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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CONSISTORY, S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·. 32°

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE

OF

SCOTTISH FREEMASONS,

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE U. S. OF A.

1868-74.

By THEODORE S. PARVIN, 33°.



CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA:
DAILY REPUBLICAN PRINTING AND BINDING HOUSE.
1887.

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OFFICERS.

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR IOWA.

THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN, 33°, 1859–, *Active Thirty-Third.*
*ROEBRT FARMER BOWER, 33°, 1876–82, *Associate.*
BUREN ROBINSON SHERMAN, 33°, 1882–, *Associate.*

GRAND CONSISTORY OF IOWA.

WILLIAM LEFFINGWELL, 33°, 1868–74, *Grand Com.·.-in-Chief.*
WILLIAM BAKER LANGRIDGE, 32°, 1868–72, *Grand Registrar.*
WILLIAM ELIJAH WOODWARD, 32°, 1872–74, *Grand Registrar.*
THEODORE SCHREINER, 32°, 1868–74, *Grand Capt.·. of the Guards.*

PRESENT AND PAST HONORARY THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE.

*WILLIAM LEFFINGWELL,	Muscatine
*ROBERT F. BOWER,	Keokuk
JOSEPH M. GRIFFITHS,	Des Moines
*WILLIAM F. KIDDER,	Davenport
†ED. A. GUILBERT, M. D.,	Dubuque
BUREN R, SHERMAN,	Vinton
CHARLES S. STREEPER,	Davenport
GEORGE W. PARKER,	Lyons
GEORGE W. ASHTON,	Lyons
JAMES T. VAN DEVENTER,	Clinton
ARTEMUS LAMB,	Clinton
JAMES MORTON,	Cedar Rapids
GEORGE W. BEVER,	Cedar Rapids

* Deceased. † Cancelled.

GRAND AND PAST GRAND OFFICERS

Of the Grand Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery of Iowa, who are members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction and owing fealty to the Supreme Council of the the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

Brothers Parvin, [Guilbert affiliated with an Ill.·. Consistory under the jurisdiction of the Supreme (Palmer) Council of the Northern Jurisdiction], * Peck, Mickel, Scott, Waters, Chapman, Luse, Granger, and Allen.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

Comp.·. Parvin, Woodward, Hemenway, Wright Luse, Guilbert, *Bower, Winslow, Daugherty, Sherwood, and Coggswell.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS.

Sir Knights Parvin, *Leffingwell, *Bower, Wright, Sherman Guilbert, Waters, Parish, Neely, Winslow, Jenkins, Ainsworth, Daugherty, and Morton.

Theodore Schreiner, Grand Tyler of all the Grand Bodies, and W. B. Langridge, Grand Recorder, together with a large number of past *elective* Grand Officers of all the Bodies.

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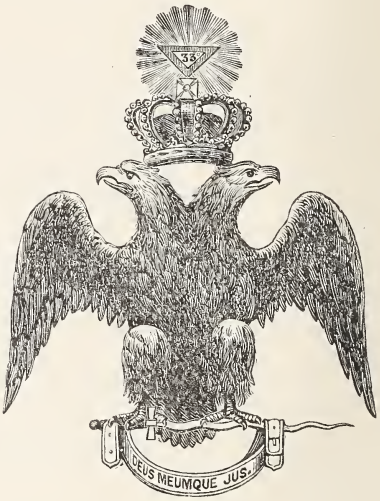
* Deceased.

Theodore Sutton Parvin, 33° was crowned Sov. Gr. Insp. Gen. and active thirty-third for Iowa September 13th, 1859, by Ill. Br. Albert Pike, 33° Sov. Gr. Com. Supreme Council Southern Jurisdiction of the U. S. of A.

On the 12th of September, 1866, he introduced the *Rite* into Iowa and on the 15th of January, A. D. 1867, issued the following Circular "To all Freemasons in Iowa:"



O.·. of Iowa City, Iowa,

January 15th, A. D., 1867.

TO ALL FREEMASONS OF IOWA.

Dear Sir:

I am happy to inform you that, at last, I have been entirely successful in introducing into this jurisdiction the ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY. *On the 12th day of September, A. D.,* 1866, *I organized at Keokuk—*

KEOKUK LODGE OF PERFECTION, NO. 1.

R. F. BOWER, 32°, Thrice Puissant Gr. Master.
D. G. ANDERSON, 32°, M. E. Gr. Sen. Warden.
H. K. LOVE, 32°, M. E. Gr. Jun. Warden.
And thirteen others.

DE JOINVILLE COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM.

C. K. Peck, Gr. Master, 32°, M. Ill. Tarshatha.
Guy Wells, 32°, M. Ven. High Priest.
Geo. M. Seaton, 32°, Ill. Scribe.

KILWINNING CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX.

R. F. Bower, 32° M. Wise Master.
H. K. Love, 32°, M. G. Sen. Warden.
Guy Wells, 32°, M. E. Jun. Warden.

On the 21st day December, at Des Moiues—

TABERNACLE LODGE OF PERFECTION NO. 2.

