidates than these degrees. I feel that we are a little bit derelict in our duty as members of this body that we do not bring to the attention of our Companions and associates the beauties of these degrees." Although urged strongly so to do, it is evident from the figures that we are not reaching our goal. What is the reason? Your first answer will be the great financial depression from which the whole world is suffering, and the scarcity of money even for necessities, leaves no surplus which can be applied to luxuries or superfluities, of which Masonry certainly is one. It may be that we have been faint hearted and have not exerted ourselves to the extent of our ability. I am not going to charge you with that, but am going to leave it with every Companion to settle with his own conscience. As to the preventable losses, "the suspensions for non-payment of dues," and its equally deadly brother, "dropped at his own request," we have heard the changes rung in many different addresses, giving many reasons, of which the general depression is one, but the concensus of opinion seems to be that the basic fault for such losses lies in the Councils themselves, in that they fail to make membership therein so interesting that it is prized beyond the monetary obligation, and that they fail to make sufficient inquiry into conditions of those in arrears and sufficient effort to retain those who have lost interest. The remedy is evidently more attention on the part of individual Council Officers, and no amount of preaching will accomplish the desired result, unless combined with such effort.

Financial

About the first of June my attention was called to the fact that there had been a confusion and co-mingling of the accounts and the funds of the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery, both of which were in the hands of the same man as Grand Treasurer, and that it was difficult to determine where we stood financially. I immediately called for and received the resignation of our then Grand Treasurer and appointed M.·.Ill.·.Roland K. Mason, Past Grand Master, as Acting Grand Treasurer until the meeting of this Grand Council. He took possession of all the books and property of the Grand Council which could be obtained. An auditor was appointed who started an investigation of the books and accounts. Up to date I have not received the report of the auditor, and am unable to state whether or not there will be any financial loss to the Grand Council.

The inquiry developed that the Grand Treasurer was bonded in the sum of $2,000, the amount determined by the Grand Council, and notice was served upon the bondsman to preserve our rights. It is evident

that this bond is too small to protect the interest of the Grand Council, as the Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand last year of about $11,000.00. I required the Acting Grand Treasurer to furnish a bond of $10,000.00. This has been filed and is now in the hands of the Grand Trustees, as provided by the Constitution.

The Constitution requires that the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder, the officers handling the funds of the Grand Council, each execute and file with the Trustees a bond in such sum as the Grand Council shall determine. Those bonds were fixed by the Grand Council at $2,000.00 and $2,500.00 and were executed and filed as required, and have been renewed from time to time, including this year. It is evident that such bonds should be in such an amount as experience has demonstrated will probably be in the hands of either of these Officers at any one time. I therefore recommend that the Committee on Finance and Accounts investigate the matter, and report to the Grand Council for its action a resolution fixing the amount of such bonds at such a sum as would in their judgment be an adequate protection.

It is fortunate that this condition was discovered before the dues of subordinate Councils for this year had been paid. These have been collected and paid over to the Acting Grand Treasurer. But it means that we must be extremely careful of our expenditures. To that end we have continued the practice entered upon last year of failing to print in advance the Grand Master's address, and we propose to continue the reforms in the printing of the proceedings, also introduced last year, which have greatly reduced our printing bill without the sacrifice, so far as we can see, of the value of the publication.

Conclusion

As I stated at the outset, the affairs of this Grand Council would not have been carried on without the help which I have received from my associate Grand Officers, willingly tendered and thankfully received. None have failed me in any request which I have made, and I desire to put on record the sense of obligation to them under which I rest, and to tender to them my sincere thanks. I shall always cherish as one of my choicest possessions my recollection of their loyalty in upholding my hands in my time of need. As this help was so general, it is difficult to single out any of them for special mention, but the ones upon whom I leaned most heavily were the Deputy Grand Master, R.·.Ill.·.John A. Derthick and the Grand Recorder, M.·.Ill.·.George Edward Hatch. Companion Derthick might fitly be termed my traveling representative, for at those places and occasions when it was desirable that the Grand

Master should appear and I was unable to go, the Deputy Grand Master was present in my stead, at some of these by my request, and at others upon his own initiative. He was never weary in well doing.

To our Grand Recorder great praise is also due. From his long experience as Grand Master and afterward as Grand Recorder he was intimately in touch with Cryptic affairs in all parts of the State, all of which information was freely offered me, and I found his information valuable and his judgment sound. I was furnished with copies of all the correspondence that passed through his office, and it was great in quantity. I was thereby kept in close touch with all that was taking place in Cryptic Masonry within the State and with much that was beyond it. No one who has not come in such close touch with this man as I have been, can appreciate the value of his services to this Grand Council. The routine of his office has been modernized and the records brought up to date and meticulous care is being constantly exercised to keep them so. May the days of his years be many, and may this Grand Council continue to receive his services until the end, and then will the paths of succeeding Grand Masters be smoothed and made easy.

Thus you have before you the record of the year's work in Cryptic Masonry in the State of New York. My only regret is that there is not more of it, and that my contribution has been so small, but it is impossible to kick against the pricks. Do with it what you will.

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

Report of Acting Grand Treasurer

M.·.Ill.·.Roland K. Mason presented the following as his report as Acting Grand Treasurer.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 31, 1931.

To the Grand Council:

Your acting Grand Treasurer presents the following as his Annual Report, June 2nd to date:

RECEIPTS

1931		
June 23	Received from Grand Recorder	$3,000.00
Aug. 21	" " " "	5,000.00
Aug. 31	" " " "	1,386.53
		$9,386.53

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid	Warrant	1101	Grand Recorder's salary, rent, etc	$166.67
"	"	1102	Grand Recorder's salary, rent, etc	166.67
"	"	1103	John B. Mullan, Grand Recorder's Bond	15.63
"	"	1104	A. Edward Krieger, expenses, Official Visits	25.21
"	"	1105	E. Parker Waggoner, expenses, Official Visits	162.08
"	"	1106	Raymond E. Westbury, expenses, Official Visits	91.10
"	"	1107	Albert S. Price, expenses, Official Visits	159.88
"	"	1108	Charles B. Weller, expenses, Official Visits	111.37
"	"	1109	Dieges & Clust, Past Grand Master's Jewel	75.00
"	"	1110	H. E. Wilson, Inc., flowers	15.50
"	"	1111	Drexler Print Shop, printing	50.84
"	"	1112	Grand Recorder's salary, rent, etc	166.66
"	"	1113	Pihlblad's General Insurance Agency, Acting Grand Treasurer's Bond	37.50
"	"	1114	Charles W. Timmerman, Grand Master's Apron	45.00
			Balance on hand	8,097.53
				$9,386.53

I also have in my possession the following bank books: Erie County Saving Bank, Buffalo; East River Savings Institution, New York; National Savings Bank, Albany; National Bank of Watervliet and Union Trust Company, Jamestown, showing a credit value due the Grand Council of $1,126.03, $3,863.31, $4,325.82, $129.83 and $1,278.35 respectively.

Fraternally submitted,

Roland K. Mason,

Acting Grand Treasurer.

M.·.Ill.·.ROLAND K. MASON:

On the second day of June I received the appointment as Acting Grand Treasurer and was ordered to go to Medina and secure the books and documents of the Grand Treasurer. This I did, securing what I could. I turned them over to a Public Accountant, who is here today. He is a representative in this Grand Council. With permission of the Deputy Grand Master, I ask that he be allowed to give his report at this time.

JOSEPH M. SHAFER, Auditor:

In submitting this report, I will say, it is a hard thing to tear down a structure. Companion NEWELL was elected as Treasurer in 1903. On the second day of June it was discovered he had defaulted $2,400.65. My report covers a lot of data that is of no interest generally. It will be up to the Finance Committee to make recommendations as they see fit. I have made some recommendations to them which I think will be to the advantage of the Grand Council.

On motion, the reports of the Acting Grand Treasurer and the auditor were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of Grand Recorder

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

Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 31, 1931.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

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

Cash receipts for the year have been as follows:

For Grand Council dues and fees	$8,799.80
Dispensation fees for Special Assemblies	6.50
Interest on Securities in possession of Grand Trustees	571.15
Interest on Deposits	9.08
Total receipts from all sources	$9,386.53

All of this amount has been paid to the Acting Grand Treasurer and for which I have his receipts.

The fund for the incidental expenses of the Grand Recorder's office stands as follows:

On hand September 22, 1930	$114.95
Disbursements during the year	84.65
Amount on hand August 31, 1931	$30.30

STATISTICS

Registered members May 31, 1930		12,570
Companions greeted during the year	185	
Companions affiliated during the year	16	
Companions restored during the year	13	214
Total		12,784
Companions died during the year	255	
Companions dimitted during the year	29	
Companions suspended during the year	370	
Companions dropped at own request	105	759
Registered Members May 31, 1931		12,025
Net loss for the year		545

During the past year the card index system has been completed and it is now possible without delay to ascertain the history and membership of any Companion of our Jurisdiction.

The new rituals were printed early in the Council year and distributed to the Councils as ordered by the Grand Council.

All of the Councils have made returns for the year. Forty-five Councils have paid their dues in full, one has made partial payment and three have made no payment.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE EDWARD HATCH,

Grand Recorder.

Report of Grand Trustees

The Grand Trustees presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts:

Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 31, 1931.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

Total assets as reported September 22, 1930		$13,223.34
Received:		
Interest on Liberty Bonds	$106.25	
Erie County Savings Bank, Interest to July 1, 1931	45.71	
East River Savings Institution, Interest to July 1, 1931	166.79	
National Savings Bank, Interest to July 1, 1931	197.92	
National Bank of Watervliet, Interest to July 1, 1931	5.22	
Union Trust Company, Jamestown, Interest to July 1, 1931	41.30	563.19
Total		$13,786.53
Disbursed:		
To the Grand Recorder: Interest accumulations for year ending July 1, 1930		571.15
Total assets July 1, 1931		$13,215.38

The above funds are invested as follows:

Erie County Savings Bank, Buffalo, N. Y.	$1,171.74
East River Savings Institution, New York, N. Y.	4,030.10
National Savings Bank, Albany, N. Y.	4,523.74
National Bank of Watervliet, Watervliet, N. Y.	135.05
Union Trust Company, Jamestown, N. Y.	854.75
Fourth Liberty Bonds (now supposed to be in the hands of George A. Newell)	2,500.00
	$13,215.38

We have in our possession the surety bond of M.·.Ill.·.Roland K. Mason, Grand Treasurer in the Alliance Casualty Company of Philadelphia, in the penal sum of Ten Thousand Dollars.

We have a certificate of renewal of the surety bond of M.·.P.·.George A. Newell, as Grand Treasurer in the National Surety Company, in the penal sum of Two Thousand Dollars.

We have a certificate continuing in force a bond for "sundry officials" in the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, in the penal sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars.

Fraternally submitted,

Roland K. Mason,
George R. Hemenway,
Oliver H. LaBarre,
Grand Trustees.

Report of Committee on Credentials and Returns

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

Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 31, 1931.

To the Grand Council:

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

Columbian, No. 1	Bernard C. Harter	Master
Union, No. 2	Albert F. Gatow	Master
	Edward Feih	Proxy for Deputy Master
	Oliver H. LaBarre	Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Brooklyn, No. 4	Harry J. Williams	Master

Adelphic, No. 7	George S. Rosendale	Master
	Edward W. S. Wells	Deputy Master
	Lewis S. Benton	P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Rotica, No. 12	A. Edward Wetherbee	Master
	John H. Adams	Proxy for Deputy Master
	William George Wilson	P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Central City, No. 13	Frank A. Rupp	Master
	Frank H. Allen	P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Bloss, No. 14	Frederick W. Powers	Proxy for Master
Bruce, No. 15	Harold L. Goodenough	Master
	Howard C. Townsend	Deputy Master
	Louis T. Huber	P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Southern Tier, No. 16	Frederick W. Hubbard	Master
	Alexander H. Borthwick	Proxy for Deputy Master
	Kenneth W. Marks	Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Buffalo, No. 17	Eugene H. Miannay	Master
	Carroll H. Hall	Deputy Master
King Hiram, No. 18	John A. Keller	Master
	Harold W. Jackson	Deputy Master
	Edgar S. Mosher	Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Doric, No. 19	Oliver F. Bartold	Master
	George J. Vetter	Proxy for Deputy Master
	Homer E. A. Dick	P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Keystone, No. 20	Charles H. Wilson	Master
	Frank A. Lobee, Jr	Proxy for Deputy Master
	William S. Riselay	Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Ancient City, No. 21	George W. Gulick	Master
DeWitt Clinton, No. 22	James England	Master
	Jacob W. Gardner	Deputy Master
	Robert P. Shollenberger	P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Binghamton, No. 24	E. Stanley Pier	Master
Palmyra, No. 26	Alfred C. Hopkins	Proxy for Master
King Solomon, No. 31	John G. Moller	Proxy for Master
Jamestown, No. 32	Earl A. Weakley	Proxy for Master
	James H. Mason	Proxy for Deputy Master
	Joseph M. Shafer	Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Olean, No. 33	James W. Ulmschneider	Master
Hornellsville, No. 35	Roy M. Hackett	Master
	Andrew D. Travis	Proxy for Deputy Master
	Arthur M. Seaman	P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Adoniram, No. 36	George O. Linkletter	Proxy for Master
Cryptic, No. 37	Charles F. Flammer	Master
Tyrian, No. 43	Elmer Charles White	Master
	Harry C. Hitchcock	Proxy for Deputy Master
Fulton, No. 50	Ransom A. Short	Master
	Henry M. Holly	Deputy Master
Washington, No. 52	William Wallace Jeffers	Master
Corning, No. 53	Willard Morris Sage	Master
Peekskill, No. 55	Elbert F. Utter	Proxy for Master
Hudson, No. 62	Roy W. Larson	Master
	Edward H. Helwig	Proxy for Deputy Master
	Stanley E. Couse	P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Phoenix, No. 70	Alton B. Eckert	Master
	George S. Wyman	Proxy for Deputy Master
	John Burden	Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.

Alph-Omega, No. 71	Charles A. Mack	Proxy for Master
	Afton W. Richmond	Proxy for Deputy Master
Johnstown, No. 72	John G. Ferres, 2nd	Master
	Cornelius W. Barr	Proxy for Deputy Master
	Earl C. McCulloch	Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
St. George's, No. 74	James P. Eaton	Master
	Samuel S. Forster	Proxy for Deputy Master
Skoi-Yase, No. 75	Lee W. Vreeland	Master
St. Lawrence, No. 77	Franklin C. Lytle	Master
Catskill, No. 78	Walter E. Howe	Proxy for Master
	Seth T. Cole	Proxy for Deputy Master
	Lewis R. Magee	Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Temple, No. 79	Charles W. Knapp	Master
	John T. Craig	Deputy Master
	William C. Sharples	P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Flatbush, No. 80	Charles A. Gamble	Proxy for Master
	Arthur H. Moeller	Proxy for Deputy Master
	John A. Derthick	Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Joseph Warren, No. 81	Fred W. Hamilton	Master
	John Monty	Proxy for Deputy Master
	William Lee	Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Salamanca, No. 82	Clifford C. Cheney	Proxy for Master
	A. Edward Krieger	Proxy for P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Zabud, No. 84	George Wood	Proxy for Master
	Joseph L. Cleary	Proxy for Deputy Master
Triangle, No. 85	Edward L. Hein	Proxy for Master
	John G. Torborg, Jr.	Deputy Master
Lafayette, No. 86	Robert William Stewart	Master
Oneonta, No. 87	D. L. Palmer	Master

Report of Committee on Fraternal Dead

R.·.Ill.·.and Rev. Harry Gladstone Greensmith, B.D., Grand Chaplain, read the following report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which, on motion, was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings:

Niagara Falls, N. Y., September 1, 1931.

To the Grand Council:

Once more we pause in our deliberations to do honor to the memory of those who have labored with us in the quarries of Cryptic Rite Masonry, but who have now, at the command of the Great Architect of the Universe, laid down their working tools, to renew their labors in that Temple whose builder and maker is God.

Bodily, they are absent from us but in memory today we hold them dear. One by one during the year they have passed. We shall not see their smiling faces, and yet memory brings them vividly before us; we

shall not hear them speak from the floor of this Council Chamber, yet the richness and melody of their voices has not faded from our ears.

Life and death are one and inseparable. Three score years and ten may keep them apart, but inevitably death overtakes life for "the moment we begin to live, that moment we begin to die."

"For life and death walk hand in hand,
With never a span between,
And the same path leads to that Other Land
Where the sunlit fields are green."

This memorial hour not only brings to remembrance our Fraternal Dead, but it is also a reminder to us, the living, of the tremendous fact that some Glad Day memorial services will be at an end.

We of this Age of Grace are subject to physical suffering and death, but in the Father's Home, that House not made with hands eternal in the heavens, to which our beloved in the faith have gone, suffering and death are done away with. And how sublime is the thought that in God's good time we shall all be changed. "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. And the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in Him shall be changed, and made like unto His own glorious body." (St. Paul.)

So then, death actually becomes gain to the righteous dead.

"They are withdrawn from this world's weariness
Beyond its pain, beyond its bitter stress,
They are at Peace.
They see the Face of God, and know at last
The thing they sought,
But could not find in this grey light of time.
They tread with holy feet that far off clime,
They live with God."

This memorial hour should not be passed by without a thought being given to the future. Let us hope and earnestly pray that long life may be our portion so that we may continue in our labors assisting the Grand Master in the re-creation of mankind, and in the preparation of making human hearts fit vessels for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God. Let us live, therefore, as we are enabled by the Spirit of God that our lives may be a daily benediction to our brethern.

"Ah, so to live that every hour
Shall die as dies the natural flower
A self reviving thing of power.
Ah, so to live, that looking back
We see a sunny flowery track
Made so by years, how sweet to tell
We have lived twice by living well."

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY GLADSTONE GREENSMITH,

Grand Chaplain.

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address

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

Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 31, 1931.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

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

That the section relating to the Fraternal Dead be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

That all appointments made by the Grand Master be approved.

That the decision of the Grand Master in the case of the Companion who sought to change his membership from one Council to another but who failed to deposit his demit after its issuance be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

That the action taken by the Grand Master in relation to the affairs of the Grand Treasurer's office be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That the portion of the address relating to loss in membership be referred to the Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite.

That the recommendation of the Grand Master relative to the proper bonding of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

Your Committee urges your careful attention to the suggestions of the Grand Master with reference to the many unnecessary applications for dispensations which might well be avoided by a better knowledge of our Constitution, as well as the failure to return old rituals. In the interest of uniformity in work as well as the passing of old rituals into profane hands give heed to this request.

The inability of our Grand Master to be as active as he had wished has been well understood though deeply regretted by the Companions of this and other Jurisdictions. We delight, however, to recall the many years of most active service he has given to Masonry, and especially to our own beloved Rite and his abiding interest for our welfare which has never flagged. We look forward to a continuance of the inspiration that he has brought to us by his vision, his advice and sound judgment and the cheer of that good fellowship which he has always brought to us throughout his entire official career.

Your Committee further recommends that all of the official acts of the Grand Master not especially referred to in this report be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

EUGENE E. HINMAN,
E. STANLEY PIER,
OLIVER F. BARTOLD,
Committee.

M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, Grand Recorder:

In the report just read you will remember that the Grand Master spoke about the old rituals being returned to the Grand Recorder and I would like to urge the Councils to send in those which they have in their keeping. I would also like the permission of the Grand Council to destroy our old rituals which have accumulated in my office. On motion, the permission to destroy the old rituals was granted.

Report of Grand Lecturer

The Grand Lecturer submitted the following Annual Report, which, on motion, was received and referred to the Commitee on Ritual:

Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 31, 1931.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

In submitting this, my fifth annual report as Grand Lecturer of the Grand Council, I do so with the feeling that progress has been made toward having the ritualistic part of our work as near uniform and proper as possible.

During the past year our new rituals have been printed and distributed to all the constituent Councils. This is bound to make for a better understanding of our work and enable the subordinate Officers to render better service.

There have been no special calls for assistance by the Grand Lecturer during the year other than that usually asked for at an official visitation but whenever any requests for information have been received they have been cheerfully granted.

It has been my privilege to officially visit over thirty of our Councils and from the interest shown in an effort to do good work I feel sure that the future of our Rite is in competent hands and will continue to show improvement as the years go by.

I have deeply appreciated the opportunity to serve this Grand Body during the past year and trust that my efforts have met with your approbation.

Fraternally submitted,

E. PARKER WAGGONER,

Grand Lecturer.

M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, Grand Recorder:

I have received a letter from Ill.·.ADAM HOTALING, Master of Zarthan Council, No. 83, in which he states that at an Assembly of Zarthan Council held on June 11, 1931, a resolution was unanimously passed that the Council surrender its Charter to the Grand Council at this Annual Assembly. I have since received all of the books, papers, etc., including the Charter of Zarthan Council and they are now in a safe in my office. On motion, the matter of the surrender of the Charter of Zarthan Council, No. 83, was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Report of Foreign Correspondent

R.·.Ill.·.OSSIAN LANG, Foreign Correspondent, presented his report, which, on motion was received and ordered printed in the Proceedings.

GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, Grand Recorder:

I have received a letter from Adelphic Council, No. 7, of New York City, extending a cordial invitation to the Officers and members of this Grand Council to attend the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebration of Adelphic Council in New York City on October 29th and 30th, 1931.

The Deputy Grand Master then called upon each of the distinguished guests and it is regretted that space does not permit the printing of the interesting addresses which were given by them.

From Labor to Refreshment

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment until 10:00 o'clock, Tuesday morning, September 1st.

Entertainment

The Companions and their ladies were kept busy by the Companions of Temple Council and enjoyed greatly the program of entertainment which had been prepared for them. A luncheon for the ladies at the

Country Club followed an automobile ride in the morning. The Companions enjoyed a luncheon at the Temple after the morning session and the afternoon was spent visiting various points of interest around the Falls. The links of the Country Club were at the disposal of those who wished to play golf and many availed themselves of the privilege.

The usual Grand Council Banquet was held at the Cataract House in the evening, the speaker being M.·.W.·.CHARLES H. JOHNSON, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council and present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. After the banquet most of the visitors went over to the Canadian side to see that magnificent spectacle, the illumination of the Falls.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION

The Grand Council was called from Refreshment to Labor, Tuesday morning, September 1, 1931, at ten o'clock. Officers and Representatives as at the previous session.

R.·.Ill.·.and Rev. Harry Gladstone Greensmith was escorted to the Altar and offered the following

PRAYER

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, again we thank Thee for giving us health and strength to be able to be present here this morning. We pray Thy Holy Blessing upon those who are not able to be with us. We pray Thee give us health and strength to return home to our loved ones. Bless all our deliberations. Be with us this day as we select our leaders for the coming year. Bless every one in this fraternity. Give to these delegates safety as they return home to their dear ones. May we all carry on in our respective Councils, doing that which will help manhood to a higher plane of living, so that each one of us shall reflect the glory of God as He may impart His wisdom to us.

Our Father, we beseech Thee to hear this, our Morning Prayer. Amen.

The record of the session of August 31st was adopted as taken by the official stenographer.

R.·.Ill.·.John A. Derthick, Deputy Grand Master:

May I say that shortly before nine o'clock this morning I saw Grand Master Cheney and he is in a very weakened condition as yet but I think he is on the way to recovery. It will, however, be impossible for him to be here with us.

The time fixed for the election of Officers having arrived, the Deputy Grand Master announced the appointment of M.·.Ill.·.Companions Oliver H. LaBarre, William S. Riselay and Frank M. Adee as Tellers and the election of Officers was then held with the following result:

John A. Derthick.....	Elected	Grand Master
Albert S. Price.....	"	Deputy Grand Master
William F. Seber.....	"	Grand P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
Roland K. Mason.....	"	Grand Treasurer
George Edward Hatch..	"	Grand Recorder
S. Ormond Goldan.....	"	Grand Captain of the Guard
A. Edward Krieger.....	"	Grand Conductor of the Council
Raymond E. Westbury..	"	Grand Marshal
Charles B. Weller.....	"	Grand Standard Bearer
E. Parker Waggoner....	"	Grand Steward
George O. Linkletter...	"	Grand Trustee, for two years
Oliver H. LaBarre.....	"	Grand Trustee, for three years

The Tellers were discharged with the thanks of the Grand Council.

The Grand Master-elect announced the following appointments:

REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D.D.....Grand Chaplain
REV. GEORGE W. GULICK.....Grand Chaplain
EDWARD FEIH.....Grand Lecturer
CHARLES W. DEYO.....Grand Sentinel

Report of Committee on Ritual

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

Niagara Falls, N. Y., September 1, 1931.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

The members of the Committee on Ritual having been privileged to assist in the preparation of the revised ritual, are deeply gratified to note the satisfaction with which it has been received by the various Councils throughout the State. By placing into the hands of the Council Officers a standard edition of the work, a great forward step has been taken to bring about a uniformity in the conferral of our degrees.

However, the task will not be completed until the last of the old rituals have been turned over to the Grand Recorder. The members of this Committee, therefore, strongly urge the various Councils in the State to return their old rituals without delay. Not only is there a danger that these rituals may fall into the hands of the profane, but their continued use even in isolated cases will tend to subvert the standard work and thus mar the beauty and effectiveness of our degrees.

Fraternally submitted,

EUGENE E. HINMAN,
EDWARD FEIH,
RAYMOND E. WESTBURY,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Charters and Dispensations

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

Niagara Falls, N. Y., September 1, 1931.

To the Grand Council:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations have carefully investigated the situation at Ilion and are of the opinion that it will be for the best interest of all concerned that the offer of surrender of the Charter of Zarthan Council, No. 83, be with regret accepted.

Fraternally submitted,

George O. Linkletter,
Bernard C. Harter,
Ransom A. Short,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Constitution and Laws

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

Niagara Falls, N. Y., September 1, 1931.

To the Grand Council:

Your Committee on Constitution and Laws respectfully submits the following report:

We hereby approve the decision referred to us regarding the status of the Companion who presented his petition for affiliation, etc., as set forth in our Grand Master's address.

We also submit to you for consideration, the following amendments to our Constitution:

Strike out subdivision 2 of Section 10 under "Duties of the Grand Treasurer," and in its place insert:

"To deposit all moneys received by him for the general fund, in such bank or trust company as shall be approved by the Grand Master as a depository for said general fund; said funds to be deposited in the name of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York."

Add to the General Regulations the following paragraph:

"10. No money or moneys shall be drawn or paid from the general fund of the Grand Council, deposited in any bank or trust company, except on a warrant or warrants duly signed by the Grand Master and Grand Recorder."

It is the opinion of your Committee that the Constitution of our Grand Council is in need of a general revision and we believe that a Committee

should be appointed for the purpose of making recommendations; said Committee to make its report at our next Annual Assembly.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE R. HEMENWAY,
GEORGE S. ROSENDALE,
CLIFFORD C. CHENEY,
Committee.

By unanimous consent, on motion, the amendments to the Constitution as proposed by the Committee on Constitution and Laws were unanimously adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance and Accounts

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

Niagara Falls, N. Y., September 1, 1931.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

Your Committee on Finance and Accounts respectfully reports that it has examined the books of the Acting Grand Treasurer and of the Grand Recorder and found them to be correct.

Your Committee has examined the bond of the Acting Grand Treasurer issued for $10,000.00, and found it to be in proper form and in the possession of the Grand Trustees. We recommend that the bond of the Grand Recorder be increased from $2,500.00 to $10,000.00, and placed in the possession of the Grand Trustees.

Your Committee has examined the report of the Grand Trustees and found the amounts in the several banks to be as stated.

Your Committee recommends:

That the Grand Recorder be authorized to have printed 900 copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Assembly, and that he be authorized to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer in payment therefor.

That the Grand Recorder be authorized to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the expense of entertaining Official Guests at this Grand Assembly.

That the Grand Trustees be directed to pay the Grand Recorder the interest which has accrued from July 1, 1930 to July 1, 1931, on funds and securities in their hands.

That the sum of $1,000.00 be appropriated to be used in the entertainment of the Grand Council at its next Assembly.

