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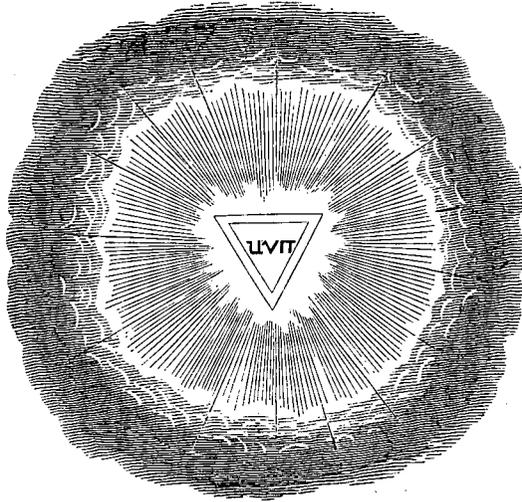


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Grand Council.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

GRAND COUNCIL ROOM,
MASONIC HALL, CORNER SIXTH AVE. AND 23D STREET,
NEW YORK, Tuesday, September 8th, A. D. 1874, A. Dep. 2874.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of the State of New York, convened in Annual Assembly in the City of New York, in accordance with a resolution of the last Annual Assembly, on Tuesday, September 8th, A. D. 1874, A. Dep. 2874.

PRESENT.

M.:I.: G. FRED. WILTSIE.....	GRAND MASTER.
R.:I.: F. F. DRIGGS.....	DEP. GRAND MASTER.
I.: A. B. KING.....	ACTING GRAND P. C. OF THE WORK.
R.:I.: DAVID B. HOWELL.....	GRAND TREASURER.
I.: GEORGE VAN VLIET.....	ACTING GRAND RECORDER.
I.: HENRY J. BOYLE.....	ACTING GRAND C. OF THE GUARD.
R.:I.: G. M. OSGOODBY.....	GRAND C. OF C.
R.:I.: CHARLES W. BROWN.....	GRAND MARSHAL.
R.:I.: AND REV. JOHN G. WEBSTER.....	GRAND CHAPLAIN.
M.:I.: H. F. L. BUNTING.....	ACTING GRAND STEWARD.
I.: JOHNSTON FOUNTAIN.....	GRAND SENTINEL.
R.:I.: JACKSON H. CHASE.....	GRAND LECTURER.

M.:I.: JAMES McCREDIE, P. G. M.

M.:I.: JOHN HOOLE, P. G. M.

M.:I.: JOHN D. WILLIAMS, P. G. M.

R.:I.: GEO. P. BLACKIE, OUR REP. AT GRAND COUNCIL OF TENNESSEE.

And the Representatives of the following Councils:

COLUMBIAN.....No. 1	DUNKIRK.....No. 25
UNION.....No. 2	PALMYRA.....No. 26
BROOKLYN.....No. 4	UTICA.....No. 28
ADELPHIC.....No. 7	KING SOLOMON.....No. 31
EUREKA.....No. 8	HORNELLSVILLE.....No. 35
BLOSS.....No. 14	PENTALPHA.....No. 36
SOUTHERN TIER.....No. 16	CRYPTIC.....No. 37
BUFFALO.....No. 17	SENECA.....No. 38
KING HIRAM.....No. 18	KONHOCTON.....No. 40
DORIC.....No. 19	GENESEE VALLEY.....No. 41
KEYSTONE.....No. 20	PEEKSKILL.....No. 55
HUDSON RIVER.....No. 21	PORTAL.....No. 61
DE WITT CLINTON.....No. 22	HUDSON.....No. 62
BINGHAMTON.....No. 24	SING SING.....No. 64

The Grand Council was opened in **Ample Form**.

On motion of R.:I.: CHARLES W. BROWN, all Companions Select Masters in good standing were invited to seats as visitors in this Grand Council.

On motion of M.:I.: JOHN HOOLE, the reading of the Minutes of the previous Assembly were dispensed with.

M.:I.: G. FRED. WILTSIE, Grand Master, then delivered the following address :

The Address.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS :

In the kind Providence of Almighty God, the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe, we are enabled once more to meet within the tiled precincts of our Secret Vault for the sixty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Empire State.

Let us each and every one render humble and hearty thanks to our Supreme Grand Master for the blessings showered upon us since last we met together, and ask His guidance and protection during our present deliberations.

It is with feelings of inability and disqualification that at this time we attempt this part of our official duty, for we well know that our Most Illustrious predecessors had the advantage of us, not only in years, but in Masonic education; still we would not shrink from duty, and will endeavor to render to you, as best we can, an account of the manner in which we have performed the duties of the high office with which we were honored by you at our last Annual Assembly.

I would that I could report to you that our "Circle of Perfection" had remained unbroken, and that all who assembled with us eighteen months ago, were with us now; but my companions, "In the midst of life we are in death," and it seems to me that one of the saddest duties devolving upon one who occupies the "*Grand East*" is to be called upon to recount to his companions the "Work" performed by the "grim messenger, Death;" yet would we not prove false to our trusts, did we not, in fitting terms, make due reference to the same, no matter how sad nor how sorrowful such labor may seem?

Under date May 2d, 1874, I received, by mail, tidings of the death of Right Illustrious Companion HENRY B. HARVEY, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of this Grand Council. I hastened to his residence in Troy, and there assisted in performing the last sad rites of committing his remains to Mother Earth. Sad indeed were the hours thus spent. Thoughts of our beloved companion as we had met him in days gone by, full of life, ambition, and Masonic zeal, pressed themselves upon us; stricken down as he was in the prime of life,

when he seemingly had many, many happy years before him, and yet so suddenly taken from our sight; whose voice will no more be heard in our Councils; whose presence will no more cheer us, as we engage in our labors; sad, I say, is it to us to record such facts, yet as we have confidence in *Him* who dwelleth above, and who doeth all things well, we leave his Spirit in His hands, awaiting the glorious morn of the Resurrection, when we will all meet to have our "work" inspected by the Grand Overseer above, who will fitly reward all those who have faithfully toiled in the quarries here below, in accordance with the work then presented for inspection.

We know we but reiterate the feelings of his immediate friends and companions when we say,

"Thou art gone to the grave, but we will not deplore thee,
Though sorrow and darkness encompass the tomb;
The Saviour has passed through its portals before thee,
And the lamp of His life was thy guide through the gloom.

"Thou art gone to the grave, we no longer behold thee,
Nor tread the *rough paths of the world* by thy side;
But the wide arms of mercy were spread to enfold thee,
And sinners may die, for the sinless hath died.

"Thou art gone to the grave, but we will not deplore thee,
Whose God was thy Ransom, thy Guardian and Guide;
He gave thee, He took thee, and He will restore thee.
And death has no sting, for the Saviour hath died."

HENRY BURT HARVEY was born in the town of Hoosick, Washington Co., New York, Dec. 31, 1837, and died May 4th, 1874, of congestion of the lungs, after a short illness of six days.

At the time of his death he was private Secretary to the Mayor of Troy, had in former years been engaged in mercantile business, and in all departments was an earnest worker. His sudden and unexpected death startled his many friends and saddened many hearts. He leaves a widow and three children. He was buried Thursday, May 7, 1874, by Apollo Commandery, No. 15, K. T., of which he was Eminent Commander. Every honor was paid his memory. As a Mason he was an active, zealous worker, and much esteemed among his associates for his generous qualities of heart.

He was initiated in Mount Zion Lodge, No. 311, F. & A. M., Troy, N. Y., Sept. 24th, 1860, and received the sublime degree of Master Mason Dec. 31st, 1860. Although often solicited to assume a position as one of its officers, he invariably declined, preferring that of organist, a position which he held for many years. In Capitular Masonry he received the Mark Master Mason's degree in Apollo Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M., Jan'y 15th, 1862, and the Royal Arch degree Feb'y 5, 1862. He took great interest in the Chapter and was elected to several subordinate offices, and in 1870 and 1871 as M. E. H. P.

In the Cryptic Rite he was a member of Bloss Council, No. 14, R. & S. M., having received the degree of Royal Master, March 20, 1863, and of Select Master, April 23, 1863. He acted as Recorder in 1864, as Captain of the Guard in 1865, and held the position of Th. Ill. Master for three terms, having been elected

in 1865, 1868, 1869. Under his auspices the Council attained a high reputation for "Work," and was very prosperous. As the Representative of that body in the Grand Council of the State, he received the reward of faithful service by being honored with the office of R. I. P. C. of W. which position, as you are aware, he held at the time of his death. He was Knighted in Apollo Commandery, No. 15, K. T., April 28, 1863, and was elected Eminent Commander in 1873 and 1874. He was also an active member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and received the 32d grade Feb'y 2, 1871, in Albany Sovereign Consistory.

He was also a working member and co-laborer in the different local Masonic Committees, and for several years previous to his death, held the important office of President of the Troy Masonic Board of Relief.

"His Work is done—

His Record is made—"

May we all emulate his virtues.

It is with feelings of pleasure, my Companions, that I am enabled to report to you that quiet reigns within our Secret Vault. No alarm of intrusion has been sounded, no attempt has been made to gain admission into "perfection," save from those properly avouched for and well qualified by having worked faithfully in the quarries. The Craftsmen have wrought their regular hours; Harmony and Peace have crowned their labors; Fervency and Zeal have marked their devotion; and prosperity, progress, and Fraternal Love, have hand in hand presided in the Councils of our subordinates. During the term now closed, and since last we met in Annual Assembly, no differences of opinion even have arisen, no questions of division of sentiment or opposition to our new Constitution have been presented to me, and I can with pride point to the Councils of the Empire State and say in the words of my Illustrious Predecessor, "as ever, foremost in every good work."

On the evening of February 18, 1873, it was my privilege to constitute Sing Sing Council, No. 64, R. & S. M., at Sing Sing, Westchester Co., N. Y.

On the evening of March 3d, 1873, Hudson Council, No. 62, Hudson, Columbia Co., N. Y.

On the evening of Feb'y 15th, 1873, by my authority, Ill. Companion C. W. Brown, Grand Marshal of the Grand Council, constituted Portal Council, No. 61, at Skeneateles, Onondaga Co., N. Y.

These solemn and important ceremonies were all performed in accordance with our Ritual and in "due form."

I have granted, in accordance with my prerogative, several dispensations to hold elections in different Councils, owing to unavoidable delays on their part, in allowing the regular time of election to pass without holding the same.

During my term of office I have issued the following dispensations to form new Councils:

June 17, 1873, to Companion HENRY ALLFREY as Master.
 " DAVID ELSBRE " Dep. M.:
 " WM. H. ALLFREY " P.:C.:W.:
 and their associates, to form "Chenango Valley Council," at Sherburne, Chenango Co., N. Y.

November 15th, 1873, to Companion J. M. SHOWERMAN as Master.
 " A. R. WARNER " Dep. M.:
 " H. M. WARREN " P.:C.:W.:
 and their associates, to form "Batavia Council," at Batavia, Genesee Co., N. Y.

Nov. 15th, 1873, to Companion JOHN RAINES, Jr., as Master.
 " HOWELL MOSHER " Dep. M.:
 " W. T. BURNETT " P.:C.:W.:
 and their associates, to form "Canandaigua Council," at Canandaigua, Ontario Co., N. Y. This was in lieu of dispensation granted during the year 1872, which through some error was not reported upon by the Committee on Warrants at our last Annual Assembly.

Jan. 1st, 1874, to Companion ALBERT BEALS as Master.
 " ISAAC W. BAKER " Dep. M.:
 " ALSON J. WHITING " P.:C.:W.:
 and their associates, to form "Norwich Council," at Norwich, Chenango Co., N. Y.

The applications for all these Councils under dispensation came to me properly prepared, as well as recommended by the nearest warranted Council, and from the "specimens of their skill," as shown by them in their reports now before you, I have no doubt are each and every one qualified to receive a Warrant from this Grand Body, to whose kindly consideration I now recommend them.

You are doubtless aware that at our Annual Assembly in 1872, four Warrants were granted to Companions resident in England, for the purpose of firmly establishing the Cryptic Rite in that country, and for the formation of a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. With much pleasure I now present to you a full Report of such organization, as forwarded to me by Illustrious Companion FRED'K BINCKES, Grand Recorder.

This report was received by me December 20th, 1873.

"TO THE MOST PUISSANT COMPANION G. FRED. WILTSIE,
 GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,
 OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, U. S. A.

"MOST PUISSANT COMPANION:

"I believe I am correct in my surmise that you have been fully informed with regard to the preliminary steps taken in the introduction to this country of the Cryptic Degrees of Masonry, under the authority of your predecessor, M. P. Companion J. D. WILLIAMS, by brethren duly delegated by him for the purpose, in the Autumn of 1871, viz, Companion JOHN T. MARTIN, 32°, Companion CHARLES H. THOMPSON, 33°, Companion JACKSON H. CHASE, 33°, who were greatly assisted

in the object of their mission by the accidental presence and most valuable aid of Illustrious Companion A. G. GOODALL, 33°; Illustrious Companion DANIEL SICKLES, 33°, to all of whom it is a pleasure to repeat the assurance of the grateful appreciation experienced by those amongst us who were brought immediately within the sphere of their labors.

"It, therefore, only remains for me to comply with the instructions sent by your predecessor with the letter appointing me to act as his Representative in the constitution of the four Councils, for which the warrants had been transmitted through the Illustrious Companion GOODALL to the Rev'd Companion GEORGE RAYMOND PORTAL, who had been selected for the position of the first Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council sought to be established in this country.

"I have the honor to report, that, acting under the authorization contained in that letter, under date 9th March, 1872, I have consecrated and constituted three Councils, viz., Grand Masters', No. 57—Constantine, No. 58—Macdonald, No. 59—as entered on your Roll, but which will rank with us respectively as No. 1, 2, 3.

"The Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, was finally constituted at the Hall, No. 33 Golden Square, on the 2d June, 1873.

"On the same day I installed Companion Rev. GEORGE RAYMOND PORTAL as T. I. M., Companion NATH'L GEORGE PHILLIPS, R. I. D. M., Companion T. M. P. MONTAGUE, P. Cond. of Work.

"The Macdonald Council, No. 3, was constituted on the same day, when also were installed Companion SIGISMUND ROSENTHAL as T. I. M., Companion JAMES STEVENS as R. I. D. M.

"The Constantine Council, No. 2, was constituted at the Hall, No. 33 Golden Square, on Friday, 25th July, and there were then installed Companion ROB'T WENTWORTH LITTLE, T. I. M., Companion Rev'd W. B. CHURCH, R. I. D. M., Companion H. C. LEVANDER, P. Cond. of Work.

"That done, I transferred the authority temporarily held by me to Companion R. W. LITTLE, by whom I was myself installed as T. I. M. of the Mark Council, No. 4, which Council was formally constituted and opened on the 29th of July, 1873, and Companion EDWARD BAXTER installed R. I. D. M., and Companion Q. LAMBERT nominated P. C. W.

"The warrants derived from your predecessor were in each case intrusted to the care of the T. I. M.

"On the 25th July, the subordinate Council having been closed, the Throne was occupied by Companion N. G. PHILLIPS, 33°, R. P. D. G. M. Designate, and a rough draft of the proposed Constitution was submitted, as recommended by a committee specially appointed for the purpose, the consideration of which draft was deferred until Tuesday, 29th July, to which date the Grand Council was adjourned for the formal declaration of its formation by its regular constituent members, and for the election and installation of the Most Puissant Grand Master.

"At the adjourned meeting, held on the 29th July, 1873, at No. 2, Red Lion Square, London, the Representatives of the four Councils formally declared themselves as constituting The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select

Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, those in North America excepted.

"I then took the Chair and requested the Companions to proceed to the election of a Most Puissant Grand Master, when Companion Rev'd GEORGE RAYMOND PORTAL, M. A., Oxon, and Rector of Burghclere, in the County of Hants, was unanimously elected to that high office, duly installed, proclaimed, and saluted.

"The Grand Officers having been appointed, the Grand Council resumed the consideration of the new Constitutions.

"This done, and all business ended, the Grand Council was closed.

"The delay which has occurred in the organization of the New Grand Council—in reality almost unavoidable—may at first sight seem a matter of regret.

"It is believed, however, that this delay will prove not only to be not prejudicial to the interests of Cryptic Masonry, but of practical advantage, inasmuch as opportunity has been given for the remedy of what may possibly have been construed into an irregularity in the formation of the Grand Council by subordinate Councils working under dispensations only; whereas now the T. I. M. of each Council has received the Warrant of Constitution, and the four Councils have been regularly constituted before proceeding to declare themselves a Grand Council.

"Further, the delay has tended to a better understanding of the requirements and wishes of the English brethren with regard to the Rituals, which are considered to be somewhat loaded by much which may be eliminated, while preserving all that is necessary for the practice and right appreciation of the various Degrees.

"With such judicious curtailment and improvement in this direction, it is believed that the Degrees may be rendered attractive, not only on account of the beauty of much of the language in which the teachings and significations are conveyed, but from a conviction that by their adoption certain much regretted omissions are supplied, the Masonic system rendered more complete, and English brethren in a legitimate manner better qualified for acceptance in Continental and Colonial branches of the Order.

"And so I trust I may from time to time be enabled to transmit to you accounts of the favorable progress of Cryptic Masonry under the English Grand Council, which shall be gratifying to us and satisfactory to you.

"With every assurance of regard and respect,

I have the honor to be, Most Puissant Companion,

Your faithful and obedient Servant and Brother,

FREDERICK BINCKES, (30°)

Grand Recorder."

In this connection I would also say, that within a few days past I have received a personal letter from Comp. BINCKES, in which, referring to the new

Grand Council, he reports continued progress, much interest being manifested by our English Companions in this, to them, comparatively new accession to their Masonic Rituals.

In accordance with a resolution of this Grand Body, I was present as your Representative at the New York Convention of Royal and Select Masters, held in New York City, at the rooms of Adelpi Council, June 11, 1873.

The Convention was presided over by M. I. Companion JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, of Maine, with the same officers as in 1872. Representatives were present from eighteen Grand Councils, viz., Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

The organization of 1872 was continued. The Work of the Convention was briefly as follows :

Resolved, That the Order of the succession of degrees be

1st, Royal Master—

2nd, Select Master—

and that it be left optional with each Grand Council to confer the "Super-Excellent Master's" degree as an Honorary degree.

The form for opening and closing a Council of "Royal Masters," as well as "Select Masters," was adopted as reported.

The Committee on Work and Lectures made a full report, which, after much discussion, was adopted.

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Resolved, "That a Committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to memorialize the Grand Encampment of the United States at its next Triennial Conclave, to be held in the City of New Orleans, in December, 1874, asking that Grand Body to make the degrees of Royal and Select Masters a necessary prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood."

The following were appointed said Committee:

M. I. Comp.	JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Maine.
"	" W. M. HARKER, Indiana.
"	" G. FRED. WILTSIE, New York.
"	" W. M. A. PRALL, Missouri.
"	" P. M. SAVERY, Mississippi.
R. I.	" THOS. J. CORSON, New Jersey.