H. H. Griffiths, 32°, T. P. G. M.
Lewis Kinsey, 32°, M. E. G. S. W.
Wesley Redhead, 32°, M. E. G. J. W.
And thirty others.

CYRUS COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM.

Sim. D. Welling, 32°, M. I. T.
J. A. Elliott, 32°, M. V. H. P.
T. D. Percival, 32°, I. S.

MACKEY CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX-

Jos. M. Griffiths, 32°, M. W. M.
Lewis Kinsey, 32°, M. E. S. W.
J. B. Tiffin, 82°, E. J. W.

On the 14th day of December, at Davenport—

MT. HOREB LODGE OF PERFECTION NO. 3.

W. D. Clark, Gr. Treas. 32°, T. P. G. M.
J. S. Conner, 32°, M. E. G. S. W.
J. T. Lane, 32°, M. E. J. G. W.
And thirty others.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL PRINCES OF JERUSALEM.

D. N. Richardson, 32°, M. I. T.

W. F. Peck, 32°, M. V. H. P.

D. S. True, 32°, I. S.

LEBANON CHAPTER ROSE CROIX.

W. F. Peck, M. D., 32°, M. W. M.

D. S. True, 32°, M. E. S. W.

J. S. Conner, 32°, M. E. J. W.

Dispensations for *Consistories* at each of these places have been granted, which I shall organize at an early day.

I have communicated at Keokuk the 32d Degree to some sixteen Master Masons; at Des Moines, some thirty-three M. M.; and at Davenport, some thirty-three M. M.

It will be seen from the following extracts from a circular issued by the Sov'n Gr. Commander, dated 16 October, 1866, that all Master Masons, in good and regular standing, are eligible to receive the Degrees of *this* Rite.

"We do therefore deem it proper to make known unto you that it is only required that an applicant for the degrees of the said Rite should be a Master Mason in good standing; that it is not required that he be a Knight Templar of the American or any other Rite, or a Royal Arch Mason; and that no one, not even the Sov.·. Grand Commander, hath any power to require this in any case, or in that respect to superadd anything whatever to the Statutes and Customs of the Order.

"And we do also deem it proper to advise you that no Lodge of Perfection or other body of the Rite can require an applicant to be more than a Master Mason in good standing, as a pre-requisite to obtaining the degrees; and that no individual Brother can of right make it an objection to any applicant that he is not, in addition to the Master's degree, others which are not recognized or required by the Supreme Council, or by the Statutes and Customs of the Order."

The Rite is in the very best hands in this, as well as other, jurisdictions, numbering among its most active members the leading Masons of the York Rite in this and all the Grand jurisdictions.

I have the necessary documents for establishing the various bodies at one (and only one) other point in the State, which I desire

to do at an early day at DUBUQUE, or some other town in the *northern* part of the State, where the greater number of "*live*" Masons may be found to sustain it.

The degreess of the A. and A. R. are 4-32 *inclusive as follows:*

CONFERRED IN A "LODGE OF PERFECTION," (4-14,) *viz :*

4. Secret Master.
5. Perfect Master.
6. Intimate Secretary.
7. Provost and Judge.
8. Intendant of the Building.
9. Elected Knight of the Nine.
10. Ill. Elected of the Fifteen.
11. Sublime Elected of the Twelve.
12. Gr. Master Architect.
13. Knight of the Ninth Arch, or Royal Arch of Solomon.
14. Grand Elect, Perfect and *Sublime Mason.*

CONFERRED IN A "COUNCIL OF PRINCES OF JERUSALEM" (15, 16.)*

15. Knights of the Sword of the East or of the Eagle.
16. *Princes of Jerusalem.*

CONFERRED IN A "CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX" (17, 18.)*

17. Knights of the East and West.
18. Knight of the Eagle, Pelican, or Sovereign Prince *Rose Croix.*

CONFERRED IN A "CONSISTORY" (19-32).†

19. Gr. Pontiff or Sub. Scottish Mason.
20. Gr. Master of all Symbolic Lodges or *ad Vitam.*
21. Noachite or Prussian Knight.
22. Kt. of the Royal Ax or Prince Libnus.
23. Chief of the Tabernacle.
24. Prince of the Tabernacle.
25. Knight of the Brazen Serpent.
26. Prince of Mercy or Scotch Trinitarian.
27. Kt. Com'r of the Temple.
28. Kt. of the Sun or Adept.
29. Gr. Ecosais of St. Andrews or Patriarch of the Crusades.
30. *Knights Kadosh.*
31. Gr. Enquiring Commander.
32. Sublime *Prince of the Royal Secret.*

* Subsequently the Supreme Council *abolished* the "Council Princes of Jerusalem," and placed the degrees 14 and 15 in the "Chapter Rose Croix."

† And also *established* "Councils of Knights Kadosh" with the degrees 19 to 30 inclusive, the Consistories retaining the 31st and 32d degrees.

The fees for the series of Degrees, *for the purpose of introducing the Rite*, is sixty-five dollars; for the Rose Croix (18th), forty dollars; when established, $110.00.