That the sum of $150.00, or as much thereof as necesary, be appropriated for the incidental expenses of the Grand Recorder for the ensuing year.

That the sum of $1,500.00 be appropriated as the salary of the Grand Recorder, and the sum of $500.00 be appropriated for the Grand Recorder, for rent and stenographic work for the ensuing year, to be paid to him in monthly payments.

Your Committee has carefully considered the matter of the shortage in the accounts of our former Grand Treasurer, GEORGE A. NEWELL, and would recommend that the incoming Grand Master be authorized to appoint a Special Committee of three, with full power to act for the Grand Council in protecting its interests in the matter.

Your Committee also recommends that $61.28 be paid to Temple Council, No. 79, to pay the deficit for the expenses of the Grand Council of R.·.& S.·.M.·. of the State of New York while at Niagara Falls.

Your Committee further recommends the appropriation and payment of the following amounts:

Pay of Representatives at this Annual Assembly	$2,342.26
Expenses of the Grand Treasurer	25.00
Fraternal Correspondent	300.00
Stenographer for this Annual Assembly	73.02

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR H. MOELLER,
PHILIP M. NAST, JR.,
HARRY J. WILLIAMS,
Committee

Report of Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite

The Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

Niagara Falls, N. Y., September 1, 1931.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

Your Committee on Condition and Extension of the Rite respectfully reports as follows:

Your Committee had a meeting at Albany during the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter and at that time discussed with Officers of the Grand Chapter and distinguished visitors from other Jurisdictions the present conditions not only of our Rite but also the conditions of other bodies. After giving the matter very careful consideration it was the opinion of the Committee that while the condition appeared serious, at the same time, it was nothing at which to be alarmed and that a greater percentage of the losses in membership would result in benefit rather than disadvantage to our Rite in that it was removing from our ranks those who could not properly be termed "Select Masters," and it is our belief that we will soon again be on the highway of quality rather than quantity.

The matter of quality must at all times be uppermost in our minds and this applies particularly to the selection of our Officers. For some time past it has appeared that leadership has had little part in the enumeration of the characteristics necessary for preferment in the selection of Officers of our subordinate Councils and your Committee wishes to stress the necessity for great care in that direction in the future. If we wish to make Select Masters in the true sense of the word we must look well to the selection of our samples, as that is what our Officers truly are, and if we are to continue to imbue novitiates with the enthusiasm of Masonry we must see that they possess not only the quality of leadership but also sincerity and enthusiasm.

We wish also to suggest to the members of this Grand Council and to the members of all subordinate Councils the necessity for perfection of the exemplification of our degrees and that can be brought about by the selection of Officers having natural abilities along that line and also by dint of hard work in the frequent rehearsals of those degrees.

We firmly believe that not only has our body passed the worst of the situation but that it is the same with all other Masonic bodies and it will soon again be on its march forward to complete realization of its ideals.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE R. HEMENWAY,
GEORGE O. LINKLETTER,
E. PARKER WAGGONER,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Grievances and Appeals

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

Niagara Falls, N. Y., September 1, 1931.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals is happy to report that nothing has been brought to its attention and it congratulates the Grand Council upon the peace and harmony which prevails.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM S. RISELAY,
ROBERT W. STEWART,
JOHN G. FERRES, 2ND,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Time and Place

The Committee on Time and Place of next Annual Assembly presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and its recommendations adopted:

Niagara Falls, N. Y., September 1, 1931.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

Your Committee on Time and Place would respectfully report that an invitation has been received from King Solomon Council, No. 31, of Poughkeepsie to meet with them next year, and your Committee would recommend that such invitation be accepted, and that the 109th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council be held in the city of Poughkeepsie on September 12th and 13th, 1932.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES M. COLTON,
CHARLES F. FLAMMER,
JOHN G. MOLLER,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business

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

Niagara Falls, N. Y., September 1, 1931.

To the Grand Council:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report there is no unfinished business of our last Assembly to be brought before this Assembly of the Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,

Oliver H. LaBarre,
Howard R. Stiles,
D. L. Palmer,
Committee.

A Resolution of Thanks

M.·.Ill.·.Eugene E. Hinman:

I am sure that every one who has attended this session of the Grand Council has fully appreciated the freely given hospitality extended to us by Temple Council. We have been favored in many ways, even by the weather conditions, and an especially large attendance at the Grand Council. I know the Companions here have worked very hard to make our stay among them a most enjoyable one and we will go to our homes with happy memories of our sojourn here. I wish to offer at this time a resolution to the effect that the Grand Council extends to the Companions of Temple Council their most heartfelt appreciation and thanks for the kindness and hospitality received from the Companions during the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Installation of Officers

The newly elected Officers were installed by M.·.Ill.·.Charles M. Colton, M.·.Ill.·.Eugene E. Hinman acting as Grand Marshal.

M.·.Ill.·.John A. Derthick, Grand Master, now presided.

M.·.Ill.·.John A. Derthick, Grand Master:

Just a word, in closing. You are soon to leave this One Hundred and Eighth Annual Assembly behind you. Some have to go on early trains. I won't have the privilege of saying good-bye to all of you in person, but, wherever you live and go, take my blessing with you. May God prosper you in the year to come and may you and your families be well and happy. May you meet with us again in Poughkeepsie next year in good health.

Presentations

The Past Grand Master's Jewel for M.·.Ill.·.Companion CHENEY was placed in the hands of M.·.Ill.·.Companion DERTHICK to be presented at a later date.

M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE EDWARD HATCH on behalf of the Grand Council presented M.·.Ill.·.Companion DERTHICK with a Grand Master's Apron, the Grand Master expressing his appreciation for the gift.

Standing Committees

Grand Master DERTHICK announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

R.·.Ill.·.ARTHUR H. MOELLER R.·.Ill.·.PHILIP M. NAST, JR.
R.·.Ill.·.CHARLES M. BUCK

RITUAL

M.·.Ill.·.EUGENE E. HINMAN R.·.Ill.·.EDWARD FEIH
R.·.Ill.·.RAYMOND E. WESTBURY

CONDITION AND EXTENSION OF THE RITE

M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE R. HEMENWAY R.·.Ill.·.A. EDWARD KRIEGER
R.·.Ill.·.MATTHEW S. CUMNER

FRATERNAL DEAD

R.·.Ill.·.and REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D.D.
R.·.Ill.·.and REV. GEORGE W. GULICK

PRINTING

M.·.Ill.·.JOHN A. DERTHICK M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE EDWARD HATCH

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

R.·.Ill.·.OSSIAN LANG

ON REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE O. LINKLETTER M.·.Ill.·.EUGENE E. HINMAN
R.·.Ill.·.ALBERT S. PRICE

NEWELL MATTER

M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE R. HEMENWAY M.·.Ill.·.ROLAND K. MASON
M.·.Ill.·.CHARLES M. COLTON

Closing

The record of the day's proceedings was approved as taken by the official stenographer and R.˙.Ill.˙.and Rev. George W. Gulick offered the following

Prayer

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, may Thy benediction rest on the proceedings of this Grand Council. May Thy blessing go with us as we separate. May we throughout the year prove faithful to Thy teachings and the tenets of this Order. May Thy Spirit be over us and guide us in all ways. May we glorify Thee in all that we do. We ask Thee through Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.

The Grand Council was then closed in Ample Form.

John A. Derthick,

Grand Master.

ATTEST:

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS STATE OF NEW YORK יהוה

George Edward Hatch

Grand Recorder.

Officers of the Grand Council

Elected and Appointed and in Office
September 1, 1931

JOHN A. DERTHICK, 65 Waldorf Court, Brooklyn.....Grand Master
ALBERT S. PRICE, 505 Fenton Bldg., Jamestown.....Deputy Grand Master
WILLIAM F. SEBER, Manufacturers National Bank, Troy....Grand P.·.C.·.of the W.·.
ROLAND K. MASON, 609 Lakeview Ave., Jamestown.....Grand Treasurer
GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, 846 Lincoln-Alliance Bank Bldg., Rochester..Grand Recorder
S. ORMOND GOLDAN, 25 West 74 St., New York City....Grand Captain of the Guard
A. EDWARD KRIEGER, 33 Main St., Salamanca.....Grand Conductor of the Council
RAYMOND E. WESTBURY, 34 Court St., Rochester.....Grand Marshal
CHARLES B. WELLER, First National Bank Bldg., Mt. Vernon..Grand Standard Bearer
E. PARKER WAGGONER, 452 Delaware Ave., Buffalo.....Grand Steward
GEORGE O. LINKLETTER, 333 Northern Blvd., Manhasset.....Grand Trustee
OLIVER H. LABARRE, 151 East 29th St., New York City.....Grand Trustee
GEORGE R. HEMENWAY, Hulett Bldg., Elmira.....Grand Trustee
REV. S. WRIGHT BUTLER, D.D., 76 Carroll St., Poughkeepsie.....Grand Chaplain
REV. GEORGE W. GULICK, 16 Elm St., Newburgh.....Grand Chaplain
EDWARD FEIH, 3389 Wayne Ave., Bronx, New York City.....Grand Lecturer
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OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
of the United States of America
1930-1933

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In Memoriam

PAST GRAND MASTERS

Adephic Council, No. 7.....James Chambers.....Sept. 20, 1930
Central City Council, No. 13.....Henry A. MacGruer.....Nov. 16, 1930

PAST GRAND MARSHAL

Doric Council, No. 19.....Samuel C. Pierce.....May 13, 1931

PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22...Philip F. Sohni.....Jan. 31, 1931
Peekskill Council, No. 55.....Frank H. Whitney.....Oct. 30, 1930

PAST MASTERS

Adephic Council, No. 7.....Major D. Hanna.....June 3, 1930
Adephic Council, No. 7.....Henry W. Remington.....Oct. 22, 1930
Buffalo Council, No. 17.....Augustus A. Derdenger.....May 10, 1931
Doric Council, No. 19.....James R. Kimber.....June 19, 1930
King Solomon Council, No. 31....Henry B. Schryver.....Apr. 8, 1931
Fulton Council, No. 50.....Charles F. Loomis.....Jan. 5, 1931
Peekskill Council, No. 55.....H. Lloyd Griffin.....May 22, 1931
Alph-Omega Council, No 71.....A. Gardner Phillips.....Aug. 23, 1930

Officers, Location and Date of Assemblies of Constituent Councils

Name	No.	Master.	Deputy Master.	P. C. of the Work	Recorder.	Where Located.	Stated Assemblies.
Columbian	1	Bernard C. Harter	J. Herbert Miller	Francis W. Priest	Martin Q. Good	New York City	1st Thursday, 1:30 p. m.
Union	2	Albert F. Gatow	August F. Haske	Fred H. Mayer	Richard M. Backus	New York City	3rd Tuesday
Brooklyn	4	Harry J. Williams	Theodore C. Oldehoff	Taylor B. Grant	Lewis R. Lochhead	Brooklyn	3rd Saturday, except July and August
Adelphic	7	George S. Rosendale	Edward W. S. Wells	Lewis S. Benton	Harry A. Bingham	New York City	1st Saturday, except July, Aug. and Sept.
Rotica	12	A. Edward Wetherbee	Charles H. Hammann	Wm. George Wilson	John W. Stretton	Rome	1st Monday
Central City	13	Frank A. Rupp	Herbert C. Yeckel	Frank H. Allen	Samuel R. W. Marriott	Syracuse	2nd Wednesday
Bloss	14	Leo C. Grathwol	Edwin B. Allen	Harry F. Campbell	Fred A. Richardson	Troy	1st Friday
Bruce	15	Harold L. Goodenough	Howard C. Townsend	Lewis T. Huber	Arthur C. Gloger	Lockport	2nd Monday
Southern Tier	16	Fred'k. W. Hubbard	John R. Nichols	Howard A. Spencer	A. H. Borthwick	Elmira	3rd Wednesday
Buffalo	17	Eugene H. Miannay	Carroll H. Hall	Nicholas DiAddario	Gustave C. Foerch	Buffalo	2nd Thursday
King Hiram	18	John A. Keller	Harold W. Jackson	Harold J. Smith	Glenn A. Moreland	Auburn	2nd Wednesday
Doric	19	Oliver F. Bartold	Grover C. Bradstreet	Homer E. A. Dick	Luther H. Miller	Rochester	4th Monday
Keystone	20	Charles H. Wilson	John Horner	Ira A. Ferguson	E. Parker Waggoner	Buffalo	3rd Tuesday
Ancient City	21	George W. Gulick	George B. Styles	Michael O. Liebig	W. Frank Davis	Kingston	3rd Friday
DeWitt Clinton	22	James England	Jacob W. Gardner	Robt. P. Shollenberger	Peter Schumacher	Albany	3rd Thursday
Binghamton	24	E. Stanley Pier	Elmer W. Beers	Raymond H. Moody	Joseph R. Westcott	Binghamton	3rd Friday
Dunkirk	25	Carl J. Wolf	Arthur G. Orth	Walter M. Pomroy	Richard H. Heppell	Dunkirk	1st Wednesday
Palmyra	26	Ray G. Blyth	Carlton L. Johnson	Alfred C. Hopkins	M. Francis Cathers	Palmyra	2nd Tuesday
King Solomon	31	G. Edward Pitcher	John G. Moller	Edward P. Hunt	Harry Bayer	Poughkeepsie	4th Friday except July, Aug. and Dec.
Jamestown	32	Hugh L. Gillis	Earl A. Weakley	Samuel H. Skinner, Jr.	Elmer Gustafson	Jamestown	1st Wednesday
Olean	33	James W. Ulmschneider	Frank J. Babcock	Manuel Oppenheim	J. Grafton Murdock	Olean	2nd Wednesday
Watertown	34	Julian A. Van Deusen	Leslie M. Cooper	LeRoy S. Wood	Leonard Nenning	Watertown	4th Friday
Hornellsville	35	Ray M. Hackett	Jacob Freudenreich	Arthur M. Seamen	George H. Grosvenor	Hornell	1st Friday
Adoniram	36	Howard R. Stiles	Charles B. Kiesel	Harry M. Courter	Clare E. Burtis	Flushing	3rd Thursday
Cryptic	37	Charles F. Flammer	Clayton T. King	Erwin C. Proper	Frederick A. Storrs	Saratoga Springs	2nd and 4th Thursdays
Bath	40	Elmer Kleckler	Henry J. Donnelly	H. Belmont Lee	Walter H. Brace	Bath	1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Tyrian	43	Elmer Charles White	Otis Noyes	Alfred Leo Diebolt	Newton R. McIlwaine	Plattsburgh	2nd Wednesday, except June
Fulton	50	Ransom A. Short	Henry M. Holly	Theodore Lyons	William E. Howard	Fulton	Last Friday
Washington	52	Wm. Wallace Jeffers	Walter H. Merritt	Wesley E. Kelley	Hermon E. Sullivan	Whitehall	2nd Friday
Corning	53	William Morris Sage	William Byrd Gorton	George F. Showers	William Henry Pillow	Corning	1st and 3rd Thursdays
Peekskill	55	Ferdinand F. Perosky	Nattie L. Ball	Robert W. Wheeler	Lewis Allport	Peekskill	2nd Monday, June, Sept., Dec. and March
Hudson	62	Roy W. Larson	Ervin J. Drumm	Stanley C. Couse	William E. Merrell	Hudson	2nd Monday
Phoenix	70	Alton B. Eckert	Walter A. Waterman	Thomas O. Taylor	John Burden	Mt. Vernon	2nd Friday
Alph-Omega	71	Lewis S. Collins	David Miller	Frank W. Mallison	Charles A. Mack	Medina	2nd Friday
Johnstown	72	John Giles Ferres, 2d	William J. Doe	Earl C. McCulloch	Nathaniel W. Wheadon	Johnstown	1st Wednesday
St. George's	74	James P. Eaton	Samuel H. Frankel	Albert N. Otis	Hanford Robison	Schenectady	2nd Wednesday
Skoi-Yase	75	Lee W. Vreeland	Howard J. Briggs	Albert W. Parks	Robert M. Holcomb	Waterloo	2nd Friday
Huntington	76	George Henry Gillies	James W. Boyce	Ernest Edmunds	Clarence E. Swezy	Huntington	3rd Friday, except July and August
St. Lawrence	77	Franklin C. Lytle	Herbert R. Frair	William A. Weller	Edwin L. Weegar	Potsdam	2nd Tuesday
Catskill	78	A. LeRoy Story	Madison Speenburgh	Walter E. Howe	Albert S. Paulsen	Catskill	4th Monday
Temple	79	Charles W. Knapp	John T. Craig	William C. Sharples	William Zinter	Niagara Falls	1st Friday except July and August
Flatbush	80	Ray E. Schoetzow	Henry O. Jones	Samuel E. Faucett	Frederick T. Pack	Brooklyn	4th Tuesday
Joseph Warren	81	Fred W. Hamilton	William J. Climas	Lyde S. Pratt	Loyal L. Davis	Glens Falls	1st Friday
Salamanca	82	Orla E. Black	Rodney L. Clifford	Mahlon J. Kellam	Clifford C. Cheney	Salamanca	2nd Monday
Zabud	84	Charles Miller	George E. Wolcott	Glenn C. Gutch	Ernest H. DeGuiscard	Freeport	3rd Tuesday
Triangle	85	William F. Knick	John G. Torborg, Jr.	Robert E. Stanlaws	Eugene H. Vanderbilt	Jamaica	4th Friday
Lafayette	86	Robert William Stewart	Charles E. Howe	Carl B. Mayer	Frederic H. Ridgeway	Yonkers	2nd Monday
Oneonta	87	D. L. Palmer	Arthur W. Damaschke	Walter A. Bliss	William E. Ford	Oneonta	4th Wednesday

Abstract of Returns from Constituent Councils

Council No.	NAME OF COUNCIL	No. of Members May 31 1930	Greeted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Dropped at own Request	No. of Members May 31 1931	Amount of Dues & Fees
1	COLUMBIAN	559	11	...	...	15	...	...	...	555	$ 407 80
2	UNION	327	1	...	...	6	...	58	5	259	230 40
4	BROOKLYN	594	5	...	...	16	1	17	10	555	423 30
7	ADELPHIC	716	36	...	...	11	3	2	5	731	555 20
12	ROTICA	88	1	...	...	...	...	8	2	79	63 10
13	CENTRAL CITY	724	7	5	...	9	...	13	6	708	520 50
14	BLOSS	1006	10	...	2	19	4	3	1	991	719 20
15	BRUCE	127	...	...	...	2	...	13	2	110	88 90
16	SOUTHERN TIER	282	4	...	...	4	...	1	...	281	203 40
17	BUFFALO	220	2	...	1	9	...	7	7	200	157 00
18	KING HIRAM	91	...	1	1	4	...	7	2	80	64 20
19	DORIC	687	2	...	...	15	...	60	4	610	483 90
20	KEYSTONE	405	5	...	...	14	1	1	7	387	291 00
21	ANCIENT CITY	83	7	...	...	...	1	...	...	89	68 60
22	DEWITT CLINTON	1105	5	...	...	23	4	24	...	1059	650 00
24	BINGHAMTON	53	1	...	...	1	4	1	5	43	38 60
25	DUNKIRK	219	...	...	1	5	1	...	1	213	153 30
26	PALMYRA	248	...	...	...	7	...	...	2	239	173 60
31	KING SOLOMON	284	1	...	...	6	...	1	5	273	200 30
32	JAMESTOWN	262	5	...	...	4	...	21	4	238	190 90
33	OLEAN	51	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	48	35 70
34	WATERTOWN	78	5	...	...	2	1	...	3	77	62 10
35	HORNELLSVILLE	215	4	...	...	6	...	3	...	210	156 50
36	ADONIRAM	232	7	...	...	4	1	1	1	232	172 90
37	CRYPTIC	283	...	...	4	7	1	2	9	268	198 10
40	BATH	74	...	...	...	1	...	6	2	65	
43	TYRIAN	177	...	1	...	3	...	37	6	132	124 40
50	FULTON	109	5	...	1	5	...	2	2	106	83 80
52	WASHINGTON	113	2	...	2	4	...	2	...	111	82 10
53	CORNING	79	...	...	...	3	...	6	...	70	
55	PEEKSKILL	66	4	...	1	2	1	3	...	65	
62	HUDSON	211	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	209	149 20
70	PHOENIX	256	5	1	...	5	1	3	3	250	187 20
71	ALPH-OMEGA	99	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	96	69 30
72	JOHNSTOWN	367	4	...	...	10	1	3	2	355	262 90
74	ST. GEORGE'S	701	8	2	...	8	1	5	...	697	503 70
75	SKOI-YASE	147	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	144	102 90
76	HUNTINGTON	153	1	...	...	1	1	24	2	126	108 60
77	ST. LAWRENCE	53	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	52	37 10
78	CATSKILL	278	...	...	...	2	...	11	1	264	194 60
79	TEMPLE	122	4	...	...	1	1	5	...	119	91 40
80	FLATBUSH	138	12	5	...	1	...	2	1	151	122 00
81	JOSEPH WARREN	80	4	...	...	1	...	2	...	81	62 00
82	SALAMANCA	82	...	...	...	2	...	4	...	76	57 40
83	ZARTHAN	27	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	24	18 90
84	ZABUD	142	5	1	...	1	...	9	4	134	107 40
85	TRIANGLE	72	8	...	...	1	1	...	...	78	62 40
86	LAFAYETTE	53	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	51	38 60
87	ONEONTA	32	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	25 40
	TOTALS	12570	185	16	13	255	29	370	105	12025	$8,799.80

Permanent Members of the Grand Council

Being Past Masters of Constituent Councils living and in good standing

Tabulated in order of seniority.

Columbian Council, No. 1.

James H. Curtin
Martin Q. Good
James Stewart
Charles Grosch
William Boyd Tindle
Charles Peppel
W. Knight Vernon
Charles N. Hulburt
Edwin Raymond Knox
John B. Adkins
Oliver L. Menard
George Herring
William J. Morgan
Albert C. Markard
William R. Wilson
John J. Bott
George E. Bradbrook
Willard C. Curtiss
Howard V. Hennigar
Ronald G. Macdonald

Union Council, No. 2.

Alexander P. Milligan
J. Stewart Wilson
Oliver H. LaBarre
Frank A. Spencer
Joseph L. Lockhart
Edward Feih
Roy S. Houck
Henry J. Huemmer
Arthur A. Barr
Harry Aery
Nicholas Pecora
C. Linwood Morrell
Ernest E. Wilson
Clarence F. Heath
Howard P. Willson
Milton E. Ellis
Frank I. Felter
R. Pearson Bowles

Brooklyn Council, No. 4.

John L. Judge
William Bamber
Charles C. Rhodes
George A. Lutz
James W. Palmitier
Henry P. Stevens
Clarence G. Franklin
Henry M. Rynehart
William R. Salter
Charles H. Hadlock
Axel J. Hallbeck
William J. Moore
Benjamin S. Dubell
James C. Deery
Walter L. Banta
Charles William Ford

Adelphic Council, No. 7.

William Downes
Charles H. Stoddard
Henry DeWitt Hamilton
John W. Kirby
John J. Pheelan
Percy W. Willard
Willam Frank Russell
Harry A. Bingham
Jeremiah Hunter
Matthew S. Cumner
John F. Birmingham
Henry Heller
S. Ormond Goldan
William A. Meyers
Roland E. Ellis
William W. Graham
J. Oscar Goetz
Tom Maycock

Rotica Council, No. 12.

William F. Tremain
William F. Harris
Earl C. Pressey
Thomas Parke
Harry A. Sinclair
Benjamin B. Gilbert
Merton E. Nettleton
John H. Adams

Central City Council, No. 13.

George B. Cathers
Jerome L. Cheney
Lawrence Thompson
John Peter Listman
Elmer J. Clark
Herman G. Rees
George K. Hancock
William H. Hall
Samuel R. W. Marriott
William L. Cummings
Christian Lehmann
Chester D. Crowell
Willard C. Hay
Lloyd J. Richardson
David D. Mohler
Erwin George Nichols
James S. Wilcox
Charles J. Wells

Bloss Council, No. 14.

T. Campbell Collin
John P. Deal
Henry Calhoun
Edward A. Webster
Ensign S. Homer
Zina C. Lewis
Daniel Jones
Harry A. Sheldon
William H. Kirkpatrick
Walter M. Douglas
Frank Richardson
David A. Tomlinson
William F. Seber
Frederick W. Powers
Louis N. Ellenbogen
Frank P. Lotz
Frank M. Ames
James G. Caddick
Fred B. Hancox
Charles Edward Catlin
Otis M. Hawley
Charles C. Freihofer

Bruce Council, No. 15.

John A. McLaughlin, Jr.
Frank W. Travis
William C. Shapleigh
Burton A. Preish
Robert E. Emerson
Howard E. Long
Harry E. Brees
Ross C. Holley
Lewis E. Morey
Arthur A. Davenport
Elgie G. Knowles
Arthur C. Gloger
Marcus L. Liddell
F. Randall Thompson
Jesse M. Bell
Lauren P. Young
Alfred W. Sill
A. Irving Johnson
Herbert B. Cannon
Herman Miller

Southern Tier Council, No. 16.

Charles L. Hart
Henry Mander
Guy W. Shoemaker
James M. Randall
Charles S. Tuttle
George R. Hemenway
Jesse L. Churchill
Harry S. Tipton
Chauncey B. Hammond
Edgar E. Wemple
William S. Barnes
Harry I. Tong
A. William Yungstrum
Louis A. Northrop
Richard Marlowe
Ralph M. Newell
Frank Brockway Blossom
Harry W. Van Campen
Henry J. Worth
Edwin S. Merriam

Buffalo Council, No. 17.

Peter Post
James R. Newman
Charles A. Fero
William J. Koepf
Wesley M. Backus
Frank W. Tyler
Andrew Gustave Koepf
Edward A. Jones
Peter G. Klumpp
Arthur Solomon
James M. Todd
Esbon B. Rew
Samuel F. Hamilton
George L. Hodgson
Albert W. Snyder
Colin MacLeod

King Hiram Council, No. 18.

Fred J. Humphryes
Arthur Tailby
Alpha L. Dewdney
John T. Leach
James G. Noakes
Henry D. DeGroff
Lewis E. Martin
Irving C. King
Joseph W. Douglas
F. Maurice Harrop
George T. Clarke
Fred S. Thompson
John E. Heywood
Paul R. Chappell
John F. Noonan
William M. Munro

Doric Council, No. 19.

John W. Merriam
Willard S. Bradt
Ezra M. Sparlin
Harry J. Mulligan
Charles M. Colton
John C. Baumer
George Edward Hatch
Earl J. Neville
Sidney E. White
William A. Buff
Charles H. Peck
Luther H. Miller
Frederick L. Dutcher
W. Wirt Whittlesey
George J. Vetter
S. Edward Hitchcock
Harry G. Greensmith
Charles M. Buck
Howard G. Nobles
Charles S. Naramore
Charles E. Cook
Albert E. Chadwick
Raymond E. Westbury
Harvey H. Newcomb
John E. Williams

Keystone Council, No. 20.

Fred E. Ogden
George Clinton
Earl N. Blood
William S. Riselay
Elias Haffa
Wilbur H. Funk
Frederick A. Fell
George W. Curtis
Esslie V. Kraft
Virgil J. Ullman
E. Parker Waggoner
John G. Rieger
H. Morton Curtis
Washington A. Russell
George A. Davis, Jr.
Henry L. Frey
R. Stanley Ruthven
William C. Bingham
Harold R. Prouse
Clarence F. Walters
Edward B. Horning

Ancient City Council, No. 21.

Samuel Stern
W. Frank Davis
William McCullough
Robert G. Groves
Edward N. Snow
George C. Kent
Karl Schwarzwaelder
George W. Gulick

DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22.