Also, *Resolved*, "That it is the opinion of this Convention that the degrees of Royal and Select Masters should be made a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, and that we will use our best endeavors to secure legislation by the different Grand Commanderies to that end."

Resolved, "That in the judgment of this Convention it is expedient and proper to form a General Grand Council of the United States."

Resolved, "That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet at New Orleans on Monday before the 1st Tuesday in December, 1874, for the purpose

of forming a General Grand Council of the United States, and that the Representatives be requested to bring this subject before their several Grand Councils for their action."

These extracts, my Companions, will give you some idea of the work accomplished by this Convention. I can assure you that, being deeply interested in the advancement of the interests of our beloved Cryptic Rite, it was with great satisfaction that I participated in their deliberations; the interest manifested by all there assembled was marked with deep devotion to the Rite. I trust much good will result from it, and feel confident from the private as well as public expressions of the Illustrious Companions, and from the concessions made to enable us all to be more uniform in our "Work" and Assemblies, that all were animated with a like spirit.

Many Grand Councils have by unanimous resolution heartily endorsed the action of this Convention, and in making this Report to you for action thereon, I know full well that the Empire State will not be behind her sister jurisdictions in adding an hearty *Amen* to the "Good Work, Square Work, and True Work," there performed.

Feeling deeply the great good accruing from the system now generally in vogue among all our Masonic Grand Bodies, in the appointment and interchange of Representatives between them, I have appointed as Representatives to our sister jurisdictions during my term of office the following Companions, whom I am pleased to say have been properly "received and greeted" in the various Grand Bodies to which they were accredited:

M. I. Companion WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE to the Grand Council of South Carolina.

M. I. Companion JEROME R. GORIN to the Grand Council of Illinois.

R. I. Companion NATHANIEL G. PHILLIPS to the Grand Council of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, North America excepted.

M. I. Companion P. M. SAVERY to the Grand Council of Mississippi.

During the session of the New York Convention, upon invitation of R. W. ELLWOOD E. THORNE, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, I took part in paying the last tribute of respect to the remains of Past Grand Master JAMES L. ORR of South Carolina, forming a Grand Council for that purpose, and assisting in the sad funeral rites upon that solemn occasion.

Acting upon the advice of my associate Grand Officers, I caused a circular letter to be issued to the subordinate Councils in the jurisdiction, informing them that at the close of the Annual Convention of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of our State, at the City of Albany, in Feb'y, 1874, if they so desired, the "Work," as recommended by the New York Convention of 1873, would be exemplified for their instruction. Although the circular was sent with some little fear on my part as to its resulting favorably to the interests of our Cryptic Rite, I am pleased to report to you, that it was in every particular a *grand success*.

A majority of the representatives from our subordinate bodies were present, and all expressed themselves much pleased as well as instructed with the evening's session.

To the Companions of DeWitt Clinton Council, No. 22, R. & S. M. of Albany, T. I. Comp. JOHN J. MARTIN, Master, am I deeply indebted for the able and impressive manner in which the "Ritual" was presented, and I have no doubt but impressions never to be forgotten were then and there made on all present.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, appointed at our last Annual Assembly, owing to the time between Feb'y, 1873, and September, 1874, have been called upon to perform extra labor. Their Report will be presented to you in due time, it being duly prepared and in readiness for your action; personally I am under many obligations to Ill. Comp. CHAS. G. HUDSON, Chairman, for the very able manner in which he has performed his duty, which I have no doubt will be properly appreciated by all the members of this Grand Body. And here I would say a word to all, concerning these reports in all our various Masonic bodies. I fear they do not receive the attention they deserve at the hands of our brethren. Few of you are aware of the labor expended on many of these reports, or I am sure you would be more anxious to "read, mark, and inwardly digest," the interesting information therein contained, for without them our printed proceedings would be shorn of much of their value. To the whole corps of Masonic Reporters or Committees on Foreign Correspondence, do I feel deeply indebted for much of the light and instruction I receive, and I hope all our Companions will carefully "observe and preserve" their valuable teachings.

To my associate Grand Officers I am deeply indebted for their assistance rendered me during my long term of office; they have ever sustained me, when called upon so to do, and have maintained the dignity of their several offices in proper manner.

I have visited many of our subordinate Councils officially, and have always received the due attention and respect the exalted office of Grand Master is entitled to.

The "Work" has been always rendered in a correct and perfect manner, thereby showing the deep interest taken in our beautiful degrees by those who have been selected to teach them.

And now, my Companions, in closing let me say, let us each and every one exert all the influence in our power to place our Cryptic Degrees in their proper position in our American Masonic system. We have a position to which we are entitled, as well as any other of our Masonic Bodies; without the lessons taught in our beautiful Rite, our Masonic history is incomplete; to the student in Masonic literature this is an undeniable fact, and he who in his desire to attain Masonic degrees omits the Cryptic Rite, commits an error in not fully completing the beautiful system developed in Ancient Craft Masonry.

The Craftsmen employed in working in the Crypt throughout our whole country are waking up to the importance of the work in which they are engaged; our numbers are steadily increasing; our Ritual is rendered with but one or two exceptions with uniformity and impressiveness, and there is constant inquiry for "more light" concerning these degrees

In severing our connection, or rather in changing our time of meeting from that of our Grand Royal Arch Chapter, with which we have for so long a time been associated, I confess I feared its results; but this present, independent Assembly assures me the step was wisely taken; we are now upon our own responsibility doing our own labor and in our own time. Let us, then, Companions, *work with a will*; do all in our power to advance our noble Rite, hold our proper position with our sister bodies, and show to all around us that the workers in Cryptic Masonry in the Empire State are alive to the great duties resting upon them. Let our Trowels ring with a pure, silvery sound; let our Arches rise in stately grandeur; let none be found sleeping at his post; but let Right triumph, let Honor and Virtue be emblazoned on our banners, let Fer- vency and Zeal mark our every exertion, let Silence and Circumspection be our watch-words, and let us so labor in our Secret Vault below, that when the man- date of the Most Puissant Grand Master above shall call us from labor here to refreshment and enjoyment in the world above, having laid aside our working tools, we may be permitted to pass through Heaven's high arches, and be re- ceived into the finished "Sanctum Sanctorum," into that all powerful "Circle of Perfection." to which all Illustrious Companions should hope finally to obtain admission.

"Go on thy bright career, brave, faithful heart,
Prayers of the faithful every step attending;
Go spread the triumphs of the *Mystic Art*
Wherever knee to *Deity* is bending;
Raise up the landmarks, long in rubbish hidden!
Rear high the Altar on Moriah's brow;
Denounce all teachings by our rites forbidden,
And *Light, more Light*, on yearning hearts bestow.

"Crush all things that obstruct the cause of truth;
How grand, how noble is the sacrifice,
How worthy of the brightest dreams of youth,
To build a *House* like that within the skies.
Oh, when we lay thee, mourned-for, 'neath the sod,
And cast the green and fragrant bough of faith,
How cheerful can we give thee to thy *God*,
Whose works defy the utmost power of death."

On motion, the Address was referred for subdivision and reference to Companions

JOHN OMBONY,

Rev. J. G. WEBSTER,

E. E. THORNE.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report as follows, which was, on motion, referred to the Finance Committee when appointed.

TO THE MOST PUISSANT GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND
SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand as per last report.....	\$ 340.67
Received from the Grand Recorder.....	1,418.00
	<u>\$1,758.67</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Warrants Nos. 331 to 405 as per list hereto annexed.....	\$1,652.63
Balance on hand.....	\$ 106.04

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. HOWELL, *Grand Treasurer.*

New York, *Sep. 1, 1874.*

WARRANTS.

No. 331, Wm. S. Paterson.....	\$18. 00
332, Philander Reed.....	20 00
333, Wm. Jennings, Jr.....	20 00
334, Geo. Van Vliet.....	20 00
335, G. F. G. Cunningham.....	13 75
337, A. B. King.....	5 60
338, W. H. McCoy.....	19 50
339, John S. Bartlett.....	25 00
340, Hawley Klein.....	34 80
341, A. G. Wheeler.....	14 75
342, Wm. Shelp.....	27 90
343, John B. Sackett.....	34 80
344, Howard Cockburn.....	11 50
345, Henry J. Boyle.....	5 00
346, S. M. Anthony.....	10 00
347, O. W. Earle.....	19 20
348, L. G. Risley.....	38 90
349, Mark C. Finley.....	25 60
351, Elizur Russell.....	14 60
352, L. D. Sanborn.....	6 00
353, Geo. F. Benton.....	21 40
355, A. Hazeltine, Jr.....	19 00
356, Frank L. Stowell.....	37 20
357, Chas. H. Van Brakle.....	17 00
358, G. W. Griswold.....	25 75
359, Chas. W. Brown.....	8 50
360, C. H. Sturges.....	8 80
361, M. L. Edgett.....	16 00
362, E. D. Ferguson.....	9 50
363, Wm. H. Shepard.....	19 50

No. 364, Geo. M. Osgoodby.....	12 50
365, John L. Ellithorp.....	6 00
366, Rich'd H. Dennis.....	16 00
368, S. R. Lawrence.....	8 90
370, J. B. Shaw.....	12 25
372, Abiel T. Loomis.....	9 00
374, Norman Z. Baker.....	9 50
375, Henry A. Balcom.....	15 00
376, L. L. Adams.....	19 00
377, John Ombony.....	15 00
378, Jonathan Farnsworth.....	8 75
379, W. A. Baldwin.....	11 75
380, E. A. Wilson.....	8 25
381, Mortimer H. Smith.....	17 50
385, John D. Williams.....	25 00
386, G. Fred. Wiltsie.....	14 50
387, F. F. Driggs.....	38 90
388, H. B. Harvey.....	5 60
389, Josiah Shove.....	20 00
390, D. B. Howell.....	20 00
392, J. B. Chaffee.....	19 20
393, J. G. Webster.....	25 60
395, Amza Fuller, salary.....	10 00
396, J. H. Chase, salary and attendance.....	70 00
397, J. Shove, salary.....	100 00
398, C. G. Hudson, salary.....	50 00
399, G. F. Wiltsie.....	10 00
400, Janitor.....	5 00
401, J. McCredie.....	34 80
402, John Hoole.....	20 00
403, Corlies, Macy & Co., printing.....	297 18
404, J. H. Murray, expenses Convention.....	25 00
405, D. B. Howell & Co., jewels and seal.....	125 00
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The Grand Master then announced the appointment of the following Committees :

<i>Credentials and Returns.</i>		
GEO. VAN VLIET,	JOHN HOOLE,	H. F. L. BUNTING.
<i>Warrants and Dispensations.</i>		
JACKSON H. CHASE,	JOHN B. SACKETT,	P. VERHOEVEN.
<i>Constitution and By-Laws.</i>		
E. E. THORNE,	JAMES McCREDIE,	JOHN J. MARTIN.

Grievances and Appeals.

MARK C. FINLEY, HOWARD COCKBURN, MORTIMER SMITH.

Finance and Accounts.

JOHN D. WILLIAMS, JOHN F. BALDWIN, A. B. KING.

Unfinished Business.

ISAAC B. NOXON, CHAS. ESTABROOK, E. HARRIS.

On motion, the hours of meeting during this Annual Assembly were fixed at 10 A. M. and 3 P. M.

On motion, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the special order for to-morrow, (Wednesday,) immediately after the opening of the morning session.

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment, until 3 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor by the M. Ill. Grand Master.

On motion, 250 copies of the Grand Master's address were ordered printed for the use of this Grand Council.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address presented the following report, which was, on motion, received, and the recommendations adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master would respectfully submit the following report:

That so much of the address as relates to the death of R. Ill. HENRY B. HARVEY, Grand P. C. of the W., be referred to a special committee.

So much as relates to Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Warrants and Dispensations.

That the communication of R. Ill. FREDERICK BINCKES (the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of England), together with so much of the address as relates to it, be referred to a special committee.

So much of the address as relates to Work and Lectures be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee.

So much of the address as relates to the proposed General Grand Council be referred to a special committee.

JOHN OMBONY, }
JOHN G. WEBSTER, } Committee.
E. E. THORNE. }

III. Comp. ALBERT G. GOODALL, Representative of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown (those in North America excepted), was announced, received, and cordially greeted as such Representative.

R.:I.: G. M. OSGOBY, on behalf of the Special Committee appointed at the last Assembly to procure a jewel for M.:I.: JOHN D. WILLIAMS, Past Grand Master, reported the fulfillment of that duty; when the jewel was duly presented to the Most Illustrious Companion by the present Grand Master, and most cordially and thankfully received by its recipient.

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

TO THE M. P. GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns respectfully report that the following Councils have made returns and paid dues to the Grand Council, and that their Representatives, as designated below, are entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

1	Columbian	P. W. VERHOEVEN	Master.
		G. B. WOOD	Proxy.
		J. J. KELLY	P. C. W.
2	Union	JOHN F. BALDWIN	Master.
4	Brooklyn	WM. JENNINGS, JR.	Master.
7	Adelphic	E. E. THORNE	Master.
		CHAS. F. EMERSON	P. C. W.
8	Eureka	C. F. G. CUNNINGHAM	Master.
14	Bloss	A. B. KING	Master.
15	Bruce	J. COLLYER	Dep. M.
16	Southern Tier	JOHN S. BARTLETT	Dep. M.
17	Buffalo	JOHN BRIGGS	Master.
18	King Hiram	A. G. WHEELER	Master.
19	Doric	HENRY M. PLANT	Master.
20	Keystone	JOHN B. SACKETT	Master.
		D. E. MORGAN	Dep. M.
		J. P. GETHING	Proxy.
21	Hudson River	HOWARD COCKBURN	Master.
22	De Witt Clinton	JOHN J. MARTIN	Master.
23	Ontario		
24	Binghamton		

25	Dunkirk	ELIJAH HARRIS	Dep. M.
26	Palmyra	MARK C. FINLEY	Master.
28	Utica	THOS. H. FLOYD	Dep. M.
		MARTIN A. LEWIS	P. C. W.
30	Owego	B. J. DAVIS	Master.
31	King Solomon	C. ESTABROOK	Master.
		GEO. W. PETERS	Dep. M.
		EDW. D. HAIGHT	P. C. W.
35	Hornellsville	JOHN P. FLETCHER	Dep. M.
36	Pentalpha	JOS. L. FRAME, JR.	P. C. W.
37	Cryptic	C. H. STURGES	Master.
38	Seneca	M. S. EDGETT	Master.
40	Konhocton	E. S. SMEAD	Dep. M.
41	Genesee Valley	O. H. COOK	Master.
55	Peekskill	JOHN OMBONY	Master.
61	Portal	M. H. SMITH	Master.
62	Hudson	JOHN C. DUBOIS	Proxy.
64	Sing Sing	ISAAC B. NOXON	Master.

GEO. VAN VLIET,
JOHN HOOLE,
H. F. L. BUNTING.

The following special committees were then announced :

On so such of the address as relates to the death of our late R.:I.: HENRY B. HARVEY,

JOHN BRIGGS. O. H. COOK. W. S. PATERSON.

On the communication of R.:I.: FREDERICK BINCKES, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of England, &c.

WM. JENNINGS, JR. C. F. G. CUNNINGHAM. JOHN S. BARTLETT.

On so much of the address as relates to the General Grand Council,

JOHN D. WILLIAMS. B. J. DAVIS. H. M. PLANT.

The Committee on Warrants and Dispensations presented the following report, which was, on motion, received, the recommendations therein contained adopted, and the committee discharged.

Your Committee on Warrants and Dispensations respectfully report that they have carefully examined the returns of the Councils to which Dispensations were granted since our last Regular Assembly, and recommend that Warrants be granted as follows:

To Companions HENRY ALLFREY, as Master.
 DAVID ELSBRE, " Dep. M.
 WM. H. ALLFREY, " P. C. of the W.

and their associates, to be styled Chenango Valley Council, No. 65, to be located at Sherburne, Chenango Co., N. Y.

To Companions J. M. SHOWERMAN, as Master.
 A. R. WARNER, " Dep. M.
 HORACE M. WARREN, " P. C. of the W.

and their associates, to be styled Batavia Council, No. 27, to be located at Batavia, Genesee County, N. Y.

To Companions JOHN RAINES, JR., as Master.
 HOWELL MOSHER, " Dep. M.
 W. T. PRENETT, " P. C. of the W.

and their associates, to be styled Canandaigua Council, No. 66, and located at Canandaigua, Ontario County, N. Y.

To Companions ALBERT BEALE, as Master.
 ISAAC W. BAKER, " Dep. M.
 B. GAGE BERRY, " P. C. of the W.

and their associates, to be styled Norwich Council, No. 67, and located at Norwich, Chenango Co., N. Y.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACKSON H. CHASE, }
 JOHN B. SACKETT, } Committee.
 P. VERHOEVEN. }

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, which was, on motion, received and ordered to be printed in the transactions.

TO THE MOST PUISSANT GRAND COUNCIL
 OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have the pleasure of presenting the following report:

Since the last Annual Assembly, we have received Proceedings and circulars from the following named Grand Councils:

ALABAMA.....	1872-3.
ARKANSAS.....	1872-3
CALIFORNIA.....	1872-3.
CONNECTICUT.....	1873-4.
ILLINOIS.....	1872-3.

INDIANA.....	1873.
IOWA.....	1872-3.
KANSAS.....	1872.
KENTUCKY.....	1872-3.
LOUISIANA.....	1873.
MARYLAND.....	1874.
MICHIGAN.....	1872-3-4.
MAINE.....	1873-4.
MASSACHUSETTS.....	1872-4.
MINNESOTA.....	1872-3.
MISSISSIPPI.....	1873-4.
MISSOURI.....	1873.
NEBRASKA.....	1872-3.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	1873.
NEW JERSEY.....	1873-4.
NORTH CAROLINA.....	1873.
OHIO.....	1873.
ONTARIO.....	1871-2.
PENNSYLVANIA.....	1872-4.
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	1873.
TENNESSEE.....	1872-3.
VERMONT.....	1873.
NEW YORK CONVENTION.....	1873.

Twenty-eight in all. Our labor has been one of pleasure and love. We have scanned the Proceedings with the deepest interest, and found therein many words of cheer and profit from Companions, who, though sundered far, and never to be seen by our mortal eye, or known until we clasp hands in the hereafter *above* the S. V., yet are all zealous laborers in the same noble and glorious undertaking. Owing to the length of time which has elapsed since our last Annual Assembly, in Feb'y, 1873, we have received a larger number than usual of Proceedings, and our report is consequently much longer than last year. We trust, however, it will not be tedious. We have deemed it our duty to report thoroughly everything of interest in the numerous Proceedings in our possession; for we have considered ourselves to be the eye of the Grand Council, whose duty it is to report clearly, accurately, and in detail, what has been seen in sister jurisdictions. We believe it to be the duty of the one who accepts the position of chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to do his best to make a full and interesting report, to bring in from these quarries a perfect ashlar. We regret to see some Grand Councils without a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for such a report is one of the chief points of interest in the Grand Council, and does much to make the Proceedings interesting. On account of the number of our degrees and the size of many Grand Councils, the Annual Assemblies are apt to be too short and too hurried, and treated as a matter of minor importance. Hence, every Companion should contribute his mite to add to the interest and, consequently, prosperity of our Rite. Such reports are the only means the body of the Craft have of knowing the condition of the Craft at large.