Applications for the degrees may be made to Ill. Brs. R. F. Bower and C. K. Peck, of Keokuk; Ill. Brs. Jos. M. and H. H. Griffiths and S. D. Welling, of Des Moines; Ill. Brs. W. F. Peck, M. D., W. D. Clark, and D. N. Richardson, of Davenport, for their several jurisdictions, or the State at large to the undersigned.

T. S. PARVIN.

At a later date, viz, July 29, 1867, I organized the three Bodies, Lodge, Council and Chapter at Dubuque.

June 1, 1868, the "Grand Consistory of Iowa, was organized and Ill. Bro. William Leffingwell, 32° (afterward 33°), elected Grand Commander in Chief, who in July 12, 1869, established the three Bodies at Lyons, and later (January 14, 1870), DeMolay Consistory S.·.P.·.R.·.S.·. was established by the Gr. Consistory.

All of the four Bodies at Lyons have been and are in active operation, having held regular meetings and had work to do each and every year.

DUBUQUE, July 29, 1867.

PARVIN LODGE OF PERFECTION No. 4.

HORACE TUTTLE, 32°, T. P. G. M.

M. S. BARNES, 32°, M. E. G. S. W.

H. — ROUSE, 32°, M. E. G. J. W.

And nineteen others.

ST. JOHN COUNCIL P. J. No. 4.

M. S. BARNES, 32°, M. I. T.

L. L. HUNTLEY, 32°, M. V. H. P.

G. V. SMOCK, 32°, I. S.

KEY CITY CHAPTER, R. C., No. 4.

WM. P. ALLEN, 32°, M. W. M.

V. J. WILLIAMS, 32°, M. E. S. W.

GEO. BEATTY, 32°, M. E. J. W.

LYONS, July 12, 1869.

By the Grand Consistory of Iowa.—

IOWA LODGE OF PERFECTION, No. 5.

WM. ED. LEFFINGWELL, 32°, T. P. G. M.
JOHN S. HART, 32°, S. G. W.
WM. ED. MARQUIS, 32°, J. G. W,
And eight others.

CLINTON [HUGE DE PAYENS] COUNCIL, P. J. No. 5.

PITKIN C. WRIGHT, M. I.
WM. E. LEFFINGWELL, G. H. P.
SAM. W. BALDWIN, S. G. W.

DELPHIC CHAPTER, R. C. No. 5.

PITKIN C. WRIGHT, M. W. M.
WM. E. LEFFINGWELL, M. E. S. W.
CHAS. W. WARNER, M. E. J. W.

DEMOLAY CONSISTORY,

Was organized January 4, 1870, with

WM. E. LEFFINGWELL, Com. in Chief.
CHAS. W. WARNER, Lieut. Com.
FREDERICK BLAKELY, 2d Lieut. Com.

No. 1. 1868.

Grand Consistory S.·.P.·.R.·.S.·.32°,

In and for

The State of Iowa.

UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS ARCHTECTONIS SUMMI AD GLORIAM.

RESURGENS TENEBRAS VERA LUX DIMOVET.

PROCEEDINGS OF A CONVENTION

TO FORM THE

M.·. P.·. Grand Consistory S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·. 32°,

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE,

IN AND FOR THE STATE OF IOWA,

HELD IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES, 13TH AND 14TH SIVAN, A.·. M.·. 5628, ANSWERING TO JUNE 1ST AND 2D, A. D. 1868, AND OF AN ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE SAME HELD AT THE CITY OF DES MOINES, 3D KHESVAN, A.·. M.·. 5628, ANSWERING TO OCTOBER 19TH, A. D. 1868, WITH THE GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND CONSISTORY, AND THE GRAND CONSTITUTIONS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. A.



MUSCATINE, IOWA:
PUBLISHED BY THE GRAND CONSISTORY.
1869.



PROCEEDINGS.

PRESENT.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Theodore S. Parvin, 33°, S. G. I. G., Iowa City.
" Robert F. Bower, 32°, Keokuk.
" Joseph M. Griffiths, 32°, Desmoines.
" Edward A. Guilbert, 32°, Dubuque.
" William S. Kidder, 32°, Davenport.
" Pitkin C. Wright, 32°, DeWitt.
" Simeon D. Welling, 32°, Desmoines.
" William Leffingwell, 32°, Muscatine.
" H. H. Griffith, 32°, Desmoines.
" Joseph Chapman, 32°, Dubuque.
" George R. Foster, 32°, Dubuque.
" James Thorington, 32°, Davenport.
" Chas. S. Streeper, 32°, Davenport.
" Wesley Redhead, 32°, Desmoines.
" F. A. Percival, 32°, Desmoines.
" J. H. Dykeman, 32°, Desmoines.
" H. C. Plumb, 32°, Desmoines.

Ill.·. Bro.·. C. A. Mosier, 32°, Desmoines.
" William Alberts, 32°, Desmoines.
" Lewis Kinsey, 32°, Desmoines.
" Solomon Herzberg, 32°, Desmoines.
" John A. Elliott, 32°, Desmoines.
" Saml. M. Good, 32°, Desmoines.
" Wm. E. Woodward, 32°, Burlington.
" Mortimer E. Gillette, 32°, Burlington.
" Ozias P. Waters, 32°, Muscatine.
" Wm. B. Langridge, 32°, Muscatine.
" Theodore Schreiner, 32°, Mount Pleasant.
" Joshua W. Satterthwaite, 32°, Mount Pleasant.
" J. C. Gibbs, 32°, Fontanelle.
" Zephaniah C. Luse, 32°, Iowa City.