George R. Hodgkins
Will L. Lloyd
William H. Spawn
William E. Woollard
Eugene Crawford
Eugene E. Hinman
Charles L. Myers
William H. Butler
Peter Schumacher
Lewis C. Vanderheyden
William E. Bailey
Howard Watson
N. Irving Martin
George C. Vroman
Ernest C. Johnson
Chester J. Moore
Walter R. Marden
Eugene B. Sanford
Arthur B. Gregg
Charles H. Johnson
William T. Fletcher
Edward C. Eaton, Jr.
Herbert H. Howard
Jerry B. Badgley
Frederick A. Nicholson
David Lester Williams
Frank R. Rowe

Binghamton Council, No. 24.

Roy C. McHenry
Charles H. Wareing
Elmer E. Davis
E. Stanley Pier

Dunkirk Council, No. 25.

Hiram A. Matteson
Horace C. Pentecost
Harry B. Lyon
Albert E. Nugent
Richard H. Heppell
Thomas W. Pentecost
James C. Powell
Oscar C. Segebarth
Fred Z. Shoemaker
James M. Champlain
John C. Schwertfager
Matthew J. Scholtes
Thomas H. Harvey
Henry W. Wirtner
George C. Schwertfager
Joseph Dopler
Albert G. Walter
Hoyt R. Darbee

Palmyra Council, No. 26.

S. Nelson Sawyer	James H. L. Gallagher	Earl Braman
Alfred C. Hopkins	Harry H. Hunt	Russell M. Bareham
Lynn E. Briggs	Ralph D. Sessions	Earl D. Salem
Samuel Hall Hunt	Roy Pullman	Homer A. Bassage
Arthur DeWitt Becker	W. Ray Converse	Ray G. Blyth

King Solomon Council, No. 31.

Thomas Finley	Edward J.MacClelland	Edw. T. F. Randolph
Walter E. Walker	Harry F. Margwarth	Paul A. H. Weiss
S. Wright Butler	Harry Bayer	Francis C. Ryan
Walter W. Kingston	Frederick M. Stark	Josiah C. Fuller
John C. Van Zile	Martin F. Bollinger	David R. Lane

Jamestown Council, No. 32.

Harry L. Briggs	Henry Marvin Lund	George W. Hosie
O. Nelson Rushworth	Chauncey A. Moon	Roscoe W. Clark
Roland K. Mason	Fred H. Anderson	Harry Ingleson
Joseph R. Rogers	Albert S. Price	C. V. Elmer Gustafson
Hugo E. Sellvin	Theodore N. Nelson	Reynold O. Norquist
Edwin Archibald Ridell	James H. Mason	Frank E. Hause
Clayton Oscar Johnson	Edwin E. Gustafson	Sidney T. Hewes

Olean Council, No. 33.

William L. Myrick	Henry E. Hall	Charles H. Derby
Isaac P. Collins	Frank H. Norton	C. E. Godfrey Sederholm
John G. Murdock	John M. Seltzer	Grover C. Deckman

Watertown Council, No. 34.

Daniel R. Blinn	Leonard M. Nenning	Harry S. Dawson
John H. O'Brien	C. Howard Greene	Walter P. Eaton

Hornellsville Council, No. 35.

H. Tobias Harris	Philip M. Nast, Jr.	Guy L. Loper
William H. Prangen	John B. Hagadorn	Duncan Boughner
Frank Donahue	Fred Stephenson	Andrew D. Travis

Adoniram Council, No. 36.

George O. Linkletter	Thomas B. Furman	Fred C. Pearson
Clare E. Burtis	Harold S. Embree	William G. Wittcke
Edwin L. Brooks	Henry B. Slater	
Edward C. Krapp	Abraham U. Whitson	

Cryptic Council, No. 37.

John Bennett	George B. Wright	Charles P. Reeves
Frank M. Adee	Frederick A. Storrs	Richard J. Maher
Frank M. Lawrence	Frederick L. Pennoyer	Jay W. DeWitt
Walter S. Prescott	John E. Spencer	

BATH COUNCIL, No. 40.

Edw. A. Messerschmitt	Henry J. Donnelly	Ernest V. Case
H. Belmont Lee	Jesse M. Pridmore	Ralph J. Buckmaster
Frank E. Rowe	Clinton W. Richardson	Hoxie W. Smith
Albert B. deGroat	John R. Griswold	John B. Brownley
Elmer Kleckler	Charles L. Davison	

TYRIAN COUNCIL, No. 43.

Newton R. McIlwaine	Hosea W. Gage	Stewart James Frazier
Harry Clay Hitchcock	George K. Hawkins	Carl Robert Myers
Herbert A. Stutchbury	Harvey MacKenzie	Frederick Arnold Wilkes

FULTON COUNCIL, No. 50.

Ernest A. Putnam	Amos M. Druse	Clarence G. Van Skoik
Fred W. Snyder	William S. Hillick	George A. Coates
John C. Murray	Woodis B. Halstead	Leigh Roy Lyboldt
William E. Howard	Roy E. Reynolds	Ransom A. Short
William C. Morgan	Claude W. Knight	
Harold R. Wheeler	William H. Singleton	

WASHINGTON COUNCIL, No. 52.

Hermon E. Sullivan	A. D. Bartholomew	Gordon Z. Dean
Otis A. Dennis	William J. Williams	Ralph L. Rush
Clarence E. Parker	C. Clinton Holt	

CORNING COUNCIL, No. 53.

John Comosh	Arthur D. Moore	George W. Pratt
Francis C. Williams	Anthony M. Haischer	Willard M. Sage
Lewis N. Lattin	Robert L. Allison	
Ray C. Rhinehart	Harrie O. Anderson	

PEEKSKILL COUNCIL, No. 55.

Edward F. Hill	Amos O. Squires	Elbert F. Utter
Henry P. Dain	Robert Sudall	Albert E. Cruger
George E. Briggs	Edward J. Wilson	Thomas F. Willock
Charles A. Dyckman	Harold Field Horne	Elias Whitney Travis
Albert Ellis Phin	Solomon Lichter	H. Alban Anderson
Charles E. Felton	Carl G. Pfeiffer	Edson Roy Brewer
Fred A. Smith	Lewis Allport	

HUDSON COUNCIL, No. 62.

Charles N. Traver	Alfred D. Wolff, Jr.	Thomas H. M. Hathaway
Frederick H. Simmons	William P. Boright	William Herberg
Frederick W. Spencer	Samuel Transue	Myron E. Hermance
Frank S. Clapper	Amos Burton	

PHOENIX COUNCIL, No. 70.

Franklin T. Davis	Stephen Preston, Jr.	Henry B. Brown
Ossian Lang	Adolph Wade	Charles B. Weller
J. Porter Freeman	William R. Leaf	John Burden
Henry W. Pratt	Robert Clarke	George S. Wyman
Harry W. Brown	George Thompson	Arthur J. Morrison
Horace P. Hollister	John R. Morse	Frank P. Bunker

ALPH-OMEGA COUNCIL, No. 71.

George A. Newell	Alonzo L. Waters	John B. Cobb
Charles A. Mack	Daniel F. H. Allen	Claude W. Grinnell

JOHNSTOWN COUNCIL, No. 72.

Fred L. Carroll	Abram Baird	Chauncey C. Thayer
Edward M. Baringer	Arthur B. Wassung	Ferdinand E. Schoeffler
Louis K. Maylender, Jr.	Robert L. Dawson	Harrington J. Atwell

ST. GEORGE'S COUNCIL, No. 74.

Frank H. Sargent	Robert R. Douglass	Everett E. Green
George F. Williamson	James H. Deal	Samuel S. Forster
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Robert B. Johnston	George H. Ashman	Raymond T. Viets
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Winfield A. Atwood	Edwin C. Vedder	Charles H. Huntley

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Robert Takel, Jr.	Clayton H. Pinckney	Alfred W. Burnham
Arthur E. Dilts	Robert M. Holcomb	Ellery H. Messer
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Clarence E. Cutting	Kurt J. Galow	
Emmett B. Hawkins	Clifton F. Gardner	

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Edwin L. Weegar	Herbert W. Fearl

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Leon L. Parker	Howard E. Muller	Floyd S. Parks
Rudolph J. Stahl	Henry Layman	William H. Wiles
P. Tremain Loud	Robert E. Townsend	Walter E. Howe

TEMPLE COUNCIL, No. 79.

Charles F. Cushing	Thomas W. Aitken	William H. Hunt
Charles R. Phelps	G. Edward Sims	W. T. Norton Outhwaite
Solomon Kimpel	Frederick Diemer	Herbert L. Washburn

FLATBUSH COUNCIL, No. 80.

John A. Derthick	David C. Pitcher	Frederick T. Pack
Henry G. Story	Charles A. Gamble	William J. Kaseman
David M. Boe	Arthur H. Moeller	

JOSEPH WARREN COUNCIL, No. 81.

Adelbert J. Selleck	Harry W. Pangburn	James L. Maloney
William Lee	Frank L. Moore	
Loyal L. Davis	Robert I. Brayton	

SALAMANCA COUNCIL, No. 82.

A. Edward Krieger	Arthur M. Lloyd	Thomas V. Pifer
Clifford C. Cheney	Frederick C. Pifer	Ralph E. Marker
Warren J. Hoy	Howard E. Hancock	

ZARTHAN COUNCIL, No. 83.

Herbert H. Williams	Clyde R. Wilcox
Bernhard F. Lynd	William H. Young

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George Wood	John Wood	
David A. Kennedy	Louis Benzer	

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Edward L. Hein	Albert A. Lang
Richard H. Burton	J. Walter Reimels

LAFAYETTE COUNCIL, No. 86

J. Caleb Fisher	Card J. Miller
Fred G. Newbery	W. Scott Adler

ONEONTA COUNCIL, No. 87

Alfred J. Stratton	Ursil A. Ferguson
William E. Ford	Richard M. Roberts

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Harry A. Drachman.....Scottish Rite Cathedral, Tucson
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Robert A. Woods.....Masonic Temple, Princeton
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D. M. Brownlee.....Sioux City
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Elmer F. Strain.....Masonic Grand Lodge Bldg., Topeka
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G. Allison Holland.....Lexington
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John Fishel.....Masonic Temple, St. Paul
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Edward L. Faucette.....Meridian
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Ray V. Denslow.....Trenton
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Luther T. Hauberg.....P. O. Box 896, Helena
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Lewis E. Smith.....Room 401, Masonic Temple, Omaha
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John B. Griggs.....P. O. Box 365, Elizabeth City
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Edward M. Wheeler.....570 Public St., Providence
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Samuel R. W. Marriott.....Room 6, Masonic Temple, Syracuse
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M. Francis Cathers.....165 West Main St., Palmyra
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C. V. Elmer Gustafson.....33 Market St., Jamestown
OLEAN, No. 33
J. Grafton Murdock.....139 South Union St., Olean
WATERTOWN, No. 34
Leonard Nenning.....608 LeRay St., Watertown
HORNELLSVILLE, No. 35
George H. Grosvenor.....59 Maple St., Hornell
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William E. Howard.....212 South Fifth St., Fulton

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Hermon E. Sullivan.....141 Main St., Whitehall

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William E. Ford.....28 Ford Ave., Oneonta

Living Past Grand Masters

GEORGE A. NEWELL, G.·.M.·., 1893-1894.....Medina
JOHN P. DEAL, G.·.M.·., 1901.....Troy
WILLARD S. BRADT, G.·.M.·., 1902.....Rochester
FRED E. OGDEN, G.·.M.·., 1906.....Buffalo
FRANK M. ADEE, G.·.M.·., 1908.....Saratoga Springs
WILL L. LLOYD, G.·.M.·., 1910.....Albany
MARTIN Q. GOOD, G.·.M.·., 1911 .....New York
GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, G.·.M.·., 1914.....Rochester
OLIVER H. LABARRE, G.·.M.·., 1916.....New York
EUGENE E. HINMAN, G.·.M.·., 1917.....Albany
ROLAND K. MASON, G.·.M.·., 1919.....Jamestown
WILLIAM S. RISELAY, G.·.M.·., 1923.....Buffalo
JOSEPH L. LOCKHART, G.·.M.·., 1924.....New York
GEORGE R. HEMENWAY, G.·.M.·., 1925.....Elmira
GEORGE O. LINKLETTER, G.·.M.·., 1927.....Manhasset
CHARLES M. COLTON, G.·.M.·., 1928.....Rochester
CHARLES H. JOHNSON, G.·.M.·., 1929.....Albany
JEROME L. CHENEY, G.·.M.·., 1930.....Syracuse

Grand Representatives

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

			Appointed
ALABAMA	Fred Stephenson	Hornell	1929
ARIZONA	John Wood	Merrick	1931
ARKANSAS	Clare E. Burtis	Flushing	1931
CALIFORNIA	Edward L. Hein	Woodhaven	1928
CANADA, EASTERN JURISDICTION	Frederick A. Storrs	Saratoga Springs	1931
CANADA, WESTERN JURISDICTION	George C. Vroman	Albany	1930
COLORADO	Richard M. Roberts	Oneonta	1931
CONNECTICUT	William Ranney Wilson	New York City	1931
DELAWARE	Fred G. Newbery	Yonkers	1931
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	G. Edward Sims	Niagara Falls	1931
ENGLAND & WALES	Charles H. Johnson	Albany	1930
FLORIDA	Jeremiah Hunter	New York City	1928
GEORGIA	Frank L. Moore	Glens Falls	1928
ILLINOIS	Chauncey B. Hammond	Elmira	1928
INDIANA	Charles S. Naramore	Rochester	1928
IOWA	Everett E. Green	Fultonville	1929
KANSAS	John H. Adams	Utica	1931
KENTUCKY	Harry Bayer	Poughkeepsie	1928
LOUISIANA	Daniel F. H. Allen	Medina	1928
MAINE	John H. O'Brien	Watertown	1931
MARYLAND	Amos Burton	Hudson	1929
MASSACHUSETTS	John F. Birmingham	New York City	1925
MICHIGAN	John Burden	Mount Vernon	1928
MINNESOTA	Claude H. Heath	Catskill	1930
MISSISSIPPI	Ralph D. Sessions	Palmyra	1931
MISSOURI	E. Stanley Pier	Binghamton	1931
MONTANA	Lewis E. Martin	Auburn	1929
NEBRASKA	Clarence G. Franklin	Springfield Gardens	1931
NEVADA	Edwin L. Weegar	Potsdam	1931
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Percy W. Willard	West New Brighton	1931
NEW JERSEY	Arthur H. Moeller	Brooklyn	1930
NORTH CAROLINA	Richard H. Burton	Queens Village	1931
NORTH DAKOTA	Henry L. Frey	Buffalo	1931
OHIO	Harry I. Tong	Elmira	1927
OKLAHOMA	C. Linwood Morrell	New York City	1930
OREGON	Herbert A. Stutchbury	Plattsburgh	1931
PENNSYLVANIA	Charles A. Gamble	Brooklyn	1929
RHODE ISLAND	Samuel S. Forster	Schenectady	1929
SCOTLAND	George Edward Hatch	Rochester	1924
SOUTH CAROLINA	Adelbert J. Selleck	Glens Falls	1931
SOUTH DAKOTA	Arthur B. Gregg	Albany	1930
TENNESSEE	Henry Heller	Bloomfield, N. J.	1930
TEXAS	Harry Aery	New York City	1931
UTAH	Arthur C. Gloger	Lockport	1930
VERMONT	Otis M. Hawley	Menands, Albany	1931
WASHINGTON	James M. Todd	Buffalo	1929
WISCONSIN	Henry A. Murphy	Huntington	1931

Grand Representatives

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

ALABAMA	William W. Waldo	Montgomery
ARIZONA	Morris Goldwater	Prescott
ARKANSAS	John C. Bone	Batesville
CALIFORNIA	Robert Hewitt DeWitt	Yreka
CANADA, EASTERN JURISDICTION	W. Leonard Ellis	St. John N. B.
CANADA, WESTERN JURISDICTION	Walter Watts	Chatham, Ontario
COLORADO	Charles H. Dudley	Colorado Springs
CONNECTICUT	William C. Twombly	Manhasset, N. Y.
DELAWARE	Henry M. Laws	Bridgeport, Conn.
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	L. Whiting Estes	Washington
ENGLAND & WALES	Frederick C. Van Duzer	London
FLORIDA	Walter A. Routh	Sanford
GEORGIA	Jack G. Standifer	Blakely
ILLINOIS	Sylvester O. Spring	Chicago
INDIANA	Arthur J. Smith	Muncie
IOWA	Thomas G. Allison	Council Bluffs
KANSAS	Robert H. Montgomery	Oswego
KENTUCKY	John T. Kincaid	Lexington
LOUISIANA	Rudolph Latzko	Shreveport
MAINE	Edwin F. Hillman	Portland
MARYLAND	George A. Smith	Baltimore
MASSACHUSETTS	John A. Crosier	Northampton
MICHIGAN	Fred A. Young	Dowagiac
MINNESOTA	Frederick L. Lawrence	Northfield
MISSISSIPPI	Clyde J. Van Arsdall	Indianola
MISSOURI	Leo H. Johnson	Neosho
MONTANA	E. W. Spottswood	Missoula
NEBRASKA	Francis E. White	Los Angeles, Calif.
NEVADA	Fred L. Potter	Elko
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Clarence E. Stickney	Keene
NEW JERSEY	Marion H. Hall	Newark
NORTH CAROLINA	James C. Fink	Concord
NORTH DAKOTA	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
OHIO	Oliver D. Everhard	Barberton
OKLAHOMA	Edson A. Mac Millan	Ada
OREGON	Orin L. Patterson	Canyon City
PENNSYLVANIA	James H. Reeder	Williamsport
RHODE ISLAND	William S. Greene	Providence
SCOTLAND	John Sime	Edinburgh
SOUTH CAROLINA	Edward W. Baldwin	Florence
SOUTH DAKOTA	Harry B. Reynolds	Terraville
TENNESSEE	Levin B. Handy	Memphis
TEXAS	Lee R. Conro	Goldthwaite
UTAH	Sidney D. Evans	Salt Lake City
VERMONT	Christie B. Crowell	Brattleboro
WASHINGTON	Fred Matthies	Pomeroy
WISCONSIN	Howard I. Crawford	Wausau

List of Officers of Columbian Council No. 1 Royal Master Masons of New York City

FROM THE ORGANIZATION, SEPTEMBER 2, 1810, UNTIL THE FORMATION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL MASTER MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, JANUARY 25, 1823.

ANNUAL MEETING	ROYAL MASTER	ROYAL DEPUTY MASTER	ROYAL WARDEN	ROYAL TREASURER	ROYAL RECORDER	
1810..Sept. 2..	Thomas Lownds.....	John E. Russell....	William Craig.....	Peter Roome.....	Jones Humbert, Jr...	.....
1811..June 21..	"	Robert Young.....	John Utt.....	"	"	.....
1812.. " 21..	"	"	S. O. Smith.....	John P. Roome.....	Peter Roome.....	.....
1813.. " 21..	"	Robert Howard.....	John Utt.....	"	"	.....
1814.. ..	"	"	"	"	"	.....
1815.. " 21..	"	Asa Hall.....	Robert Young.....	"	"	.....
1816.. " 21..	"	Edward Higgins.....	Lewis Seymour.....	"	"	.....
1817.. " 21..	"	"	Garret Morgan.....	William Craig.....	Silas Lyon.....	.....
1818.. " 28..	"	Levi Nathan.....	Silas Lyon.....	H. Westervelt.....	B. W. Peck.....	.....
1819..July 2..	"	John G. Munn.....	Garret Lansing.....	Silas Lyon.....	John W. Gibbs.....	.....
1820..June 21..	Silas Lyon.....	Garret Lansing.....	Hosea Dodge.....	C. Bacon	Thomas Slade.....	.....
1821.. " 21..	"	"	"	Ransom Beach	"	.....
1822.. " 21..	Oliver M. Lownds...	William F. Piatt....	Tobias W. Bedell....	Edward Higgins.....	"	.....

	ROYAL CONDUCTOR	ROYAL MARSHAL	ROYAL SENIOR MARSHAL	ROYAL JUNIOR MARSHAL	ROYAL HERALD	ROYAL GUARD
1810.....	George Woodruff....	John Mariner.....	John Utt.....	Zebedee Ring.....	Henry P. Roome....	.....
1811.....	"	John P. Roome	Zebedee Ring.....	John Mariner.....	"	.....
1812.....	John Utt.....	John E. Rich.....	Darius Knight	Suel Dodge.....	George Woodruff....	.....
1813.....	"	"	"	"	"	.....
1814.....	"	"	"	"	"	.....
1815.....	"	Edward Higgins.....	Francis Dubnor.....	Garret Lansing.....	John Utt	James Verryann.....
1816.....	"	Garret Morgan.....	John Utt.....	Thaddeus Seymour..	John Niles.....	.....
1817.....	"	Samuel Maverick....	Levi Nathan.....	John Thompson.....	William McKinney ..	Hosea Dodge.....
1818.....	"	Joseph Potter.....	Gair Blanchard.....	Tobias W. Bedell ...	Samuel Maverick....	" .....
1819.....	"	"	"	P. T. Deceevee.....	B. W. Pack.....	" .....
1820.....	Joseph Potter.....	P. T. Deceevee.....	.....	Thomas Jones.....	"	John Utt.....
1821.....	J. C. Leffingwell....	"	Garret Morgan.....	B. W. Pack.....	Isaac B. Camp.....	" .....
1822.....	Ransom Beach.....	Isaac B. Camp.....	J. L. Moore	R. Byrne.....	Aaron Kemp.....	" .....

List of Officers of the Grand Council of Royal Master Masons of the State of New York

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, JANUARY 25, 1823, TO ITS UNION WITH THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, JUNE 7, 1860.

TIME OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING	ROYAL GRAND MASTER	DEPUTY ROYAL GRAND MASTER	ROYAL GRAND WARDEN	ROYAL GRAND TREASURER	ROYAL GRAND RECORDER
1823..Jan. 25..	New York..	Thomas Lownds.....	Edward Higgins.....	Garret Morgan.....	L. Q. C. Bowles.....	Oliver M. Lownds..
1824..June 21..	" .	"	"	"	Lebbens Chapman ...	" ..
1825.. " 21..	" .	Oliver M. Lownds...	"	"	" ...	Thomas Slade.....
1826..July 12..	" .	Garret Morgan.....	William F. Piatt	Henry Marsh	" ...	" .....
1827..June 21..	" .	William F. Piatt	Henry Marsh	F. L. Wilsey.....	" ...	" .....
1828.. " 21..	" .	Henry Marsh.....	Richard Ellis	Fred W. Leeds.....	" ...	" .....
1829.....	.....	"	"	"	Edward Higgins.....	" .....
1830.....	.....	"	"	"	"	" .....
1831..June 15..	New York.	Richard Ellis	Fred W. Leeds.....	J. R. Bailey.....	"	" .....
1832.....	.....	"	"	"	"	" .....
1833.....	.....	"	"	"	"	" .....
1834.....	.....	"	"	"	"	" .....
1835.....	.....	"	"	"	"	" .....
1836.....	.....	"	"	"	"	" .....
1837..June 21..	New York.	"	"	"	"	Fred W. Leeds, P. T.
1838.....	.....	"	"	"	"	"
1839.....	.....	"	"	"	"	"
1840.....	.....	"	"	"	"	"
1841.....	.....	"	"	"	"	"
1842..June 21..	New York.	"	"	Jared L. Moore	Daniel West.....	Sylvester Spencer ...
1843.. " 21..	" .	"	"	"	"	" ...
1844.. " 21..	" .	Fred W. Leeds.....	Samuel Marverick...	Anthony Chapple....	Jonathan Jarvis.....	" ...
1845.. " 21..	" .	"	Anthony Chapple....	Sewall Fisk.....	Daniel West.....	" ...
1846.. " 21..	" ..	"	"	"	"	William W. Nexsen..
1847.. " 21..	" .	"	"	"	"	" ..
1848.. " 21..	" .	"	"	Jonathan Jarvis	"	" ..
1849.. " 29..	" .	Jonathan Jarvis	C. W. Carpenter	Charles Watkins	"	" ..
1850.. " 21..	" .	"	"	"	"	Fred W. Leeds.....
1851.. " 21..	" .	"	"	"	"	" .....
1852.. " 21..	" .	"	Charles Watkins	William H. Norris...	"	" .....
1853.. " 21..	" .	"	"	"	"	" .....
1854.. " 22..	" .	"	"	"	"	" .....
1855..July 2..	" .	"	"	"	"	" .....
1856..June 21..	" .	"	"	"	"	" .....
1857.. " 21..	" .	"	"	John B. Willis	"	William I. Surre....
1858.. " 21..	" .	"	"	"	"	" ....
1859.. " 21..	" .	John B. Willis.....	William W. Nexsen..	George Godfrey	"	" ....

Time of Meeting	Place of Meeting	Royal Grand Marshal	Royal Senior Grand Marshal	Royal Junior Grand Marshal	Royal Grand Herald	Royal Grand Sentinel
1823..Jan. 25..	New York .	Lewis Seymour.....	T. W. Bedell	Hosea Dodge.....	William F. Piatt	.....
1824..June 21..	" ..	"	William F. Piatt	Campbell Bushnell...	John Barney.....	.....
1825.. " 21..	" .	William F. Piatt	Henry Marsh	" ...	"	Garret Lansing.....
1826..July 12..	" .	Campbell Bushnell...	F. L. Wilsey.....	R. B. Atterbury.....	Silas Butler, Jr.....	" .....
1827..June 21..	" .	Cyrus Curtiss.....	R. B. Atterbury.....	Silas Butler, Jr.....	Richard Ellis.....	" .....
1828.. " 21..	" .	"	Silas Butler, Jr.....	Jere Miller.....	Robert Young.....	" .....
1829.....	.....	"	"	"	"	" .....
1830.....	.....	"	"	"	"	" .....
1831..June 15..	New York ..	Silas Lyon.....	Garret Lansing.....	Sylvester Spencer ...	.....	Robert Young.....
1832.....	.....	"	"	" ...	.....	" .....
1833.....	.....	"	"	" ...	.....	" .....
1834.....	.....	"	"	" ...	.....	" .....
1835.....	.....	"	"	" ...	.....	" .....
1836.....	.....	"	"	" ...	.....	" .....
1837..June 21..	New York .	"	Samuel Maverick....	" ...	.....	" .....
1838.....	.....	"	"	" ...	.....	" .....
1839.....	.....	"	"	" ...	.....	" .....
1840.....	.....	"	"	" ...	.....	" .....
1841.....	.....	"	"	" ...	.....	" .....
1842..June 21..	New York .	Samuel Maverick....	Anthony Chapple....	Silas Lyon.....	Ransom Beach	James Thorburn.....
1843.. " 21..	" ..	"	"	"	.....	" .....
1844.. " 21..	" ..	William W. Nexsen..	Jonathan Jarvis	Ransom Beach	Robert Tyrell	" .....
1845.. " 21..	" ..	Ransom Beach	Silas Lyon.....	Charles Watkins	William G. Park....	Robert Tyrell .....
1846.. " 21..	" ..	"	Jonathan Jarvis	"	John B. Costa	.....
1847.. " 21..	" ..	"	"	"	C. W. Carpenter....	Sewall Fisk.....
1848.. " 21..	" ..	"	Charles Watkins	C. W. Carpenter	Sewall Fisk.....	" .....
1849.. " 29..	" .	John Scott.....	Ransom Beach	William H. Norris...	William Brown.....	" .....
1850.. " 21..	" .	William W. Nexsen..	William H. Norris...	Robert Tyrell	Ransom Beach	W. Broadman.....
1851.. " 21..	" ..	" ..	" ...	.....	.....	Greenfield Pote.....
1852.. " 21..	" ..	Robert Roberts.....	John B. Willis.....	Myer A. Cohen	James T. Brush	" .....
1853.. " 21..	" ..	John B. Willis.....	Robert Robert.....	"	"	" .....
1854.. " 22..	" ..	"	"	"	"	" .....
1855..July 2..	" ..	"	"	Leonard Burnham...	James Rodgers.....	" .....
1856..June 21..	" ..	"	"	" ...	"	" .....
1857.. " 21..	" .	Robert Roberts.....	George Godfrey	Thomas H. Forsyth..	Charles S. Sweet....	" .....
1858.. " 21..	" .	"	"	" ..	"	" .....
1859.. " 21..	" ..	Vincent W. Bate....	Thomas H. Forsyth..	Allen A. Burns	S. W. Asheim.....	" .....