It is well that a certain tie promises to dispense Masonic light and information ; for bigotry and lack of brotherly love, courtesy and uniformity, are always the results of ignorance—ignorance, not only of Masonic law, history and traditions, but also of the present condition of the Craft.

It is generally in those Grand Jurisdictions where there is no report on Foreign Correspondence, or a brief, dry affair, that we find the most of that bigotry and egotistical self-satisfaction, which will never yield a jot for uniformity and harmony.

In our report we have endeavored to give our opinion in a kind and fraternal manner, always remembering that others have an equal right to their opinions, which should be respected. For in the S. V. differences of opinion and keen debate should ever be compatible with the utmost harmony.

We are rejoiced to report that our observations of the Cryptic Rite discover peace, harmony, and increased interest and prosperity in the majority of the Grand Jurisdictions. There seems to be the slow, steady and sturdy growth of the oak, and not the abnormal increase of the gourd, that springs up in a night and perishes in a day. Allow us here to record our protest against too rapid growth in Masonry. We would lift up our voice against this insatiate greed for candidates, which some consider a sign of prosperity. Nothing can be more fallacious or more hurtful. No body can be considered as sound and healthy which constantly gorges itself with raw and improperly assimilated material. Rather let us have the few, the tried, and the select. One such addition is worth ten hastily made from ill-assorted material.

We observe, also, a great improvement, in many instances, in the form, binding and printing of the Proceedings. Many are masterpieces of the typographic art. A little taste adds greatly to the appearance, and little to the cost. Beauty is a Masonic support, which should be no more neglected than Wisdom and Strength.

But our introductory disquisition is becoming too long. The Companions may skip it and proceed with us to the report.

ALABAMA—1872.

This Grand Council held its thirty-fifth Annual Assembly in the city of Montgomery, Dec. 4th, 1872.

ROBERT D. WEBB, G. P.

The representatives of eighteen Councils were present.

The G. P. read a lengthy and most interesting address. It is with pleasure that we quote a few of his utterances.

He first notices the departure of WILLIAM C. PENICK, who entered into rest Oct. 16th, 1872 :

“ We miss his cordial greeting and the hearty shake of his hand. We shall also miss his counsels in our deliberations, and his instructions in the esoteric lore of our Order. Not only we, but the entire fraternity throughout the land, will feel his loss. His Masonic knowledge, his zeal for the institution of Masonry, and his untiring labors in her behalf, have made him known to the fraternity everywhere ; and many a heart in other jurisdictions will be saddened when they shall hear he is no more.

"Fully impregnated with the benevolent principles of the Order, and to a high degree sensible of its mission, he threw the full weight of his earnest and laborious nature into the scale in her favor. Nor did he labor in vain. Many is the bruised heart that has been cheered by his *kind and generous hand*."

Sweet be his repose.

Of such master workmen may we sing:

"Thus star by star declines,
Till all are pass'd away,
As morning high and higher shines,
To pure and perfect day;
Nor sink those stars in empty night,—
They hide themselves in heaven's own light."

Companion WEBB spoke at length of the New York Convention. In regard to the exemplification of the work, he says:

"While the Companions from Maine, Massachusetts, and the District of Columbia exemplified their work, I was as one receiving new degrees; but when the Companions of New York exemplified the work of that jurisdiction, I was as one who 'sat under his own vine and own fig-tree.' The work of New York and that of Alabama are almost identical, differing only in the verbiage of the ritual. Their's the more ornate—our's the more concise and explicit."

We are in complete accord with him in his conclusion as to the action of the Convention that the Cryptic Degrees should be under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Councils. For he says:

"This is an important step, and one which I trust all the jurisdictions will adopt, and rigidly enforce. It will do more than all else to check that dangerous tendency in some of the States to yield jurisdiction of the Cryptic Degrees to Grand Chapters. Seeing they are no longer to be recognized as companions of the Rite, they will cease to receive the Degrees from these unauthorized sources."

We would be glad to quote his able argument endorsing the action in reference to the degree of Super-Excellent Master, but space forbids. He suggests two very probable reasons for the lack of interest in the Cryptic Degrees in the South.

"1st. Opening too wide the door of entrance to our Order."

"2d. The fearful struggle of the Southern people to release themselves from the pressure—financial and political—which weighs upon them."

The whole address is replete with interest. The example of Companion WEBB may well be followed by all Grand Masters. Too often is the Annual Assembly put off with a brief, uninteresting address, evidently prepared without thought and with haste. Those who occupy exalted positions in our fraternity, should be our teachers as well as our rulers. They should give us the results of labor, thought and research. For the field of thought in Masonry is not barren, not exhausted. New treasures, new beauties, will repay every effort of the explorer. One of the most interesting parts of every annual gathering of Masonic bodies, is the Annual Address. We shall never forget with what interest we have listened to these addresses, or the disappointment, when it was some brief, poorly-prepared apology for an address. If the honor of presiding in Grand Bodies is worth accepting, it is worth some labor, worth being something more than a figure-head for twelve months.

All honor to Companion WEBB and those who are like him. Here's our hand of congratulation.

The report of Companion SAYRE upon Foreign Correspondence, as usual, is full, interesting, and shows the hand of "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." He reviews twenty-five Grand Councils, including our own.

In his remarks upon New Jersey he doth heartily eschew cheap Masonry, as well as cheap goods:

"Not a few judge of the value of a commodity by the value the owner puts upon it. If the price is very low, one can come to no other conclusion than that it is not worth much; and the good man having no use for goods of that kind, does not buy it. But the bad man says—it does not cost much no how; there may be a speculation in it—I'll try it. Now, if there was any way to discriminate between a bad man and a good one by any mathematical rule—by lines, and angles, and proportions—by sines, and co-sines, and tangents—we might always keep out the former, and let in the latter. But, unfortunately, that is not the case."

Indiana is rebuked of him in this wise:

"From this report we learn that Indiana has no use for uniformity unless it is brought about by all the other Grand Councils adopting the Titles, Work, and Degrees according to Indiana."

Arkansas would do well to listen to his advice to stop conferring degrees upon candidates elected by the Grand Council.

While he is able to appreciate the wit of our friend Companion LEE, of Connecticut, he shows him that wit and accuracy do not always travel hand in hand.

He breaks a lance with Companion DRUMMOND, of Maine.

But we cannot devote all our space to Alabama. We would every Companion had a copy of the Proceedings. We hope to meet Companions WEBB and SAYRE some day; if not here, at the table of refreshment hereafter.

Councils represented	18
Members reported	776

ROBERT D. WEBB, M. D., M.:I.:G.:M.: Livingston.

DANIEL SAYRE, G.:R.: Montgomery.

1873.

Since writing the above, the report for 1873 has come to hand, by which we find that this Grand Council assembled for the thirty-sixth time, in Montgomery, Dec. 3d, 1873.

R. D. WEBB, G.:M.:

Sixteen Councils took part in the Assembly.

The address states that death had not that year entered the Grand Council. The address is full of information and profit, and we would be glad to insert it at length.

Companion SAYRE reports upon 20 Grand Councils, including New York, for 1873, which he says met in the city of New York. News to us. The report is hardly up to the one of the year before, but is good, nevertheless. We suggest he return to the good old plan of giving the name of each State before his remarks upon that State. We have already devoted too much space to Alabama, and must refrain from quotations. As to the question whether the dead are not

better off than we, and whether they have not gained a victory, we hope Companion SAYRE may find death a victory.

Subordinate Councils..... 20

Membership..... 634

R. D. WEBB, G. M.: Livingston.

D. SAYRE, G. R.: Montgomery.

ARKANSAS—1872.

A quorum not being present at the constitutional day, the Grand Council was called to assemble in the City of Little Rock, Jan'y 5th, 1873.

Present, E. H. ENGLISH, G. M., and representatives of eight Councils.

The Proceedings of this Assembly, and especially those of the succeeding Assembly, are models of typographic beauty, and cannot receive too much praise.

The Grand Master is a master of *English*, and his address, from beginning to end, is one of great beauty and profit. We repeat in regard to him, what we have already said of Companion WEBB.

We pluck here and there a flower :

"The years march on with unceasing tread, and pause not in their rapid flight to await the movements of the tardy or the slothful."

"It seems but yesterday that we parted, yet since then, another year has hastened away to mingle with the dim shadows of the ages gone. Here again assembled in the Secret Vault, dedicated to the Most Puissant as well as Most Merciful Creator of all things, let it be our first duty to render to Him our grateful acknowledgments for His goodness in shielding us against the devouring scythe of Time, and staying our wasting sands, whilst others, better perhaps than we, have fallen."

"During the past year, some have struggled for power, some for place; some have toiled for wealth, some for knowledge; some have labored for humanity, and some have done nothing; some have done good, and many have done evil. What have we done? How many hours have we spent in the Sanctum Sanctorum? How many in the Secret Vault? What good have we done, and what evil?"

"In one of the beautiful degrees of the Scottish Rite, we are admonished never to let a day pass without doing some good act, or bestowing some charity. How pleasing it must be at the sunset of life, to one who has toiled over its journey, and is about to gird up his loins to cross the dark river, to look away back over the traveled path, and to feel that he has permitted no day to pass without doing some good act."

"It is a proverb among the wandering sons of Ishmael, that no man, to be useful, should die without planting a tree, digging a well, and begetting a son. In countries where springs, brooks, and flowing rivers abound, instead of dry, barren sands, as in the deserts of Arabia, it is a proverb that a man, to be useful to his country, should build a house, plant a tree, and beget a son. In this fast age of vice and frivolity, so many sons prove worthless, that it may be well for a man to ponder whether it is not wiser and better to beget a daughter than a son. But a man may build houses, plant trees, and be the father of sons and daughters, and yet be of little use to his country, if he does nothing more. His houses, even if built on rocks, will moulder and crumble, if not swept away by the winds or floods. His trees will decay, and his sons and daughters, whether good or bad, will die, and in a generation or two, there may remain no monument to show that the man ever lived. * * * * * But men have made moral monuments and memorials of good deeds and thoughts, which have come down to us through the lapse of long ages, when their houses, and trees, and sons, and monuments of stone and brass, have perished."

Let not these reflections fall upon our ears as idle tales, or be forgotten like a dream of the night.

The degrees were conferred upon a candidate elected by a subordinate Council, a custom we cannot approve, and in the disapproval of which we have goodly company. The Grand Council then proceeded to whistle to keep its courage up, and say, "who's afraid," by resolving,

"That this Grand Council hereby declares as its edict, that any Royal Arch Mason, living within this jurisdiction, properly recommended, may be elected to and receive the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters in this Grand Council, without regard to his location, subject always to the Masonic principle, that he must receive the unanimous vote of all the Select Masters present, whether they be members of this Grand Council or not."

No report on Foreign Correspondence. If such a report should be made, the Companions of Arkansas might clear up their minds on some "Masonic principles."

Subordinate Councils.....25—2, U. D.

E. H. ENGLISH, G.:M.:, Little Rock.

L. E. BARBER, G.:R.:, Little Rock.

1873.

The fourteenth Annual Assembly met in Little Rock, Oct. 11th, 1873.

E. H. ENGLISH, G.:M.:.

Ten Councils represented.

We regret that the G.:M.: made no address. Very little business was transacted, except to increase the number of "permanent members," by conferring the degrees upon nine Companions. Without doubt they will soon have a respectable membership. Foreign Correspondence is still unknown.

J. A. STINSON, G.:M.:, Jacksonport.

L. E. BARBER, G.:R.:, Little Rock.

CALIFORNIA—1872.

The twelfth Annual Assembly was held in the City of San Francisco, April 11th, 1872.

THOMAS KYLE, D.:G.:M.:.

Representatives of five chartered Councils.

The session was brief, and little business was transacted. No address was delivered by the G.:M.:, and there was no report upon Foreign Correspondence.

1873.

This Grand Council assembled in San Francisco, April 10th, 1873.

THOMAS KYLE, G.:M.:.

Seven Councils were represented.

The address of the G.:M.: was brief. We quote:

"I congratulate you, my Companions, upon the happy auspices under which this Assembly is held. Peace and plenty reign throughout the land, prosperity has attended our Councils, and our hearts have not been saddened by the loss of any of those whose kindly smiles have greeted us from year to year, and by whose wisdom and counsels we

have been accustomed to be guided. I am happy in being able to announce to you that a marked improvement is manifest in the condition of our subordinate Councils, from that reported at the last Annual Assembly."

No Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Subordinate Councils..... 11

Membership..... 557

WM. T. REYNOLDS, G. M., San Francisco.

CHAS. L. WIGGIN, G. R., San Francisco.

CONNECTICUT—1873.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the City of New Haven, May 12th, 1873.

H. W. COYE, G. M.: presiding.

The representatives of twenty-four Councils participated in the proceedings.

From the "Annual Address" we will make a few extracts:

"The unerring finger of time has indicated the hour 'past the meridian,' when this Grand Council, meeting in Annual Assembly, should resume its labors, and its members counsel together for the prosperity of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction."

"Since our last Annual Assembly, the hand of death has been laid upon us, and extinguished one of our brightest lights. I allude to the death of our well-beloved Companion, WILLIAM STORER, who died on the 30th day of May last, aged 73 years. * * Companions, we know that he fought a good fight; that he sincerely kept the faith; and we have full confidence to believe that there was laid up for him, in the Sanctum Sanctorum above, a bright and everlasting crown of glory."

The various reports show prosperity. Companion W. W. LEE introduced a series of resolutions, having for their object the introduction of the Red Cross into the Council, and the surrender of that degree by the Commandery.

W. W. LEE, in a racy, but also able manner, reviewed the Proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, including New York. He disagrees with Companion SAYRE, of Alabama, on the subject of cheap Masonry:

"Companion SAYRE is actuated by 'the root of all evil' in his masonic labors. It seems to us that this is too sordid a view to take. There are many things which men love more than money, and we hope never to see the time when Masonry is made so expensive as to be beyond the reach of any worthy man, however poor. A warm heart is better than a full purse."

He speaks our mind fully in reference to Louisiana, saying:

"If 'brevity is the soul of wit,' Grand Master Horner has it, his address being just twenty-five lines in length. * * * * The Correspondence report is brief, but the conclusion reads like a funeral discourse, and takes, it seems to us, too gloomy a view of affairs. We think sicker children than this have been cured."

Nor does he "see things in the same light" with Companion GOULEY, of Missouri, who "looks through a glass darkly."

He quotes our report of Mississippi, and most heartily responds "Amen" to our views of suspension for non-payment of dues. He devotes three pages to New York and the introduction of the Cryptic Rite into England. We are at a loss to know whether he intends to compliment our report or not, because he insinuates that we are a blacksmith, calling us "A new hand at the bellows."

Because we did vainly labor for Companion LEE's good, warning him that his slang would bring him to an untimely end, he elevates himself upon his auricular appendage as follows:

" 'Jim,' said Smith to Nokes, after a labored effort to make him see the point, and excite a smile, 'I don't believe you could take a joke if it was shot at you from a gun.' 'Why,' said Nokes, innocently, 'how could you shoot a joke from a gun?'"

We surrender. We don't think we could "take a joke shot from a gun," if it were like some of Companion LEE's, small as chicken shot.

He also quotes our report of South Carolina. Even at the risk of undue length, we are constrained to quote his conclusion:

"We do not share in the gloomy forebodings of some. If our institution be of real worth, it will stand, provided its members are what they should be. Regarding Masonry as a means, not as an end, we cherish it as a powerful agency in an advancing civilization, in making its votaries wiser and better; inculcating faith in God as the Supreme Ruler, and charity toward our fellow-men. We sit in judgment upon no man's religion, and deny the right of Priest, King, Prince, Potentate, or any other power to do so. We accept the definition thereof, found in St. James' Epistle, 1st chapter, 27th verse, and strive to live thereby. Masonry, like all other institutions, will be judged more or less by the character of its advocates. When we see Masonic emblems prominently displayed on the coat lappel or shirt bosom by one whose breath reeks of whiskey, while he is blaspheming loudly, and dealing 'damnation around the land' on those with whom he is not in accord, we can't help thinking that such an one is doing more to destroy the reputation and usefulness of Masonry, than all the Finneys and Blanchards that ever bored the public with their diatribes. If the members of our numerous fraternity will but practice outside the virtues that are taught inside our Lodges, Chapters, and Councils, we need have no fears; Masonry will stand while the world needs it. 'No costly oblation, no rendering of the fruit of the body for the sin of the soul; but to deal justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before God.'"

Would we had more such sentiments in our reports.

1874.

The Grand Council assembled in the city of Hartford, May 11th, 1874.

I. W. CARPENTER, G. M.

Twenty-four Councils were represented.

The address of the G. M. was short, not having been "increased" as much as it should be. He reports "unbroken ranks." Hopes Connecticut will disapprove of a General Grand Council of the United States, which was done.

Companion W. W. LEE, the irrepressible, once more comes to the front with the report on "Masonic Correspondence."

Among other Grand Councils he places New York as one from which he has been able to hear nothing. Now, if Companion LEE had made proper use of his ocular organs, he would have seen the following in the Proceedings of New York:

"On motion, it was ordered that the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council be held in the city of New York, on the second Tuesday in September, 1874, at 10 o'clock, A. M."

Try Brazilian pebble, Companion LEE. The report, as usual, is readable, interesting, and instructive. May Companion LEE live a thousand years.

Subordinate Councils.....	24
Membership	2,346

JOHN H. BARLOW, G.:M.:, Birmingham. (Knight of Birmingham; we suppose.)

Jos. K. WHEELER, G.:R.:, Hartford.

ILLINOIS—1872:

The twentieth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Chicago,
WILLIAM A. LEVANWAY, G.:P.:

Representatives were present from thirty-one Councils.

The address, although of some length, was entirely confined to domestic matters. Business was confined to the usual routine. The report on Correspondence was presented by JAMES H. MILES, G.:P.:, noticing the Proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils, including New York. In concluding, he says:

“From the evidence set forth in the Proceedings, we think that the opinion hazarded by some, that the Rite was in a dying condition, is untenable, and that the desire consequently to turn the Order over to the Chapters, is fast losing ground; indeed, the unanimous expression of the New York Convention would seem to put that opinion forever at rest.”

GEORGE E. LOUNSBURY, Mound City, was elected as G.:M.:

From Companion DRUMMOND's table we take the following statistics, for our days would be too few to count each name given in the lists of Councils for Illinois. Give us a table next time.

Subordinate Councils.....	58
Membership.....	1,964

1873.