Desmoines, Tuesday Evening, 1st June, 1868.

The convention was called to order by Ill.·. Br.·. Parvin, 33°, S.·. G.·. I.·. G.·., who took the chair as President, and announced that the object of the meeting was to form a Grand Consistory for the State of Iowa.

Ill.·. Bro.·. J. M. Griffiths, 32°, was appointed Secretary of the convention.

The President proceeded to unfold to the Ill.·. Brethren present, the plans and prospects of the Rite in this State, and to make a report of the action of the Supreme Grand Council, S.·. J.·., recently held in Charleston, South Carolina.

After which Ill.·. Bro.·. Guilbert, 32°, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, As the sense of this meeting, that we now proceed to organize a Grand Consistory of Sub.·. PP.·. of the Royal Secret, 32°, for the State of Iowa.

Which was adopted unanimously.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That a committee be formed who shall prepare and report a Code of General Regulations for the government of this Grand Consistory.

On which committee the President appointed Ill.·. Bros.·. Chapman, Wright and Langridge.

On motion of Ill.·. Bro.·. Wright, it was

Ordered, That Ill.·. Bros.·. Kidder, Chapman and Guilbert be a committee to nominate officers for the Grand Consistory.

Ordered, That the committees on General Regulations and to nominate officers, report to-morrow evening.

Whereupon the convention was adjourned until to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

DESMOINES, WEDNESDAY EVENING, 2d June, 1868.

The convention reässembled and was called to order at seven o'clock by the President, Ill.·. Bro.·. Parvin, 33°.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Wright presented the report of the committee on General Regulations of the Grand Consistory, which was received, and after due consideration, was adopted, subject to the revision and approval of the S.·. G.·. I.·. G.·., Ill.·. Bro.·. Parvin, 33°, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of the convention.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Kidder, from the committee appointed to nominate officers, presented the report of that committee, when the convention proceeded to an election.

Ill.·. Bros.·. Dykeman and Kinsey were appointed tellers, when an election was had, and the following Ill.·. Brethren were chosen to the offices named, viz:

V.·. Ill.·. Bro.·. WM. LEFFINGWELL, 32°, Grand Com.·. in Chief.
" PITKIN C. WRIGHT, 32°, Grand Seneschal.
" WM. F. PECK, 32°, Grand Preceptor.
" JOHN GIVENS, 32°, Grand Admiral.
" H. H. GRIFFITHS, 32°, Grand Minister of State.
" W. E. WOODWARD, 32°, Grand Hospitaler and Almoner.
" W. B. LANGRIDGE, 32°, Grand Registrar and Keeper of Seals and Archives.
" H. H. HEMENWAY, 32°, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief then (in accordance with the Regulations) appointed the remaining officers, as follows:

Ill.·. Bro.·. Rev. A. B. KENDIG, 32°, Primate.
" GUY WELLS, 32°, Master of Ceremonies.
" D. N. RICHARDSON, 32°, Grand Expert.
" LEWIS KINSEY, 32°, Assistant Grand Expert.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Simeon D. Welling, 32°, Beausenifer.
" C. A. Mosier, 32°, Bearer Vexillum Belli.
" Theodore Schreiner, 32°, Master of the Guards.
" S. M. Good, 32°, Chamberlain.
" Horace Tuttle, Grand Steward.
" Geo. R. Foster, 32°, Aid-de-Camp.

On motion it was

Ordered. That the Ill.·. Bros.·. the Grand Commander-in-Chief and the Grand Registrar, be a committee to procure the printing of the proceedings of this Convention, together with the General Regulations, &c., of the Grand Consistory, and to procure a seal (with proper device) and press, with the necessary books and papers for its use.

Ordered. That an assessment of $1 each be paid by the Ill.·. Bros.·. present, to procure funds for the use of the Grand Consistory.

In accordance with this order, the Grand Registrar announced that he had received the sum of thirty-one dollars, which he placed to the credit of the Grand Consistory.

After which considerable time was spent in a free conference relative to the interests of masonry and the A.·. and A.·. Rite, and many useful suggestions made by various of the Ill.·. brethren present.

The convention was then adjourned, to meet at the city of Desmoines on Monday, the 19th day of October, A. D. 1868, being the Monday before the meeting of the Grand Commandery of the State of Iowa.

THEODORE S. PARVIN, 33°, *President.*
Joseph M. Griffiths, 32°, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CONSISTORY S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·. 32°.

IN AND FOR THE STATE OF IOWA,

AT ITS ADJOURNED SESSION, HELD AT THE GRAND EAST OF THE VALLEY OF DES MOINES, UNDER THE CELESTIAL CANOPY OF THAT ZENITH WHICH ANSWERS TO 41 DEG. 36 MIN. NORTH LATITUDE, THE 3D DAY OF THE MONTH KHESVAN, A.·. M.·. 5628, CORRESPONDING WITH THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.·. D.·. 1868.