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TIME OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING	GRAND MASTER	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER	GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER	GRAND CONDUCTOR OF WORK	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND RECORDER	GRAND CAPTAIN OF GUARD
1854..May 27..	New York .	M. J. Drummond..	Samuel C. Swartz .	J. B. Y. Sommers.	A. H. Bartlett	Philip Pritchard...	E. W. Whipple....	H. F. L. Bunting .
1854..June 19..	" ..	" ..	J. B. Y. Sommers.	John J. Tindale...	H. F. L. Bunting.	D. S. Sinclair.....	Philip Pritchard...	James H. Lake....
1855.. " 4..	" ..	J. B. Y. Sommers.	H. F. L. Bunting .	" ...	N. O. Benjamin...	"	Robert Macoy.. .	Thomas C. Edwards
1856.. " 2..	" ..	H. F. L. Bunting..	Thomas C. Edwards	James T. Brush...	David Wagstaff ...	"	"	John W. Simons ..
1857.. " 3..	" .	John J. Tindale...	"	N. O. Benjamin...	Augustus Willard .	John W. Simons..	Josiah Shove.....	Hiram York .....
1858.. " 2..	" .	N. O. Benjamin...	"	Augustus Willard..	Bradley Parker....	S. B. Tobey, Jr....	"	Walter T. Marvin.
1859.. " 8..	" .	" ...	Augustus Willard..	Bradley Parker ...	Walter T. Marvin.	Royal G. Millard ..	"	John B. Harris....
1860.. " 5..	" .	" ...	Seymour H. Stone.	Vincent W. Bate..	Charles H. Platt...	John B. Harris....	"	Richard Bloss.....
1861.. " 4..	" .	" ...	" .	Charles H. Platt...	William Gould	"	"	Charles E. Gillett..
1862.. " 2..	" .	" ...	Charles H. Platt...	Richard Bloss.....	Charles E. Gillett..	"	"	William E. Lathrop.
1863..Feb. 3..	Albany	Charles H. Platt ..	Richard Bloss.....	Charles E. Gillett.	John Hoole	"	"	"
1864.. " 2..	"	" ..	John Hoole	James McCredie...	John D. Williams..	"	"	George H. Raymond.
1865.. " 7..	"	" ..	"	" ...	.....	"	"	Daniel Wolff.....
1866.. " 6..	"	" ..	"	" ...	.....	H. F. L. Bunting..	"	" .....
1867.. " 5..	"	" ..	"	" ...	.....	" ..	"	" .....
1868.. " 4..	"	" ..	"	" ...	.....	" ..	"	" .....
1869.. " 2..	"	" ..	"	" ...	.....	" ..	"	" .....
1870.. " 1..	"	James McCredie...	John D. Williams..	Daniel Wolff.....	G. Fred Wiltsie...	D. B. Howell	"	F. F. Driggs.....
1871.. " 7..	"	" ...	" ..	"	" ...	"	"	" .....
1872.. " 6..	"	John D. Williams..	G. Fred Wiltsie...	F. F. Driggs.....	Henry B. Harvey .	"	"	T. W. Bolles.....
					GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF WORK			
1873..Feb. 6.	"	G. Fred Wiltsie...	F. F. Driggs.....	.....	Henry B. Harvey .	"	"	C. H. Van Brackle.
1874..Sept. 8..	New York .	" ...	"	.....	John B. Sackett...	"	George Van Vliet..	George M. Osgoodby
1875.. " 14..	" ..	John B. Sackett...	George M. Osgoodby	.....	Charles W. Brown	"	" ..	Alexander B. King
1876.. " 12..	" ..	George M. Osgoodby	Charles W. Brown..	.....	Alexander B. King	"	" ..	John F. Baldwin ..
1877.. " 11..	" .	"	" .	.....	"	"	" ..	Claudius F. Beatty
1878.. " 3..	" ..	"	" .	.....	Charles Norman...	"	" ..	Thomas H. Floyd..
1879.. " 2..	" ..	"	" .	.....	" ...	"	" ..	" ..
1880.. " 8..	" ..	Charles W. Brown	John J. Martin....	.....	Thomas Gliddon ..	"	" ..	John L. Brothers..
1881.. " 20..	" ..	John J. Martin....	Thomas Gliddon...	.....	John W. Coburn ..	"	" ..	A. Oppenheimer...
1882.. " 5.	" ..	"	" ...	.....	" ...	John F. Baldwin..	" ..	" ...
1883.. " 11..	" .	Thomas Gliddon...	John W. Coburn ..	.....	John L. Brothers..	" ..	" ..	R. C. Christiance..
1884.. " 9..	" .	" ...	" ...	.....	" ...	" ..	" ..	" ..
1885.. " 8..	" ..	John W. Coburn ..	John L. Brothers..	.....	R. C. Christiance..	" ..	" ..	E. M. L. Ehlers...
1886.. " 7..	" ..	" ..	" ..	.....	" ..	" ..	" ..	" ...

Time of Meeting	Place of Meeting	Grand Cond. of Council	Grand Marshal	Grand Chaplain	Grand Chaplain	Grand Lecturer	Grand Steward	Grand Sentinel
1854	New York						D. S. Sinclair	
1854	"			J. F. G. Andrews			W. W. Ward	Sewall T. Fisk
1855	"		John W. Simons	Philip Pritchard			Bradley Parker	"
1856	"		Philip Pritchard	Bradley Parker			S. B. Tobey, Jr.	George Dowding
1857	"		Bradley Parker	S. B. Tobey, Jr.		Sewall T. Fisk	W. T. Marvin	"
1858	"		Royal G. Millard	John Gray		H. L. F. Bunting	John B. Harris	Sewall T. Fisk
1859	"		A. B. McKeon	"	J. C. Chatterton	"	Joseph Wright	George Dowding
1859	"			Henry C. Vogell	James M. Freeman			"
1860	"		Charles E. Gillett	"			Joseph Wright	Greenfield Pote
1861	"		William E. Lathrop	"	James M. Freeman	Sewall T. Fisk	Charles Teson	Greenfield Pote
1861	"			A. B. Beach				
1862	"		Stiles M. Rust	Henry C. Vogel		Sewall T. Fisk	E. J. Spink	L. G. Dart
1862	"			A. B. Beach				
1863	Albany		Stiles M. Rust	Henry C. Vogel	John N. Parker	Sewall T. Fisk	Charles Craig	L. G. Dart
1863	"			A. B. Beach	James M. Freeman			
1864	"		Charles W. Snow	Henry C. Vogel	John N. Parker	Sewall T. Fisk	C. W. Watson	L. G. Dart
1864	"			A. B. Beach	James M. Freeman			
1865	"		Mead Belden	"	John N. Parker	Sewall T. Fisk	C. W. Watson	Amasa J. Fuller
1866	"		"	R. H. Robinson		"	F. F. Driggs	"
1867	"		Joseph B. Chaffee	John G. Webster		"	"	"
1868	"		"	"		Jackson H. Chase	"	"
1869	"		"	"		"	"	"
1870	"		"	"		"	J. S. Shaw	"
1871	"		"	"		"	"	"
1872	"		"	"		"	C. H. Van Brackle	"
1873	"	George M. Osgoodby	Charles W. Brown	"		"	Henry J. Boyle	Johnson Fountain
1874	New York	Charles W. Brown	P. W. Verhoeven	"		"	"	"
1875	"	John F. Baldwin	"	"		John J. Martin	Thomas H. Floyd	"
1876	"	Thomas H. Floyd	Darwin E. Morgan	"		"	Owen Williams	"
1877	"	"	"	"		"	"	"
1878	"	Darwin E. Morgan	P. W. Verhoeven	"		"	Albert E. Leach	"
1879	"	P. W. Verhoeven	R. C. Christiance	"	Joseph B. Cleaver	"	"	"
1880	"	"	"	"	"	John N. Macomb, Jr.	W. Morgan Lee	"
1881	"	R. C. Christiance	John F. Baldwin	"		"	A. D. Robbins	"
1882	"	A. B. Robbins	Porte L. Hinman	"	F. W. Raikes	"	L. H. Raymond	"
1883	"	Porte L. Hinman	Alexander B. King	"		"	William Downes	John Hoole
1884	"	"	"	"		"	"	"
1885	"	John N. Macomb, Jr.	"	"		Samuel C. Pierce	George A. Newell	"
1886	"	"	"	"		"	"	"

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1887..Sept. 6..	New York..	John L. Brothers..	R. C. Christiance.	John N. Macomb, Jr.	John F. Baldwin ..	George Van Vliet..	Alexander B. King	George A. Newell .
1888.. " 4..	" ..	R. C. Christiance..	John N. Macomb, Jr.	Alexander B. King	" ..	" ..	George A. Newell .	Thomas J. Bishop.
1889.. " 10..	" ..	John N. Macomb, Jr.	Alexander B. King	George A. Newell .	" ..	" ..	Albert W. Force..	" .
1890.. " 9..	" ..	" "	" "	" "	" ..	" ..	" ..	" .
1891.. " 8..	" ..	Alexander B. King	George A. Newell .	John F. Baldwin ..	Peter Forrester ...	" ..	" ..	Frederick Kanter..
1892.. " 6..	" ..	" "	" "	" "	" ...	" ..	" ..	" ..
1893.. " 5..	" ..	George A. Newell .	John F. Baldwin ..	A. Oppenheimer...	" ...	" ..	" ..	" ..
1894.. " 4..	" ..	" "	" "	" "	" ...	" ..	" ..	" ..
1895.. " 3..	" ..	John F. Baldwin ..	A. Oppenheimer...	Albert W. Force ..	" ...	" ..	Frederick Kanter..	James B. McEwan.
1896.. " 1..	" ..	" "	" "	" "	" ...	" ..	" ..	" ..
1897..Aug. 31..	" ..	A. Oppenheimer...	Frederick Kanter..	James B. McEwan.	" ...	" ..	Theodore M. Barbe	John P. Deal.....
1898.. " 30..	" ..	Frederick Kanter.	James B. McEwan.	George McGown...	" ...	" ..	John P. Deal.....	Willard S. Bradt..
1899.. " 29..	" ..	James B. McEwan.	George McGown...	John P. Deal.....	" ...	" ..	Willard S. Bradt..	John R. Gardner ..
1900.. " 28..	" ..	George McGown...	John P. Deal.....	Willard S. Bradt..	" ...	" ..	John R. Gardner ..	N. H. Freeland ...
1901.. " 20..	Buffalo	John P. Deal.....	Willard S. Bradt..	John R. Gardner ..	" ...	" ..	N. H. Freeland ...	Irving L'Hommedieu
1902.. " 26..	New York..	Willard S. Bradt..	John R. Gardner ..	Irving L'Hommedieu	" ...	" ..	Charles Stewart ...	Fred E. Ogden ...
1903.. " 25..	New York..	John R. Gardner ..	Irving L'Hommedieu	Charles Stewart ...	George A. Newell .	" ..	Fred E. Ogden ...	Benjamin Strasser.
1904.. " 30..	Saratoga....	Irving L'Hommedieu	Charles Stewart ...	Fred E. Ogden ...	" .	" ..	Wm. H. Andrews .	Frank M. Adee ...
1905.. " 29..	Brooklyn ...	Charles Stewart ...	Fred E. Ogden ...	Wm. H. Andrews .	" .	" ..	Frank M. Adee ...	M. S. MacKenzie .
1906.. " 28..	Troy	Fred E. Ogden ...	Wm. H. Andrews .	Frank M. Adee ...	" .	" ..	M. S. MacKenzie .	Will L. Lloyd...
1907.. " 27..	New York..	Wm. H. Andrews .	Frank M. Adee ...	M. S. MacKenzie .	" .	" ..	Will L. Lloyd...	Martin Q. Good...
1908.. " 25..	Rochester...	Frank M. Adee ...	M. S. MacKenzie .	Will L. Lloyd...	" .	Charles T. Lunt ..	Martin Q. Good...	H. W. Greenland .
1909.. " 31..	New York..	M. S. MacKenzie .	Will L. Lloyd...	Martin Q. Good...	" .	" ..	H. W. Greenland .	J. Harris Balston..
1910.. " 23..	Albany	Will L. Lloyd...	Martin Q. Good...	H. W. Greenland .	" .	" ..	J. Harris Balston..	George E. Hatch..
1911.. " 22..	Jamestown..	Martin Q. Good...	H. W. Greenland .	J. Harris Balston..	" .	" ..	George E. Hatch..	William H. Ellis..
1912.. " 27..	Syracuse....	H. W. Greenland .	J. Harris Balston..	George E. Hatch..	" .	M. F. Hemingway	William H. Ellis..	Edward H. Lisk ..
1913.. " 25-26	Poughkeepsie	J. Harris Balston..	George E. Hatch..	William H. Ellis..	" .	"	Oliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman
1914.. " 24-25	Schenectady.	George E. Hatch..	William H. Ellis..	Oliver H. LaBarre	" .	"	Eugene E. Hinman	James Chambers ..
1915.. " 16-17	Buffalo	William H. Ellis..	Oliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman	" .	"	James Chambers ..	Edwin Buchman ..
1916.. " 21-22	Peekskill....	Oliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman	James Chambers ..	" .	"	Roland K. Mason .	Hugh H. Kendall.
1917.. " 27-28	Albany	Eugene E. Hinman	James Chambers ..	Roland K. Mason .	" .	"	Hugh H. Kendall.	Henry A. MacGruer.
1918.. " 26-27	Corning	James Chambers ..	Roland K. Mason .	Hugh H. Kendall.	" .	"	Henry A. MacGruer.	George S. Haswell
1919.. " 25-26	Jamestown..	Roland K. Mason .	Hugh H. Kendall.	Henry A. MacGruer.	" .	"	George S. Haswell	John C. Welch....
1920.. " 23-24	Syracuse....	Hugh H. Kendall.	Henry A. MacGruer	George S. Haswell.	" .	Geo. Edw. Hatch..	John C. Welch....	William S. Riselay
1921.. " 22-23	New York..	Henry A. MacGruer	George S. Haswell.	John C. Welch....	" .	" ..	William S. Riselay	Joseph L. Lockhart
1922.. " 28-29	Troy	George S. Haswell.	John C. Welch....	William S. Riselay	" .	" ..	Joseph L. Lockhart	Geo. R. Hemenway
1923.. " 27-28	Buffalo	William S. Riselay	Joseph L. Lockhart	Geo. R. Hemenway	" .	" ..	James A. Smith...	Geo. O. Linkletter.
1924.. " 25-26	Rochester...	Joseph L. Lockhart	Geo. R. Hemenway	James A. Smith...	" .	" ..	Geo. O. Linkletter.	Charles M. Colton.
1925.. " 24-25	Elmira	Geo. R. Hemenway	James A. Smith...	Geo. O. Linkletter.	" .	" ..	Charles M. Colton.	Charles H. Johnson
1926.. " 23-24	Schenectady.	James A. Smith...	Geo. O. Linkletter.	Charles M. Colton.	" .	" ..	Charles H. Johnson	Jerome L. Cheney.
1927.. " 22-23	Syracuse....	Geo. O. Linkletter.	Charles M. Colton.	Charles H. Johnson	" .	" ..	Jerome L. Cheney.	John A. Derthick..
1928..Sept.10-11	Glens Falls.	Charles M. Colton.	Charles H. Johnson	Jerome L. Cheney.	" .	" ..	John A. Derthick..	Albert S. Price...
1929.. " 9-10	Jamestown..	Charles H. Johnson	Jerome L. Cheney.	John A. Derthick..	" .	" ..	Albert S. Price...	William F. Seber.
1930.. " 22-23	Albany	Jerome L. Cheney.	John A. Derthick..	Albert S. Price...	" .	" ..	William F. Seber.	S. Ormond Goldan
1931. Aug. 31-Sept. 1	Niagara Falls	John A. Derthick...	Albert S. Price	William F. Seber...	Roland K. Mason ..	" ..	S. Ormond Goldan.	A. Edward Krieger
1932..Sept. 12-13	Poughkeepsie	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Time of Meeting	Place of Meeting	Grand Marshal	Grand Standard Bearer	Grand Steward	Grand Lecturer	Grand Chaplain	Grand Chaplain	Grand Sentinel
1887	New York	Thomas J. Bishop.		John G. Barker	Samuel C. Pierce	John G. Webster		John Hoole
1888	"	Samuel C. Pierce		John B. Harris	A. Oppenheimer	W. D'Orville Doty		"
1889	"	Frederick Kanter		"	"	"		"
1890	"	"		"	"	"		"
1891	"	Richard T. Lockley		William H. Wyman	"	"		"
1892	"	"		"	"	"		"
1893	"	"		"	George McGown	"		"
1894	"	J. B. McEwan		Theodore M. Barber	"	"		"
1895	"	John P. Deal		Willard S. Bradt	"	"		George Skinner
1896	"	"		Theodore M. Barber	"	"		"
1897	"	W. S. Bradt		William H. Sims	"	"		"
1898	"	John R. Gardner	N. H. Freeland	Irving L'Hommedieu	John W. Coburn	"		"
1899	"	N. H. Freeland	Irving L'Hommedieu	George R. Hodgkins	"	"		"
1900	"	Irving L'Hommedieu	George R. Hodgkins	Charles Stewart	"	Warren C. Hubbard		John Malcolm
1901	Buffalo	Charles Stewart	Fred E. Ogden	Benjamin Strasser	"	"		William H. Small
1902	New York	Benjamin Strasser	Wm. H. Andrews	Frank M. Adee	"	"		"
1903	"	Wm. H. Andrews	Frank M. Adee	M. S. MacKenzie	Charles S. Butler	"		James W. Scaggs
1904	Saratoga	M. S. MacKenzie	Will L. Lloyd	Harwood Dudley	"	"		Herman Traugott
1905	Brooklyn	Will L. Lloyd	Harwood Dudley	Martin Q. Good	"	"		Charles Teson
1906	Troy	Harwood Dudley	Martin Q. Good	H. W. Greenland	"	"		William H. Small
1907	New York	H. W. Greenland	J. Harris Balston	George E. Hatch	Charles T. Lunt	"	John Laubenheimer	Matthew J. Steele
1908	Rochester	J. Harris Balston	George E. Hatch	William H. Ellis	Eugene E. Hinman	"	"	William H. Geety
1909	New York	George E. Hatch	William H. Ellis	Edward H. Lisk	"	"	S. Wright Butler	Wm. H. Gladding
1910	Albany	William H. Ellis	Edward H. Lisk	Oliver H. LaBarre	"	"	"	Charles D. Wilson
1911	Jamestown	Edward H. Lisk	Oliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman	Charles M. Colton	William A. Masker	"	Charles Blasdel
1912	Syracuse	Oliver H. LaBarre	Eugene E. Hinman	James Chambers	"	"	"	Joseph Titus
1913	Poughkeepsie	James Chambers	Edwin Buchman	Roland K. Mason	"	"	"	James L. Foote
1914	Schenectady	Edwin Buchman	Roland K. Mason	Hugh H. Kendall	"	"	"	John Malcolm
1915	Buffalo	Roland K. Mason	Hugh H. Kendall	Henry A. MacGruer	"	"	"	Leonard Sharpe
1916	Peekskill	Henry A. MacGruer	George S. Haswell	John C. Welch	"	"	"	Wm. H. Gladding
1917	Albany	George S. Haswell	John C. Welch	Emil H. Schmidt	"	"	"	R. E. Sunderlin
1918	Corning	John C. Welch	Emil H. Schmidt	William S. Riselay	"	"	"	Jay Pickard
1919	Jamestown	William S. Riselay	J. L. Lockhart	G. R. Hemenway	"	"	"	James H. Melligan
1920	Syracuse	Jos. L. Lockhart	Geo. R. Hemenway	James A. Smith	"	"	"	Henry C. Fry
1921	New York	Geo. R. Hemenway	James A. Smith	Geo. O. Linkletter	"	"	"	John L. Ayers
1922	Troy	James A. Smith	Geo. O. Linkletter	Charles M. Colton	Albert S. Price	David L. Ferris	"	John Fox
1923	Buffalo	Charles M. Colton	Charles H. Johnson	Jerome L. Cheney	"	"	"	Walter B. Joslyn
1924	Rochester	Charles H. Johnson	Jerome L. Cheney	John A. Derthick	"	"	"	Charles S. Tuttle
1925	Elmira	Jerome L. Cheney	John A. Derthick	Albert S. Price	George A. Davis, Jr.	"	"	James L. Foote
1926	Schenectady	John A. Derthick	Albert S. Price	William F. Seber	E. Parker Waggoner	"	"	James C. Melligan
1927	Syracuse	Albert S. Price	William F. Seber	S. Ormond Goldan	"	"	"	Harry W. Pangburn
1928	Glens Falls	William F. Seber	S. Ormond Goldan	A. Edward Krieger	"	Murray Bartlett	"	Jay Pickard
1929	Jamestown	S. Ormond Goldan	A. Edward Krieger	Raymond E. Westbury	"	"	"	Edward Wagner
1930	Albany	A. Edward Krieger	Raymond E. Westbury	Charles B. Weller	"	Harry G. Greensmith	"	Thomas H. Platts
1931	Niagara Falls	Raymond E. Westbury	Charles B. Weller	E. Parker Waggoner	Edward Feih	George W. Gulick	"	Charles W. Deyo
1932	Poughkeepsie							

Foreign Correspondence

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL:

Only four Jurisdictions show a net gain in membership. All the rest record losses, some of them staggering.

What is going to be done about it?

Those who have given the subject serious thought appear to have agreed that lack of personal leadership on the part of the elected chiefs is the real explanation. That is all right, but why is such leadership lacking? Why are so many Councils seemingly neglectful of this in the choice of the men they place in the East? Is the answer that enthusiasm is lacking?

Watching the wheels go round is a peaceful but not very stimulating experience. Nothing surprising that some get tired of it, with many more interesting occupations holding out inducements, and exodus of the bored is the result.

No more inspiriting degrees are to be found anywhere than those of Royal and Select Master. So the impressions the candidate gets on first entering ought to be most favorable. And they are as a rule. Where the Officers know the work and render it memoriter with the proper appreciation and dignity, the first and most important hold upon the new-comer is assured. But what next? There is where leadership proper comes in.

Leadership means initiative and piloting things through. Programs with attractions for each meeting of the year, followed up by personal appeal to come around ought to counteract whatever the lure of outside things may be. No harm in setting aside two work assemblies if need be to make room for family entertainments with children and all, one for St. Valentine's Day and one for Halloween. Every working assembly can have a special drawing feature. Best if it can follow the degrees so that the newcomers may share in it, providing such feature meets the purpose and does not jar because of inappropriateness. Or a sociable luncheon may close the evening and the suggested feature may be fitted in with the after-degree program.

It may be well also to consider seriously whether the Cryptic degrees ought not to connect more directly with the Lodge. There is no particularly serious reason why these degrees should be reserved for Royal Arch Masons. One supplements the third degree and the next prepares for the Royal Arch.

Our present plan has much to justify it. Still there is no harm in talking about the matter now that we have much time for talking. Coming directly from the Lodge the candidate brings with him undimmed enthusiasm. If he goes through the Chapter, he may or may not be caught by the spirit of the work. If, as is the case with most, he first takes the most direct route to the Commandery or the Shrine, before he knocks at the door of the Council, he may be hard-boiled when he finally comes to us on the solicitation of friends.

Another point: A member may be dropped in the Chapter or withdraw from it. In either case the Council, under present laws, is compelled to strike him from the roll. That is the law. Why it should be so, is not very clear. Down South they have a saying that "every tub must stand on its own bottom." Who is to blame? The Council? Chapter? Or both?

This yields two suggestions to think over: One is to connect directly with the Lodge. The second is to do away with the requirement that continuance in the Council is dependent on continuance in the Chapter. Why not discuss the question in the Councils and let the Grand Master know how each unit feels about the matter.

Other suggestions may be gathered from the reviews which are respectfully submitted herewith.

OSSIAN LANG,
Foreign Correspondent.

Alabama 1930
Arizona 1931
Arkansas 1931
California 1931
Canada, Western Jurisdiction 1931
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Louisiana 1931
Maine 1931
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Massachusetts 1930
Michigan 1931
Minnesota 1930
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Utah 1930-1931
Vermont 1931
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ALABAMA—1930

93d Annual Assembly *Montgomery* December 2d

M.·.Ill.·.William White Waldo, G.·.M.·.

Twenty-two Councils. 3,468 members; net *loss*, 798. Cash balance, $2,633.47.

Present: All Grand Officers, except the Captain of the Guard; thirteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty-one Councils; thirty-two Grand Representatives, Grand Master Waldo himself responding for New York.

Grand Master Jack Guy Standifer was there from Georgia. Past Grand Master William H. Carter of Mississippi attended as Personal Representative of the General Grand Master.

Despite the slump in membership and a modest treasury, the Grand Council took the Grand Master's suggestion and voted $125.00 to the Washington National Memorial Fund to raise Alabama's percentage of contribution to that purpose. Another commendable deed: the sum of $250.00 was voted to the Alabama Masonic Home, also on the Grand Master's recommendation, who had said: "We have no worthier cause to sustain, cherish, and encourage."

Correspondence

Companion William Bourne Clemmons again presents an admirable report. It takes careful reading to dig out as much helpful material as he presents, not speaking of the clear discernment behind it. Two whole pages are given to New York for 1929 and everything is handled in an appreciative spirit.

Grand Officers Elected

Llewellyn R. Hillyer, *Montgomery,* Grand Master; Henry C. McGee, Deputy Grand Master; Leroy M. Strickland, Grand Principal Conductor of Work; John Wilson Terry, Grand Treasurer; George A. Beauchamp, P.·.G.·.M.·., *Montgomery,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: December 1, 1931.

ARIZONA—1931

10th Annual Assembly *Globe* February 9th

M.·.Ill.·.Gordon Hayward Sawyer, G.·.M.·.

Six Councils. 563 members; net gain, 23. Cash balance, $259.53.

Present: All Grand Officers; three of the five living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of the six constituted Councils; twenty-two Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master Morris Goldwater for New York.

The Grand Master called attention to the impressiveness and beauty of the ritualistic work and urged the Councils to exercise care in the election and appointment of Officers willing to give to their service the best that is in them and able to work the degrees in perfect form. He himself visited during his year of office only his own home Council.

Grand Officers Elected

Fred Ormal Goodell, *Phoenix,* Grand Master; James Raymond Malott, Deputy Grand Master; Clarence Virgil Gulley, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Otis James Baughn, Grand Treasurer; Harry Arizona Drachman, *Tucson,* Grand Recorder.

Eleventh Annual Assembly: Tucson, March 7, 1932.

ARKANSAS—1931

69th Annual Assembly *Little Rock* March 4th

M.·.Ill.·.Allen Hotchkiss, G.·.M.·.

Thirty-three Councils. 1,236 members; apparent net *loss*, judging from figures given in 1930, 244. Cash balance, $1,634.34.

Present: All Grand Officers; nine of sixteen living and still active Past Grand Masters; Representatives of fifteen Councils; twenty-eight Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master John C. Bone for New York.

In 1930, the membership was given as 1,480. Now it stands at 1,236. The statistical table names thirty-three Councils. The Grand Recorder's report states that nineteen made returns and paid dues, twelve did not, and two supplied statistics but failed to pay dues. It is possible therefore that a complete showing would bring the total membership up to 1,444 and reduce the net loss to 36, the figure reported by the Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master ascribes the losses and the inactivity of the majority of the Councils to the abnormal economic depression experienced throughout the United States during the past two years, which has been felt most keenly in Arkansas. He appeals to the Companions not to "lose faith in the Good God, but go to Him for guidance" and keep on working steadily. It is the message he carried to the Councils he visited during the year. He attended the General Grand Council Triennial at Tacoma and gathered new inspiration from contact with the leaders of the Rite assembled there.

M.·.P.·.Fay Hempstead, Grand Recorder, includes in the neat volume of Proceedings the poem he read at the Fiftieth Anniversary of the General Grand Council of which he has been Grand Master. It is entitled "Tacoma."