A circular informs us that this Grand Council assembled in Chicago, Oct. 23d, 1873.

JOHN F. BURRELL, of Springfield, G.:P.:

JAMES H. MILES, of Chicago, G.:R.:

INDIANA—1873.

The Grand Council of Indiana assembled in Annual Communication (that is the way they put it), in the city of Indianapolis, Oct. 21st, 1873.

ALEXANDER THOMAS, G.:M.:

Twenty-nine Councils send representatives.

The address was of a proper length, but confined to domestic matters. We copy one passage:

“While here assembled, Companions, let us look back over the past year; let us examine ourselves carefully; let us inquire what we have done to advance the great principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, and if anything has been left undone that could have been performed, or if what has been done could have been better performed. After thus making an examination, let us resolve from time to time to progress, striving all the time to improve on the past, so that when we shall receive the summons to cease our labors in the S.:V.:, we may then be prepared for that higher state which awaits all who faithfully perform their work in this life.”

He demurs to the practice in Indiana of making the G.:M.: write the report on Correspondence, and delegated the duty to another. Companion AUSTIN, to whom the duty was assigned, reports upon twenty-eight Grand Councils.

We cannot give too high praise to his report. It is full, exhaustive, instructive. The Companions of Indiana will not live in ignorance of the status and doing of sister jurisdictions, while Companion AUSTIN makes the report.

There are so many things we would be pleased to notice, that we hardly know where to begin. He pays his respects to Companion SAYRE, of Alabama, in regard to cheap Masonry:

"The duty of the committee on character is to inquire whether the life and daily walk of the applicant have been such that he will *practice* the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth—that he seeks admission into the Order, not to *learn* those duties, but to enter upon a broader field, where he may more fully carry them out day by day. We want no man to pay either a high or a low price for the opportunity of performing these acts. What his external financial qualifications are, we care not—'tis the wealth of the heart, not of the purse, we covet. Money is necessary for the support of every institution, and each Lodge must be the judge of what is needed to carry on her expenses. She alone has the right to fix her admission fee, and there is nothing in Masonry, as a principle, touching the question whether Lazarus or Dives is the applicant. Masonry is not for sale, 'tis a gift."

From him Arkansas gets a thrust upon conferring degrees in the Grand Council. But 'tis no use to thrust at a pachyderm.

He gives New York a generous notice. He gives us a friendly pat on the back, saying:

"Companion CHARLES G. HUDSON presents the report on Foreign Correspondence, and he is to be congratulated on his 'maiden effort;' we are pleased to observe that he is to be continued, and we hope that hereafter the Proceedings will contain *the* report so often waited for, as New York is *generally* 'foremost in every needed reform.' The Proceedings of seventeen sister Grand Councils and the New York Convention, 1872, are reviewed in a very interesting and courteous manner, pleasant and fraternal."

While we drive the quill of the reporter, our report shall be ready by the time of the Annual Assembly.

We join in his regret that the new Constitution was not published in our Proceedings.

The Proceedings of Indiana are elegantly printed, and are models of neatness, clearness and convenience.

Subordinate Councils.....	38
Membership.....	1,452

GEORGE H. FISH, G.:M.:, Evansville.

JOHN M. BRAMWELL, G.:R.:, Indianapolis.

IOWA—1872.

From Iowa we have reports for two years. In 1872 the Grand Council "convened" in the city of Oskaloosa, Oct. 15th.

BENJAMIN CRABB, G.:M.:

Ten Councils were represented.

The Annual Address was interesting. With pleasure we copy a few passages:

"Another Masonic year has been numbered with the things that were; its trials, sufferings, sorrows and failures, together with its joys, pleasures and triumphs, are subjects of history, and inscribed upon the tablet of the mind as a monument to departed time. And as the ever-moving present flies swiftly by us into oblivion, we, the living

objects of the mercy of the great Creator of all things, are wafted along swiftly over the ocean of time, approaching that 'day for which all other days were made.' In our journeying, we have again met, by appointment, in Grand Council. It brightens the eye, warms the heart, and sends the life-blood coursing through our veins with increased rapidity, to meet and greet each other once more with fraternal greetings. The blessings of an all-wise Ruler have continually rested upon us during the past. Our nation is at peace with all the nations of the earth. Our land, under the genial rays of the sun, watered by the gentle dew-drops and the rains of heaven, and under the guidance of the Divine hand, has brought forth in profuse abundance, and all the people rejoice."

Here is something worthy of a second reading :

"He that unites himself to the Order through 'an idle curiosity,' is 'an intruder in our S. V.' There are many like stones in a building; they seem fine and suitable to admire and beautify the Temple, but when the cold frosts of adversity come upon them they begin to crumble and decay. Such should be removed, and sound material take their place, or the whole fabric will be marred and in danger of ruin."

He also reports upon the New York Convention, and recommends that delegates from Iowa should attend the next one.

The Grand Recorder presented an able report on Correspondence, occupying 18 pp. He notices twenty-two Grand Councils, including our own. With us he thinks Arkansas does "queer" things. Reviewing Kansas he delivers himself of the following opinion of General Grand Bodies:

"Which, so far as a General Grand Council is concerned, we hope may never be nearer actual accomplishment than now. For if there are any extra-superfluous, fifth-wheel and mistletoe-parasite excrescences on Masonry, they are the lot of General Grand Bodies we have now, and if there was any prospect of a revision of the Book of Common Prayer, or other authoritative devotional work of general and wide-spread use, and we had influence with the revisers, we would compound to yield almost any amount of doctrinal preference, if they would insert into the litany a prayer for deliverance from General Grand Bodies, as well as from hail and lightning, blight, mildew, and other calamities."

The action of Massachusetts refusing to appoint representatives to Grand Councils, he properly and scathingly condemns.

"Massachusetts is entitled to the right of receiving or rejecting the representatives of her equals, but we think there are few Councils (and we are sure there are very few Western ones) who would not rather that their friendly overtures should have been rejected at once, and flatly, than to have been received merely as inferiors or upon sufferance. Massachusetts may 'know it all,' and surpass all other States and Grand Bodies in Masonic, as in all other, wisdom and virtue, but it is not in human nature to enjoy having it 'rubbed in' in just this style. It is true that outsiders have not Plymouth Rock or the big organ, but we don't desire to be told so quite so offensively."

He concludes by noticing the New York Convention, and encourages the movement:

"We note that this meeting is taken as the entering wedge for another a year hence, and should not be surprised to see brought forward at that, a proposition for a 'confederation' of Grand Councils, of course 'without any powers other than recommendatory,' which would serve as the 'camel's nose' to bring about what the admirers of centralism so desire—a General Grand Council. At present there is, we know, a general and wide-spread repugnance to such an organization, but effort and eloquence, properly put forth, can work wonders. We note, too, that the most devoted supporters of the General Grand Chapter, the admirers of strong central bodies, were the leaders in this meeting, and it may be well to watch 'the cloud no larger than a man's hand;' or we may, some of us, live to hear 'a sound of abundance of rain'—abundance to wash out the independence of State Bodies, at least. So far as Iowa has taken any part in this movement, it has been with the distinct condition

that no step should be taken to the formation of a General Grand Body. We hope that position will be maintained. The General Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment exist to clip our prerogatives and consume our cash. Let them suffice."

To the Proceedings is added a history of the Grand Council of Iowa, which informs us that it was organized Jan. 1st, 1857.

1873.

In 1873, this Grand Council met in Des Moines, Oct. 23d.

HIRAM Y. SMITH, G.:M.:

Seven Councils were represented.

The address was brief and devoted to local concerns. Finances appear to be prosperous, for new jewels had been procured. The uniform nomenclature was adopted, and the new ritual.

Companion LANGRIDGE, G.:R.:, reviewed the Proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils and the National Convention. New York, among the number, receives fraternal notice.

We would gladly quote some of the report, but, much against our will, must forbear. The Proceedings were sent out uncut, which, we hope, will not be repeated.

Subordinate Councils.....18

There were so many failures to make returns, that no estimate of the membership can be made.

HIRAM Y. SMITH, G.:M.:, Des Moines.

W. B. LANGRIDGE, G.:R.:, Muscatine.

KANSAS—1872.

From Kansas we have a letter saying that the Proceedings would not be published until some future time.

KENTUCKY—1872.

From Kentucky also we have Proceedings for two years. Those for 1873 are a model of beauty, and a great contrast to those of 1872. In 1872 the Grand Council "communicated" in Louisville, Oct. 23d.

THOMAS TODD, G.:P.:

Twenty-two Councils participated.

The G.:M.: made a few remarks, representing the condition of Cryptic Masonry in Kentucky as not only prosperous, but working very harmoniously. We find memorial pages for PHILIP SWIGERT, Past G.:P.:, and WARHAM P. LOOMS, Past G.:P.:.

Companion H. A. M. HENDERSON presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing fourteen Councils and the Convention in New York. Our jurisdiction receives a brief notice.

THOMAS TODD was re-elected G.:M.:.

A. G. HODGES, G.:R.:.

1873.

The Grand Council of Kentucky assembled in Louisville, Oct. 22d, 1873.

THOMAS TODD, G.:M.:.

Seventeen Councils were represented.

The Annual Address was like that of the preceding year, and began as follows: "I have no regular address to deliver to you, but will give you a brief statement of what I have done during the past year."

The business transacted was entirely "routine." Companion HENDERSON presented an able report on Foreign Correspondence.

He notices seventeen Grand Councils, including that of the Empire State. We cannot refrain from giving our Companions the pleasure of reading his introduction:

"The Proceedings of the Grand Councils are, generally, comparatively barren of interest. A custom has grown up to make Cryptic Masonry a kind of 'side show' to the other Grand Bodies. The meetings are held generally at an hour when Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies are illustrating the work, or at a season when the committees are engaged in the consideration of the matters referred to them. The consequence is, that the attendance is sparse, and the routine business is rushed through in indecorous haste. Oftentimes even the parliamentary rules are not observed in the business proceedings, and the Grand Puissant seldom regards the occasion as of sufficient dignity to favor the Convocation with an elaborate address. There is no more beautiful work in any branch of the entire Masonic System. When the degrees are well conferred, with the proper dramatic accompaniments, they never fail to impress the novitiate with their sublimity. We need a *renaissance* in Cryptic Masonry. The Councils—Subordinate and Grand—should give more attention to the work. A Gibemite who would attempt to present square work, with many an unseemly mark of the chisel, exhibiting carelessness in the hand that wielded the setting maul, would deserve the execration of the overseers of the work, and merit the indignation of the architect. No flawed or imperfectly dressed stone is fit for a place in the Temple of the Lord. The stone-squarers of our Secret Vault should be equally scrupulous, with the practical Mason, in shaping the stones of our spiritual temple."

Every letter of the above should be written in gold and suspended in every Council hall. They would hasten the hour when no Mason would be content with the form without the power. When will we ever begin to lay emphasis upon our teachings, as well as devoting ourselves to the mere verbiage of the ritual and the evolutions of the initiatory work?

We are thankful that New York has at length started off on her "own hook," and is no longer content to be a mere appendage of the convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Companion HENDERSON agrees with us in admiration of the report of Alabama. He truly says of the last Proceedings of Arkansas:

"Having gone through the inviting portal, and walked the corridors, we find the best thing of the minutes, in the handsome brown cover and its lettering of gold."

He gives New York a page. We assure Companion HENDERSON that a close of a report "with an eloquent flourish of cheering trumpets," is far better than the jeremiads of woe, which some high in station utter.

We can hardly agree with his conclusion:

"We close our report, with the remark, that we have been at work in a mine where there is little treasure; and that if our report is not opulent, it is because we were set to work to dig for gold in a non-auriferous strata."

His report is in "comfortable circumstances," if not opulent, and the stratum is auriferous, if one dig deep enough.

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Membership not stated.

WILLIAM RYAN, G. P., Louisville.

ALBERT G. HODGES, G. R., Louisville.

LOUISIANA—1873.

The Grand Council of Louisiana assembled in the city of New Orleans, Feb. 13th, 1873.

HUGH BREEN, G.:M.:

Seven Councils were represented.

The Grand Representative of New York, THOS. B. LAWSON, was present.

The Annual Address was very short, about one page, and contained nothing of especial interest. It says there have been no deaths; no difficult or delicate questions presented for decision, and that Cryptic Masonry in Louisiana is in a flourishing and healthy condition. The Grand Treasurer reported receipts \$369.70.

Very little business was transacted.

The report on Correspondence was again presented by Companion JOSEPH P. HORNER. He reports that he has received the Proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, including New York for 1872. He gives the names of the Grand Masters and Recorders, and then proceeds to give *thirty-nine* lines of remarks.

Montes parturiantur, nascitur ridiculus mus.

We extend the hand of fraternal sympathy to Louisiana in these her days of disaster, by flood, and offer a fervent petition to T. G. A. O. T. U., that for her there may be a more prosperous to-morrow.

Subordinate Councils.....8

Membership.....499

JOHN W. JONES, G.:M.:, Shreveport.

GUSTAVUS SONTAG, G.:R.:, New Orleans.

MARYLAND—1874.

Our circle has been enlarged by a new member. A circular states as follows:

“At a Convention of Councils of Royal and Select Masters, held at the Masonic Temple, on the twelfth day of May, A.: Dep.: 2874, it was unanimously resolved that a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the jurisdiction of Maryland be formed,” &c.

The Annual Assembly will be held in Baltimore on the second Monday in November, 1874. We most heartily welcome our new Sister Grand Council. May many days be hers, and peace, harmony, and prosperity, attend her. If we are not mistaken, in Maryland the Cryptic Degrees have been under the government of Chapters. Our memory may be in fault; but we are glad that in one more State our Degrees have become independent.

GEORGE L. McCAHAN, G.:M.:

JOHN T. GORSUCH, G.:R.:, Baltimore.

MICHIGAN—1872.

The Grand Council of Michigan assembled in Detroit, Dec. 31st, 1872.

H. S. NOBLE, G.:P.:

The representatives of thirty-four Councils were present.

The Annual Address was of considerable length. We quote one or two remarks:

"In my investigations of the subject, I find nothing that leads me to the conclusion that the Super-Excellent Degree should be included, and made a part of the degrees conferred in this grand jurisdiction."

He hopes, "That the Super-Excellent will lie buried in
 'The swallowing gulf
 Of dark forgetfulness, and deep oblivion.'"

With this the Committee on Jurisprudence agreed.

REV. L. H. CORSON presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York, and was received and welcomed as such. Companion G. B. NOBLE, G.:R.:., reported for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the Proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, among which were those of New York for 1872. The report was able and interesting, occupying 29 pp. To New York he devotes nearly four pp., giving, in full, the history of the introduction of the Cryptic Degrees into England.

Subordinate Councils.....	37
Membership.....	1,892

WILLIAM BROWN, G.:M.:., Battle Creek.

1874.

A circular informs us that this Grand Council assembled in Detroit, Jan'y 19th, 1874. The nomenclature of the New York Convention was adopted. The G.:R.: acknowledges the receipt of the Proceedings of New York. It was resolved not to publish Proceedings until the next Annual Assembly, which we regret.

WM. BROWN, G.:M.:., Battle Creek.

G. B. NOBLE, G.:R.:., Detroit.

MAINE—1873.

The M.:P.: Grand Council of Maine assembled in Portland, May 7th, 1873.

GORDON R. GARDEN, G.:M.:.

Eleven subordinate Councils sent their representatives.

The Annual Address was of a proper length, and interesting.

We copy one excellent exhortation :

"For some years the Cryptic Rite has languished throughout the country, and in several jurisdictions the proposition to dissolve the Grand Councils had received earnest support, when it was determined to call a Convention of representatives of all the Grand Councils, to deliberate upon the interests of the Rite. As I have already stated, that Convention has met during the past year, and the first question presented and discussed was whether it was advisable to continue our organization, or abandon the working of the Cryptic Degrees, save as 'side degrees.' The decision was unanimous, that these beautiful and instructive degrees were too valuable to be given up, and that we should be recreant to the duties we owe to the Craft, and to the memory of the fathers who handed them down to us, if we should do so. This decision gives new life to the Rite, and pledges us all to perform our duty. It matters not how beautiful, instructive and valuable degrees may be, they cannot flourish unless those having them in charge become sufficiently acquainted with them to understand them, and be able to confer them with some appreciation of their teachings. If the officers of Councils will only study the degrees until they, themselves, become interested, they will not fail to interest others."

Our well-known Companion, JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, reported upon thirty-one Grand Councils, of which number New York is one. His report needs no commendation of ours; for a report from his pen cannot fail to be able and interesting, and full of sound argument.

Speaking of Michigan :

“The sentiments of our Michigan Companions do credit to them, being so different from those of some who say, ‘if you all adopt our system, we can have uniformity, but you must not ask us to change.’”

Toleration is the foundation of Masonry. Within its sacred retreat bigotry should be unknown. Bigotry and egotism arise from ignorance and lack of investigation. Both the Church and the Masonic fraternity should be free from that which has made

“Christians burn each other, firmly persuaded
That the Apostles would have done as they did.”

New York receives a page. He rejoices that our Proceedings are printed in the octavo size, which is indeed an improvement. For the printing of our report we were not responsible, but this year we shall endeavor to have his suggestion carried into effect, and some distinction made between original matter and extracts.

We quote largely from his review of the New York Convention :

“Among the members of the Convention there was generally a spirit of concession for the sake of uniformity. There were some exceptions. Early in the Convention, the delegate from Indiana substantially stated in the Convention, that if it adopted the Indiana system, his Grand Council would adopt the work; otherwise not. One of the delegates from Pennsylvania, when the question in reference to the order of the degrees was pending, inquired if it was understood that the delegates were bound to go home and advocate the adoption of the recommendations of the Convention; the reply did not seem satisfactory, and we believe the delegates from that State took no farther active part in the Convention. If all had insisted upon this course, the Convention would have fallen to pieces of its own weight; and more, delegates going there with the idea that their own work must be adopted, or they would oppose the adoption of the recommendations of the Convention, were strangely out of place. But we think that neither Indiana nor Pennsylvania will insist upon any such thing. Maine and Massachusetts have more to yield than any other Grand Councils: but we believe that both will adopt the recommendations of the Convention.”

In another place he says:

“We are not in favor of a Grand Council. When the Convention was called, Maine distinctly said that there was no intention of forming such a Body. The expense attending it would be too great unless it met under the wing of one of the other National Bodies. It is true, that if all the Grand Councils would cordially agree to it, it would be productive of much good; but in the present state of feeling, we think more harm than good would result. We are not one of those who are so wise that they fear that their own opinions may be overruled, and thus something wrong be done; or one of those who have so little confidence in the craft, that they are afraid to be controlled by the majority of their brethren: but a National Body without power is worthless, and with power it would interfere with those who say, ‘if you adopt our work we can agree; otherwise not.’ We have seen subordinate bodies that would evidently be glad to be freed from the government of a Grand Body; and the same feeling exists in the Grand Bodies. If there was a General Grand Council as Supreme Authority of the Rite with all Grand Councils under its jurisdiction, we should oppose its dissolution; the discrepancies in the work shown

1874.