The Most Puissant Grand Consistory of S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·. 32°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in and for the State of Iowa, assembled in its Sacred Asylum in the Masonic Hall at Des Moines, in pursuance of its adjournment, and was opened in ample form, with the proper ceremonies, by Ill.·. Bro.·. WM. LEFINGWELL, 32°, Grand Commander-in-Chief, with the assistance of the proper officers, Ill.·. BB.·. and S.·. PP.·. present.

PRESENT:

Ill.·. Bro.·. THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN, 33°, S.·. G.·. I.·. G.·.
" ROBERT FARMER BOWER, 33°, S.·. G.·. I.·. G.·.
" JOSEPH M. GRIFFITHS, 33°, S.·. G.·. I.·. G.·.
" EDWARD AUGUSTUS GUILBERT, 33°, S.·. G.·. I.·. G.·.

OFFICERS:

Ill.·. Bro.·. WILLIAM LEFFINGWELL, 32°, Grand Commander-in-Chief.
" PITKIN C. WRIGHT, 32°, Grand Seneschal.
" DANIEL B. SHELLEY, 32°, as Grand Preceptor.
" HARRY H. GRIFFITHS, 32°, Grand Minister of State.
" W. E. WOODWARD, 32°, Grand Hospitaler and Almoner.

Ill.·. Bro.·. W. B. Langridge, 32°, Grand Chancellor and Registrar.
" W. M. Wells, 32°, Grand Treasurer.
" J. W. Satterthwaite, 32°, Grand Expert.
" Lewis Kinsey, 32°, Assistant Grand Expert.
" Theodore Schreiner, 32°, Master of the Guards.
" S. M. Good, 32°, Grand Chamberlain.
" Horace Tuttle, 32°, Grand Steward.
" Geo. R. Foster, 32°, Grand Aid-de-camp.

Also the following Ill.·. BB.·. officers of subordinate bodies, representatives and visitors:

Ill.·. Bro.·. F. A. Percival, 32°, Des Moines.
" J. H. Dykeman, 32°, "
" H. C. Plumb, 32°, "
" Wm. Alberts, 32°, "
" Solomon Herzberg, 32°, "
" J. C. Gibbs, 32°, Fontanelle,
" Z. C. Luse, 32°, Iowa City.
" Reuben Mickel, 32°, New Jefferson.
" C. Stewart Ells, 32°, Davenport.
" W. L. Smith, 32°, Mt. Pleasant.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed the following

Committee on Credentials:—Ill.·. Bros.·. Horace Tuttle, 32°; S. D. Welling, 32°; W. E. Woodward, 32°.

The Committee on Credentials in due time presented their report as above, which was received and adopted.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief presented and read, as follows, his

ADDRESS.

Princes: In accordance with the regulations of this body, it becomes my duty to formally report to you an account of matters that pertain to the interest and welfare of the Rite.

We have reason to be thankful to the Great Source and Origin of all that is; for His unbounded mercy and loving kindness to us at all times, and especially in that He has again permitted us to assemble in Grand Consistorial Council to devise means whereby to advance the interests of humanity and the cause of virtue; and it behooves us in sincerity to exclaim, Laus Deo!

During the few months that have elapsed since our organization, there has not been such progress made as we had looked for, yet I am happy to announce that many of the difficulties that have heretofore obstructed our pathway are removed, and the true light now illumes our road to prosperity and fraternal happiness. Among the causes that have impeded

our progress, was the want of proper documents to enable the several subordinate bodies to work correctly. These documents, I am happy to say, are now in the hands of the presiding officers of the various bodies; and all real barriers to our successful progress are so far set aside that I feel that with the energy which should (and as I believe will) manifest itself in the Rite, our success is assured.

It affords me great pleasure to lay before you a note (marked "A") from our Ill.·. Bro.·. Theodore S. Parvin 33°, S.·. G.·. I.·. G.·., giving the pleasing information of our organization having been reported to the Supreme Council, at its late session in St. Louis, by him, and of its cordial approval by that Ill.·. body.

In this connection, allow me to say that to no one in this state are we, as masons, whether of the York or A.·. & A.·. Rite, more deeply indebted for valuable, untiring and successful labors than to the Ill.·. Brother named above. From the introduction of masonry into our state, a zealous worker, he had the honor, like Zorobabel, to lay the foundations of our temple, and now, as the active Inspector General, managing the affairs of the A.·. & A.·. Rite in this jurisdiction, he has been permitted to witness and mainly to perfect this organization as its cope-stone. But to have "beheld" so much as this, has, of necessity, taken time; to "have been" so "great part" of it, has required constant, unremitting and untiring labor. I trust that you will not part without expressing in suitable words, at least, your proper appreciation, as Prince Masons, of his services.

There are certain subjects of interest to the Rite which I deem it proper to lay before you for an expression of your opinion as constituents of the governing powers thereof.