Grand Officers Elected

James H. Clendening, *Fort Smith*, Grand Master; J. M. Kinser, Deputy Grand Master; S. A. Diehl, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Emile E. Audigier, Grand Treasurer; Fay Hempstead, *Little Rock*, Grand Recorder.

Seventieth Annual Assembly: Little Rock, March 2, 1932.

CALIFORNIA—1931

71st Annual Assembly *San Francisco* April 20th

M.·.Ill.·.Lewis E. Kent, G.·.M.·.

Thirty-nine Councils. 9,574 members; net *loss*, 376. Cash balance, $7,569.38.

Present: All Grand Officers; eight Past Grand Masters; Representatives of thirty-one chartered Councils; twenty-four Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master ROBERT H. DEWITT for New York.

The visiting list of the Grand Master covers twenty pages, supplying considerable detail as to the manner of receptions and what was done. A report of the Tacoma Triennial forms a part.

The Grand Recorder finds Alpha Council to have made a net gain of forty-two during the year losing only two (one by death and one withdrawn). Alpha is the youngest Council. That probably accounts for it and proves at the same time what enthusiasm does. Los Angeles, No. 11, continues to hold the largest membership with 1,635 on the list.

The Grand Recorder supplies a form letter which is calculated to bring good results as regards handling delinquent accounts, and was approved by Grand Council. The letter runs as follows:

"Dear Companion:

"The dues owing by you to ..... Council to ....., 1930, were remitted and a statement sent you for your 1931 dues of ..... dollars.

"The Council realizes that when dues are permitted to accumulate they sometimes reach an amount that is a hardship for the member to pay and he unwillingly forfeits his membership rather than prefer a request to have the amount remitted, and that under the trying times of the past two or three years, due to unemployment and financial reverses, you may possibly face such a condition.

"..... Council wants your membership and we sincerely hope that you wish to continue a member of our Council where the watchword is 'Good-fellowship.'

"Kindly give this matter favorable consideration and pay your 1931 dues (..... ..... dollars) now. We feel sure that if you pay this ..... dollars on or about the first of each year in advance, you will not find it burdensome. If at some future time you feel that you would like to pay to the Council the amount remitted, of course you will have that privilege, but there is no obligation on your part to do so. We want you. Stay with us.

"With best wishes and kindest regards,

"Sincerely and fraternally yours,

".....

"Recorder."

Grand Council donated and placed in the Domestic Science Cottage at Covina one couch, one large chair, two 9x12 rugs, one end-table, one kitchen range and $10.00 in cash for the purchase of curtains. That is the sort of thing which helps to let the Craft feel that the Council keeps the institutions of Grand Lodge in mind.

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master FRANCIS H. E. O'DONNELL has unique comments, freely distributed through his reviews which have won him distinction. Two pages are given to New York for 1929.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

SEWARD M. ESTABROOK, *Alameda,* Grand Master; EDWARD B. SPENCER, Deputy Grand Master; DANIEL B. RICHARDS, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; FRANCIS H. E. O'DONNELL, Grand Treasurer; THOMAS A. DAVIES, *San Francisco,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Long Beach, April 18, 1932.

CANADA: WESTERN JURISDICTION—1931

8th Annual Assembly *Niagara Falls* February 26th

M.·.Ill.·.DR. J. AUSTIN EVANS, G.·.M.·.

Ten Councils. 597 members; net gain, 35. Cash balance, $616.71.

Present: All Grand Officers but the Grand Marshal; two Past Grand Masters; Representatives of ten Councils (one U.·.D.·.), and eighteen Grand Representatives; New York absent.

Past Grand Master GODFREY PITTIS of New Jersey was an honored visitor.

The address of the Grand Master is the outstanding one of the year. The meeting being held at Niagara Falls inspired the thought that Canada and the United States are one in heart and spirit, though the former takes pride in being identified with the great British Empire while the latter glories in its independence. He says:

"For over a century, Canada and the United States, with three thousand miles of unfortified frontier, have lived in peace and friendship, without peace treaties or agreements, but *thinking* peace, the only real foundation upon which peace can ever be built. This century of peace between these two great countries, has set an example to the world nowhere excelled in all history. We think peace because we cannot think war. The reason for this psychological condition lies in personal knowledge. The man you don't know is the man you don't like. When you get to know him, you find that he possesses admirable qualities and then you grow to like him. We Canadians personally know the Americans, and they know us. We move freely and sojourn in their country, and they in ours; we have interests in their financial institutions, and they in ours; we intermarry freely. Moreover, while we have our ideals which we feel suit us better, and the Americans have theirs, of which they too are proud, but we do not attempt to force our ideals on them, nor do they attempt to force theirs upon us. The true basis of friendship is not an identity of views, but a reciprocal respect for the views of others and this forms the corner stone of the great friendship which exists between these two nations."

He believes that Freemasonry has had much to do with the building up of *thinking people,* and thereby has contributed to the existing reciprocal understanding.

What he has to say regarding present conditions in the world makes an even more direct appeal to the Freemasons and suggests the sort of education which the Craft can carry on, and more particularly the Cryptic Rite. The financial, industrial and general social discontent he ascribes to the reckless destruction of traditions and institutions which made for order, decency and mutual regard. Masonry he says has no place for the wrecker. It seeks to train builders of bulwarks against destructive influences. Here is one paragraph from his reflections on this great subject:

"If there ever was a time Masonry should stand boldly forward as a defender of tradition, it is the actual present. The fundamental teachings of the Craft are the basic laws of the universe, the details of which are left to the individual. Common sense is the quality of solving specific problems, by having recourse to general principles. The one great error of the present day, is that details have been magnified to such a tremendous extent as to obscure the knowledge of the basic principles underlying. Masonry was never more needed than it is today, to inculcate in the minds of its votaries, a knowledge of the fundamental principles by which the world is governed. It was for this very purpose that speculative masonry was formed, and that purpose can only be carried out by a well-regulated system of instruction and education."

The Cryptic Rite can help, he believes, by promoting among the membership a clear understanding of the foundations upon which the Craft is built. To this end he recommends that lectures be had as much as possible, at which would be discussed ways and means for betterment. Such meetings might resolve themselves into clubby affairs with features that appeal to the serious minded as well as of those whose chief desire is for social contact and doings. One suggestion is that "Royal Craftsman's Clubs" be formed by the Companions, presumably admitting also, men who are not yet of the Cryptic Rite; in other words to have the Council become an educational factor in the general Masonic scheme.

He suggests that it would be a good idea to have all members call one another "Companion", dropping in conversation with one another, when addressing any Officers, all titles—its "Companion" and nothing else. That no doubt answers all general purposes, but Companion EVANS certainly does not want to do away with formal etiquette when formal meetings are in progress. The title does mean something, not as a mark of distinction so much as making for dignity and decorum.

The Committee on Condition of Cryptic Masonry rejoices that, while the whole of Canada has encountered prolonged economic depression, the Supreme Council shows a net gain, however small it may appear.

The Committee on Grand Master's address explains that there was no animosity in the withdrawal of the Grand Council from the General Grand Council and that on the contrary the assistances obtained from the connection when it existed were invaluable and are appreciated as such.

With as wide-flung a Jurisdiction as this Grand Council has, it is but natural there should be wide stretches not touched anywhere by a Council. With this condition in mind the Committee on Cryptic Rite Extension recommended that the Supreme Grand Council be authorized to confer degrees on Royal Arch Companions living beyond a distance of twenty-five miles from an established Council. A similar plan is in practice in a few Jurisdictions in the United States.

The Deputy Grand Master introduced the subject of "Allied Degrees" particularly those of Royal Ark Mariner and the order of the Red Cross of Constantine. The Constitution of the Supreme Grand Council gives authority to Councils to confer degrees other than the Royal, Select and Super-Excellent, "as the Executive shall see fit." It was resolved that the Executive Council shall take such actions as are necessary for the conferring of degrees which they deem advisable to make available to members of the Council, and that for each degree so conferred a minimum fee of $1.00 be collected by the Grand Recorder from the Councils to cover cost of registration, and an additional $1.00 per member for a certificate.

Correspondence

The report on Correspondence prepared by Past Grand Master James B. Nixon takes its place with the best in the Cryptic field. The drop in membership experienced by most other Jurisdictions he disposes of by fixing the responsibility on the presiding Officer of the Council. This means that the membership is responsible for the men they put at the head. He says:

"Give us an active, aggressive Master, who realizes his responsibility and who is able and willing to give the time and work necessary and there will be no net loss reported at the end of the year. There is an old and true saying, a regiment of sheep led by a lion will put up a much better fight than a regiment of lions led by a sheep."

The story of each Council is told in brief form, with quotations chosen chiefly from the addresses of Grand Masters. One page is devoted to New York for 1930.

Grand Officers Elected

John H. C. Woodward, *London, Ontario,* Grand Master; Edwin Smith, Deputy Grand Master; Clifford R. Wentzel, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Alex. Saunders, Grand Treasurer; Henry I. Orr, *London, Ontario,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Hamilton, Ontario, February 24 and 25, 1932.

CONNECTICUT—1931

113th Annual Assembly *Stamford* June 3rd

M.·.P.·.Robert R. Houston, G.·.M.·.

Twenty-four Councils. 10,539 members; net *loss,* 165. Cash balance, $3,242.84. $10,687.76 are in the keeping of the Grand Trustees.

Present: All Grand Officers excepting the Grand Master; fourteen of the twenty-six living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of all Councils; twenty-two Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master William C. Twombly for New York.

Distinguished Guests: Past Grand Master Edward M. Wheeler of Rhode Island; Past Grand Master Donald J. Sargent and Grand King Robert G. Collins of New Jersey; G.·.P.·.C.·.David R. Dalzell and Grand Representative Gardner R. P. Barker of Massachusetts; and seven from New York: Past Grand Master Martin Q. Good, G.·.C.·.C.·. S. Ormond Goldan, R.·.Ill.·.Companions John F. Birmingham, John Burden, Caleb Fisher, George Wood, and Ill.·.Companion Charles Miller.

The Grand Master not only visited a number of the Councils and honored the assemblies of the Grand Councils of New York and Massachusetts by his presence, but brought with him constructive practical recommendations all of which were adopted unanimously. He says he is persuaded that many N. P. D. losses could be obviated by personal heart-to-heart talks with the delinquents, and tells how in one Council in which this plan was put to work, twenty Companions paid up and were retained. For the Inspectors he submits this:

"Believing that earnestness and sincerity is more to be desired in performing Ritual work than insisting upon the Ritual being given word for word, I recommend that the present method of marking the Ritual work of the Councils be discarded, and the Inspectors be instructed to call the Officers of the inspected Council together, after the Council is closed, and explain to them any lapses that have occurred in Ritual diction or declamation, bearing in mind at all times that the Officers seldom are actors or orators, and giving kindly help and assistance to the end that the Officers may take heart and have joy in their work."

The recommendation was adopted and the Inspectors ordered to make "a full and detailed report in duplicate, sending one to the Grand Recorder and one to the Ritual Committee."

Approved was also the recommendation that the State be laid out in districts. The inspection assignments were left to the incoming Grand Master and the Grand Recorder.

The office of Grand Sentinel was made an "appointed line office."

The reports of the Associate Grand Officers reveal interesting conditions. Not one Council appears to have tried "exchange of visitations"

with their neighbors. The percentage of members present at official inspection ranges from three and six-tenths in Wolcott Council, No. 1, with an enrollment of 1,639, to twenty-four per cent in Orange, No. 34, the youngest Council, with an enrollment of 364. Sixty enrolled Companions showed up in Wolcott and eighty-seven in Orange.

The Ritual Committee finds that the older and larger Councils prefer to continue their own conception of the floor work of the Super-Excellent degree, and considers a revision and standardization of the work inadvisable. Grand Council agreed with the recommendation. The Committee then presented a "short form" to meet the difficulties encountered by the smaller Councils. This was adopted for the suggested purpose.

Correspondence

Companion Edgerton continues to supply interesting pithy summaries of things worthwhile found in thirty-nine volumes of Proceedings. One page is given to New York for 1930. Grand Master Charles H. Johnson's commendation of the service rendered by his associates is quoted, including the memorable sentence—

"Honors in this Rite are paid for very dearly at times in expenditure of time and energy by very busy men who nevertheless think of responsibility more than they do of titles and decorations."

Under Indiana Companion Edgerton mentions how his statement, in 1930, that the Indiana Correspondent "dissents from some Connecticut decisions" was turned by the ingenious stenographer into "he descends from some Connecticut descendants." Typewriters are all right, but stenographers—well, it isn't bad at that.

Grand Officers Elected

George G. Platt, *New Haven,* Grand Master; Charles A. Hallock, Deputy Grand Master; Frederick B. Coles, Grand Principal Conductor of Work; Norman C. Stevens, P.·.G.·.M.·., Grand Treasurer; Thomas W. Morgan, P.·.G.·.M.·., *Hartford,* Grand Recorder.

DELAWARE—1929

4th Annual Assembly *Wilmington* October 2nd

M.·.Ill.·.George O. Fearon, G.·.M.·.

Three Councils. 235 members; net gain, 6. Cash balance, $142.24.

Present: All Grand Officers; Representatives of three Councils; forty-two Grand Representatives, New York not among them.

The M.·.P.·.General Grand Master FRANK HART was there. From New Jersey had come Grand Master G. VAN VORIS WARNER and Past Grand Masters FRANK C. SAYRS and DONALD J. SARGENT. Past Grand Master RICHARD A. ROSEBERRY brought the greetings of the District of Columbia.

The Grand Master visited the three Councils and attended the Grand Assemblies of the District of Columbia and New Jersey.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

JOHN MCMILLAN, *Wilmington,* Grand Master; CORNELIUS E. BEATTY, Deputy Grand Master; HERMAN H. HANSON, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; HARVEY W. BENTLEY, Grand Treasurer; MARSHALL M. CARPENTER, *Wilmington,* Grand Recorder.

DELAWARE—1930

5th Annual Assembly *Wilmington* October 1st

M.·.Ill.·.JOHN MCMILLAN, G.·.M.·.

Three Councils. 227 members; net *loss,* 8. Cash balance, $201.49.

Present: All Grand Officers; three Past Grand Masters; Representatives of the three Councils; and seventeen Grand Representatives, New York not among them.

From New Jersey and the District of Columbia, ever faithful to the young Grand Council, had come goodly delegations: Deputy Grand Master CARTER, Past Grand Masters WARNER, SAYRS and SARGENT, of the Grand Council, and Junior Grand Warden ARTHUR P. JOHNSON of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey; Grand Master SHERMAN, Past Grand Masters FINLEY, ROSEBERRY, ROEPKE, BURKHOLDER and KIMMERLING, with Grand Recorder COLBORN, Grand Lecturer WEST and Grand Captain BEARDSLEY, of the District. Our own Deputy Grand Master JOHN A. DERTHICK also was there. They liked him so well, they asked him to see to it that New York would have at least one of its Officers present at every future Annual Assembly.

The Grand Master said that the Council appeals to him more than any other Masonic Body of which he is a member. Only after he became interested in the Cryptic Rite did he fully realize the privilege of being a Mason and caught the idea that Masonry places before each of its votaries a goal of right living and an incentive to have its meaning exemplified in his conduct and his attitude toward life in general.

Not able to attend the Semi-Centennial Convocation of the General Grand Council at Tacoma, the Grand Master had been represented there by Companion THOMAS J. DAY, who gives a most delightful account of his experiences and impressions. Wherever he stopped over on his way—St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City, Ogden, Boise and Portland—he was given a hearty welcome.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

CORNELIUS E. BEATTY, *Wilmington,* Grand Master; HERMAN H. HANSON, Deputy Grand Master; HARRY L. HOLSON, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; HARVEY W. BENTLEY, P.·.G.·.M.·., Grand Treasurer; MARSHALL M. CARPENTER, *P. O. Box 245, Wilmington,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Wilmington, October 7, 1931.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1930

11th Annual Assembly *Washington* April 5th

R.·.Ill.·.GEORGE L. SHERMAN, D.·.G.·.M.·., presiding

Six Councils. 1,390 members; net *loss,* 106. Cash balance, $607.17.

The Grand Master being absent, the Assembly was opened by the Deputy Grand Master. All the other Officers were in their stations.

Present were also five Past Grand Masters; Representatives of six Councils; and twenty-five Grand Representatives, Companion L. WHITING ESTES representing New York.

Distinguished Visitors from other Jurisdictions were Grand Master WILSON of Illinois, Grand Master WARNER of New Jersey, Past Grand Master FIELD of Colorado; and Grand Master MCMILLAN, Past Grand Master BENTLEY, Past Grand Master HAMMOND, Deputy Grand Master BEATTY and Grand Recorder CARPENTER, of Delaware.

The absent Grand Master's address confined to routine matters, was read by the presiding Deputy Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Master visited every Council of the District and has the distinction of being able to report that the attendance was close to one hundred per cent in every case.

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master OTTO B. ROEPKE's report makes pleasant reading and gives evidence of genuine interest in everything pertaining to the Cryptic Rite. New York for 1929 receives appreciative mention.

Grand Officers Elected

George L. Sherman, *Washington,* Grand Master; Rolen E. Painter, Deputy Grand Master; Noble D. Larner, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Mark F. Finley, Grand Treasurer; John A. Colborn, *Washington,* Grand Recorder.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1931

12th Annual Assembly *Washington* April 4th

M.·.Ill.·.George L. Sherman, G.·.M.·.

Six Councils. 1,399 members; net gain, 9. Cash balance, $1,102.90.

Present: Nine of the twelve Grand Officers (Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, and Grand Sentinel absent); four Past Grand Masters; Representatives of six Councils; twenty Grand Representatives, among them Companion L. Whiting Estes, who is Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons in the District of Columbia, responding for New York.

M.·.Ill.·.Companion J. Vreeland Haring of New Jersey, and Grand Master Cornelius E. Beatty, Past Grand Masters Harvey W. Bentley and John S. McMillan of Delaware were honored guests.

The Grand Master attended practically all the assemblies held by the Councils of the District during the year. He finds complete harmony, friendliness, sociability and warm-hearted interest everywhere. His greatest satisfaction is that, in spite of the year's business depression, his Grand Council for the first time in five years shows a net gain of membership. The gain is small but it is a gain. He attended the Tacoma Triennial of the General Grand Council with Companion L. Whiting Estes, the latter being proxy for the Deputy Grand Master. On motion of Companion Roger O'Donnell a resolution was adopted extending cordial greetings to Companion Francis H. E. O'Donnell of Oakland, California, commending him for the cheerful and painstaking reviews of reports of sister Jurisdictions, which, it is added, "are ever an inspiration to the Craft."

Correspondence

Past Grand Master Otto B. Roepke has a pleasant homely way of telling the story of each Jurisdiction. He does not comment much but passes all collected important facts over to the Companions of the District. One page is given to New York for 1930. Grand Master Charles H. Johnson's address is characterized as "masterly" and typical of the man.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

ROLEN E. PAINTER, *Washington,* Grand Master; NOBLE D. LARNER, Deputy Grand Master; ORIE L. BEARSDLEY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; MARK F. FINLEY, Grand Treasurer; JOHN A. COLBORN *Washington,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Washington, April 20, 1932.

ENGLAND AND WALES—1931

Annual Assembly *London* April 16th

Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queens Street

M.·.Ill.·.Lt.-Col. Sir HENRY McMAHON, G.·.M.·.

Twenty-nine Councils. Cash balance, £450/6, representing an increase of £82/18/6 over that of 1930.

Beyond the encouraging information that "Good progress continues to be made in the Order, both in membership and improvement in the working of Private Councils" and that during the past twelve months 172 certificates have been issued nothing is given which might serve as a clue to the actual number of members now on the roll.

Both the Royal and the Select Masters' degrees were worked under the direction of the Deputy Grand Master.

Particular attention is again called to a school of instruction known as the Cryptic Council of Improvement. It has been formed chiefly for the promotion of interest in the Cryptic Rite and enabling Companions to become proficient in the rituals and ceremonials of the Council. The work is under the direction of a Preceptor and an Assistant Preceptor.

The list of the Grand Officers includes many names familiar to Masonic students and indicates that great care has been exercised in the selection.

M.·.Ill.·.Comp. Lt.-Col. Sir HENRY McMAHON, Grand Master.

R.·.Ill.·.Comp. MAJOR T. G. L. LUMLEY-SMITH, Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA—1931

51st Annual Assembly *Jacksonville* May 18th

M.·.Ill.·.GEORGE J. TOLSON, G.·.M.·.

Twenty-one Councils. 1,676 members; net *loss,* 219. Cash balance, $1,331.83.

Present: All Grand Officers; eleven of the fifteen living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of seventeen Councils; twenty-six Grand Representatives, New York among the missing.

Past Grand Master CARY B. FISH represented the General Grand Master.

The Grand Master attended the Triennial at Tacoma, but did no visiting to speak of in his own Jurisdiction. While believing that the prevailing financal depression had something to do with the loss of members during the past few years, he considers that the decline "to some extent is due to disinterestedness," for a large majority of the dimitted and suspended "could have found ways and means to have retained their membership, had they felt much interested."

The Royal and the Select Masters' degrees were conferred upon two candidates, and the Super-Excellent upon six.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

JOHN H. RAUCH, *St. Petersburg,* Grand Master; HENRY O. SNOW, Deputy Grand Master; J. LLOYD HEAD, Grand Principal Conductor of Work; RILEY J. MCMASTER, P.·.G.·.M.·., Grand Treasurer; WILBER P. WEBSTER, *Jacksonville,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Tampa, May 15, 1931.

GEORGIA—1931

81st Annual Assembly *Macon* April 28th

M.·.Ill.·.JACK G. STANDIFER, G.·.M.·.

Sixty-four Councils. 5,107 members; net *loss,* 338. Cash balance, $1,922.76.

Present: All Grand Officers; twelve Past Grand Masters; Representatives of thirty-two Councils; thirty-two Grand Representatives, among them Grand Master JACK G. STANDIFER representing New York.

Distinguished Visitors were Grand Master L. R. HILLYER of Alabama and Grand High Priest T. M. MCKEE and Past Grand High Priest JAMES MCCULLOUGH of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Master's list of visitations in the State indicates that he sought to get in personal touch with as many of the Councils as possible. He attended also the Grand Council, Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of Florida; and the Grand Council, Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of Alabama; besides taking part in a large number of District meetings of Councils, Chapters and Lodges. His purpose appears to have been to strengthen friendly relations between all Masonic bodies.

M.·.Ill.·.Companion STANDIFER is a country doctor and, knowing radical operations often may prove the salvation of the one concerned, he decided upon some needed amputations and arrested seven Charters.

Due to the failure of a Bank and Trust Company the funds of the Grand Council were tied up but, due to the successful handling of things by the Grand Recorder, no money had to be borrowed to keep going.

The Grand Master considers the general slump in various Jurisdictions to be merely "the back-swash of the boom times." He says:

"During seasons of drouth, trees prune themselves, many limbs fall off, but the root system goes deeper into Mother Earth, and, in the end, the trees are stronger. We too, down in Georgia, have had a severe drouth, 'times that have tried men's souls,' but surely not so bad as those that our forefathers experienced, following the War Between the States. Our Masonic tree system, after a rank growth, has shed many dead limbs, entirely a natural process, but I am sure that Freemasonry has sunk its roots deeper into the hearts of the true lovers of the craft and our grand old institution will draw nourishment and sustenance from the love it finds there and when the generous rains of good times come, as they will surely come, our evergreen tree will be the stronger for having undergone the dry, hot winds of adversity. All the different branches of the craft in Georgia, other organizations, the church itself, have lost members. I continue to be optimistic, for our strength lies not alone in numbers."

Gloomy Gus comes in for a well merited word of commendation for the enviable reputation he has established by his work as Foreign Correspondent.

The Grand Treasurer-Recorder reports that of the sixty-four Councils on the roll only forty were active. Twenty-seven failed to make reports during the year, three have made no reports in two years, three in three years, seven for four years, four for five years.

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master FRANCIS A. JOHNSON, "Gloomy Gus" by his real name, talks plainly. He wants the "good men and true" upon whom the Council depended for strength in the past to come out at the annual elections and see to it that none but competent, capable Companions are elected: Men who "are willing to sacrifice time and money for the body over which they preside." Masonry means "work" and the Officers certainly ought to exemplify that meaning anyway. Hiding behind the oft cited phrase that "Masonry is not meant to interfere with your necessary vocations," does not sit well with one who accepted the office and pledged himself to work for the interest of the organization. G. G. calls the excuse "unadulterated bunk." He disposes of something like forty-five Councils in twenty pages, following the example of GEORGE GUTHRIE of North Dakota. They are all there, New York for 1930 included. Gloomy Gus is a great asset to Georgia.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

ORLANDO C. LONG, *Atlanta,* Grand Master; WILLIAM G. MEALOR, Deputy Grand Master; CHARLES W. PIDCOCK, JR., Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; AUGUSTUS G. MILLER, P.·.G.·.M.·., *Macon,* Grand Treasurer-Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Macon, April 26, 1932.

ILLINOIS—1930

78th Annual Assembly *Danville* September 24th

M.·.Ill.·.HARRY GRESANG WILSON, G.·.M.·.

Seventy-nine Councils. 23,559 members; net *loss,* 1,183. Cash balance, $17,215.08.

Present: All Grand Officers; fourteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of sixty-five Councils; and thirty-eight Grand Representatives, among them Companion S. O. SPRING for New York.

The largest decrease in membership in the history of this Grand Council does not discourage the Grand Master. It is a good time for cleaning up he says, and getting ready for the reception and development of new interests.

He reports the finances of Grand Council to be in excellent condition, though one of the important investments appears questionable to him. He declares rightly that Grand Council funds should be regarded as sacred and treated as such, keeping investments conservative to the utmost point, never permitting the principal to be "jeopardized by the allurement of a higher rate of interest returns."

The story about the finances of the constituent Councils is not as encouraging. In fact the financial conditions are described as deplorable. In order to see what help could be rendered the Grand Master addressed a letter to all Councils asking for full reports. The dues were found to be inexcusably low, in one case being exceeded even by the Grand Lodge per capita tax, for that Council trusted to luck to have candidates enough from whose fees the balance could be clipped.

Throughout the State there is need of financial relief among the Councils. Informed of the good condition of the Grand Council treasury, the Grand Master recommends that 20 per cent of the amount received as per capita tax, for 1930, should be refunded to the Councils. He also recommended that the usual donations be made to the Illinois Masonic Hospital, the Masonic Employment Bureau and such other appropriations as may be deemed proper.

Illinois is to be congratulated on having had in Grand Master WILSON a staunch leader of constructive calibre.

The Committee on Finance found that 57 per cent of the investments are such as are commended by the Grand Master, suggesting thereby that the rest will be subjected to prompt revision. Referring to the reported deplorable financial condition of some Councils, the Committee finds that six Councils were unable to pay their per capita tax because their funds were tied up in banks hit hard by the general business depression. On the recommendation of the Committee the Grand Master's suggestion was adopted and 20 per cent of the per capita amount paid for 1930 is to be credited to the Councils next year.

The question of affiliation with the General Grand Council was up once more. The Committee having the matter in charge was able to find another flaw to magnify the reason for not making a favorable report. It appears further that the question is to be wiped off the slate, for a resolution was adopted discharging the Committee which has kept the question going for a few years.

CORRESPONDENCE

Reviewing thirty-eight Grand Councils in nineteen pages and still keeping the notes interesting is what "Your Uncle" GEORGE WARVELLE, P.·.G.·.M.·. does, and he has been at it for thirty-nine years. He will not burden his pages with anything that is not worthwhile, and most Grand Councils do not supply only very little that is worth passing on except as a matter of record. He has aged as wine ages (if anyone is left who still knows what that means). He has a calm outlook and a firm stand built up by years of loving thought about the welfare of the Rite and Freemasonry in general.

To his reviews are added his usual reflections on a number of things gathered from the Cryptic field in general. With all that, the report takes up only about thirty pages.