For 1874 we are in receipt of a circular informing us that the present Grand Officers are

REV. THOMAS ELLIOTT ST. JOHN, of Worcester, G.:M.:

JOHN HAIGH, of Somerville, G.:R.:

For 1874, thus far, we have received a large number of circulars. We have not language strong enough to indicate our disapproval of them. With all due respect, we must say that nothing is to be gained by any such niggardly course. Give us a printed report, if it contains no more than ten pages. Circulars will have a damaging effect within the jurisdiction issuing them. That is our say.

MINNESOTA—1872.

This Grand Council assembled in St. Paul, Jan'y 9th, 1872.

A. E. AMES, G.:M.:

There were present representatives of three Councils.

The Annual Address was a beautiful little gem, which we would gladly quote entire. He reports peace and harmony.

"Our Order in a beautiful manner sets before the mind *justice* and *mercy*—the obligations of *fidelity* and *honor*. In this school of *Cryptic* teaching, we are required to observe justice and mercy, and to stimulate ourselves with fervency and zeal, that we may do our duty as Masons—

'Sweet concords, charities, and tender loves.'

"You have passed the *circle of perfection*. The scenes you have witnessed in our blessed retreat, have led you to appreciate the wonders of *Cryptic* Masonry. * * * * Labor, therefore, earnestly to do your duties, that you may 'ascend into the hill of the Lord;' that you may be numbered with those who enjoy His presence.

'Bright was the hour

When Israel's Princes, in their pride and power,
Knelt in the Temple.'

No report on Correspondence.

E. C. Cross was elected G.:M.:

1873.

This Grand Council assembled in St. Paul, Jan'y 12th, 1873.

W. S. COMBS, R.:I.:G.:M.:

Four Councils were represented.

Business routine only. Foreign Correspondence is unknown.

Subordinate Councils. 4

Membership. 182

WM. S. COMBS, G.:M.:., St. Paul.

B. F. WRIGHT, G.:R.:., St. Paul.

MISSISSIPPI—1873.

The fifteenth Annual "Convocation" was held at Canton, Feb. 7th, 1873.

E. GEO. DE LAF, D.:P.:G.:M.:., presiding.

Twenty subordinate Councils.

The G.:M.: sent an interesting Address, from which we copy as follows:

at New York would be an unanswerable argument against so doing. But the *creation* of such a body is another question; it cannot be done voluntarily, and we are opposed therefore to attempting it."

Subordinate Councils.....	12
Membership.....	833

CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, of Bangor, was elected Grand Master.

1874.

A circular informs us that for 1874, the G.:M.: is CHARLES I. COLLAMORE, of Bangor, and the G.:R.: is IRA BERRY, of Portland.

MASSACHUSETTS—1872.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Boston, Dec. 11th, 1872.

CHARLES HENRY NORRIS, G.:M.:

Thirteen Councils were represented.

The able address of the Grand Master occupies twelve pages, and a full account of his labors and the New York Convention. He reports that a general prosperity attends the Order, and the lines of the mystic circle remain, with one exception, unbroken.

"The past year has been one of steady progress and development; and Cryptic Masonry has gradually built her arches on the solid foundations already laid in this ancient jurisdiction."

He recommends the adoption of the nomenclature of the New York Convention, but is exceedingly loth to part with the degree of Super-Excellent Master. He thinks its loss would be fatal to Cryptic Masonry in Massachusetts.

The business was brief. The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion E. B. MOORE, who, since 1861, has been chairman of that committee.

He had received the Proceedings of nine only, out of thirty-one Grand Councils in fraternal relations, whereat he justly complains. New York was not among the nine.

In the review of Maine, he cogently argues against the conferring of degrees by Grand Bodies. We quote a few lines:

"Originally, Lodges existed as *independent* bodies. After the formation of Grand Bodies, certain rights were surrendered to them by the subordinates; but, we do not find that the right to confer degrees was ever surrendered. If Grand Bodies have the right it must be a usurpation, and the sooner abandoned, the more creditable it will be to them."

We hope that so fine a workman as Companion MOORE will have more material at his command another year. The Proceedings are finely printed, and make a bulky pamphlet together with ceremonies and forms. The same Grand Officers were re-elected. We have also the Proceedings of the years 1862-3-4-5, printed in similar style.

Subordinate Councils.....	19
Membership.....	2,410

WM. S. PATTON again presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing twenty Grand Councils.

We quote his conclusion:

"How very important, then, that we should ever be watchful—never slumbering on the post of duty, or permit intruders to enter the sacred precincts, endangering the peace and harmony of the Order. Our fervency and zeal may at times lead us astray, but may we never suffer a vain or idle curiosity to betray us into danger. May it be our constant desire to see the work of the Order completed, all the sacred treasures securely deposited, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have faithfully performed our whole duty to the Craft. And when the secret earthly vault shall be closed, and the summons of the Supreme Grand Master above shall come, may we all be admitted into His Grand Council, and forever enjoy the bliss that awaits the faithful."

Subordinate Councils.....36

Membership.....865

HARVEY W. WALTER, G.:M.:, Holley Springs.

JOHN LOGAN POWER, G.:R.:, Jackson.

MISSOURI—1873.

The Annual Assembly was held in St. Louis, Oct. 10th, 1873.

The Grand Master, ALLAN McDOWELL, presided.

Eight Councils were represented.

The Annual Address was not long. It announced that there had been no official decision rendered during the year. It recommended that permission be granted to confer the Super-Excellent Master as an honorary degree, subsequent to the Select Master.

The report of receipts was \$308.25, and balance in hand of the Treasurer, \$451.65.

The report on Correspondence was made by Companion GEO. FRANK GOULEY. It is very brief, presenting such matter only as was judged to be of interest to the Grand Council. He mentions seven Grand Jurisdictions by name, New York not being one.

Subordinate Councils.....17

Estimated Membership.....632

JOSEPH S. BROWNE, G.:M.:, St. Joseph.

GEO. F. GOULEY, G.:R.:, St. Louis.

NEBRASKA—1872.

Again we extend our congratulations upon the birth of a Sister Grand Council.

A convention met in Nebraska City, Nov. 20th, 1872, to organize a Grand Council.

T.:I.: JOHN BLAKE was chosen chairman.

There were representatives from three Councils.

By resolution the Grand Council was duly organized, and Companion JOHN BLAKE elected Grand Master.

1873.

In 1873, this Grand Council assembled in Omaha, Nov. 13th.

JOHN BLAKE, G.:M.:.

Representatives of three Councils.

"All winds have blown in the last few days, which forbid me the pleasure of meeting with you in person, but, in spirit and purpose, I am with you even to the end." * * *
 "The most of you know my opinion in relation to the Super-Excellent Degree; and as I do not believe it worthy of our confidence, I would be pleased to see it discharged, and the Red Cross placed in its stead."

In conclusion:

"May your paths be plain and smooth; may prosperity ever attend you; may none of you, my Companions, ever want a friend; and at last, when our appointed tasks are completed, may we realize that we have laid up treasures in these vaults below, that shall be as jewels to deck our brows in the bright and blest abode above—that

'Thrice happy world, where gilded toys
 No more disturb our thoughts, no more pollute our joys!
 Where light and shade no more succeed by turns,
 Where reigns th' eternal sun with an unclouded ray,
 Where all is calm as night, yet all immortal day,
 And Truth forever shines, and Love forever burns.'

Total receipts, \$867.50.

The G. M. was directed to attend the New York Convention, to obtain the work, and \$200 appropriated.

The proposition to merge the Council Degrees into the Chapter, was rejected.

Companion W. M. S. PATTON presented a report on Foreign Correspondence, covering 24 pp. He reviewed twenty-eight Grand Councils, including our own for 1872-3.

The report is able and interesting. We forbear extended quotation, for nineteen months have given us so much material to review, that we fear our report will become too bulky.

He gives New York a page, and speaks in a complimentary manner of our report. But here our Homer nods, as witness the following line:

"The Chairman on Correspondence, Companion J. SHOVE."

Where wert thine eyes? Must our name be printed in long primer? In conclusion:

"Whilst performing the duty assigned us, the idea frequently crowded upon our mind, with what particular care should our thoughts be penned? Recollecting that it is not for mere pastime or to tickle the fancy of those who may chance to read after us, but it is to be seen and read in after time, and perhaps by some yet unborn."

1874.

The sixteenth Annual Assembly was held in Canton, Feb. 7th and 8th, 1874.

E. GEO. DE LAP, G. M., presiding.

Twenty-two Councils represented.

The address was brief. He says he has not had to make any official decision or adjust any disputes: he believes that Cryptic Masonry in Mississippi is unhealthy and languishing, owing to a lack of uniformity of work. He desires some work to be adopted and enforced. Hopes the Council degrees will be made a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood. Decidedly opposes a General Grand Council. Reports the deaths of RICHARD COOPER, P. Dep. G. M., and of JOHN H. MITCHELL, Past G. M. Says the Grand Council "owes no man anything."

Grand Treasurer, reports total receipts as \$819.00. The work of the New York Convention was adopted.

The Annual Address gives the history of the formation of the subordinates. Omaha Council, No. 1, was chartered July 8th, 1867, by the Supreme Council of the A.: & A.:S.: Rite.

Alpha Council, No. 2, at Nebraska City, was chartered Nov. 10th, 1868, by the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite.

Furnas Council, No. 3, was chartered April 25th, 1871, by the Grand Council of Kansas.

We quote the following most commendable sentiment:

"As regards my official duties, and the extension of the Cryptic Degrees throughout this jurisdiction during my administration, they have been all that I could desire, as I do not believe in the too rapid dissemination of any of the branches of our much-beloved Order."

The Grand Master was appointed as delegate to the Convention at New Orleans. No committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Proceedings are the most beautifully printed of any we have received.

Subordinate Councils.....3—U. D. 1

Membership134

EDWIN F. WARREN, G.:M.:, Nebraska City.

W.M. R. BOWEN, G.:R.:, Omaha.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1873.

From this Grand Jurisdiction we have another of those commendable (?) circulars, announcing that, at Concord, May 10th, 1873, the following were elected:

JOHN A. HARRIS, G.:M.:, Concord.

JOSEPH W. HILDRETH, G.:R.:, Concord.

NEW JERSEY—1873.

The Annual Assembly was held at Trenton, Jan'y 21st, 1873.

THOS. H. R. REDWAY, D.:G.:M.: as G.:M.:

Seven Councils were represented.

The D.:G.:M.: in his address said:

"Some weeks since, by an unfortunate circumstance, I was called upon to assume the functions of M.:P.: Grand Master, and, although sincerely regretting the unfortunate circumstance forcing upon me the duties of that office, yet I have tried to perform them, during the short interval, in such a manner as shall be approved by this Grand Body, I trust."

Receipts, \$231.00.

Business routine. Convention nomenclature adopted. As usual, Companion T. J. CORSON presented an able and interesting report on the Proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Councils, including New York for 1872.

He commences with a "little weep," in which he has our sympathy. This "root of all evil" is generally very acceptable, even to the saints.

"An imperative necessity—the impecunious condition of our treasury—will compel us to abridge our report as much as possible. We do not at all like this hop, skip, and jump style of making a report—just skimming over the surface, and hardly tasting the delicious viands set before us. We like to make copious extracts, that our Companions may be

made thoroughly acquainted with the sayings, as well as doings, of our Companions in other jurisdictions, and oh, how dearly we do like to have our own say upon all matters presented to us; but we must 'recognize the situation,' and accept it, too."

So he has "his say" once in a while only, instead of twice in a while. We give our Companions the advantage of the best "says." In noticing Iowa, and the remarks of Companion LANGRIDGE about the New York Convention, he deprives him of his epidermis as follows:

"We acknowledge that a sense of 'goneness' overwhelmed us as we read this fearfully brilliant and dreadfully pungent flash of almost superhuman wit, in regard to the National Convention of Royal and Select Masters, which was held in New York last year. We candidly acknowledge that we are unable to see anything particularly smart or witty in it, but that is our fault, or, rather, misfortune, for we are simply too stupid to recognize such sublimated wit as Langridge's etherialized brain so phosphorescently emits—or can it possibly be that he intends it for what Artemas Ward would call 'sarkasm?' All other reporters, so far as we know, have spoken respectfully of that Convention—and we, in the stolid dullness of our weak intellect, really thought, when we took into consideration the character of the men who represented seventeen Grand Councils at that Convention, that the Convention was entitled to respect—and, worse still, we (that is just ourselves, individually) thought it was, as it has been by some erroneously termed, a *National Convention*. But now, since a Solomonic Langridge, in the plenitude of his miraculous wisdom, has caused the light of truth to dispel the scales of darkness from our eyes, we see that it was nothing but a 'DRUMMOND Council of Perfection,' a mere 'DRUMMOND Convention,' and that the Convention, whose members and whose acts we had regarded with respect, deserves nothing but ridicule."

Smite him again, Thomas. Bring down the buckthorn again. We evolve enough odic force to pat you on the back for this most commendable deed.

Our Æsculapius applies his lancet to Massachusetts, which, in 1871, adopted a resolution as follows:

"Resolved, That this Grand Council disapprove of the system of appointing Representatives to other Grand Councils, but will recognize and receive those appointed by other Grand Councils near this Grand Body."

"Goneness" again seizes Companion Corson, and he gasps:

"How condescending, how gracious, how very magnanimous upon the part of the Grand Council of Massachusetts." "That Massachusetts should receive all manner of reverence on account of her antiquity, we dare not deny, for the progenitors of her Grand Councils certainly lived some twenty-four centuries ago, for a Divine authority, through his prophet Isaiah, thus describes them: 'A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face, * * * which say, stand by thyself, come not near to me, for I am holier than thou.'

"Will our Massachusetts Companions please be seated while our G.: Chaplain reads a lesson from the Evangelist:

'Two men went up into the temple to pray: the one a Pharisee and the other a publican.

The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself: God, I thank Thee that *I am not as other men* * * * or even as this publican * * *

And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

'I tell you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other, *for every one that exalleth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*'"

Down in New Jersey they have a most impudent and sarcastic Printer's Devil. We had suspicions that the "devil was not dead," but we had lost track of him; but we find that he has gone out of the United States, into New Jersey. This aforesaid devil satanically remarks:

"The Reporter displays a remarkable amount of ignorance, if he supposes that this parable in any way applies to Massachusetts. Any one of a respectable amount of intelligence knows that no resident of that State ever goes up into the temple or anywhere else to pray—her people are so far superior to all other human beings, that they don't need to pray—the original settlers of that State having decided by resolution many years ago that 'We are the Lord's people.'"

What a libelous child of Apolyon! An unregenerate son of Beelzebub!

Companion POWERS, of Massachusetts, who delivered himself of the above resolution, must feel "powerfully weak," as the Hoosiers say.

Companion GOULEY, of Missouri, fears that he is losing his hold upon Companion CORSON.

Whereupon he rejoiceth:

"Thank heaven for that. We feel grateful that we can comply with the lessons of early youth, which warned us, 'If sinners entice thee, consent thou not.' If Frank has lost his hold on us, there is some little chance left for us."

He gives New York a page, and in his usual strain discovers that there was no report on Foreign Correspondence that year, and inspires us:

"We are pleased to find that a new Committee on Foreign Correspondence was appointed, and we hope that no stress of circumstances will prevent the committee from rendering a report in due season—or drawing their salary early."

We mean to be there every time, especially the latter part. May Companion CORSON's report never be shorter. Such a Diogenes is needed.

Subordinate Councils. 9

Membership. 496

THOS. H. R. REDWAY, G.:M.:, New Brunswick.

THOS. J. CORSON, G.:R.:, Trenton.

NORTH CAROLINA—1873.

This Grand Council assembled in Wilmington, June 7th, 1873.

H. H. MUNSON, G.:M.:, presided.

Three Councils were represented.

The Annual Address laments the lack of interest and prosperity in North Carolina. He announces the death of Companion THOS. W. BROWN.

Under his advice the Grand Representation system was abolished.

Another opportunity for Companion CORSON. M. M. KATZ, G.:R.: acknowledges the receipt of the Proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils.

No Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported. We hope brighter days will come to North Carolina. But, unless more interest be exhibited by the Grand Council, and the subordinates can have some information of the outside world, and some interest be aroused by such means as Grand Representatives and Foreign Correspondence, the Grand Council will settle into the Dismal Swamp.

Subordinate Councils. 4

Membership. 123

H. H. MUNSON, G.:M.:, Wilmington.

M. M. KATZ, G.:R.:, Wilmington.

OHIO—1873.

The forty-third Annual Grand Communication was held in the city of Toledo, Sept. 2d, 1873.

Present, Companion PETER L. WILSON, Dep. G.:M.:., presiding, and the representatives of fifty-one Councils.

Total receipts, \$1,536.50.

The G.:M.:., JOSEPH R. CONRAD, sent a communication regretting that he could not be present. No business of especial interest. The uniform nomenclature was adopted. The report on "Foreign Communications" was presented by Companion W. W. CUNNINGHAM, who reviews the Proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, including New York for 1873. His report occupies 21 pp., and is faithfully and ably done,

His argument with Companion HORNER, of Louisiana, we think of enough value and interest to quote largely from:

"Your Committee cannot agree with our Companion of Louisiana in his assumption that 'there is no such thing as an American system of Free Masonry.' In our opinion, the facts in the case prove otherwise. Lexicographers having defined the word 'system' as a 'combination of parts into a whole,' 'a classification,' 'an arrangement,' etc.; WEBB and GLEASON having, beyond a doubt, made an American arrangement of degrees, in which the Royal and Select Degrees were subsequently incorporated, through JEREMY L. CROSS, *et al*.; and WEBB's peculiar arrangement, or system, of degrees being unknown, as such, in any other part of the world, when first promulgated, and the Royal and Select Degrees having been incorporated into the WEBB system nearly seventy years since, and recognized then and now as a component part of the system, is sufficient to establish the fact of an 'American system,' and of the Cryptic Degrees being legitimately a part thereof. The derivation of the Royal and Select Degrees from the Scottish Rite, in 1767, through FRANKEN, and, later, through CERNEAU, CROSS, and others, is immaterial to their present arrangement, and is no argument against the 'American system,' as such, or against their being made a prerequisite to the Order of the Temple. In this connection we would inquire if the Orders of Masonic Knighthood were not also first disseminated, within the United States, by or from the Scottish Rite?—while Inspectors General had the power and did confer the degrees of Royal and Select Masters; yet, in every case known to the writer, they formed, or endeavored so to do, a regular body of the Cryptic Rite. * * * The very fact of the subdivision and change of sections and parts of sections of the symbolic grades into additional degrees, is only another proof of the necessity of having all the degrees of the American system made, in a greater or less degree, dependent on each other. * * * * Again, we would ask, if 'there is no such thing as an American system,' whence originated the 'Virgin and Broken Column' interpolation in the Master's Degree, unless invented by the same parties, and the illustration designed by JEREMY L. CROSS? And why is it that the esoteric part of the first three degrees is so dissimilar in many particulars to the English or Continental rituals?"