1st. A proposition was some time since made by the officers of the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, looking to a restoration of the original unity of head over the whole Rite throughout the United States. Originally, as is well known to you, the Constitutions contemplated that in every nation there should be but one Supreme head governing, as of the last resort, all the bodies of the Rite therein, excepting in this country, in which, for certain purposes, the Rite was differently constituted and two were created. At the meeting of the Supreme Council at St. Louis the Northern Jurisdiction, by its representatives, appeared and laid their action before the Supreme Council, when a similar committee was appointed, and I am pleased to say that the prospect appears very good for a termination of our present exceptional condition, and a return to the original form of government. I understand that in this, as in all other great changes, there are some difficulties to be overcome; these, however, let us hope, are not of a formidable character. I would suggest the propriety of this Grand Consistory expressing its sense on the matter.

2d. In the event of a failure to restore the original unity of the government of the Rite, the next question to come up will probably be a re-adjustment of boundaries. By the Balustre originating the Northern Jurisdiction, its limits were bounded by Mason & Dixon's line and the Ohio River on the South, and the Mississippi River on the West. Since this organization

was effected our nation has so grown and developed as to render it a matter of serious doubt whether this division of territory is advantageous either to the Southern or Northern Jurisdictions, or to the bodies and members of the Rite existing in the new states west of the river. It may not be improper for you to express your views on this, and to decide with which of the divisions of the Holy House, in your opinion, our interests would, if we were consulted, lead us to throw in our lot. I hope therefore you will, during the present Council, express your opinion on this subject.

3d. It appears to me exceedingly necessary to the success of the Rite that we should organize, in various portions of the state, subordinate bodies up to and including the 18th degree. This Grand Consistory can only prosper with a proper support of subordinate bodies from which to draw life and strength. I am happy to be able to state that the prospect is excellent for an efficient organization of these degrees in the northern part of the state, in addition to those already established at Dubuque, and hope soon to be able to make similar announcements for other parts of the jurisdiction. I recommend the subject to your careful consideration, and hope you will give it the attention its merits deserve.

In conclusion, Princes, allow me to thank you sincerely for the many manifestations of your kindness and affection for me. My heart would be indeed cold, could I receive at your hands these evidences of your esteem, without being filled with corresponding emotions.

In return, I can only feebly say "I thank you," and urge upon you a spirit of union and concord. In all that we have done, I and you, each and all, I am sure, have labored for the good of masonry and of the Rite. Let us continue so to labor, to trust and to bear. If any should err, and to err is often easier than to do right, let the motive be considered, and above all let us have charity and affection for each other, believing that even when the actions of our brethren may be least satisfactory or agreeable to ourselves, the motive actuating him may be pure as our own. Finally, my brethen, love one another; and may He who governs all things, bless, preserve and guide us into all peace.

WM. LEFFINGWELL, *Grand Commander-in-Chief.*

A.

To Ill.·. Bro.·. Wm. Leffingwell, 32°, Grand Consistory &c., of the State of Iowa.

The undersigned would respectfully report, that at the recent special session of the Supreme Council held at St. Louis, on the 18th day of September, ult., he officially communicated to that Sovereign Body, the organization and constitution of the Grand Consistory, &c., for the State of Iowa.

The undersigned, with you, takes occasion to rejoice at the success that has thus far crowned his efforts to introduce and propagate the A.·. & A.·. Rite and establish its governing bodies in this state, in which he was of the first to do the same for the York Rite. To this end he has labored in season

and out of season, at much sacrifice of time, money and ease; all of which he counts as but little considering the end attained.

Praying that the Rite and the Consistory may prosper in your hands and that of your associates, he is truly,

T. S. PARVIN, 33°.

On motion, the address of the Sov.·. Grand Commander, with the accompanying papers, was referred to a committee, consisting of Ill.·. Bros.·. Guilbert, W. L. Smith and Woodward, for examination and report.

The Grand Registrar presented his report, which was accepted and approved.

GRAND REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

To the Very Ill.·. Commander-in-Chief and the Grand Consistory of the State of Iowa:

Your Grand Registrar begs leave to report that he has obtained the printing of an edition of your Statutes and Regulations at a cost of $71.15, the bill for which is herewith presented.

He has also obtained a seal, the impression of which is herewith submitted for the examination and approval of the Grand Consistory.

He has not yet obtained all the necessary blanks and books for his office, but expects to do so before the close of the present year. He has delayed in this from a desire to obtain such forms as the wisdom and experience of other Ill.·. Brothers shall have proven to be best suited for the purposes needed.

He would ask such appropriations for the needful expenses of his office for the ensuing year as your wisdom may deem practicable and for the best interests of the Rite.

W. B. LANGRIDGE, *Grand Registrar.*

The Grand Commander-in-Chief named the following Standing Committees:

On Law and Jurisprudence—Ill.·. Bros.·. R. F. Bower, W. B. Langridge, and W. E. Woodward.

On Finance—Ill.·. Bros.·. Horace Tuttle, D. B. Shelley and S. D. Welling.