As in former years he presents tables for useful comparison. The relative standing in membership is recorded as follows:

	MEMBERSHIP
OHIO	45,421
ILLINOIS	24,741
INDIANA	19,458
PENNSYLVANIA	14,923
MASSACHUSETTS	14,811
MICHIGAN	14,616
NEW YORK	12,827
CONNECTICUT	10,820
MISSOURI	10,460

Next follows a table revealing what the new accessions of these Jurisdictions have been:

	GREETED
OHIO	1,001
INDIANA	558
ILLINOIS	542
PENNSYLVANIA	500
NEW YORK	368
MISSOURI	313
MASSACHUSETTS	286
CONNECTICUT	268
MICHIGAN	238

The table showing the relative losses would have to be compared with the total membership of the several Jurisdictions named to get the right slant:

	LOSS
ILLINOIS	575
MICHIGAN	541
OHIO	520
MISSOURI	468
MASSACHUSETTS	403
INDIANA	330
NEW YORK	209
PENNSYLVANIA	187
CONNECTICUT	75

The report closes with this weighty thought:

"The great mass of dimits and suspensions is but a clearance of undesirable membership and the real stock that gave us character and standing still remains, staunch and true, while the accessions, though not so large in number as in previous years, still shows a real prosperity. They are the men who still seek for further light and they are the only class that we desire."

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

F. C. HARBOUR, *Chicago,* Grand Master; CHARLES W. KEYS, Deputy Grand Master; FRED H. KRUGER, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; O. L. CALDWELL, P.·.G.·.M.·., Grand Treasurer; GEORGE W. WARVELLE, P.·.G.·.M.·., *159 N. State Street, Chicago,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Mattoon, September 23, 1931.

INDIANA—1930

75th Annual Assembly *Richmond* October 21st-22d

M.·.Ill.·.Will Guin Crabill, D.·.G.·.M.·., presiding

Seventy-five Councils. 19,051 members; net *loss*, 407. Cash balance, $4,613.21. Total cash assets, $30,313.21.

Present: All Grand Officers; fifteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of seventy-three Councils; and thirty-four Grand Representatives, among them Companion Arthur J. Smith for New York.

The Assembly was honored by the presence of R.·.P.·.Companion Nelson Williams, General Grand Principal Conductor; R.·.P.·.Companion Robert A. Woods, General Grand Deputy Master; and M.·.P.·. Walter L. Stockwell, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council.

Past Grand Master Burns and Deputy Grand Master Spinks, of Ohio; Grand Master Potter of Michigan; Grand Lecturer George C. Marquis of Missouri; and Companion Charles S. Naramore, who represents Indiana near New York, also were given a hearty welcome.

The death of Grand Master, M.·.Ill.·.Companion Richard Downward, on June 27, meant a big loss to Indiana. The responsibility of the administration of Grand Council affairs was transferred to Deputy Grand Master Will Guin Crabill.

Before his departure the Grand Master had visited twenty Councils and had otherwise evinced a keen interest in the promotion of the welfare of the Rite.

One Council had become so far forgetful of lawful procedure that its Charter was arrested.

The Diamond Jubilee of the Grand Council opened in the afternoon of the first day. It was this event, no doubt, which attracted to Richmond, Indiana, so large a number of eminent representatives of the Rite.

Companion Nelson Williams had written a Commemoration Poem for the occasion. General Grand Deputy Master presented an interesting historical account of the development of the Rite in Indiana, with which are given facsimiles of important documents. General Grand Master Stockwell gave an oration in which he pointed to the foundations on which Masonry must rest to remain true to its mission.

It seems that October 21st also was the date of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Nelson Williams, the beloved. The Assembly united in tendering felicitations to him and Mrs. Williams.

Recognition was accorded to the new Grand Council of Utah and an exchange of Representatives authorized.

At the Annual Assembly Dinner in the evening, Grand Chaplain ARTHUR J. ARMSTRONG spoke on "The Temple Everlasting."

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master ROBERT ARCHER WOODS opens his Annual Cryptic Review with a word about losses in membership, saying it is time we should "realize the necessity of setting our house in order and getting down to real business." He is sparing in comment and manages to scatter helpful words through the whole report.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

WILL GUIN CRABILL, *South Bend,* Grand Master; GEORGE RICHARDSON GAUSE, Deputy Grand Master; JOHN WYTTENBACH, Grand Principal Conductor of Work; VESTAL WARREN WOODWARD, Grand Treasurer; ROBERT ARCHER WOODS, P.·.G.·.M.·.and General G.·.C.·.of the G.·., *Masonic Temple, Princeton,* Grand Recorder.

Next Assembly: South Bend, October 20, 1931.

IOWA—1930

31st Annual Assembly *Council Bluffs* October 14th

M.·.Ill.·.ROY GOODWIN WEBB, G.·.M.·.

Twenty-eight Councils. 6,533 members; net *loss,* 39. Cash balance, $8,694.03. Total cash assets, $28,694.03.

Present: All Grand Officers; twelve Past Grand Masters; delegates of twenty-seven Councils; and Representatives of thirty-three Grand Councils.

New York represented by Companion THOMAS G. ALLISON.

Grand Master LOUIS F. SCHONLAU of the Grand Council of Nebraska, Grand Commander E. W. F. HOLLER of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, Grand High Priest C. A. SCHLICHTER of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, and the General Grand Master, M.·.P.·.WALTER L. STOCKWELL, North Dakota, of the General Grand Council, whose portrait forms part of the neat volume of Proceedings.

The Grand Master reports that one Council had suspended labors and was closed, but that otherwise the condition of the Rite is good throughout the State. He appears to have visited only five Councils, but attended the Grand Council Assemblies of Nebraska and Wisconsin; the Grand Convocations of the Grand Chapters of Iowa, Nebraska and Wisconsin;

the Grand Conclave of Grand Commandery of Iowa; and the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council at Tacoma, Washington. Deserved tribute is paid to Grand Recorder D. M. BROWNLEE.

The impressive personality of the Grand Master won for him the election of General Grand Steward of the General Grand Council at Tacoma. In recognition of this honor come to the Grand Council of Iowa, a fitting reception was given to him after the close of the Grand Council Assembly. Preceding the reception, in the afternoon, there was an exemplification of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters by Atlantic Council, No. 19, followed by the Super-Excellent Masters degree by Joppa Council, No. 15.

The Grand Master believes that the volume of business to be transacted at the Annual Assembly appears to demand a larger allotment of time. He also recommends that fifty sets of the History of the Cryptic Rite now being prepared by a Committee of the General Grand Council, consisting of Companions EUGENE E. HINMAN of New York, RAY V. DENSLOW of Missouri and CHARLES C. HUNT of Iowa, be subscribed for and that one copy (two volumes) be presented to the Iowa Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids; also one to each Council in the Jurisdiction and one to every Past Grand Master. Grand Council responded by appropriating $250.00 for the purpose.

Interesting reports on the Triennial of the General Grand Council at Tacoma were presented by Companion Ross J. CAMBLIN, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and Companion G. ARTHUR MINNICH, Deputy Grand Master.

The Custodian of the Work, Past Grand Master PERCY E. BROWN believes that the work in the State as a whole, is maintained at a high standing, but that there are a few Councils which need special attention, to restore them to a thriving condition. He emphasized that the sole purpose is not to get candidates, although they are essential toward keeping up the general interest, but to develop the opportunities for cultivating intimate companionship. The Councils are not intended to be mere degree mills but centers for promoting and strengthening ties of friendship and for obtaining a clearer understanding of the great purposes of Freemasonry.

The Committee on Chartered Councils suggests that the lagging Councils are those which have not caught the spirit of Cryptic Masonry, and that here is a field in which the incoming Grand Officers are offered a fine opportunity for service to the Craft.

The Committee on Council activities point to the York Rite Festivals as excellent means for interesting brethren of the Lodges, Companions of the Chapters, and Fraters of the Commandery in the work of the Councils. Those festivals are get-to-gethers of the active workers in Lodges, Chap-

ters, Councils and Commanderies. Due emphasis is laid on the ever present need of electing the right men to fill the various official stations.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Council of Utah and the exchange of Representatives authorized.

General Grand Master WALTER LINCOLN STOCKWELL in his stirring address pointed out the peculiar beauties of Cryptic Masonry and urged the Companions to renewed labor for the upbuilding of the Councils.

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master EDWARD M. WILLARD, in his preface to his excellent reviews advised the Officers to take the Bible as their guide in explaining the Ritual, thereby giving the candidates the best sort of introduction to the Rite. He sees in the Council opportunities to ground the membership more firmly in the principles of Freemasonry and inspire it by a vision of right living, sustained by helpful and cheering Companionship.

The Proceedings for New York for 1929 are well presented.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

G. ARTHUR MINNICH, *Carroll,* Grand Master; ROSS J. CAMBLIN, Deputy Grand Master; GEORGE E. SANDERS, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; ALBERT H. HOLT, Grand Treasurer; D. M. BROWNLEE, *Sioux City,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: October 6, 1931, at Sioux City.

KANSAS—1931

63rd Annual Assembly *Wichita* February 16th

M.·.Ill.·.RALPH W. POPE, G.·.M.·.

Twenty Councils. 5,644 members; net *loss,* 421. Cash balance, $7,950.80, including $2,000.00 investment in bonds.

Present: All Grand Officers, except the Grand Custodian; fifteen of nineteen living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of eighteen Councils; and thirty-five Grand Representatives; Deputy Grand Master ROBERT H. MONTGOMERY responding for New York.

The Grand Master finds that "the unfavorable situation confronting the farming industry (Kansas being an agricultural State) as a result of weather and world markets has been felt in all lines of business, every civic and social activity and all fraternal life."

The Famous Pike's Peak Memorial Deposit has been kept in good repair. When the Grand Master examined it on August 19, 1930, he found it looking the same as it did when he saw it thirty-one years before. In his interesting account of the Tacoma Triennial and the experience in going and returning, he tells of the inspiring exercises held on the summit on Pike's Peak in commemoration of the placing of the Deposit and as a tribute to those who conceived and carried out the original ceremony. It was on that same August 19th. He also visited most of the Councils in his Jurisdiction.

Tyre Council, No. 18, was transferred from Junction City to Clay Center.

The Grand Master pays a gracious tribute to the very able Grand Recorder, Past Grand Master ELMER F. STRAIN, "for his counsel, attention to detail, and courteous, pleasant and affable manner," and to R.·. Ill.·.ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Recorder Emeritus, "for his advice, conscientious and loyal assistance."

Grand Recorder STRAIN writes:

"If our last year's record of net loss was the high water mark, that record no longer stands. We show a net loss for 1930 of 421. Considering the heavy suspension list in the years immediately past, it would seem desirable that each Council have a good strong committee with the definite duty of re-enlisting some of those who, for good cause, may have fallen by the wayside."

Companion ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Recorder Emeritus, is preparing a history of the Cryptic Rite in Kansas and submitted a report on the progress already made in the compiling and assembling of data.

The General Grand Treasurer, R.·.P.·.CHARLES N. FOWLER, was the personal representative of the Grand Master. He made mention of the History prepared under the direction of the General Grand Council and on his motion a resolution was adopted authorizing the purchase of twenty-one copies, one copy to be forwarded to each Council in the Grand Jurisdiction.

Wichita Council, No. 12, exemplified the degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

CORRESPONDENCE

Our veteran friend ALBERT K. WILSON finds that while the main cause for the unprecedented losses in membership may be due to the suspension of members for non-payment of dues, there is an equally alarming decrease in the number of admissions to membership. With the many new members exalted in the Chapter, he thinks the Council should be able to make a better showing. His report is prepared with the infinite care for which he always has been noted. His valued tables of statistics are again an

outstanding feature. He is sparing in his comments and lets his well chosen statements speak for themselves. Over two pages are devoted to New York for 1929 which courtesy is much appreciated.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

ROBERT H. MONTGOMERY, *Oswego,* Grand Master; RICHARD W. EVANS, Deputy Grand Master; FRANK D. SPERRY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; HARRY E. PEACH, Grand Treasurer; ELMER F. STRAIN, *Topeka,* Grand Recorder; ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Recorder Emeritus.

Next Annual Assembly: Topeka, February 15, 1932.

KENTUCKY—1930

103d Annual Assembly *Louisville* October 20th

M.·.Ill.·.JOHN W. JUETT, G.·.M.·.

Forty-eight Councils. 4,240 members; net *loss,* 288. Cash balance, $2,331.32.

Present: All Grand Officers; twenty-one Past Grand Masters; Representatives of forty-one Councils; and thirty-three Grand Representatives, among them JOHN THOMAS KINCAID responding for New York.

General Grand Master STOCKWELL honored the Assembly by his presence. Companion JOHN H. COWLES also attended. He is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite.

The Grand Master did not do much visiting and was unable to attend the Triennial at Tacoma. He thanks the Companions for their loyal support "while trying to serve them." The Deputy Grand Master attended the General Grand Council at Tacoma and could report that Kentucky had "the largest representation at any time in its history."

Grand Recorder HOLLAND brings up a point which appears to have been overlooked by most of us. He says that Councils have trouble in finding men to serve as Recorders, the membership usually being small while the work itself requires much attention. To this difficulty he ascribes a considerable part of suspensions for non-payment of dues. He has found that some Recorders just mark off names and devote no time trying to collect dues from those who are negligent and careless. We all know Recorders, of course, and among their number are some of the most devoted Companions we have in the Rite. Their service to the Council is not always appreciated, the honors going usually to the Mas-

ters, even though some of these have been known to give no service whatever except to preside. Companion HOLLAND has raised an interesting thought.

CORRESPONDENCE

Companion WILLIAM W. CLARKE continues to supply informative reviews. He quotes helpful addresses and reports, letting the reader make his own comments.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

E. T. DUNIGAN, *Lexington,* Grand Master; A. W. MORRIS, Deputy Grand Master; LEWIS S. RICE, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; ISAAC T. WOODSON, Grand Treasurer; G. ALLISON HOLLAND, *Lexington,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Louisville, October 19, 1931.

LOUISIANA—1931

76th Annual Assembly *New Orleans* February 3rd

M.·.Ill.·.BRADLEY WAELDER, G.·.M.·.

Fourteen Councils. 1,464 members; net *loss,* 205. Cash balance, $795.59. Total cash assets, $3,095.59.

Present: All Grand Officers; five of the fourteen living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twelve Councils; eighteen Grand Representatives; but New York again left unrepresented.

The Grand Master visited five Councils and attended the Tacoma Triennial.

Grand Recorder JOHN A. DAVILLA says that the Councils "need more encouragement and better supervision."

Fraternal recognition was extended to the new Grand Council of Nevada.

M.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM H. CARTER represented the General Grand Master.

CORRESPONDENCE

HERMAN J. DUNCAN writes like a trained newspaper man. Those subheads of his, scattered through the reviews, serve as so much headline bait to catch readers with. And they work. Bite at one, and you are held right to the end of the story. His experience as Grand Master (in 1928) and his prominent activity in Masonic affairs generally give

to his comments point and substance. He is keen—and sociable too. His last sentence, under Wisconsin, is an example and one to take along and pass on to Masons generally:

"We would go a long way toward establishing a real Brotherhood of Man if Masons who practice politics as their profession would always remember that they are Masons, and if Masons, when they go to vote, would be guided by Masonic principles when they cast the ballot."

New York for 1929 is well represented.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

GEORGE J. GINSBERG, *Alexandria,* Grand Master; EDWIN F. GAYLE, Deputy Grand Master; JOHN S. BURGESS, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; WILL MOSS, Grand Treasurer; JOHN A. DAVILLA, *New Orleans,* Grand Recorder.

Seventy-seventh Annual Assembly: New Orleans, February 3, 1931.

MAINE—1931

77th Annual Assembly *Portland* May 7th

M.·.Ill.·.DAVID SAUNDERS PATTERSON, G.·.M.·.

Seventeen Councils. 8,067 members, net *loss,* 353. Cash balance, $2,655.61.

Present: All Grand Officers; fourteen of eighteen living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of sixteen Councils; twenty-seven Grand Representatives, among them the ever faithful M.·.Ill.·.Companion EDWIN F. HILLMAN for New York.

Grand Master ALDEN B. HEFFLER and Past Principal Conductor WALDEMAR L. SJOSTROM, of Massachusetts, were honored guests.

Past Grand Master THOMAS H. BODGE, of Maine, was received as the accredited personal representative of the General Grand Master.

The Grand Master visited officially six Councils and expresses himself as well pleased with the attendances and the work on those occasions.

The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Principal Conductor between them visited eight other Councils and also enjoyed the experience.

Grand Recorder CHARLES B. DAVIS, P.·.G.·.M.·., believes that Companion CHARLES E. JOHNSON, Recorder of King Solomon's Council, No. 1, of Belfast, has the distinction of longest continuous service in the whole realm of Cryptic Masonry. Companion JOHNSON has been Recorder since 1875. His returns are reported to be always among the very first to be received at headquarters, and they always are a joy. If there is anything beyond the Super-Excellent degree, Companion JOHNSON cer-

tainly ought to have it. In all likelihood there never will be another record such as his.

Maine holds still another record, and that is the speed with which the Grand Recorder gets out the Annual Proceedings each year. Here I am in Europe, almost four thousand miles away from Maine, and today is July 7, just two months from the date of the Annual Assembly. And as regards neatness and convenience of reference, the book ranks with the best.

Correspondence

What the future of Masonry will be, rests with "the individual Masons in 1931, 1932, and on." Such is the challenge with which Companion Charles B. Davis starts his tenth Report of Correspondence. He attends the Grand Council Triennials quite regularly and naturally did not miss the Semi-Centennial at Tacoma. This is his summary as far as the work is concerned: "No business of importance to the Cryptic Rite in general was transacted." That is something for the General Grand to think over. Personal contact between the leaders is a magnificent asset, but something ought to go with it to take home to the men in the several Jurisdictions, who could not go.

Companion Davis hits true to the line wherever Masonry appears to be goaded to assert itself in matters outside of its proper sphere. The urge to take part in general community affairs he meets by the caution that anything on which views are divided among honest men, ought to be held taboo, most decidedly where politics are involved. He adds:

"Our fraternity has grown big and respected by following for two centuries that policy of action as established by our forbears. Orators and writers have come up in the past ten years who would have us believe that the Boston Tea Party was simply an adjourned meeting of the Lodge of St. Andrew, but there is not one word of record in Boston or anywhere else to support such insinuation or declaration, or that tea or taxes were ever discussed behind those tiled doors. Keep Masonic bodies Masonic!"

He too has been caught by the charm of him who presided over the Grand Council of New York in 1930. He says: "There is only one 'Charley Johnson' and New York may well feel proud that he belongs in that State." Close to two pages are devoted to New York, and everything is very complimentary.

Grand Officers Elected

Warren A. Nichols, *Belfast,* Grand Master; John M. Littlefield, Deputy Grand Master; Nathan C. Redlon, Grand Principal Conductor of Work; Convers E. Leach, P.·.G.·.M.·., Grand Treasurer; Charles B. Davis, P.·.G.·.M.·., *Portland,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Portland, May 5, 1932.

MARYLAND—1930

57th Annual Assembly *Baltimore* December 10th

M.·.Ill.·.Guy K. Motter, G.·.M.·.

Sixteen Councils. 4,827 members; net *loss,* 117. Cash balance, $6,345.00.

Present: All Grand Officers; seven Past Grand Masters; Representatives of thirteen Councils; twenty Grand Representatives, New York again unrepresented.

Past Grand Master Roseberry and Grand Conductor Lainhart of the District of Columbia were there. General Grand Master Walter L. Stockwell made his official call.

The Grand Master's "Address" takes up about two pages and reports merely routine business. The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers pronounces it "fully comprehensive and adequate."

Grand Officers Elected

Guy Kunkel Motter, *Frederick,* Grand Master; George L. Edmonds, Deputy Grand Master; H. Loren Elliott, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; George Cook, P.·.G.·.M.·., Grand Treasurer; Gustav A. Eitel, *Baltimore,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Baltimore, December 9, 1931.

MASSACHUSETTS—1930

104th Annual Assembly *Boston* December 8th

M.·.Ill.·.Alden B. Hefler, G.·.M.·.

Thirty-six Councils. 14,504 members; net *loss,* 306. Cash balance, $2,393.00. Total cash assets, $23,918.61.

Present: All Grand Officers; four Past Grand Masters, nineteen other Past Elective Grand Officers; Representatives of thirty-four Councils; twenty-six Grand Representatives, among them R.·.Ill.·.John A. Crosier, Past G.·.P.·.C.·.of the Work, responding for New York.

The list of distinguished guests is long. There were Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and other Representatives of the Grand Councils of Connecticut, New York, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Jersey, New Hampshire, and the General Grand Council of the United States. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was introduced as the "Great Commoner" of Massachusetts. The Grand High Priest of

the Royal Arch Chapter and the Deputy of the Supreme Council, A.·.A.·.S.·.R.·. in Massachusetts also received a cordial greeting.

The Grand Master's list of visits is a long one. Everything is reported briefly and pointedly. Included are twenty-two visits to Massachusetts Councils, six Annual Assemblies of Grand Councils and attendance at meetings of five other Masonic Grand Bodies. He also attended the Triennial at Tacoma and had the pleasure of seeing ARTHUR D. PRINCE, and he is a prince, advanced to the office of General Grand Captain of the Guard.

The Grand Master endorses the dramatic presentation of the Super-Excellent degree as making the lessons more impressive and incidentally building up a cooperative spirit among the membership.

Two hundred seventy-eight Companions died during the year, 320 demitted or were suspended for non-payment of dues. The Grand Master argues that the day is past when cold, impersonal letters calling attention to non-payment of dues will bring any worthwhile results. The personal touch is what counts, he adds, and that "is the very essence of brotherhood." In many, if not most cases, non-payment is due to oversight; in others there has been sickness or misfortune making payment of dues too heavy a burden; others simply have lost interest. A formal dun brings even less results in fraternal organizations than it does in general business. Every delinquent is an individual for himself and a Companion who should be treated as such. In other words, what the Grand Master has in mind is that the Council should know what it is doing when it suspends a member. Knowledge of every individual case would be of benefit all around. It may afford opportunities to help unfortunates to get around "shoals of temporary misfortune" and maybe find ways for getting worthwhile men among the rest interested in the work.

A revised ritual was presented, approved and adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

The usual feast of good things is presented by Past Deputy Grand Master ALMON B. CILLEY. The 1929 New York Proceedings did not reach him in time for review for his 1930 report.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

ALDEN B. HEFLER, *Hyde Park,* Grand Master; CLARENCE E. CATE, Deputy Grand Master; DAVID R. DALZELL, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; DEAN K. WEBSTER, P.·.G.·.M.·., Grand Treasurer; Raymond T. SEWALL, *Boston,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: December 7, 1931.

MICHIGAN—1931

73rd Annual Assembly *Saginaw* May 19th

M.·.Ill.·.JAMES S. POTTER, G.·.M.·.

Sixty-five Councils. 13,820 members; net *loss,* 796. Cash balance, $3,973.78.

Present: All Grand Officers; twelve of the sixteen living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of fifty-five Councils; thirty-two Grand Representatives, among them Companion FRED A. YOUNG for New York.

Distinguished guests from outside the Jurisdiction were Grand Master JOHN H. C. WOODWARD of the Western Jurisdiction of Canada and Past Master JOHN BURDEN of Mount Vernon, N. Y., the New York Grand Representative of Michigan.

The Grand Master visited thirty Councils and two District meetings, attended the Annual Assemblies of the Grand Councils of Ohio and Indiana, as well as the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter and the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan.

Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER presented his twenty-eighth annual report as Grand Recorder. He finds that, while 835 were exalted to the Royal Arch, only 206 were greeted in the Councils; and that there was a time when the Councils could show a larger aggregate membership than the Commanderies, the totals show only 13,820 Council members as over against 14,821 Knights Templar. Considering that the latter are required to pay larger fees and must purchase, besides, expensive uniforms, the plea of "hard times" would appear not to be valid. The losses in the Councils are more than accounted for by 270 demissions and 534 suspensions, not counting the recorded 275 deaths. The number in arrears for dues of over one year is 3,210.

The revised ritual which was to go into operation after December 31, 1930, was not completed by the Committee until March 5, 1931. Three copies were ordered sent to each Council. Schools of instruction are to promote early familiarity with the new work.

On motion of the Finance Committee, Grand Master POTTER and his associate Officers were commended for their zealous endeavor in conserving the funds of the organization.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

ORON J. R. BURY, *Ann Arbor,* Grand Master; ARTHUR E. WEST, Deputy Grand Master; JOHN E. CLARK, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; DALLAS D. ALTON, Grand Treasurer; CHARLES A. CONOVER, *Coldwater,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Lansing, May 17, 1932.

MINNESOTA—1930

61st Annual Assembly *Minneapolis* October 15th

M.·.Ill.·.JOHN P. EATON, G.·.M.·.

Nine Councils. 2,981 members; net *loss,* 117. Cash balance, $919.27. Total cash assets, $1,919.27.

Present: All Grand Officers; thirteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of six Councils; twenty-five Grand Representatives, New York again among the missing.

General Grand Master WALTER L. STOCKWELL was received with Grand Honors.

The Grand Master tells of an interesting visit made by St. Paul Council, No. 1, to Chippewa Falls Council, No. 25, in Wisconsin, to let them witness the Minnesota way of conferring the Super-Excellent Master.

Financial returns not being adequate to actual requirements of Grand Council administration, the Grand Master recommends that the per capita be increased from 25 cents to 35 cents a year. The recommendation was adopted. The Committee on Finance expressed the hope that the increase would enable the Grand Council to contribute toward the Knights Templar Hospital Building Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE

Past Grand Master CHARLES S. SCHURMAN was reminded of the Book of Lamentations when he read the addresses of the Grand Masters of 1929. It is all worry about losses in membership, he says, and that the reasons for the Lamentations were the "sins of the people." Then he adds these weighty words:

"Peoples and nations have flourished and passed out because they have outlived their usefulness. It may be time to take account of stock, and see whither we are drifting in these modern days when there is such demand for change. Masonry is founded upon the eternal verities which grip men's souls, and it may be that we have departed from our sure and safe anchorage so far that people are not interested in us as they formerly were. The ancient Knights Templar became wealthy and powerful, and then began their downfall. Perhaps we have become too wealthy, have too many magnificent temples, mix too much with the frivolities of the world, have lost our grip on the essential things of life,—put too much stress upon the gastronomical, and to little upon the ethical and philosophical. It is well to look inside once in a while and remember that it is only the worthwhile that survives. History teaches that. That is the spirit of the old Book of Lamentations which was suggested to us by the fears of those who stand on the walls of our Zion."

He would weed out from membership all who are not of the spirit of Masonry and merely come for extraneous things, personal advantages, preferences and honors. Still he is hopeful for the future:

"Masonry is doing a great work, and there are those who will carry it on even though there be in the ranks some who do not appreciate it, and allow themselves to be dropped from the rolls of those who are working for humanity. Better days will come unless we become a 'stiffnecked people,' unworthy of the heritage handed down to us."

Strong, worthwhile things have an appeal to him, who himself is an example of Masonic sturdiness. This gives weight also to his quotations from addresses and reports. He calls Companion J. EDWARD ALLEN'S unique report, typewritten and mimeographed, "one of the best contributions to Cryptic literature."

The stimulating thoughts he advanced in his "Foreward" he fortifies all the way through by extracts in harmony with it, thereby indicating how thoughtful surveyors of the field agree with the fundamental conclusions, winding up with this word of encouragement:

"The times are not so encouraging, yet we find a note of optimism running all through. The thought pervades that the principles upon which the Rite is founded may be temporarily set back so far as the multitude is concerned, but that they will come back because they are founded upon the eternal verities. That is our own conviction, and for that reason we believe we should bend our backs to the task and remove the burdens that are temporarily oppressing us, and raise the Rite higher and higher on its beneficent mission."