He gives New York a page and a half. He condemns our resolution admitting as members and paying as such, Representatives of Councils U. D. Like many others, he quotes our conclusion.

He says the following words in conclusion:

"In the selection of its members, Cryptic Masonry will compare favorably with any other Masonic body; and in the number of its members, will bear the same ratio of comparison that Capitular had to Craft Masonry but ten years since. The enemies of Cryptic Masonry are within itself. Let its members strive to debar the unworthy from passing its portals, and suppress the effort to incorporate the degree of Super-Excellent Master as a part of the system—a degree which has no legitimate pretensions to antiquity

no connection with Masonry, and imperfect in its symbolism. And the time will soon arrive when the possession of the Cryptic degrees will be a prerequisite to the Templar grade."

Subordinate Councils.....	60
Membership.....	2,436
HENRY THEOBALD, G.:M.:, Dayton.	
JOHN D. CALDWELL, G.:R.:, Cincinnati.	

ONTARIO—1871.

A meeting of delegates from four Councils of Ontario was held in Toronto, Aug. 8th, 1871.

Ill. Comp. T. D. HARRINGTON, 33°, Inspector General of Cryptic Masonry for Ontario and Quebec, was present, and presided.

After reading the call, a Grand Council was organized and a constitution adopted. The honorary rank of Past Th. Ill. Master was conferred upon several Companions.

Companion W. J. B. McLEOD MOORE was elevated to the honorary rank of Past R.:P.: Dep. G.:M.:

T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON was elected G.:M.:

ROBERT RAMSAY, G.:R.:, Orrillia.

1872.

This Grand Council convened in "Annual Convocation," at Toronto, Aug. 13th, 1872.

DANIEL SPRY, as G.:M.:

Four out of seven Councils were represented.

D.:G.:M.: SPRY, after reading a letter from G.:M.: HARRINGTON, regretting his unavoidable absence through ill health, delivered an interesting address. He says Cryptic Masonry is assuming its proper position, and reports that Past G.:M.: JAMES MCCREDIE has been appointed Grand Representative of Ontario, near the Grand Council of New York. We quote a paragraph:

"From all I can learn, the Councils in this jurisdiction are in a flourishing condition. They all follow the work as taught by our Illustrious Companions of New Brunswick, and there is that uniformity that is pleasing to witness. Our Councils confer the Royal, Select, Super-Excellent and Red Cross."

The Grand Council of Ontario claims jurisdiction over the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba. A memorial was adopted to be presented to the G.:Z.: and Grand Chapter of Canada, asking for fraternal recognition. No report on Foreign Correspondence.

We fraternally wish this Grand Council prosperity.

Subordinate Councils.....	7
Membership.....	137
DANIEL SPRY, G.:M.:, Toronto.	
THOMAS SARGENT, G.:R.:, Toronto.	

PENNSYLVANIA—1872.

We have news from Pennsylvania in the shape of a bulky pamphlet of 135 pp., containing the Proceedings since 1854.

This Grand Council of "Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Masters, held its twenty-sixth Annual Session," at Reading, June 11th, 1872.

CHRISTIAN FREDERICK KNAPP, G. M., presided.

Sixteen Councils were represented.

The G. M. presented his Annual Address, which showed that he was a great worker and a good visitor. He said:

"Having served you as the second officer of this Grand Council for five years, and as your M. P. G. M. for three years, to the best of my ability, sparing neither time nor labor, I am now prepared to return to you the Crown, Robe and Scepter, the emblems of authority, with the hope that my successor may continue the good work so happily begun."

The Committee on Jewels reported that the Jewel for a Past G. M. should be a gold triangle, mounted upon a circle, in the centre of which is to be a five pointed star, square and compass.

Collar, of purple silk velvet, trimmed with gold lace. Apron, like that of G. M., with appropriate Jewel embroidered in the center.

Jewel for the Past T. I. G. M., a silver triangle with square, problem and trowel, suspended therein.

Collar, of purple moire-antique silk, three inches wide, trimmed with silver lace. Apron, of purple moire-antique silk, trimmed with silver lace, with the triple Tau embroidered on the flap, and the Jewel in the center. A new form of constitution was directed to be prepared.

Total receipts, \$924.31.

In this jurisdiction, Inspectors or Ghiblemites, are appointed for nine arches. No committee on Foreign Correspondence. Pennsylvania seems to be so well satisfied with herself, that she has no desire to know what her sister Grand Jurisdictions are doing.

In looking over the Proceedings, we find that this Grand Council was reorganized in 1854, the former State Grand Council having surrendered its authority to a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, without giving notice of any kind to the subordinates.

We quote one passage, in the Proceedings of 1868, from the address of M. P.:

ALFRED CREIGH:

"To those sects who are determined to persecute and proscribe, we would refer them to an incident mentioned in the Bible, which clearly points out the end of all such persecutions, written by the finger of God as a perpetual warning of all persecutors, who forget the duties they owe to God and their neighbor, and that charity which thinketh no evil. On a certain occasion, the Apostles were brought before the Council of Jerusalem, and were interrogated by the High Priest, when Peter replied to their accusations. While these enemies of the religion of Jesus were conspiring to slay the Apostles, Gamaliel, a Doctor of the Law, thus addressed the Council: * * * * * 'Refrain from these men and let them alone; for if this counsel, or this work, be of men, it will come to naught, but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.' The principle is the same."

Subordinate Councils. 35

The membership we cannot determine.

CHRISTIAN FREDERICK KNAPP, G. M., Bloomsburg.

WILLIAM DIXON SPIKING, G. R., Pittsburgh.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1873.

From a circular we learn that this Grand Council assembled in Charlestown, Feb'y 12th, 1873. The following were elected:

WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE, G. M., Charleston.
ALEX. LINDSTROM, G. R., Charleston.

TENNESSEE—1872.

The Annual "Convocation" was held in Nashville, Nov. 4th, 1872.

Present, JAMES MCCALLUM, G. M., presiding, and the representatives of thirty-six Councils.

The Annual Address was short, reporting that, in this jurisdiction, all was harmony and peace, and that a dispensation had been granted to form one Council.

He recommends that they put themselves in harmony with the great body of Cryptic Masons in the United States in the matter of work.

Total receipts, \$848.50. Balance on hand, \$1,020.70. The work was exemplified by Nashville Council, No. 1.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion GEORGE S. BLACKIE. He reviews twenty-four Grand Councils, including New York for 1872. In introduction he says:

"New York and Pennsylvania still keep ahead in work, and receive the reward of their labors. The former has extended its labors across the seas, and established four Councils in London, England, from which a Grand Council for England and its dependencies will undoubtedly be speedily formed. Massachusetts, too, has traveled off to the District of Columbia, and there produced an intelligent and vigorous daughter."

Subordinate Councils.....	58
Degrees Conferred.....	116
Membership.....	1,825

A. P. HALL, G. M., Dyersburg.
JOHN FRIZZELL, G. R., Nashville.

1873.

This Grand Council assembled in Nashville, November 3d, 1873.

Present, A. P. HALL, G. M., presiding, and the representatives of thirty-three Councils.

From the Annual Address we make a brief quotation:

"Since our last Annual Assembly, portions of our State have been greatly scourged with disease and death, and many of our fellow-beings have been called to that country from whence no traveler returns; yet we, under a merciful Providence, have been spared, and are again permitted to assemble as the representatives of Cryptic Masonry in Tennessee. As your presiding officer, I may say, that in our jurisdiction peace and harmony prevail; and although our numbers are not increasing as rapidly as in former years, yet may we not hope that the great moral principles upon which our Institution rests, are being more thoroughly inculcated and practiced by its votaries?"

Companion E. EDMUNDSON, Representative to the New York Convention, reported. The work and lectures agreed upon at that Convention were adopted, and subordinates required to learn the same.

Receipts of Recorder, \$876.00. Balance on hand, \$1,001.90.

Companion JOHN FRIZZELL, G. R., presented a report on Foreign Correspondence, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, including New York for 1873. He gives the minutes of the New York Convention in full, but from the rest gleans items only. We cannot agree with him in his conclusion, that this manner of procedure is the best.

Subordinate Councils.....	58
Degrees Conferred.....	93
Membership.....	1,790

E. EDMUNDSON, G. M., Pulaski.
 JOHN FRIZZELL, G. R., Nashville.

VERMONT—1873.

This Grand Council "convened" in Burlington, June 12th, 1873.

Present, EDWARD S. DANA, G. M., presiding, and the representatives of fifteen Councils.

The Annual Address was excellent. We would have our Companions share in a few of its beauties:

"As the white marble shafts erected by the way-side mark the miles to the patient traveler as he bends his steps across the continental countries, and encourage him onward with thoughts of progress and difficulties overcome, so come these annual re-unions of a representative brotherhood, as white days in our Masonic life; the distance between them seems ever shortening as we advance, and the fragrance of the opening roses of this royal month should not be sweeter than these anniversary hours to every true Masonic heart. For thirteen years I have been intimately associated with these assemblies, and there will ever cluster about them many of the happier memories of this mortal life. Many of the valued and faithful fathers, who bent with willing knee about the altar in our Secret Vault, have gone hence to a nobler duty across the unknown sea; but their wise and prudent counsel shall linger in the midst of our consecrated arches, which were once vocal with their cheerful voices, until we follow their footsteps, when wearied with life's toils and trials we rejoice that 'Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: The snare is broken and we are escaped.'"

He spoke at large of the New York Convention. With him we rejoice, that the Destroying Angel had not been in their midst, and their souls were not obliged to cry:

"O for the touch of a vanished hand,
 And the sound of a voice that's still."

The uniform work was adopted.

Total receipts, \$199.31.

A very interesting and able report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion T. F. STUART. He reviews at length and with full quotation the Proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, including New York for 1872-3. Of us he says:

"The ring of the trowel has resounded from the Secret Vaults of this jurisdiction, and a good degree of success has crowned the labors of the workmen the past year."

As usual, the conclusion of our last report is quoted. We would quote more largely from these Proceedings, but our pen is weary.

Subordinate Councils.....	14
Membership.....	690

EDWARD S. DANA, G. M., Cornwall P. O., Middlebury.
 W. H. S. WHITCOMB, G. R., Burlington.

NEW YORK CONVENTION—1873.

And last and greatest, we come now to the Proceedings of the Convention in New York.

Its proceedings may be well known to you all, but probably not to all to whom this our report will come.

The adjourned Convention met in New York City, June 11th, 1873. Officers present:

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, of Maine, Pres't.
 WM. A. PRALL, of Missouri, 2d Vice Pres't.
 THOS. J. CORSON, of New Jersey, Sec'y.

Representatives were present from nineteen Grand Councils, viz.:

Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

The organization of last year was continued. The following was adopted:

"That the order of the succession of degrees be: first, Royal Master's; second, Select Master's; and that it be left optional with each Grand Council to confer the Super-Excellent Master's Degree as an honorary degree."

The work, and forms for opening and closing of the Royal Master, Select Master, and Super-Excellent Master, were adopted; all, except the last, by yeas and nays. It was resolved:

"That a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to memorialize the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, at its next triennial Conclave, to be held in the city of New Orleans, in December, 1874, asking that Grand Body to make the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters a necessary prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood."

The following were appointed such committee:

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, of Maine.
 WILLIAM HACKER, of Indiana.
 THOS. J. CORSON, of New Jersey.
 G. FRED. WILTSIE, of New York.
 WILLIAM A. PRALL, of Missouri.
 P. M. SAVERY, of Mississippi.

The following was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention that the degrees of Royal and Select Masters should be made a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, and that we will use our best endeavors to secure legislation by the different Grand Commanderies looking to that end."

The following was voted:

"That in the judgment of this Convention, it is expedient and proper to form a General Grand Council of the United States."

Whereupon it was resolved:

"That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet at New Orleans, on the Monday before the first Tuesday of December, 1874, for the purpose of forming a General Grand Council of the United States, and that the representatives be requested to bring this subject before their several Grand Councils for their action."

The Convention has done a noble work for uniformity, and the strengthening of fraternal relations. We are glad to see that its nomenclature and work are being so generally adopted. We hope our peace and harmony may be assured by giving us all a general head, a binding chain, a General Grand Council. Nothing will add more to our prosperity. Every branch of Masonry needs some grand central power to be sure of uniformity in work, usage, and law. Prosperity cannot exist with weak, independent jurisdictions. The student of history needs only to be pointed to the history of ancient Greece to see the proof of the truth of our assertion. In that country, every little city and petty town most jealously guarded its own autonomy, and the result was constant jealousy, bickering, warfare, weakness and decline. Our Rite can never rise to the condition of dignity and importance, which its merits demand, unless there be such a bond of power as a General Grand Council. It would soon secure for us our much desired result, that the Cryptic Degrees would be made a prerequisite for the Orders of Knighthood.

NEW JERSEY—1874.

Since writing thus far in our report, and thinking our labor nearly done, we have received the Proceedings of New Jersey for 1874. The sixteenth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Trenton, Jan'y 20th.

Present, THOMAS H. R. REDWAY, G..M.: and the representatives of seven Councils.

The Annual Address treated chiefly of domestic matters and the last New York Convention, and reports the formation of two new Councils. We most heartily re-echo its aspiration:

“ May the thoughts of our hearts be as pure and spotless as the lily, and may every action of our lives be but the echoing of our praises unto Him.”

Receipts reported, \$284.13.

It was resolved: That in the opinion of this Grand Council, it is inexpedient to form a General Grand Council of the United States.

The other recommendations of the New York Convention were adopted.

The Grand Recorder, Tho's J. CONSON, presented an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, occupying some 20 pp. He reviews, in his usual felicitous style, the Proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, including our own.

In Alabama he says:

“ We desire to inform Companion SAYRE that we do not believe in making Masonry so cheap as to render it worthless; nor do we think it right to charge so exorbitantly for the degrees as to exclude all except those who happen to be wealthy. In short, we do not think that a money test should be allowed in Masonry, for, as a general rule, unless our observation has sadly misled us, the more wealth a man has the less morals does he possess.
* * * * * The worth of our institution cannot be estimated by money, nor should we seek to make Freemasonry an aristocracy whose orders can be secured only by so much cash. Give us more of heart, and soul, and mind, and the institution will flourish and grow irresistibly strong. In this, as in all other matters, let us seek the golden mean, not placing our admission fee so high as to exclude good men of moderate means, or so low as to have the rabble rattling at our doors.”

Companion ENGLISH, of Arkansas, in his address illustrated the power of conscience, and straightway Companion CORSON strove to improvise faith that conscience could grow in the sandy soil of New Jersey.

He rises in meeting and gives his experience as follows:

"Impressed with the power and majesty of Freemasonry, in inducing its votaries to be honest in all things, and governed by a feeling that like action would produce like results in New Jersey as well as Arkansas, as soon as we had dried our eyes, which had been reduced to the 'melting mood' by reading this touching incident in Companion ENGLISH's address, we sat down and wrote to a delinquent debtor (a member of our Lodge), twelve miles off, stating that we had crossed off from our ledger his little account of \$32.75; and then, to make the analogy more perfect, we went out and bought a theatre ticket (for the gallery), which we presented to a poor little shivering boy (who was anxiously waiting for some one to give him a 'check'), supplementing our gift with ten cents' worth of peanuts, thus making the impecunious youth supremely happy. But we regret to say that as far as we are concerned, the thing didn't work at all to our satisfaction. The delinquent debtor never answered our letter, so that we were out of pocket, in addition to the original account, just thirty-eight cents, to wit: postage-stamp, three cents; theatre ticket, twenty-five cents; peanuts, ten cents; grand total, thirty-eight cents. Our faith in the power of money is not quite so strong as it was."

Companion CORSON must review his rhetoric, for he takes sides with Companion LEE, of Connecticut, in our little controversy. We had supposed, from the wit of Companion CORSON's reports, and his having attained the "sublime wisdom" of a "bald head," that he had learned to distinguish between wit and slang. He evidently supposes that Companion LEE's still-born joke is witty. He deals out the right dose to Indiana, saying:

"Companion WILLIAM HACKER presented a lengthy report upon the transactions of the National Convention of Cryptic Masons, held in New York, in June, in which he expresses his disapproval of almost everything that was done, which conflicted with or differed from the 'way we do it in Ingeany.' Our Companions of that enlightened State are eminently orthodox, on the principle that 'orthodoxy is my doxy, heterodoxy is any body else's doxy.'"

We can bear witness to the above. In "Ingeany" anything done out of the Hoosier way is the mark of a heathen. He gives a courteous and fraternal notice of New York, and of our last report.

JOSEPH W. PRESSEY, G.:M.:., Trenton.

THOS. J. CORSON, G.:R.:., Trenton.

PENNSYLVANIA—1874.

Just as we close our report we hear again from Pennsylvania.

This Grand Council held its twenty-eighth Annual Assembly at the new Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, February 18th, 1874.

Present, CHRISTIAN FREDERICK KNAPP, G.:M.:., and the representatives of eleven Councils.

In the "Annual Report" the G.:M.: shows a remarkable length of service, saying:

"By referring to our records, I find that I have served you as the third officer of this Grand Council from 1858 to 1863; as the second officer of this Grand Council from 1863 to 1868; as the first officer of this Grand Council from 1868 to 1874, five years in each, and fifteen years in all."

In speaking of the Convention at New York, he complains that he was not allowed to exemplify the work of Pennsylvania, and concludes this part of his report as follows:

"I remained during its sessions. I heard much concerning Cryptic Masonry—much of which I cannot approve. After mature deliberation, I have come to the following conclusions:

"1st. That it is not to our interest or that of the Order, to form a Grand Council of the United States of America.

"2d. That it is inexpedient to make any change in our ritual, as it works well with us.

"3d. That it would require a change, *a radical one*, either to blot out the Super-Excellent Master's Degree, or change the position it occupies at present in our ritual.

"4th. That by changing the Super-Excellent Master from the second to the third, or dropping it altogether, would destroy that harmony, beauty, and chronological events, which so far have been taught successfully in this jurisdiction, and would create disturbance and confusion among the Craft.

"The York Rite, as practiced by us, is classified as follows:

"Three regular degrees in Lodge.

"Three regular degrees in Chapter.

"Three regular degrees in Council.

"Three regular degrees in Commandery.

"And a Past Official degree in each.

"The first may be obtained by dispensation; the latter three only by actual service.