On Subordinate Bodies—Ill.·. Bros.·. H. H. Griffiths, Guy Wells and Z. C. Luse.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Parvin, 33°, presented a report of the action of the S.·. G.·. Inspectors General for the State of Iowa, in the matter of the appointment of officers and adoption of a Code of Regulations for the Grand Consistory, which was as follows:

OFFICERS.

V.·. Ill.·. Bro.·. Wm. Leffingwell, 32°, Grand Commander-in-Chief.

" Pitkin C. Wright, 32°, Grand Seneschal.

V.·. Ill.·. Bro.·. J. W. Satterthwaite, 32°, Grand Preceptor.
" Lewis Kinsey, 32°, Grand Constable.
" John Givens, 32°, Grand Admiral.
" H. H. Griffiths, 32°, Grand Minister of State.
" C. S. Streeper, 32°, Grand Chancellor.
" W. E. Woodward, 32°, Grand Hospitaler and Almoner.
" W. B. Langridge, 32°, Grand Registrar and Keeper of Seals.
" W. M. Wells, Grand Treasurer.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Ill.·. Bro.·. ————————Primate.
" Geo. R. Foster, Master of Ceremonies.
" Guy Wells, Grand Expert.
" Simeon D. Welling, Assistant Grand Expert.
" Z. C. Luse, Bearer Vexillum Belli.
" Theodore Schreiner, Captain of Guards.
" Reuben Mickel, Chamberlain.
" Horace Tuttle, Grand Steward.

[For the Regulations, see Appendix.]

Ill.·. Bro.·. Parvin, 33°, proceeded to obligate and install the officers of the Grand Consistory, who then assumed their several stations.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief, in a speech full of fraternal affection and counsel, returned his acknowledgements to the Grand Consistory for the honor done him in his elevation to the important station entrusted to him; in which, while expressing fear of his being able to discharge the duties thereof with the ability and energy required, he promised his most faithful endeavors to that end.

On motion of Ill.·. Bro.·. Wright, 32°, Grand Seneschal, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Our Ill.·. Bro.·. Sir George F. Carpenter, 32°, and an officer of one of our Consistories, was murdered in Chicago, in April last; and whereas, Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, with all knightly courtesy, and with that emulation of old-time deeds of knightly emprise which has caused their well-earned fame to spread both far and wide, for acts of courtesy and pure beneficence, took charge of the body of our Ill.·. frater, cared for it, and with a knightly escort, sent it to his home in Davenport; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Consistory of A.·. & A.·. R.·. for Iowa, be given to Apollo Commandry No. 1, Knights Templar, for the promptness and gallantry with which they have illustrated the sublime principles of our order.

On motion of Ill.·. Bro.·. Parvin it was

Resolved, That the warrants of authority under which the several subordinate bodies are now working, issued by the Supreme Council or the Sov.· Grand Commander, be continued to the several bodies aforesaid, provided the same be properly *vised* by the Grand Registrar.

The Grand Registrar was ordered to print and distribute properly an edition of the proceedings of the present meeting of the Grand Consistory.

On request of the Grand Registrar, the Ill.·. Bros.·. Parvin, 33°, and the Grand Commander-in-Chief were appointed a committee to surpervise the printing of the same.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Guilbert, from the committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Consistory of the State of Iowa, A.·. & A.·. R.·.

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the MSS. of this excellent document, and have risen from its perusal with renewed respect and affection for our venerable chief, whose life, we trust, may long be spared to the craft in this state, with whom he has been so long and so intimately associated. In the elevated masonic sentiments expressed in the address, your committee cordially concur. With reference to the question of boundaries and jurisdiction, your committee are a unit on the opinion that in the event of there being no union effected between the Southern and the Northern Supreme Grand Councils, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota should be ceded to the Northern Jurisdiction, to which, by social, business and territorial ties, they are now so closely connected. We append certain resolutions expressive of these opinions. As to the organization of subordinate bodies of the Rite in this state, your committee fully agree with the Grand Commander-in-Chief, with regard to the necessity thereof, and we advise that unequivocal steps be promptly taken to carry the standard of the Rite into localities where it has not yet been displayed. Your committee cordially unite with the Grand Commander-in-Chief in the praise he so lavishly bestows upon Ill.·. Sov.·. Grand Inspector General Parvin, and we submit a resolution to give form and precision to this sentiment.

Trusting that the work now so auspiciously begun, may be continued in *wisdom*, may be supported by energetic *strength*, and may be adorned by the *beauty* with which pains-taking and enlightened masonic endeavor is ever surrounded, we respectfully submit this report and these resolutions:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Consistory the cause of Scottish Masonry would be subserved by a union of the Northern and Southern Supreme Grand Councils.

Resolved, That in the event of such a union not being effected, it is the opinion of this Grand Consistory, that Iowa should be ceded to the Northern Jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Consistory are due and hereby are fraternally tendered to Ill.·. Bro.·. T. S. Parvin, active Sov.·. Grand Inspector General, 33°, for his wise and effective labors on behalf of the A.·. & A.·. R.·. in this state.

GUILBERT,
WOODWARD. } *Committee.*

After some time passed in a fraternal interchange of opinion and sentiment, the box of fraternal assistance passed, and the Grand Consistory was duly closed in the peace and harmony of the sacred numbers.