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

CHRISTIAN ROUG, *Minneapolis,* Grand Master; ISAAC F. SEELEY, Deputy Grand Master; WALTER GLADSON, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; AUGUST KLAGSTAD, P.·.G.·.M.·., Grand Treasurer; JOHN FISHEL, P.·.G.·.M.·., St. Paul, Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: St. Paul, October 14, 1931.

MISSISSIPPI—1931

76th Annual Assembly *Oxford* March 18th

M.·.Ill.·.LEON S. LIPPINCOTT, G.·.M.·.

Forty-three Councils. 3,770 members; net *loss,* 259. Cash balance, $2,915.86.

Present: All Grand Officers; Representatives of thirty-five Councils; twenty-nine Grand Representatives, among them Companion CLYDE J. VAN ARSDALL for New York.

Among the distinguished visitors from outside of the State were General Grand High Priest J. W. NEILSON who also is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kansas, and Past Grand Master A. G. HUDSON of the Grand Council of Tennessee. Grand Lecturer WILLIAM H. CARTER of Mississippi represented General Grand Master WALTER L. STOCKWELL.

The Grand Master reports that joint Chapter and Council reunions were held at Columbus, Winona, and Columbia. He recommends that candidates for Council offices be urged and required to consider their personal affairs before accepting new duties requiring time and labor, and that more attention generally be given to the selection of Officers to assure the proper kind of leadership.

The sum of $25.00 was donated to the Natchez Protestant Orphans' Home.

The Finance Committee reports that more money was spent in 1930 than the total amount received, despite the fact that dues were increased 50 per cent, from 50 cents to 75 cents per member.

Included in the report is an historical outline of the fortunes of the Grand Council from its beginning in 1854. It formed part of the address delivered at the 39th Annual Assembly by the then Grand Master FREDERIC SPEED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Twenty-six Grand Councils are reviewed by Companion HENRY CLAY YAWN. All important items are presented tersely. Significant quotations are presented here and there. New York is not included this time.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

WILLIAM A. JOHNS, *Corinth,* Grand Master; ARTHUR G. VILLEE, Deputy Grand Master; JOSEPH R. FEAZELL, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; J. FOGGO DIXON, Grand Treasurer; EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, *Meridian,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Biloxi, March 23, 1932.

MISSOURI—1931

66th Annual Assembly *Boonville* April 27th

M.·.Ill.·.HENRY C. ELBERG, G.·.M.·.

Twenty-two Councils. 9,531 members; net *loss,* 929. Cash balance, $8,085.79.

Present: All Grand Officers; fourteen of twenty-three living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty Councils; forty Grand Representatives, New York again not among them.

M.·.P.·.BERT S. LEE, P.·.G.·.G.·.M.·., was received as the personal representative of General Grand Master WALTER L. STOCKWELL.

Distinguished visitors from outside the Jurisdiction: Grand Masters ROBERT H. MONTGOMERY and ELMER F. STRAIN, of the Grand Council, and Grand High Priest RICHARD H. CRAVENS of the Grand Chapter of Kansas; General Grand High Priest JOHN W. NEILSON of the General Grand Chapter and Deputy Grand High Priest O. J. KIRKETEG of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

The Grand Master visited seven Councils, was the guest of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Missouri, and attended the Triennial at Tacoma.

The number suspended for n. p. d. was 1,011 during the year, and 171 demits were issued. Five Councils show net gains ranging from one to eighteen.

Companion WILLIAM C. ATWOOD in presenting his report of the Committee on Returns of Councils offered a number of stimulating thoughts on the subject of losses in membership. He finds that there are too many Masons who are such in name only and take their membership very lightly. Freemasonry, he believes, has too great a mission to burden itself with merely nominal members. Efforts should be renewed to bring into the Fraternity the sort of men who are attracted by its ideals and will labor to perpetuate it for the noble objects it seeks to realize in the hearts and the conduct of men.

CORRESPONDENCE

Companion RAY V. DENSLOW quotes the immortal Andy in "the repression is on." Hard times he admits, always bring a certain amount of just such depression as the Councils are experiencing especially when following a period of great and difficult economic adjustments caused by War. "The piper must be paid—eventually"—is his way of putting it, and adds "the only surprise is that the crash did not come sooner after the War than it did." The Lodges being filled largely with men of the industrial classes, scarcity of money naturally causes these to seek to conserve what they have and to drop all activities which do not bring material returns.

The hankering for outside amusement he regards as another problem. He writes:

> "A century ago our forefathers met around the fireplace with a goods-box altar and three honest-to-goodness wax tapers; they met to listen to Masonic lectures and because the Lodge offered the only common meeting place for the men of the community. But today, modern civilization offers comfortable homes, bridge parties, radios, automobiles, picture shows—and gentlemen, what have you? And Companions, it takes a live Council to combat these."

He does not intend to have his reflections appear as all criticism. The solution he offers is *leadership:*

"Get the leader; draft him if necessary, but—*get him!* Many a Council has been ruined by lack of leadership; many a Council has been ruined by too many leaders; none have been harmed by a real leader. Your Council need not be concerned as to whether your Master can give the ritual of all three degrees; Cryptic Masons are not made by ritual; Cryptic Masonry is an experience. Can your Master lead? Can he teach? Does he understand human beings? Forget the poll parrots. Get rid of the chronic seeker for Masonic office and let the office select the man. Quit thinking in terms of *how many* candidates and think of what can be done for the good of Cryptic Masonry and the depression will be over."

He adds "A Cryptic Dictionary" in which he defines various words appearing in Proceedings. For instance:

"NET INCREASE: Obsolete term.

"GRAND RECORDER: The Grand Master's mouthpiece; the fellow who gets cussed for not doing his duty when things go wrong, and who gets cussed for running the thing when things go right. Has charge of the only animal used by the Grand Council—the seal.

"ZEALOUSLY: Usually attached to the tail of the Grand Master's address as 'zealously submitted' and ofttimes the only evidence of his zealousness. Overworked symbolism."

Some reviewers having written that the topical type of review which Companion DENSLOW has adopted does not afford enough opportunity to get acquainted with one's neighbor and how they do things, he answers thus:

"From conversation with Missouri Companions we are led to believe that the topical type of review is most appreciated in Missouri, and since the reviews are printed primarily for our Missouri Companions we shall continue to publish them in this form until something better is suggested."

That's that.

He writes an interesting and helpful report and that naturally appeals in whatever form it may take.

He closes with the hope that he may be with us next year "with the good tidings that a brighter day is dawning and that the future of Cryptic Masonry is to be one of activity and advancement."

Amen!

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

W. ED. JOHNSON, *Joplin,* Grand Master; CARL A. SWENSON, Deputy Grand Master; RALPH T. FINLEY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; GIBBON W. CARSON, Grand Treasurer; RAY V. DENSLOW, *Trenton,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Cape Girardeau, April 25, 1932.

MONTANA—1931

22nd Annual Assembly *Billings* June 15th

M.·.Ill.·.CHARLES SIDNEY BELL, G.·.M.·.

Ten Councils. 885 members; net *loss*, 15. Cash balance, $899.97.

Present: All Grand Officers; six Past Grand Masters; Representatives of nine Councils; twenty-eight Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master EDWARD W. SPOTTSWOOD for New York.

Past Grand Master FRANK W. HASKINS represented the General Grand Master.

The Grand Master's Address is spirited and informative. While he modestly says that he has not been able to do as much visiting as he would like to have done, the evidence shows that his services have been at the command of the Councils throughout the year. At the beginning of his term of office he asked each of the Councils to appoint a date best suited for his visit. He looked in upon all who had replied. The others were allowed to rest in peace.

The Grand Master includes with his address a letter written by him to the Grand Recorder LUTHER T. HAUBERG conveying to the latter congratulations and good wishes for his fiftieth birthday.

The Grand Master believes that Masonry is not practiced by the great majority of the Craft, that they merely belong, but "do not observe the rules of the game" and fail to try to live in the light they have obtained.

Past Grand Master RAY M. ARMOUR reported on the Tacoma Triennial of the General Grand Council which was attended by a large delegation of Montanans. Incidently we are pleased to read that New York's Representative near Montana, Companion EDWARD W. SPOTTSWOOD was elected to an official station of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Adoniram Council, No. 8, of Billings, put on the Super-Excellent degree in splendid form.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

GEORGE G. HOOLE, *Glendive*, Grand Master; RUSSELL D. MILLER, Deputy Grand Master; CARL J. CHRISTIAN, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; JOHN SCOTT HARRISON IV., Grand Treasurer; LUTHER T. HAUBERG, *Box 896, Helena*, Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at a time and place to be fixed by the Grand Master.

NEBRASKA—1930

51st Annual Assembly *Omaha* December 2nd

M.·.Ill.·.Louis F. Schonlau, G.·.M.·.

Twenty-one Councils. 3,227 members; net *loss*, 98. Cash balance, $2,005.95.

Present: All Grand Officers; nine Past Grand Masters; Representatives of seventeen Councils; twenty-three Grand Representatives, New York not among them.

General Grand Steward Roy G. Webb was there as the personal representative of the General Grand Master.

Aside from visiting Councils in Nebraska, the Grand Master attended the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Iowa and an Assembly of Joppa Council, No. 15, at Council Bluffs, and also took part in the Tacoma Triennial of the General Grand Council.

The Committee on Finance recommends the temporary discontinuance of the printing of the Report on Foreign Correspondence, owing to a continued annual excess of expenses over receipts. This no doubt is meant for 1931, as the usual report appears in the present volume.

Correspondence

Companion Thomas H. Line reviews thirty-seven Grand Councils, stating briefly what he found to be most helpful for the Nebraska Companions to know, without comment, except for an explanatory note here and there. New York for 1929 is included.

Grand Officers Elected

Charles G. Montgomery, *Lexington*, Grand Master; Clendenen W. Mitchell, Deputy Grand Master; Robert E. Bosworth, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; James M. Robertson, Grand Treasurer; Lewis E. Smith, P.·.G.·.M.·., *Omaha*, Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Omaha, December 1, 1931.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1931

70th Annual Assembly *Concord* May 18th

M.·.Ill.·.Frank P. Quimby, G.·.M.·.

Seventeen Councils. 3,322 members; net *loss*, 121. Cash balance, $4,451.74.

Present: All Grand Officers; ten Past Grand Masters; Representatives of seventeen Councils; twenty-two Grand Representatives; New York not represented.

Distinguished visitors: R.˙.P.˙.ARTHUR D. PRINCE, General Grand Captain of the Guard, representing the General Grand Master; Grand Master ALDEN B. HEFLER and R.˙.Ill.˙.WALDEMAR L. SJOSTROM, Past Grand Principal Conductor of Work, Massachusetts.

Although in poor health the greater part of the year and not able to attend the Triennial at Tacoma, nor the Annual Assemblies of neighboring Grand Councils, the Grand Master visited all but one of the Councils he had assigned to himself and was represented in that one by Past Grand Master BERT L. STEBBINS. The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work took care of the rest.

CORRESPONDENCE

HARRY M. CHENEY finds that while we have been going down grade we are yet a long way from the bottom. He believes that we are going to come back if we get the right kind of leadership to take hold of the work. We all agree with him. But where is that leadership to come from? Only now and then a man appears who has vision and can warm the hearts of others with the inspiration of it. The Cryptic degrees have an appeal if the initiates are made to discern the thoughts they convey. Men who can do that must be searched for. They are not produced by just being started at the foot of the line and then pushed one step forward each year until the throne is reached. Why not reenlist occasionally one of the Pasts, one who proved himself a real Master of the Work.

Companion CHENEY appears to be inclined to the belief that the longer a man works at his job the less he is worth, judging from his remark under New Jersey, that some of us ought to retire from the Correspondence Table "not to enjoy old age, but to give new life its opportunity." That may be true, but the Round Table cannot afford to lose HARRY CHENEY. There is no doubt that he is read. (Note to Printer: Be sure to make it read—*read.* If you get it *red* H. M. C. will take it for a reflection on his well known tie.)

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

WALTER MASON HUBBARD, *Keene,* Grand Master; JOHN MAHLON STEVENS, Deputy Grand Master; ALLAN MELBOURNE WILSON, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; CHARLES RUSSELL DENNING, Grand Treasurer; HARRY MORRISON CHENEY, *Concord,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Concord, May 16th, 1932.

NEW JERSEY—1930

70th Annual Assembly *Trenton* April 15th

M.·.Ill.·.G. VAN VORIS WARNER, M. D., G.·.M.·.

Thirteen Councils. 3,851 members; net *loss,* 180. Cash balance, $1,919.10.

Present: All Grand Officers, except the Grand Marshal; nineteen Past Grand Masters; one Past Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Representatives of thirteen constituted Councils and one Council U. D.; thirty-two Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master MARION H. HALL for New York.

From Connecticut had come: Past Grand Master THOMAS M. BARNES; from Ohio, Grand Master EWING V. BURNS; from Pennsylvania, Grand Master ANDREW J. SCHRODER; from Rhode Island, Grand Recorder EDWARD M. WHEELER, P.·.G.·.M.·.; from District of Columbia, Grand Master GEORGE L. SHERMAN, accompanied by Grand Treasurer MARK F. FINLEY, P.·.G.·.M.·., Grand Conductor JOHN W. LAINHART, Grand Sentinel AQUILLA C. HOMAN, Past Grand Masters OTTO B. ROEPKE, RICHARD A. ROSEBERRY, and Past Master ROBERT L. CONNER of Zabud Council; from Delaware, Grand Master JOHN MCMILLAN, accompanied by Deputy Grand Master CORNELIUS E. BEATTY, Grand Treasurer HARVEY W. BENTLEY, P.·.G.·.M.·. and Grand Recorder MARSHALL M. CARPENTER; from New York, Past Grand Master MARTIN Q. GOOD; and General Grand Master O. FRANK HART. Then there were the presiding heads and other Officers of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Commandery, and the Supreme Council, A.·.A.·.S.·.R.·..

M.·.P.·.Companion O. FRANK HART, the Grand Master said, was the first General Grand Master ever to visit the Grand Council of New Jersey in Annual Assembly.

Four District Grand Councils of Instruction were organized to meet on call of the respective District Deputies. The idea was to instruct Council Officers in the Ritual and Floor Work "by exemplification under Master tutelage." Officers of the different Councils did the exemplification. The Grand Master himself attended each of the District Assemblies. He also visited every Council in the State on two separate Assembly nights so as to see each Master at work, the retiring one as well as the new one.

Grand Instructor JOSEPH WARREN ROYER having died, the Grand Master himself took over the work. With all these various visits and duties he managed to attend also the Grand Assemblies of New York, Ohio, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and the Western Jurisdiction of Canada, accompanied by other Grand Council enthusiasts. At the Annual Assembly of Vermont he was represented by Companion CHARLES

LUCIEN HAIGHT, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

Recognition was extended to the New Grand Council of Utah and an exchange of Representatives authorized.

Grand Marshal WILLIAM J. DAVIS, assisted by Companion STANLEY FORMANEK prepared sixty-nine Floor Work Manuals for the private use of Council Officers. The thanks of the Grand Council was voted to them for their labor of love.

Grand Council voted to divide the State into four Districts with a Deputy in charge of each.

A Charter was granted to Zabud Council, U. D., of Ridgefield Park.

CORRESPONDENCE

Companion CHARLES LUCIEN HAIGHT finds a tendency to gloom in several Jurisdictions because of losses in membership. He suggests that the past be dropped and the energy devoted to work for the future. He believes Grand Representatives ought to be doing something for their title by corresponding with the Jurisdictions they are supposed to represent and to communicate anything of interest to the Grand Master.

He does not believe in reducing fees as a means for increasing the number of candidates, believing that any Royal Arch Companion of enough interest to want to get the Council degrees will not be balked by the price, which is not very high.

Speaking of Companion WARVELLE, he looked back to the Illinois Proceedings for 1892 to see what the first offering was and found that the only Companion mentioned then, who is still active in the Rite, is Companion FAY HEMPSTEAD, Past General Grand Master, who was Grand Master of Arkansas in 1892.

Two pages are devoted to New York for 1929. Grand Master CHARLES M. COLTON'S plan for maintaining the proper ratio of increase in membership—getting the right material to fill the different offices—is commended as *the* proper remedy, believing that "the prosperous and healthy Council is the one that has good Officers, good work and careful instruction to candidates, after they are received into membership."

Companion HAIGHT lives in Vermont, and says that 97 is "not so old in this climate."

To the reviews are added "Observations" on many things. He talks about the Super-Excellent; does not believe that the General Grand Council, as functioning at the present time, is of the slightest value to the Rite, but that it could be made of great value if it were given a chance. Companion HAIGHT writes in a thought-provoking manner.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

J. VREELAND HARING, *Newark,* Grand Master; HOWARD L. CARTER, Deputy Grand Master; LEWIS W. GRIEVE, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; RICHARD C. CHAMBERLAIN, P.·.G.·.M.·., Grand Treasurer; HARRY AMES PUTNAM, P.·.G.·.M.·., *Trenton,* Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1931

71st Annual Assembly *Trenton* April 21st

M.·.Ill.·.J. VREELAND HARING, G.·.M.·.

Fifteen Councils. 3,737 members; net *loss,* 114. Cash balance, $933.25.

Present: All Grand Officers; nineteen Past Grand Masters; one Past Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Representatives of eleven Councils and thirty-five Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master MARION H. HALL for New York.

There were visitors from Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut and the District of Columbia. Several of them were called upon to speak: R.·.Ill.·.Companion DAVID R. DALZELL, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of Massachusetts; Past Grand Master ANDREW J. SCHRODER of Pennsylvania; Past Grand Master EDWARD M. WHEELER of Rhode Island; Past Grand Master ALBERT E. GORHAM of Maryland; Past Grand Master THOMAS M. BARNES of Connecticut; Deputy Grand Master JOHN A. DERTHICK of New York, and Grand Master ROLEN E. PAINTER of the District of Columbia.

The Grand Master visited every Council in the State, attended the Triennial of the General Grand Council with three Past Grand Masters, took part in the Annual Assemblies of the Grand Councils of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia, besides attending many social affairs.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

HOWARD L. CARTER, *Haddonfield,* Grand Master; FREDERICK T. HURLEY, Deputy Grand Master; DAVID S. HENDERSON, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; RICHARD C. CHAMBERLAIN, Grand Treasurer; HARRY AMES PUTNAM, *Trenton,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Trenton, April 19, 1932.

NORTH CAROLINA—1931

55th Annual Assembly *Asheville* May 14th

M.·.Ill.·.Andrew J. Williams, G.·.M.·.

Twenty-five Councils. 1,894 members; net *loss,* 141. Cash balance, $961.61.

M.·.P.·.Frank Hart, Past General Grand Master was there and with him had come Grand Master Johnson Brown and Past Grand Master Joe Lindsey of the Grand Council of South Carolina.

The Grand Master had splendid support by his Junior Grand Officers: J. Ray Shute, Jr., Grand Conductor, and K. Webb Parham, Grand Steward, offered their services without limit. They did most of the visiting and called upon almost all of the Councils.

The State was divided into eight Provinces with a Provincial Grand Master for each. Companion Shute headed Charlotte and Companion Parham presided over Raleigh Province. Several Provincial meetings were held with great success. The exemplification of the Super-Excellent degree was one of the regular features. The Grand Master is pleased with the results and suggests that the plan be continued, with the improvement that the heads of the Provinces be not line Officers but drawn from the other Masters and Past Masters.

The Grand Master recommends that North Carolina adopt the "Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master" worked out in Scotland, as by that means a newly elected Master will receive valuable instructions in the management of his Council, on being installed.

The "York Rite" bodies of North Carolina cooperate in a number of things for the good and greater effectiveness of the Craft at large. One good thing which they support unitedly is a Library Fund to supply reading matter for the wards of the Craft at Oxford. The founder of the Library Fund was Past Grand Master Merl J. Carson. That Fund has served many young men and women to get a broader preparation for the duties of life. Grand Council appropriated for it $200.00 and also gave $75.00 to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

Correspondence

Companion J. Edward Allen again has added to the splendid services already rendered to the Grand Council of North Carolina by bringing out, at his own expense, as neat a book of reviews as one could wish for. Even down to the very proof reading his minute care is carried, as is witnessed by pen and ink corrections in the typed text. Such contributions come only from those who take joy in their work. Lucky Tarheelers!

One page is devoted to New York for 1930. Of our own CHARLES H. JOHNSON he says: "We like him, he has ideas, initiative and good sense."

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

MILLARD F. MCKEEL, JR., *Washington,* Grand Master; WILBER L. PRIDGEN, Deputy Grand Master; JOHN S. MCEACHERN, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; JAMES W. PAYNE, Grand Treasurer; JOHN B. GRIGGS, *Elizabeth City,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Rocky Mount, May 25, 1932.

NORTH DAKOTA—1931

15th Annual Assembly *Fargo* January 29th

M.·.Ill.·.RALPH L. MILLER, G.·.M.·.

Nine Councils. 838 members; net *loss,* 98. Cash balance, $657.98.

Present: All Grand Officers; seven Past Grand Masters; Representatives of each of the nine Councils; twenty-four Grand Representatives, General Grand Master WALTER L. STOCKWELL responding for New York.

From South Dakota had come: Grand Master OLE SPILLUM, Grand Recorder GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, and Companions ELDON W. CLARK and M. E. CROCKETT; from Montana, Companion RUSSELL D. MILLER. A hearty welcome was extended also to Present and Past Grand High Priests, including General Grand High Priest JOHN W. NEILSON, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kansas. Last, but not least, they had their own WALTER L. STOCKWELL, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States.

The Grand Master says that the general economic condition of the country has affected more than the pocketbook: "It affected our minds, and the general mental attitude was not conducive to making the effort necessary" to awaken an interest in the Rite.

He gives a very full report of the Proceedings at the Semi-Centennial of the General Grand Council, at Tacoma.

For himself he says: "I am free to confess that I did not accomplish much."

He appears to have written many letters to arouse interest, with the usual result. Only personal contact, a hopeful outlook and stirring appeal can bring about worthwhile results.

From the Grand Recorder's report it appears that one Council lost one-half of its total membership by suspension for non-payment of dues. He believes that it is time for every Council to analyze for itself the

local Masonic conditions and especially to examine its own program and activity to find whether these things answer their purpose. An enthusiastic interest, he says, cannot be maintained where the members are fed on "old straw."

A special Committee on "Life Membership" has been at work for a year and presents a very comprehensive and valuable report. The opinion is expressed that any member of any Council should be afforded an opportunity to pay dues in one payment to take care of all future dues by obtaining a life membership. Financially the life membership would have to be based upon life expectancy, and that a flat rate applicable to all would be unfair to both the members and the Councils. Other suggestions offered are: (a) The monies paid for this purpose should be entrusted to the Grand Council; (b) life membership certificates should be issued from that source only, the Grand Council informing the respective Councils each year as to the share credited to them from the life membership fund; (c) such separate fund should be safeguarded as a trust, and the Councils should receive from it the amounts they would have received from those Companions in paid annual dues.

The Committee reports two plans:

(1) That it would be desirable to purchase a group annuity policy from some reputable life insurance company whereby such company would agree to pay each year, during the life of each of the persons covered by such contract, a sum equal to the annual dues of the constituent Council at the time the life membership is obtained;

(2) That a trust fund be established of the monies therein invested in recognized securities; administered by a corporate trustee designated for that purpose and that such trustee pay to the Grand Recorder each year a sum equivalent to the annual dues as fixed at the time when the life membership is granted.

A valuable annuity table is added.

A permanent committee was created to carry the plan into operation.

The Grand Recorder presents a splendid report on the "Condition of the Rite." He makes a comprehensive and careful analysis of conditions that have led up to a slump in many departments of organized activity. Applying himself to see what remedy there may be, he suggests that what keeps men interested is constructive worth while work. Men cannot be held except by the things that appeal deeply to them. We are facing, he says, "one of the most challenging situations which Freemasonry ever has faced."

Correspondence

While the report on fraternal correspondence takes up less than half a page, we are glad it is there. Past Grand Master Eben George Guthrie has been carrying the work from the beginning of the Grand Council. He read a report in the Grand Assembly, and Grand Council ordered it to be printed "provided funds were available."

Grand Officers Elected

Willis L. Dickey, *Edgeley,* Grand Master; Henry B. Senn, Deputy Grand Master; Albert G. Johnson, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; James E. Turner, Grand Treasurer; Walter L. Stockwell, P.·.G.·.M.·., *Fargo,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Fargo, January 27, 1932.

OHIO—1930

101st Annual Assembly *Columbus* September 29th-October 1st

M.·.Ill.·.Ewing V. Burns, G.·.M.·.

Ninety-eight Councils. 44,418 members; net *loss,* 1,003. Cash balance, $23,235.80.

Present: All Grand Officers; fourteen Past Grand Masters, Representatives of eighty-seven Councils; forty Grand Representatives, Past Grand Master Oliver D. Everhard responding for New York.

Distinguished visitors: General Grand Master Walter L. Stockwell; General Grand Captain Arthur D. Prince; Past Grand Master Atherton L. Barnes of Connecticut; Grand Master Jerome L. Cheney and Companion Harry Irving Tong, of New York; Grand Master Alden B. Hefler of Massachusetts; Grand Master Andrew J. Schroder and Past Grand Master Charles B. Phillips of Pennsylvania; Grand Master James S. Potter and Deputy Grand Master Oron J. R. Bury, of Michigan; Past Grand Master Thomas F. Ballinger of New Jersey; Past Grand Master George L. Lohrer of the District of Columbia; Deputy Grand Master John H. C. Woodward, Grand Principal Conductor Edwin Smith, Grand Treasurer Alexander Saunders and Grand Recorder Henry I. Orr, of the Western Jurisdiction of Canada. A long list of dignitaries of the General Grand Chapter, of Grand Chapters, Grand Lodges, Grand Commanderies, and the Supreme Council, A.·.A.·.S.·.R.·. might be added.

Somebody did splendid work in bringing together such a body of men. The reason that the Centennial was to be celebrated does not explain everything. Whoever handled the invitation work knows how.

The Grand Master visited many Councils, took part in Royal Arch Reunions and attended Assemblies of Grand Chapters and Grand Councils in Indiana, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Western Canada, and New Jersey. The Deputy Grand Master and eight Past Grand Masters accompanied him to the Triennial at Tacoma.

Losses in membership do not worry the Grand Master. Persuaded that the degrees are helpful and inspiring in their appeal to the serious Mason, he regards those who leave without cogent reason as never having been intended to be part of the Rite.

Eighty-six Councils confer the Super-Excellent degree every year.

The Assembly was pervaded by a festive spirit. It marked the celebration of the Grand Council's Centennial. There was a ceremonial procession. The details of the celebration are contained in a special report added to the Proceedings as an appendix.

The procession formed at the Masonic Temple and moved to Worthington, Ohio. There, on the lawn of the local Masonic Temple, the exercises took place. There were historical reports, addresses and music. R.·.P.·. Companion ARTHUR D. PRINCE, General Grand Captain, delivered the Centennial Address. One word of his concerning the loss in membership was this:

"Masonry is not for every man, we should bear in mind. Some are unfitted by temperament, some by financial circumstances, even if they can pass the character test."

That last paragraph gives an angle not often recognized.

M.·.P.·.Companion WALTER L. STOCKWELL, General Grand Master, closed the formal exercises by a brief address. An appropriate, good musical program closed the exercises.

The Student Loan Fund Committee reported that three students who enjoyed the benefits of the fund have been graduated, one from Case School of Applied Science already having found a responsible position in Chicago, another from Ohio University is teaching in a High School, the third who graduated from Battle Creek College specialized in Physical Education.

CORRESPONDENCE

This is Past Grand Master FRANK W. HENDLEY's second annual review. The same good judgment which guided him in his initial report is evident throughout. Forty-three Grand Councils are passed in review. Then follow more general reflections of the Tacoma meeting, of the General Grand Council, and General Grand Chapter.

New York for 1929 is included.

Grand Officers Elected

Clarence E. O'Neal, *Zanesville,* Grand Master; Martin J. Spinks, Deputy Grand Master; William H. Smith, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Frank H. Marquis, Grand Treasurer; William T. S. O'Hara, P.·.G.·.M.·., *Toledo,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Lima, September 28, 1931.