"The Council degrees are the Historical or Explanatory degrees. The Royal Master has exclusive reference to the three Symbolic degrees—more particularly to the Mark Master's degree. The Super-Excellent Master's degree is the connecting link between the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees, and accounts for those events, Jewish and Masonic, which took place from the dedication of the first Temple, to the effort made in rebuilding the second Temple, a period of 470 years; whilst the Select Master's degree accounts for and explains the discovery made in the Royal Arch Degree. The first prepares, the second explains, and the third deposits. The want of the second link, Super-Excellent Master, was felt for years in this jurisdiction, and to such an extent that this Grand Council ten years ago ordered its introduction, and by a solemn vote incorporated it and placed it where it has remained ever since. It is worked successfully and well, and so far as I know, is considered of as much importance as either of the other two.

"For these, and many other reasons, I cannot agree with some of my Illustrious Companions of the New York Convention to make a change in the work. Our history, traditions, and arrangements, as they are now practiced by us, are all we can desire, and if properly worked, are admired for their beauty. I repeat, 'Let well enough alone.'"

We quote the following opinion, in which few, doubtless, concur:

"Efforts are constantly made in some jurisdictions to make the Council degrees a stepping-stone to the Commandery of Knights Templar. I think that is a mistake. That they are not, is our strong point, from the fact, that all who seek admission, do so for the purpose of obtaining knowledge, and not for the purpose of wearing a uniform. Far better make a few select men, who will take their allotted places in the arches, and work manfully,—than many, who only are camp-followers. Our number is restricted to the select, or a limited number."

The following will be of interest:

"Whilst attending the Grand Convention in New York last June, I learned that Ill. Comp. ROBT MACOY, our Grand Representative near the Grand Council of New York, was not eligible to act as such—not being a contributing member of any Council. I appointed Ill. Comp. G. F. WILTSE as our Grand Representative near the Grand Council of New York, forwarded his commission as such to our Grand Recorder, with instructions to prepare the same properly and forward to Ill. Comp. G. F. WILTSE."

Treasurer reported a balance of \$521.86.

Companions CHARLES E. MEYER and B. E. LEHMAN presented a report on Foreign Correspondence.

The Proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils are reviewed, including New York for 1873, and the full minutes of the New York Convention. The report is divided into several heads, running through the list of Grand Councils under each.

1st, Action on the New York Convention.

2d, Arrangement of the Degrees and Ritual, and Uniformity.

3d, The Council Degrees, a Pre-Requisite for the Conferring of the Orders of Knighthood.

Under New York, a large part of the Address of G. M. WILLIAMS is quoted. In conclusion the Companions say:

"We confess our ignorance of from what source Pennsylvania received the ritual of these degrees. At the time of our connection with the Council of which we are still a member, the degrees conferred on us were Royal and Select Masters; we were told that the latter was the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry. A year or two after that date, without any action being taken by the Subordinate Councils, the degree of Super-Excellent Master was wedged in between the Royal and Select Masters. We hold that this introduction was a violation of the covenant made by those who were made prior to this addition, and that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry. If we had the authority *then*, we have the same authority *now* to either strike it from the progression of the degrees, and make it a side or honorary degree, and so cover it, or discard it altogether. But very few, perhaps four or five Grand Councils, recognize this degree of Super-Excellent.

"As regards the ritual of the Royal and Select Masters degrees, what we witnessed in New York, and the discussion held thereon, makes it apparent to us that there is a great difference between the working ritual of the several Grand Councils.

"If Pennsylvania stood alone in her ritual, we would cheerfully advocate that it be made to conform to all the others, so that our Companions could be fully recognized over the entire country; but such is not the case. There is no uniformity."

Hence Pennsylvania will do nothing to create uniformity.

To continue:

"A Grand Council of the United States, with restricted power and authority, like the General Grand Chapter, would only make matters worse.

"Again the question is being agitated to make the Council degrees a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood. If we carefully consider the origin of the Orders of Knight Templar, we will find that the only requirement was that the candidate should be nobly born, valiant and true, charitable and just, and merciful. When the occasion that gave it birth had passed away, and it was allied to Masonry, the requirement was that the candidate should be a Master Mason in good standing. Some time afterward, the candidate was required to be a Royal Arch Mason, and many of those who introduced Templarism into Pennsylvania were never in possession of the degrees of Mark and Most Excellent Master, and our English Templars at present have no knowledge of these degrees. And now we are called upon to petition the Grand Encampment of the United States to make the qualification of the Orders of Knighthood, that the candidate should be in possession of the Cryptic degrees.

"The degrees of Royal and Select Master are beautiful in themselves, and the proportion of candidates applying for the degrees sufficient to keep all at work, and we should be sorry to have this Grand Council go before the Grand Encampment of the United States praying, begging, for candidates, so we could live. To us this is humiliating."

They submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Council of Pennsylvania do not participate in petition to the Grand Encampment of the United States to make the Council degrees a pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Council of Pennsylvania will not be a party to the formation of a Grand Council of the United States.

"*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to consider and report at the next annual meeting the subject of making the progression of the Council degrees—as follows: 1. Royal Master. 2. Select Master; and that the Super-Excellent degree be conferred gratuitously on such Select Masters as desire to receive it."

We observe that the name Ghiblemite is discontinued, and in its stead is used District Deputy Puissant Grand Master.

Working Councils.....	28
Membership.....	2,067

CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP, G.:M.:, Bloomsburg.

CHARLES E. MEYER, G.:R.:, Philadelphia.

FLORIDA.

From the G.:R.: of Florida we have received a card, saying, that this Grand Council had not assembled since 1872, and expressing a probability of an assembly in January next.

D. L. OAKLY, G.:R.:, Monticello.

RHODE ISLAND.

The G.:R.: informs us that this Grand Council has not printed its Proceedings for three or four years, but will print next year, in all probability.

ALBERT H. CUSHMAN, G.:M.:.

WALTER BLODGET, G.:R.:, Providence.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

In this Grand Jurisdiction also, there have been no Proceedings printed since 1871, but Companion Goodwin says they will without doubt print this year.

A. D. GOODWIN, G.:R.:, St. John.

WISCONSIN.

Of this Grand Council we have been able to gain no tidings. The guard A.: seems to be asleep, but the door was shut, and he heard not our voice, inquiring for tidings.

CONCLUSION.

Thus, Companions of the Grand Council, do we bring our delightful labors to a close. We have made the round of our sister Jurisdictions, and in them all have we heard the ring of the trowel, laying deep and firm the arches of the S.:V.:, while in the other hand we have seen the sword, bared to defend the sacred treasures and make our Rite to be indeed the "glory of Israel."

There seems generally to be a desire that all the ashlars should be good work, square work, the only kind which should be authorized to be received. The Crypt does not tower like the porch of the Temple; the glory and beauty of the S. V. V. may not therefore be as fully known of men, but we need not fear; the future will discover and bring to light the labors of the present.

Here and there we miss a workman. His tools are laid aside; his mark speaks to us from the walls, reminding us:

"Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day."

But not "forgotten"; their names are on perpetual record. The fraternal grip of the hand, ever ready to be stretched forth to aid a fallen brother, and those words of greeting from the mouth, ever uttering wise words of counsel, will ever be cherished while

"Life and thought and being last,
Or immortality endures."

We see no more their saintly forms, nor hear the rustle of their robes, but a sweet and lingering perfume of wise admonitions, gracious acts, and benevolent deeds, remains as lasting as the odor of the musk in the walls of the eastern mosque.

We have found true the assertion of our Companion from Ohio, that Cryptic Masonry bears the same relation to the other degrees in prosperity, that Capitular Masonry did to Symbolic ten years ago. We have found it so, even in the time of our own labor. We can mark the increased prosperity since our last report.

The Conventions at New York did an excellent work, and the results are already to be seen, as the majority of Grand Jurisdictions fall into line and adopt the uniform ritual and nomenclature.

There are some few exceptions, which is to be expected, from the whole Masonic history of these jurisdictions in the other degrees.

Although willing to do nothing now for uniformity, we trust time will destroy their opposition, and the example of the great majority will perforce cause them to yield something for harmony. To be willing to yield, even to surrender long cherished objects, is the fundamental principle of brotherly love. They who have not learned this lesson, have failed to properly begin their foundation in the northeast corner.

There is more opposition to the proposition for a General Grand Council. We have all due respect for the opinions of the opponents of a General Grand Council, but we fail to understand the state of mind which makes some so bitter in opposition. To every undertaking, however good, there has always been opposition in the beginning. There have always been doleful prophecies of disaster, which have often not been realized.

We believe there could be no better thing for the prosperity, appreciation, and dignity of the Cryptic Rite, than the establishment of a General Grand

Council of the United States. Masonry is an institution which needs a head, a governing power, a grand central power. The impatience of control and jealousy of surrendering power, cause any institution to be weak, to be a rope of sand. If this impatience and jealousy had been allowed to control in the beginning, our Fraternity might to-day be in that powerless condition that it was when any assemblage of brethren could make a man a Mason. We hope a General Grand Council will be formed, and we doubt not that a few years would see every Grand Council in the United States acknowledge its jurisdiction.

Before closing, we would again urge upon all our Companions the importance of greater stress upon our moral teachings. They are too much neglected. We are sometimes brought into disrepute. Every member of the Craft does not realize that the honor and repute of the Fraternity are in his keeping, and the world at large look upon him as our exemplar. We should be more select in our number; as one Companion says, taking men not to teach them morality, but such as we know will practice it.

Our presiding officers are too often in fault. They abridge the ritual to the extreme, skip every charge, and clip the degrees in every way. It behooves a man, who, by the suffrages of his brethren has become *primus inter pares*, to be an exemplar, in his own daily walk and conversation, of our teachings. He should also be willing, in return for his honor and dignity, to take the time and bestow the labor to give some original moral teachings, outside of the ritual. How many have ever seen a presiding officer make any original exhortations to his fellows? How strong an impression would such an admonitory address make upon the minds and lives of the Craft! Would we might be spared many a blush, when we see some of the members of our funeral processions; when we compare the lives of too many with the laudatory addresses of our orators upon St. John's day, whose great stock in trade is to dwell upon the morality of Masonry. It would be well for these orators to choose a different presentation of the subject. May the GRAND PUSSANT endow all with greater zeal and fidelity.

And now, Companions, we trust that, as the eye of the Grand Council, we have faithfully seen the doings of the Crypt and instructed you by our survey. And if the eye have occasionally usurped the office of the tongue, we hope it will be for the profit and edification of all. May we have the satisfaction of knowing that our labors have added something to your interest, love, and zeal for our Fraternity, and formed the resolve, that,

"For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end."

CHARLES G. HUDSON, *Chairman.*

The degree of Royal Master was then exemplified by the Grand Officers in accordance with the standard work

adopted by the Convention, after which the Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 9th, 1874, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, when the following named Companions were duly elected :

M. I. G. FRED. WILTSIE, Grand Master.
 R. I. F. F. DRIGGS, Deputy Grand Master.
 R. I. JOHN B. SACKETT, Grand P. C. of the W.
 R. I. DAVID B. HOWELL, Grand Treasurer.
 R. I. GEO. VAN VLIET, Grand Recorder.

The Special Committee on a portion of the Grand Master's Address reported as follows :

TO THE MOST PUSSANT GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the address relative to the death of R. I. HENRY B. HARVEY (Grand P. C. of the W. of this Grand Council) beg respectfully to report—that in the short time allotted them no additional information has been received respecting the Masonic history of the deceased. The Committee having carefully considered this portion of the address, find that the M. Ill. Grand Master has ably presented the history and labors of the lamented Companion, and can add nothing thereto.

As expressive of the sentiments of this Grand Council, the Committee offer the following Resolutions, and recommend their approval:

Resolved, That, in the death of R. I. HENRY B. HARVEY, the Grand Council has lost an able officer, and the Fraternity of this jurisdiction an eminent and warm-hearted Mason.

Resolved, That we tender to the relatives and friends of the deceased, our sincere condolence in their irreparable loss.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing be transmitted to the family and friends of the deceased, and that a memorial page be set apart in the printed Proceedings of the Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BRIGGS,
 W. S. PATERSON,
 O. H. COOK.

Which was, on motion, accepted, the recommendations adopted, and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances presented their report as follows :

TO THE MOST PUISSANT GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK :

Your Committee with great pleasure report—that no appeal or grievance has been presented for their consideration.

M. C. FINLEY,
MORTIMER SMITH,
HOWARD COCKBURN.

R. III. G. M. OSGOODBY offered the following :

Resolved, That the salary of the R. III. Grand Recorder for the ensuing year be and the same is hereby fixed at Three Hundred (300) dollars.

Which was, on motion, adopted.

III. CHAS. ROOME,	Representative of the Grand Council of California,
III. JOHN R. WILTSIE,	“ “ “ “ South Carolina,
III. JACKSON H. CHASE,	“ “ “ “ Mississippi,
III. G. FRED. WILTSIE,	“ “ “ “ } Connecticut, } Pennsylvania.

were announced, received, and cordially greeted as such representatives.

III. WM. S. PATERSON offered the following :

Resolved, That the representatives of Councils warranted at this Assembly, be admitted as members and entitled to pay as other representatives.

Which was, on motion, adopted.

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment.

WEDNESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor.

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

TO THE MOST PUISSANT GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND
SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK :

Your Committee on Finance respectfully report—that they have carefully examined the report of the Grand Treasurer and vouchers therefor, and find the same correct.

Your committee recommend that the Officers, permanent members, and Representatives of this Grand Council, receive compensation for attendance at this session at the rate of five (5) dollars per day for two (2) days' attendance, and eight (8) cents per mile for actual distance traveled one way only (subject to the limitation prescribed in the Constitution).

They also recommend the following appropriations :

To Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	\$75.00
Grand Master for postage and expenses since last Assembly.....	44.40
Trustees of Hall and Asylum fund for rent during this Assembly....	50.00
Grand Lecturer for services.....	50.00
Late Grand Recorder in full for all services to be allowed on settlement of indebtedness to this Grand Council.....	250.00
Johnston Fountain for services at Convention and this Assembly....	25.00
Rent of Safe in Masonic Hall for books and papers of G. R.....	5.00
Acting Grand Recorder for extra services previous to this session...	25.00
Corlies, Macy & Co., for bill for stationery, &c.....	138.47

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN D. WILLIAMS,
JOHN F. BALDWIN,
A. B. KING.

The degree of Select Master was then exemplified under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, in accordance with the work adopted at the Convention.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the address relative to the formation of the General Grand Council, offered a report, when the following resolution was adopted as a substitute therefor :

Resolved, That this Grand Council appoint a delegate to attend, at the time of the meeting of the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar at New Orleans, the Convention then and there to be held, and that this Grand Council is favorable to the formation of a General Grand Council of the United States, and the delegate appointed is directed to use his influence in favor of its formation.

On motion, the Most Ill. Grand Master, G. FRED. WILTSIE, was made the delegate to the above mentioned Convention.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws offered the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

TO THE MOST PUISSANT GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND
SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address referring to the work and lectures as adopted by the Convention held in New York City, June 12th, 1873, respectfully report—that in their opinion the work then agreed upon should be adopted as the standard work of this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLWOOD E. THORNE,
JAMES MCCREDIE,
JOHN J. MARTIN.

On motion, it was ordered that the next Assembly of this Grand Council be held in the city of New York on the second Tuesday in September, 1875, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Most Ill. Grand Master then announced the following appointments:

R.:I.: GEO. M. OSGOODBY, Grand C. of G.
R.:I.: CHARLES W. BROWN, Grand C. of C.
R.:I.: and Rev. J. G. WEBSTER, Grand Chaplain.
R.:I.: P. W. VERHOEVEN, Grand Marshall.
I.: HENRY J. BOYLE, Grand Steward.
I.: JOHNSTON FOUNTAIN, Grand Sentinel.
R.:I.: JACKSON H. CHASE, Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Officers elected and appointed were then installed—Past G.:M.: JAS. MCCREDIE officiating.

The Special Committee to whom was referred a portion of the G.:M.'s address, offered the following, which was, on motion, received and ordered printed in the transactions:

TO THE MOST PUISSANT GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND
SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Right Puissant FREDERICK BINCKES (Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of England &c.), and that portion of the address of the M. Ill. Grand Master relating thereto, find that the Councils warranted by this Grand Council have regularly formed a Grand Council of R. and S. Masters for England and Wales and the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown (those in North America excepted), and that it has adopted a Constitution and is now in vigorous working order. The Committee, therefore, recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Council cordially welcomes into the Cryptic circle the newly created jurisdiction of England and Wales, &c., and extends to it the right hand of fraternal greeting.

Resolved, That the report of Right Puissant FREDERICK BINCKES (Grand Recorder) to the Most Ill. Grand Master, be received and placed in the Archives of this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. JENNINGS, Jr.
C. F. G. CUNNINGHAM,
JOHN S. BARTLETT.

Ill. THO'S H. FLOYD offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be authorized and directed to procure new aprons and complete the set of Jewels for the Officers of this Grand Council.

Ill. WM. S. PATERSON offered the following, which was, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That the Most Ill. Grand Master apportion the Councils in this jurisdiction among the Grand Officers for official visitation during the ensuing year.

On motion, the Grand Recorder was instructed to have 400 copies of the Proceedings of this Assembly printed for distribution among the subordinate Councils and our Sister Grand Councils.

The Most Ill. Grand Master announced the following appointments, as the

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

CHARLES G. HUDSON, WM. S. PATERSON, THOS. H. FLOYD.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Ill. WM. S. PATERSON, and adopted :

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER :

An earnest desire has been expressed by many of the Councils, and by the Companions generally, to obtain a complete history of this Grand Council, probably the oldest, and its yearly transactions are therefore of peculiar interest. This desire has now been met through the efforts of the Trustees of Kane Lodge, No. 454, F. and A. M., of New York City, to fill the vacancy in its Library in regard to Cryptic Masonry, especially that portion relative to the complete history of Masonry in the State of New York. The Trustees of that Library, through the facilities afforded by the Grand Recorder, have already

printed the complete proceedings of this Grand Council from the year 1823 to 1860 inclusive, a period in Cryptic Masonry in this State, the record of which cannot otherwise be procured, and they are desirous of placing this record, at a nominal price, within the reach of all Councils, as well as of Companions wishing to procure this interesting history. The volume at present given to the public states that the early records preceding the year 1823 have not yet been found; but I have the honor, in behalf of Columbian Council, No. 1, of this city, to present the fact that it has the complete record of Cryptic Masonry in this State, from September 2d, 1810; and which records show that warrants were granted to form Councils in many States of the Union; and that a resolution of that Council has now placed these early records in the hands of the Trustees of Kane Lodge, No. 454, for compilation and printing, for the Library; and that this volume will be issued as an appendix to the book already published, thus clearing many obscurities in Cryptic Masonry in this State.

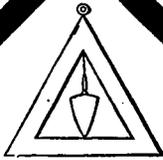
I therefore move the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Most Puissant Grand Council of the State of New York approves the printing of its Proceedings by the Trustees of Kane Lodge, No. 454, F. and A. M., of New York City, and recommend that the various Councils, as well as the Companions generally, of this jurisdiction, subscribe for copies of this compilation, in order that the early history of this Grand Council may be more generally diffused.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Most Puissant Grand Council of the State of New York be, and the same are hereby, tendered to the Trustees of Kane Lodge, No. 454, F. and A. M., for their compilation and printing of the Proceedings.