OKLAHOMA—1931

37th Annual Assembly *Shawnee* April 21st

M.·.Ill.·.Clarence Brain, G.·.M.·.

Thirty-one Councils. 4,320 members; net *loss,* 388. Cash balance, $2,006.49. Total cash assets, $4,716.87.

Present: All Grand Officers; nine Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty-five Councils; thirty Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master Edson A. MacMillan for New York.

The Grand Master says that "the lack of a practical objective is one of the most serious drawbacks of our Rite." He does not indicate what he has in mind. To whom shall the Councils look for direction, if not to their Grand Master? He visited no Councils during his term of office, for want of time, though he did go to Tacoma for the Triennial.

Correpondence

Past Grand Master Hamilton's twelfth report, like its predecessors, makes pleasant reading. The best that forty-two Grand Councils have to offer, including New York for 1930, is presented briefly and candidly.

Grand Officers Elected

Layton B. Chilcutt, *Duncan,* Grand Master; Fred T. Kirby, Deputy Grand Master; George E. Dole, Grand Principal Conductor of Work; Bert D. Ashbrook, Grand Treasurer; Ira B. Kirkland, *Muskogee,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Ponca City, April 19, 1932.

OREGON—1931

46th Annual Assembly *Portland* April 14th

M.·.Ill.·.H. WAYNE STANARD, G.·.M.·.

Fifteen Councils. 2,033 members; net *loss*, 62. Cash balance, $271.01.

Present: All Grand Officers but the Grand Captain and the Grand Conductor; eleven Past Grand Masters; Representatives of the fifteen Councils; fifteen Grand Representatives; New York again not among them.

The Grand Master finds that eight Councils did no work at all during the year. He visited ten Councils, two of them twice. The Super-Excellent degree as put on in Table Rock Council by Companions of Oregon Council gave him particular pleasure. He attended the Triennial at Tacoma with nine other Oregon Companions, seven of them Past Grand Masters.

On January 1, 1932, Pioneer Council (now Hodson Council, No. 1), will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary.

The Grand Recorder reports that all Councils paid their dues in full and that the finances, though modest, are in satisfactory condition.

Past Grand Master HARRY THOMAS HUBBARD, who became affiliated with the Grand Council a few years since and became the first Master of Table Rock Council, was accorded the honor of being listed among the Past Grand Masters of Oregon.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

EDMUND P. LEWIS, Grand Master; ALBERT H. S. HAFFENDEN, Deputy Grand Master; JOHN B. EASTER, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; LLOYD L. SCOTT, Grand Treasurer; J. H. RICHMOND, *Portland*, Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Salem, April 12, 1932.

PENNSYLVANIA—1931

85th Annual Assembly *Philadelphia* January 20th

M.·.P.·.ANDREW J. SCHRODER, G.·.M.·.

Forty Councils. 14,757 members; net *loss*, 159. Cash balance, $5,429.59. Total cash assets, $33,429.59.

Present: All Grand Officers, except Grand Recorder HUGUS who was kept away by serious illness; eight District Deputy Grand Masters; six-

teen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty-four Councils; twelve Grand Representatives, but no one for New York.

Grand Master CORNELIUS E. BEATTY and MARSHALL M. CARPENTER, Grand Recorder, of the Grand Council of Delaware were there. New Jersey was represented by Grand Master HARING and Past Grand Masters SARGENT, WARNER and CUTHBERT. From New York had come our own Deputy Grand Master JOHN A. DERTHICK.

The Grand Master urges that a remedy must be found for the large number of suspensions and resignations. The root of the trouble he sees in the lack of able, interested and constructive leadership.

He paid a number of visits to Councils and attended also the District Meetings. His going to the Annual Assembly of New Jersey marked the first visit to that Jurisdiction by an Officer of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania. He took part also in the Annual Assemblies of Ohio and New York.

CORRESPONDENCE

Companion HUGUS, although confined to the hospital for many weeks, submits the usual carefully prepared report on Foreign Correspondence, taking in forty-two Grand Councils including New York for 1930.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

EVERETT H. COOKE, *Scranton,* Grand Master; RICHARD G. MILLER, Deputy Grand Master; PETER L. LEAMAN, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; CHARLES W. WOLFERTZ, P.·.G.·.M.·., Grand Treasurer; RICHARD T. HUGUS, P.·.G.·.M.·., *Jeannette,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Scranton, January 19, 1932.

RHODE ISLAND—1930

70th Annual Assembly *Providence* April 8th

M.·.Ill.·.DR. CHARLES HERBERT HOLT, G.·.M.·.

Eight Councils. 5,659 members; net *loss,* 231. Cash balance, $1,649.56.

Present: All Grand Officers; thirteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of seven Councils; twenty-eight Grand Representatives, New York represented by Companion WILLIAM S. GREENE.

Distinguished visitors from outside the State: Grand Master G. VAN VORIS WARNER of New Jersey; Grand Master HERBERT T. KELLEY and Grand Conductor the REV. ALFRED C. WILSON, of Vermont; Grand Mas-

ter ALDEN B. HEFLER, WILLIAM O. TUCKERMAN, Grand Master of Ceremonies, and Past Deputy Grand Master ARTHUR L. BEALS, of Massachusetts.

DR. HOLT, the Grand Master, is very popular in Rhode Island. As a result he has been drafted for all sorts of public work, though his medical practice naturally makes heavy demands upon him. On top of this he has been serving as Mayor for a number of years. This may explain why the record of the year's work does not show any outstanding results as far as Cryptic Masonry is concerned. Only routine business is reported.

Recognition was extended to the new Grand Council of Utah and an interchange of Representatives authorized.

Owing no doubt to financial stringency, no report on Correspondence is printed with the Proceedings. The absence of it is a distinct loss. Companion EDWARD M. WHEELER, P.·.G.·.M.·., has endeared himself to all the members of the Round Table and always contributed something worth while. Let us hope he will be back again with us before long.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

E. LOUIS MORRIS, *Providence,* Grand Master; FRED W. JOHNSTONE, Deputy Grand Master; HERBERT C. LOTTSFELDT, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; FRANK S. CONGDON, Grand Treasurer; EDWARD M. WHEELER, P.·.G.·.M.·., *Providence,* Grand Recorder.

RHODE ISLAND—1931

71st Annual Assembly *Providence* April 14th

M.·.Ill.·.EVAN LOUIS MORRIS, G.·.M.·.

Eight Councils. 5,499 members; net *loss,* 160. Cash balance, $2,037.17.

Present: All Grand Officers; fourteen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of all the eight Councils; thirty-one Grand Representatives, among them Companion WILLIAM S. GREENE for New York.

Distinguished visitors: Grand Master G. VAN VORIS WARNER and Past Grand Master DONALD J. SARGENT of New Jersey; Grand Master FRANK W. CORLISS of Vermont; Grand Master ALDEN B. HEFLER and R.·.Ill.·.WILLIAM O. TUCKERMAN, Grand Master of Ceremonies, of Massachusetts; and Deputy Grand Master JOHN A. DERTHICK of New York. A formal reception was extended also Grand Master HENRY SMITH SEE of the Grand Lodge and Grand High Priest ADELBERT E. PLACE of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

The Grand Master reports that, in accordance with a resolution adopted at the Seventieth Annual Assembly, a beautiful testimonial was prepared and presented to R.·.Ill.·.Companion WILLIAM RUSSELL GREENE in recognition of the valued and efficient service rendered by him as Grand Recorder for the past fifty-three years. The testimonial consisted of suitable resolutions engrossed on parchment leaves in gold, purple and black, bound in purple-colored leather covers bordered in Greek design overlaid with gold. The cover was reinforced in purple silk and had two inserts of photographs of the two Masonic Temples, one taken previous to its destruction by fire and one of the present structure, in which Companion GREENE had labored during so many years of his life. Among the resolutions was one recording his election as Grand Recorder Emeritus for life.

The Grand Master visited all the Councils of his Jurisdiction, some of them several times; accompanied the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter on a number of their official visitations; attended the semi-annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and assemblies of Hyde Park Council of Massachusetts and the home Council of Grand Master HEFLER of Massachusetts; besides honoring by his presence social Masonic affairs of many kinds. He was the guest also of the Grand Councils of New York and Massachusetts and was represented officially by Past Grand Master EDWARD M. WHEELER at the Annual Assemblies of the Grand Councils of New Jersey, New Hampshire, and Connecticut.

The other elected Grand Officers also did their share of visiting.

According to the Grand Recorder's report every one of the eight Councils greeted one or more candidates. The total number admitted was eighty-six, coming within five of the figure of one year ago.

That there is a net loss despite all this was due chiefly to suspensions—107 of them by Providence Council, No. 1, alone—and next the deaths of which ninety-seven are recorded. The demits amounted to only twenty-seven. The losses by suspension appear to be due mainly, if not altogether, to house cleaning in the Chapters.

It is pleasant to hear from the Grand Recorder's report that, although his Correspondence Report last year and this year were not included with the Proceedings, they will appear as soon as the treasury makes a more encouraging showing.

Past Grand Master T. STEWART LITTLE presented a resolution calling for the appointment of a Committee of three to report at the next Annual Assembly a detailed plan for the establishment of a Permanent Fund.

Grand Officers Elected

Fred W. Johnstone, *Newport,* Grand Master; Herbert C. Lottsfeldt, Deputy Grand Master; George E. Phillips, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Frank S. Congdon, Grand Treasurer; Edward M. Wheeler, P.·.G.·.M.·., *Providence,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Providence, April 12, 1932.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1931

72d Annual Assembly *Columbia* April 21st

M.·.Ill.·.M. L. Smith, G.·.M.·.

Thirty-eight Councils. 3,160 members; net *loss,* 285. Cash balance, $1,329.18.

Present: All Grand Officers except the Grand Marshal; five of ten living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of twenty-eight Councils; twenty-two Grand Representatives, Companion E. W. Baldwin answering for New York.

North Carolina had present six distinguished Companions. Fine testimony to the cordial relationship between the two Carolinas!

M.·.P.·.O. Frank Hart also was honored by a special reception, as the personal representative of General Grand Master Walter L. Stockwell.

The Grand Master reports two consolidations of Councils and argues that "it is better to have fewer and stronger Councils, better equipped and manned, than the reverse condition." He recommends the revocation of Charters from three Councils which failed to make returns. Grand Council agreed with the proposition and acted accordingly.

Correspondence

George T. Harmon reads closely, picks judiciously and tells concisely what he finds. An appreciative attitude is preserved throughout. He had an opportunity to meet, on the trip to Tacoma, our own Charles H. Johnson, and expresses his admiration for him. We in New York are mighty proud of him and rejoice as Cryptics that his leadership has been enlisted, along with a few other forceful leaders, in building up the General Grand.

Grand Officers Elected

E. Johnson Brown, *Latta,* Grand Master; E. S. C. Baker, Deputy Grand Master; B. Jennings White, Grand Principal Conductor of

Work; WALTER F. GOING, Grand Treasurer; O. FRANK HART, P.·.G.·. G.·.M.·., *Columbia,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Columbia, April 26, 1932.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1930

14th Annual Assembly *Rapid City* June 11th

M.·.Ill.·.LEE M. BROWN, G.·.M.·.

Eight Councils. 1,207 members; net *loss,* 161. Cash balance, $831.07.

Present: All Grand Officers; seven Past Grand Masters; Representatives of eight Councils; eighteen Grand Representatives, among them Companion HARRY B. REYNOLDS for New York.

Distinguished visitors: General Grand Master O. FRANK HART; General Grand High Priest CHARLES C. DAVIS; Grand Master E. J. EATON, Past Grand Master CHARLES S. SCHURMAN, Grand High Priest WILLIAM R. VAN HOUSEN, and Past Grand High Priest WILLIAM E. POOL, of Minnesota; and Grand Commander JOHN H. COWLES of the Southern Jurisdiction, A.·.A.·.S.·.R.·..

The Grand Master made no visitations whatever and wonders why only two Councils did any work.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

OLE SPILLUM, *Brookings,* Grand Master; WILLIAM H. FALLON, Deputy Grand Master; CLARENCE B. WILT, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; GEORGE W. HILL, Grand Treasurer; GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, *Sioux Falls,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Yankton, June 10, 1931.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1931

15th Annual Assembly *Yankton* June 10th

M.·.Ill.·.OLE SPILLUM, G.·.M.·.

Eight Councils. 1,104 members; net *loss,* 103. Cash balance, $881.50.

Present: All Grand Officers; seven Past Grand Masters; Representatives of seven Councils; seventeen Grand Representatives, HARRY M. REYNOLDS responding for New York.

Distinguished visitors: General Grand Master WALTER L. STOCKWELL, and General Grand High Priest JOHN W. NEILSON.

One hundred and eleven members were suspended for non-payment of dues. One Council (No. 6) filed no report for five years. Watertown Council, No. 4, lost about twenty per cent of its membership by suspensions and dimits. Grand Council voted that the Grand Master make an investigation of the causes of the losses.

The Grand Master attended the Annual Assemblies of Minnesota and North Dakota, was represented by the Grand Recorder at the Tacoma Triennial and did considerable visiting in his own State accompanied by other Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

WILLIAM H. FALLON, *Yankton,* Grand Master; CLARENCE B. WILT, Deputy Grand Master; FRED L. BARCLAY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; GEORGE W. HILL, Grand Treasurer; GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, *Sioux Falls,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Huron, June 15, 1932.

TEXAS—1930

24th Annual Assembly *Waco* December 1st

M.·.Ill.·.W. D. FOWLER, G.·.M.·.

Two hundred and seventy Councils. 35,955 members; net *loss,* 442. Cash balance, $5,158.78.

Present: All Grand Officers; fourteen Past Grand Masters, two Past Grand Recorders, one Past Grand Treasurer; Representatives of ninety Councils; and thirty-eight Grand Representatives, among them Grand Treasurer L. R. CONRO responding for New York.

The work of inspection appears to have been well organized and functioning satisfactorily.

The Grand Master believes that the financial condition all over the country probably is the principal reason for the decline in membership. He says he traveled "more than 7,000 miles in the interest of Cryptic Masonry."

That is about all that can be said of the body of the Proceedings except to add that fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Council of Utah.

If it were not for the Annual Cryptic Review of SAM J. HELM the story of Texas for 1930 would end right there, although the volume of Proceedings contains more than 400 pages, 96 devoted to the Proceedings, 234 to the returns of Councils, including names of all members, and the Annual Cryptic Review of 98 pages.

SAM HELM hammers away at the thought that needs to be driven in to save Masonic organizations from slipping still further down the line: A high standard of selection and real work to keep everybody interested. "Masonry," he says, "has always been a man's job," and then he adds: "We still have real men to do it: it is up to us." He finds that the suspension lists, since 1924, have "not one Mason in a carload."

Many arrows have been shot at the Super degree. SAM HELM fires a volley at it. Turning loose, as he did on this subject under Colorado, he all but annihilates the degree except that he does not attack the thing itself, but only the manner in which the degree is exemplified by would-be actors with more enthusiasm than common sense and a feeling of the appropriateness of things.

Along with his strictures there creep in a number of striking sentences. One of these might well furnish a text for a worthwhile Masonic inquiry as to whither we are going. It runs like this: "Loss of faith is what causes a run on a bank, a divorce suit, refusal of credit, the defeat of a political party, the overthrow of a nation, and the spirit of anarchy." In other words, faith sustains an institution; lack of faith will break it down.

We must not yield to the temptation of drawing further upon S. J. H.'s virile views. There is an atmosphere which can be gotten only by reading the whole report.

New York for 1929 is given three and a half pages. What is said about the inclusion of all sorts of things under the heading of Grand Master's Address is well worth reading. The point has been brought up several times, but the old plan has continued. It may be that the voice from Texas will arouse new interest in the matter.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

H. R. HEAD, *Grandview,* Grand Master; JOE W. PENDER, Deputy Grand Master; B. F. HUNTSMAN, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; L. R. CONRO, Grand Treasurer; THOMAS M. BARTLEY, *Waco,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Waco, November 30, 1931.

UTAH—1930

Top of the Wasatch Mountains

1st Annual Assembly May 12th

M.·.Ill.·.Frank P. Sherwood, G.·.M.·.

Three Councils. 474 members. Balance $39.49.

This newest Grand Council started under way on May 20, 1929, with an Assembly held in the Masonic Temple at Salt Lake City. General Grand Master O. Frank Hart was there, presided over the election and installed the Officers. By-laws were adopted.

The first Annual Assembly was held in an Aspen Grove, on the summit of the Wasatch Mountains, twenty miles east of Salt Lake City. They have called the place Council Knoll.

Proceedings opened at 5:15 A. M., not 5:15 P. M., just as "the first rays of the rising sun gilded the mountain tops." They had visitors with them, too, among them the General Grand High Priest, the Grand Commander, the Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Utah, and the Grand High Priest of Idaho.

The Grand Master's address was brief and to the point.

A telegram of greetings was sent to the General Grand Master.

Grand Officers Elected

Howard P. Kirtley, *Salt Lake City,* Grand Master; Herman J. Craven, Deputy Grand Master; Harry F. Cannon, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Joseph G. Bywater, Grand Treasurer; John M. Dunlap, *Salt Lake City,* Grand Recorder.

UTAH—1931

2nd Annual Assembly *Provo* May 11th

M.·.Ill.·.Howard P. Kirtley, G.·.M.·.

Three Councils. 477 members; net gain, 3. Cash balance, $282.29.

Present: All Grand Officers; six Past Masters; Representatives of three Councils; fifteen Grand Representatives, among them Companion Sydney D. Evans for New York.

The Grand Master reports that the Councils are holding their own pretty well. He finds that Masons are getting careless as regards "secrecy." What makes him feel that way was that one of the brothers

was told by his wife of a special friend of his having been rejected by the Lodge the evening before. Pretty quick broadcast. But then you cannot make everybody a Mason by just putting them through the degrees.

He suggests that the By-laws be allowed to work out untinkered for some time to come. The brethren are warned not to be careless in making appropriations just because it is easier to spend the other fellow's money. The Grand Council, he says, can get along nicely without special aprons and expensive badges, and Grand Masters have been known to live quite content and long without having received special jewels.

The death is announced of Companion JOSEPH GWILYM BYWATER who was Master of Utah Council, No. 1, in 1908.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

HERMAN J. CRAVEN, *Ogden,* Grand Master; HARRY F. CANNON, Deputy Grand Master; WILLIAM W. RAGER, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; COLONEL LEWIS, Grand Treasurer; JOHN M. DUNLAP, *Salt Lake City,* Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly: Logan, June 13, 1932.

VERMONT—1931

78th Annual Assembly *Burlington* June 9th

M.·.Ill.·.FRANK W. CORLISS, G.·.M.·.

Fifteen Councils. 1,831 members; net gain, 11. Cash balance, $1,372.92.

Present: All Grand Officers excepting the Deputy Grand Master; fourteen of seventeen Past Grand Masters; Representatives of fourteen Councils; twenty-six Grand Representatives; New York represented by Past Grand Master CHRISTIE B. CROWELL.

Distinguished visitors: Past Grand Master DONALD J. SARGENT and Grand Correspondent CHARLES L. HAIGHT, of New Jersey and Past Grand Master WILLIAM W. WILLIAMSON of the Grand Council of Canada East.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers ascribed the net gain in membership to the effect of the Diamond Jubilee meetings held at Burlington and Montpelier, which, they say, brought new life into the Rite. The Grand Master himself does not say very much about it. He says that the success of his very able predecessor in office had "proved that some-

thing could be done if sufficient labor was put in." That is why he decided upon the meetings which proved so successful. At the third of the meetings referred to, sixty-three candidates received the degrees and the number of petitions received represented almost that many more.

Every Council in the State, but one, did work during the year. District meetings were held at Burlington, Montpelier, Newport and Springfield. The Grand Master and Grand Lecturer attended all of these meetings.

The Grand Master calls attention to a serious financial condition. In 1922, the treasury held a balance of $1,569.95. At the 1930 Assembly Grand Council voted to sell its last $500.00 Liberty Bond to meet its obligations. He urges that all possible retrenchments be made to avoid running into debt.

The Grand Master attended the Grand Assemblies of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Companion CADY L. EARLE, represented Vermont at the General Grand Council Triennial and furnishes a report of his impressions.

The Reverend ALFRED C. WILSON writes with enthusiasm of the leadership of Grand Master CORLISS and the new interest started up in the Rite as a result. The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers express profound regret that Companion WILSON, who is the Deputy Grand Master, was unable to attend the Annual Assembly.

CORRESPONDENCE

CHRISTIE B. CROWELL just gives seven lines to the "Foreword" of his thirteenth appearance. The reviews also are very brief throughout, but he manages to tell the whole story nevertheless. What is more, the genial spirit of CHRISTIE is there, and that in itself makes it a joy to read what he has to say. What he writes about SAM HELM of Texas shows where he refreshes his sources of verve occasionally. This is what he says:

"There is only one SAM HELM and his Reviews are in a class by themselves. Whenever we are down in the doleful dumps or headed that way, we turn to one of the series and begin to rise at once. May he long live to write 'em.

"We have decided to tell the boys that 'when at last our weary feet shall have reached the end of their toilsome journey' and we lie in a box costing several times as much as it ought to, while friends murmur 'doesn't he look natural?' and glance at the flowers which were not sent when they could be seen and smelled, if the reading aloud of some of SAM'S classics produces no effect it will be perfectly safe to proceed with the ceremonies as per schedule, for all hope will have fled."

Oh. Yes—and there is the Finis. That follows right after Wisconsin and compliments that Grand Council on having furnished the best book of the lot. And this is how he winds up:

"It will do us no good to keep on wailing over our membership losses. We have spent far too much time at that already. Let's be thankful for the number and quality of those we have left and bend our energies to the work of inspiring them

with the spirit of brotherhood and service and good will. If we but plan intelligently and do efficiently, we will soon have cause for rejoicing instead of lamentation as the Cryptic Rite steadily advances to recover our lost ground and rise to higher and better service than we have hitherto believed possible."

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

ALFRED C. WILSON, *Poultney,* Grand Master; RODNEY R. ELLIS, Deputy Grand Master; JOHN O. BAXENDALE, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; GEORGE I. WHITNEY, Grand Treasurer; ARCHIE S. HARRIMAN, *Burlington,* Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly: Burlington, June 14, 1931.

WISCONSIN—1931

74th Annual Assembly *Milwaukee* February 18th

M.·.Ill.·.FRANK B. MOSS, G.·.M.·.

Thirty-three Councils, including one U.·.D.·.. 9,787 members; net *loss,* 8. Cash balance, $1,967.49.

Present: All Grand Officers, except the Grand Conductor who was kept away by illness; ten of the fifteen living Past Grand Masters; Representatives of thirty-two chartered Councils; thirty-four Grand Representatives, among them Past Grand Master HOWARD I. CRAWFORD for New York.

Honored visitors: General Grand Master WALTER L. STOCKWELL and Grand Master G. ARTHUR MINNICH of Iowa.

The Grand Master constituted a new Council at Sheboygan and instituted one U.·.D.·. at Marshfield. Every Council in the State was visited by him, some of them several times; attended the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Minnesota, and took part in the Triennial of the General Grand Council at Tacoma. He speaks of an association formed of the Past and Present Masters of the Councils of Milwaukee, which by reason of the friendly contacts established between the members has served to stimulate intervisitation to a remarkable extent.

An address on "Our Heritage" delivered by the Grand Recorder, at the request of the Grand Master, is printed in full in the Proceedings.

Grand Lecturer CHARLES E. IMBUSH points to the sacrifice it meant to the Grand Master to carry through his resolution to visit every Council in Wisconsin and what a treat it was to the Councils to receive him, a large number never having seen a Grand Master in their midst. That there was a net loss of eight in the aggregate membership, after all the hard work done and the enthusiasm put into it, appears "a real disappoint-

ment" to him. But why should it? A look at the returns of the other Grand Councils ought to cheer him. What would have been the showing if the Grand Master had not put his splendid personality into the scales?

The exemplification of the Super-Excellent degree by a joint team of the four Milwaukee Councils Companion IMBUSH regards as the "high light" of the year. The degree, as exemplified in Milwaukee, he says, has a real worth while message, and its appeal to the best there is in man is surpassed by no other Masonic degree. The institution of a new Council at Marshfield appears in some respects to have been another remarkable occasion, attracting Grand Officers and other Companions from all parts of the State. Where men take such interest in the work there ought to be no regrets. Numbers do not tell the story of the usefulness of the Rite in the lives of men. The times are hard. Many men can no longer afford to go beyond the Lodge and are lucky that they can hang on to that. At the same time we can not afford to go to sleep on such reflections. We must be up and doing, of course. Companion IMBUSH has one sentence in his report which sums up the story:

"By the inspiration of the ideals and moral teachings of our degrees, by leadership and officers that command respect, by rendition of the ritual in a way that truly impresses, by the promotion of brotherly love by inter-Council visitations, by the understanding light to be derived through study clubs, by the carrying into practice our responsibility to fellow Masons; by such means as these can we build and build well the temple of friendship and comradeship. We have a real message in our degrees."

General Grand Master STOCKWELL, in his address, pointed out that Freemasonry in all its branches is passing through difficult times; that it more than ever needs the consecrated and enthusiastic leadership of men who know the reason of the faith that is in them and are willing to give both time and effort to the service of the Fraternity.

CORRESPONDENCE

Companion EUGENE B. THAYER prints a list of the Grand Councils with the losses and gains in membership in each. Only five are shown to be ahead of the year before. All the others are behind, Wisconsin less than any of the rest. So he sees no reason for discouragement, but tells everybody to pep up and start a revival in each Cryptic center. Close to two pages are given to New York for 1930.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

ARTHUR A. WERT, *Ashland,* Grand Master; EVERT H. VOTH, Deputy Grand Master; ORIN C. BARDWELL, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; DAVID HARLOWE, Grand Treasurer; WILLIAM F. WEILER, *790 North Van Buren Street, Milwaukee,* Grand Recorder.

Seventy-fifth Annual Assembly: February 17, 1932.

STATISTICS OF THE
GRAND COUNCILS
COMPILED 1931

Grand Councils	*Number of Councils*	*Member-ship*	*One Year's Net Gain*	*One Year's Net Loss*
Alabama	22	3,468	..	798
Arizona	6	563	23	..
Arkansas	33	1,236	..	36
California	39	9,574	..	376
Canada, Western Jurisdiction	10	597	35	..
Colorado	15	2,366	..	80
Connecticut	24	10,539	..	165
Delaware	3	227	..	8
District of Columbia	6	1,399	9	..
England & Wales	29	..	..	..
Florida	21	1.676	..	219
Georgia	64	5,107	..	338
Illinois	79	23,559	..	1,183
Indiana	75	19,051	..	407
Iowa	28	6,533	..	39
Kansas	20	5,644	..	421
Kentucky	48	4,240	..	288
Louisiana	14	1,464	..	205
Maine	17	8,067	..	353
Maritime Provinces (1927)	10	699	..	..
Maryland	16	4,827	..	117
Massachusetts	36	14,504	..	306
Michigan	65	13,820	..	796
Minnesota	9	2,981	..	117
Mississippi	43	3,770	..	259
Missouri	22	9,531	..	929
Montana	10	885	..	15
Nebraska	21	3,227	..	98
Nevada (1927)	4	140	..	..
New Hampshire	17	3,322	..	121
New Jersey	15	3,737	..	114
New York	49	12,025	..	545
North Carolina	25	1,894	..	141
North Dakota	9	838	..	98
Ohio	98	44,418	..	1,003
Oklahoma	31	4,320	..	388
Oregon	12	2,095	..	65
Pennsylvania	40	14,757	..	159
Rhode Island	8	5,499	..	160
South Carolina	38	3,160	..	285
South Dakota	8	1,104	..	103
Tennessee	20	2,550	..	124
Texas	270	35,955	..	442
Utah	3	477	3	..
Vermont	15	1,831	11	..
Washington	17	2,925	..	109
Wisconsin	33	9,787	..	8
	1,497	310,388	81	11,418

Net *loss* in Membership, in 1930, 11,337

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