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

GEO. VAN VLIET, *Grand Recorder*.



In Memoriam.

HENRY BURT HARVEY,

B. E. Grand P. C. W. L.

Died May 4th, 1874.

An Active, Earnest Worker, and Zealous Mason.

RECEIPTS AT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 1874.

From No. 1.	Columbian	\$43.00
	2. Union	56.00
	4. Brooklyn	89.75
	7. Adelpbic	171.00
	8. Eureka	50.25
	14. Bloss	187.50
	15. Bruce	30.00
	16. Southern Tier	84.75
	17. Buffalo	97.50
	18. King Hiram	30.00
	19. Doric	133.50
	20. Keystone	90.00
	21. Hudson River	30.00
	22. De Witt Clinton	112.25
	23. Ontario	12.00
	24. Binghamton	32.75
	25. Dunkirk	59.00
	26. Palmyra	40.50
	28. Utica	87.00
	30. Owego	38.75
	31. King Solomon	51.75
	35. Hornellsville	36.00
	36. Pentalpha	15.00
	37. Cryptic	36.00
	38. Seneca	25.50
	40. Konhocton	27.75
	41. Genesee Valley	20.25
	55. Peekskill	25.50
	56. Afton	12.00
	61. Portal	30.75
	62. Hudson	31.50
	64. Sing Sing	15.00
U. D.	Norwich	Dues, \$13.50—Balance of Fee, \$10.. 23.50
	“ Batavia	“ 11.75 “ “ 10.. 21.75
	“ Chenango Valley, acc't	“ 4.00 “ “ 10.. 14.00
	“ Canandaigua	“ 7.00 “ “ 10.. 17.00
From G. FRED WILTSIE for the three Dispensations } granted during the previous year, }		60.00
		\$1,938.75

ABSTRACT OF ANNUAL RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NEW YORK,

To August 1st, 1874.

COUNCIL.	WHERE LOCATED.	COUNTY.	Received and Greeted during the year.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Stricken from Roll.	Expelled.	Died.	Present Member- ship.
1 COLUMBIAN	New York	New York	18	5	2		12		1	48
2 UNION	New York	New York	17	1		1	20			54
4 BROOKLYN	Brooklyn	Kings	28	1		2	29		2	87
7 ADELPHIC	New York	New York	26			5	45		4	174
8 EUREKA	Greene	Chenango	44			18			1	48
9 GENESEE	Wellsville	Allegany								
14 BLOSS	Troy	Rensselaer	38			1	20		6	223
15 BRUCE	Lockport	Niagara	5				4			36
16 SOUTHERN TIER	Elmira	Chemung	12							113
17 BUFFALO	Buffalo	Erie	14			5	14		5	105
18 KING HIRAM	Auburn	Cayuga	9				6			34
19 DORIC	Rochester	Monroe	19			1	25	1	6	145
20 KEYSTONE	Buffalo	Erie	23		3		13		3	105
21 HUDSON RIVER	Kingston	Ulster								40
22 DEWITT CLINTON	Albany	Albany	40	1		8	10		2	138
23 ONTARIO	Geneva	Ontario					1			15
24 BINGHAMTON	Binghamton	Broome	1	1		1				43
25 DUNKIRK	Dunkirk	Chautauqua	6	1		7	23			49
26 PALMYRA	Palmyra	Wayne	3						1	53
27 BATAVIA	Batavia	Genesec	9	1						19
28 UTICA	Utica	Oneida	20		6	1			1	120
29 MOHAWK	Cohoes	Albany	5							38
30 OWEGO	Owego	Tioga	9	1		2			2	50
31 KING SOLOMON	Newburgh	Orange	1	3			10			70

32	CHAUTAUQUA.....	Jamestown	Chautauqua.....							37
33	OLEAN.....	Olean.....	Cattaraugus.....							
34	WATERTOWN.....	Watertown.....	Jefferson.....							
35	HORNELLSVILLE.....	Hornellsville.....	Steuben.....	2		2	6		2	38
36	PENTALPHA.....	Flushing.....	Queens.....	4					2	18
37	CRYPTIC.....	Saratoga Springs.....	Saratoga.....	8						48
38	SENECA.....	Watkins.....	Schuyler.....	3						34
39	NORTHERN LIGHT.....	Essex.....	Essex.....							
40	KONHOCTON.....	Bath.....	Steuben.....	2			13		2	22
41	GENESEE VALLEY.....	Nunda.....	Livingston.....	3		1				26
42	CANAJOHARIE.....	Canajoharie.....	Montgomery.....							
43	TYRIAN.....	Plattsburgh.....	Clinton.....							
44	ALANSON BROWN.....	Lima.....	Livingston.....							
45	OTSEGO.....	Cooperstown.....	Otsego.....						1	17
46	ZABUD.....	Schuylersville.....	Saratoga.....	2						21
47	WADSWORTH.....	Amsterdam.....	Montgomery.....							
48	WYOMING.....	Pike.....	Wyoming.....							
49	FREDONIA.....	Fredonia.....	Chautauqua.....							
50	FULTON.....	Fulton.....	Oswego.....							
51	NORTHERN CONSTELLATION.....	Malone.....	Franklin.....							
52	WASHINGTON.....	Whitehall.....	Washington.....							
53	CORNING.....	Corning.....	Steuben.....							
54	DEERPARK.....	Port Jervis.....	Orange.....							
55	PEEKSKILL.....	Peekskill.....	Westchester.....			1				33
56	AFTON.....	Afton.....	Chenango.....				1		1	14
61	PORTAL.....	Skaneateles.....	Onondaga.....	17				1		40
62	HUDSON.....	Hudson.....	Columbia.....	14					1	41
63	BELFAST.....	Belfast.....	Allegany.....							
64	SING SING.....	Sing Sing.....	Westchester.....	9						20
65	CHENANGO VALLEY.....	Sherburne.....	Chenango.....	5						14
66	CANANDAIGUA.....	Canandaigua.....	Ontario.....							14
67	NORWICH.....	Norwich.....	Chenango.....	7						18

OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

<i>Number and Name.</i>	<i>Masters.</i>	<i>Deputy Masters.</i>	<i>P. C. of the W.</i>	<i>Recorders.</i>
1 COLUMBIAN	P. Verhoeven.	Fred'k Gugel, Jr.	John J. Kelly.	James Thos. Fellows.
2 UNION	John F. Baldwin.	John S. King.	Philander Reed.	Geo. R. Storm.
4 BROOKLYN	Wm. Jennings, Jr.	Geo. Z. Bretz.	Chas. P. Marrat.	H. W. Karn.
7 ADELPHIC	E. E. Thorne.	Henry W. Morris.	Chas. F. Emerson.	Wm. B. Shove.
8 EUREKA	C. F. G. Cunningham.	A. Hunt Smith.	Frank V. Turk.	R. P. Barnard.
9 GENESEE				
14 BLOSS	A. B. King.	W. R. Hyde.	J. B. Anthony.	Wm. Pettis.
15 BRUCE	Charles Craig.	Jason Collier.	W. H. McCoy.	John Hodge.
16 SOUTHERN TIER	F. D. Ramsdell.	John S. Bartlett.	Alden Derby.	W. H. Browne.
17 BUFFALO	John Briggs.	Henry Waters.	Hawley Klein.	Stephen M. Evry.
18 KING HIRAM	A. G. Wheeler.	Thad. B. Barber.	G. P. Roseboom.	John C. White.
19 DORIC	Henry M. Plant.	Thos. Lead.	Owen Williams.	John Alexander.
20 KEYSTONE	John B. Sackett.	Darwin E. Morgan.	Louis S. Morgan.	Wm. M. Bennett.
21 HUDSON RIVER	Howard Cockburn.	John P. Curtis.	Andrew S. Schutt.	James Bostwick.
22 DEWITT CLINTON	John J. Martin.	Wm. H. Whish.	Henry C. Littlefield.	J. E. Allanson.
23 ONTARIO	Wm. P. Durrant.	John T. Scoon.	Wm. E. Hayes.	Willard N Smith.
24 BINGHAMTON	O. W. Earle.	C. M. Brown.	A. P. Kelsey.	E. Murphy.
25 DUNKIRK	C. H. Sherman.	E. Harris.	Just. Edmondston.	Chas. H. Harris.
26 PALMYRA	Mark C. Finley.	Timothy S. Jackson.	Josiah J. White.	E. W. Cumings.
27 BATAVIA	J. M. Showerman.	A. R. Warner.	Horace M. Warren.	M. L. Babcock.
28 UTICA	E. Russell.	T. H. Floyd.	M. A. Lewis.	Daniel Perry.
29 MOHAWK	Wm. Humphreys.	Joseph Chadwick.	Benjamin Coveney.	Geo. Waterman, Jr.
30 OWEGO	B. J. Davis.	D. M. Goodrich.	Geo. Truman, Jr.	
31 KING SOLOMON	Chas. Estabrook.	Geo. W. Peters.	Edward D. Hayt.	Chas. H. Halstead.
32 CHAUTAUQUA	Anson A. Burlin.	David N. Marvin.	Geo. W. Norton.	James Butler.
33 OLEAN				
34 WATERTOWN				
35 HORNELLVILLE	Louis S. Boardman.	John P. Fletcher.	Robt. D. Jillson.	A. G. Howard.

36	PENTALPHA	Chas. W. Brown.	Abra. H. Downer.	Jos. L. Frame, Jr.	Wm. L. Seaman.
37	CRYPTIC	C. H. Sturges.	J. L. Perry.	Geo. H. Gillis.	W. Campbell.
38	SENECA	Martin L. Edgett.	John A. Wheeler.	Ebenezer Ingalls.	Wm. Hause.
39	NORTHERN LIGHT				
40	KONHOCTON	Chas. Dudley.	Edwin S. Smead.	Isaac J. Morrill.	V. Brother.
41	GENESEE VALLEY	O. H. Cook.	L. H. Brace.	Hector Sinclair.	A. C. Scott.
42	CANAJOHARIE				
43	TYRIAN				
44	ALANSON BROWN				
45	OTSEGO	James Bowes.	Jerome Fish.	S. J. Hayne.	F. C. Parshall.
46	ZABUD	S. R. Lawrence.	S. Wells.	E. Doolittle.	Jacob Hyneman.
47	WADSWORTH				
48	WYOMING				
49	FREDONIA				
50	FULTON				
51	NORTHERN CONSTELLATION				
52	WASHINGTON				
53	CORNING				
54	DEERPARK				
55	PEEKSKILL	John Ombony.	Robert J. Post.	Geo. F. Marshall.	Thos. J. Hodgkins, Jr.
56	AFTON	J. T. Willkens.	H. R. Carwell.	Erastus Fisher.	John C. Chamberlin.
61	PORTAL	Mort. H. Smith.	D. S. Dillingham.	Edward Horne.	Geo. H. Williamson.
62	HUDSON	H. Lyle Smith.	Richard Kidney.	Richard B. Aldcroftt.	C. S. Champlin.
63	BELFAST				
64	SING SING	Isaac B. Noxon.	Robert M. Lawrence.	Isaac Terwillager.	Geo. Williamson.
65	CHENANGO VALLEY	Henry Allfrey.	David Elsbre.	Wm. H. Allfrey.	Geo. W. Miller.
66	CANANDAIGUA	John Raines, Jr.	Howell Mosher.	W. T. Prenett.	
67	NORWICH	Albert Beale.	Isaac W. Baker.	B. Gage Berry.	C. L. Ferry.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND RECORDERS

OF THE SEVERAL GRAND COUNCILS.

STATE.	ORGANIZED.	DATE OF LAST REPORT.	GRAND MASTER.	ADDRESS.	GRAND RECORDER.	ADDRESS.
ALABAMA	1838	Dec. 30, 1873	Robert D. Webb.	Livingston.	Daniel Sayre.	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS	1860	Oct. 11, 1873	James A. Stinson.	Jacksonport.	S. E. Barber.	Little Rock.
CALIFORNIA	1859	April 2, 1873	Wm. Thos. Reynolds.	San Francisco.	Chas. L. Wiggins.	San Francisco.
CONNECTICUT	1819	May 11, 1874	John H. Barlow.	Birmingham.	Jos. K. Wheeler.	Hartford.
FLORIDA	1858	June 19, 1872	Wm. H. Morrill.	Warrington.	D. L. Oakley.	Monticello.
GEORGIA	1825	April 30, 1872	Robert M. Smith.	Athens.	Chas. R. Armstrong.	Macon.
ILLINOIS	1853	Oct. 27, 1873	John F. Burrill.	Springfield.	Jas. H. Miles.	Chicago.
INDIANA	1855	Oct. 21, 1873	Geo. H. Fish.	Evansville.	John M. Bramwell.	Indianapolis.
IOWA	1857	Oct. 23, 1873	Henry Y. Smith.	Desmoines.	W. B. Langridge.	Muscataine.
KANSAS	1867		John L. Philbrick.	Doniphan.	John H. Brown.	Leavenworth.
KENTUCKY	1827	Oct. 22, 1873	Wm. Ryan.	Louisville.	Albert G. Hodges.	Louisville.
LOUISIANA	1856		John W. Jones.	Shreveport.	Gustav Sontag.	Box 321, New Orleans.
MAINE	1855	May 7, 1873	Chas. L. Collamore.	Bangor.	Ira Berry.	Portland.
MASSACHUSETTS	1826	Dec. 10, 1873	Thos. E. St. John.	Worcester.	John Haigh.	Somerville.
MICHIGAN	1858	Jan. 21, 1874	Wm. Burne.	Battle Creek.	G. B. Noble.	Detroit.
MINNESOTA	1870	Jan. 12, 1873	Wm. S. Combs.	St. Paul.	B. F. Wright.	St. Paul.
MISSOURI	1864	Oct. 16, 1873	Joseph S. Browne.	St. Joseph.	Geo. Frank Gouley.	St. Louis.
MISSISSIPPI	1856	Feb. 3, 1874	Harvey W. Walter.	Holly Springs.	John Logan Power.	Jackson.
NEBRASKA	1872	Nov. 13, 1873	Edwin F. Warren.	Nebraska City.	Wm. R. Bowen.	Omaha.
NEW BRUNSWICK (CANADA)	1867	Oct. 20, 1873	D. R. Munro.	St. Johns.	A. D. Goodwin.	St. Johns.
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1862	May 19, 1873	John A. Harris.	Concord.	Jos. W. Hildreth.	Concord.
NEW JERSEY	1860	Jan. 20, 1874	Jos. W. Pressey.	Trenton.	Thos. J. Corson.	Trenton.
NEW YORK	1809	Sept. 9, 1874	G. Fred. Wiltzie.	Newburgh.	Geo. Van Vliet.	Masonic Hall, N. Y. City
NORTH CAROLINA	1860	June 7, 1873	H. H. Munson.	Wilmington.	M. M. Katz.	Wilmington.
OHIO	1839	Sept. 4, 1873	Henry Theobald.	Dayton.	John D. Caldwell.	Cincinnati.
ONTARIO	1871		Daniel Spry.	Toronto.	Thos. Sargant.	Toronto.
PENNSYLVANIA	1847	Feb. 18, 1874	Christian Fred'k Knapp.	Bloomsburgh.	Chas. E. Meyer.	Philadelphia.
RHODE ISLAND	1860		Chas. R. Cutler.	Warren.	Edward B. Knight.	Providence.
SOUTH CAROLINA	1860	Feb. 11, 1874	Wilmot G. De Saussure.	Charleston.	Alex. Lindstrom.	Charleston.
TENNESSEE	1847	Nov. 3, 1873	E. Edmunson.	Pulaski.	John Frizzell.	Nashville.
VERMONT	1845	June 12, 1873	Edward S. Dana.	Cornwall.	W. H. S. Whitcomb.	Burlington.
WISCONSIN	1857		J. A. Horlick.	Racine.	Wm. T. Palmer.	Milwaukee.

REPRESENTATIVES
 OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
 OF NEW YORK,
 NEAR OTHER GRAND BODIES.

MAINE.....	Josiah H. Drummond.....	Portland.
LOUISIANA	Rev. Thos. D. Lawson.....	Bastross.
MICHIGAN	Rev. Levi H. Corsen.....	Jonesville.
NEW JERSEY.....	Marcus Higginbotham.....	Jersey City.
CONNECTICUT.....	James S. Gould.....	Bridgeport.
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	Wilmot G. De Saussure.....	Charleston.
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	D. R. Munro.....	St. John.
ONTARIO.....	Daniel Spry.....	Toronto.
ILLINOIS.....	Jerome R. Gorin.....	Mound City.
MISSISSIPPI.....	P. M. Savery.....	Jackson.
MISSOURI	Geo. Frank Gouley.....	St. Louis.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND COUNCILS
 NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NEW YORK.

LOUISIANA	Seymour H. Stone.....	Syracuse.
MAINE.....	G. Fred. Wiltsie.....	Newburgh.
ONTARIO.....	James McCredie.....	Buffalo.
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	G. Fred. Wiltsie.....	Newburgh.
NEW JERSEY.....	do.....	do.
CONNECTICUT.....	do.....	do.
PENNSYLVANIA.....	do.....	do.
VERMONT.....	Charles Craig.....	Lockport.
CALIFORNIA.....	Charles Roome.....	New York.
MISSISSIPPI.....	Jackson H. Chase.....	Albany.
MISSOURI.....	John Sheville.....	New York.
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	John R. Wiltsie.....	Newburgh.
ILLINOIS.....	Frank L. Stowell.....	Olean.

OFFICERS OF GRAND COUNCIL.

Elected September 9th, 1874.

M. I. G. FRED. WILTSIE, of NEWBURGH.	Grand Master.
R. I. F. F. DRIGGS, of DUNKIRK.	Dep. Grand Master.
“ JOHN B. SACKETT, of BUFFALO.	Grand P. C. of the W.
“ DAVID B. HOWELL, of NEW YORK.	“ Treasurer.
“ GEO. VAN VLIET, of NEW YORK.	“ Recorder.
“ GEO. M. OSGOODBY, of NUNDA.	“ C. of G.
“ CHARLES W. BROWN, of FLUSHING.	“ C. of C.
“ and Rev. J. G. WEBSTER, of PALMYRA.	“ Chaplain.
“ P. W. VERHOEVEN, of NEW YORK.	“ Marshall.
I. HENRY J. BOYLE, of ALBANY.	“ Steward.
“ JOHNSTON FOUNTAIN, of NEW YORK.	“ Sentinel.
R. I. JACKSON H. CHASE, of ALBANY.	“ Lecturer.

Grand Master's address—Newburgh, N. Y.

“ Recorder's “ Masonic Hall, 6th Ave. & 23d St., New York City.

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" " CHARLES W. BROWN, of Flushing	" G. of C.
" " and Bro. J. C. WEBSTER, of Balmyra	" Chaplain.
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