WM. LEFFINGWELL, 32°,
Grand Commander-in-Chief.

W. B. Langridge, 32°, *Grand Registrar.*

RETURNS.

AT KEOKUK.

KEOKUK LODGE OF PERFECTION, NO. 1.

Robt. F. Bower, T. P. G. M.
David G. Anderson, M. E. S. G. W.
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Henry R. Woods, E. Almoner.
Benj. W. Davis, E. Treas.
Marcus W. Wescott, E. Sec.
George M. Seaton, M. C.
John Given, S. G. E.
Guy Wells, Jun. G. E.
Wm. E. Griswold, V. G. C. of H.
Thomas Heaight, E. G. Tyler.

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Campbell K. Peck, M. I. T.
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John Given, V. G. C. of T.
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D. G. Anderson, V. G. C. of G.
Thos. Heaight, T.

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Guy Wells, J. W.
C. K. Peck, Orator.
H. W. Woods, Almoner.
B. W. Davis, Treas.
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John Given, S. E.
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W. E. Griswold, G. of T.
Thos. Heaight, Tyler.

IOWA CONSISTORY, NO. 1, S. P. R. S.

Robert F. Bower, I. C.-in-C.
C. K. Peck, M. E. S. W.
Guy Wells, M. E. J. W.
John Given, M. E. P. Orator.

AT DESMOINES.

TABERNACLE LODGE OF PERFECTION, NO. 2.

Harry H. Griffiths, T. P. G. M.
Simeon D. Welling, M. E S. G. W.
Cyrus C. Carpenter, 18°, M. E. J. G. W.
Irving N. Thomas, E. Treas.
Cyrus A. Mosier, E. Sec.
Fernando A. Percival, E. M. C.
Samuel M. Good, R S. G. E.
Thos. Boyd, V. G. C. H.
R. C. McMillin, E. G. T.

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Lewis Kinsey, M. E. S. W.
Jeremiah B. Tiffin, M. E. J. W.
John A. Elliott, M. V. Orator.
Irving N. Thomas, Treas.
C. A. Mosier, Sec.
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R. C. McMillin, Tyler.

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EMANUEL CONSISTORY, NO. 2, S. P. R. S.

Joseph M. Griffiths, 33°, I. C.-in-C.

MEMBERS.—Wesley Redhead, Lewis Kinsey, Robert C. Hunter, Wm. M. Wells, Henry H. Griffiths, Simeon D. Welling, F. A. Percival, John A. Elliott, J B. Tiffin, David T. Miller, Samuel M. Good, C. A. Mosier, Rush C. Doty, Thomas Boyd, Irving N. Thomas, James C. Gibbs, R. C. McMillin, H. C. Plumb, J. H. Dykeman, N. L. Dykeman, William Alberts, Solomon Herzberg, S. Shulem, James R. Morton.

AT DAVENPORT.

MOUNT HOREB LODGE OF PERFECTION, NO. 3.

OFFICERS.

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William Craig, J. E.
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Seth P. Bryant, Orator.
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John W. Jamison, J. E.
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William C. Warriner, Tr. and Al.
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James T. Lane, M. of S.
J. Smith Conner, V. P.
Seth P. Bryant, M. of C.
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PARVIN LODGE OF PERFECTION, NO. 4.

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M. S. Robison, M. E. S. G. W.
H. Rouse, M. E. J. G. W.
E. A. Guilbert, 33°, E. G. Orator.
W. H. Robbins, E. G. Tr.
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E. A. Guilbert, 33°, Orator.
M. S. Robison, Al.
W. H. Robbins, Tr.
George R. Foster, Sec.
N. F. Webb, G. M. of C.
D. W. Hewitt, G. C. of T.
G. H. Fry, G. C. of H.
A. Christman, G. C. of G.

KEY CITY CHAPTER ROSE CROIX, NO. 4.

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George Bentley, J. W.
E. A. Guilbert, 33°, Orator.
L. L. Huntley, Al.
W. H. Robbins, Tr.
George R. Foster, Sec.
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A. Christman, S. E.
L. L. Huntley, J. E.
D. W. Hewitt, G. of T.
C. P. Kinsley, Tyler.

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N. F. Webb, V. E. P.
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H. H. Hemenway, E. and R. P.
M. S. Robinson, V. M. of C.
W. P. Allen, V. E.

G. L. Torbert, E. M. S.
L. L. Huntley, E. Al.
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G. H. Fry, V. Steward.
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William E. Marquis, J. G. W.
Theron R. Beers, G. K. of S. & G. T.
Samuel W. Baldwin, S. G. E.
Thomas F. Butterfield, J. G. E.
Charles W. Warner, G. C. of G.
Frederick Blakely, G. Orator.
George W. Parker, G. Almoner.
Frederick Born, G. M. of C.

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Samuel W. Baldwin, S. G. W.
George W. Parker, J. G. W.
Theron R. Beers, G. K. of S.
William E. Marquis, G. Treas.
Frederick Born, G. M. of C.
Frederick Blakeley, G. M. of E.
Thomas F. Butterfield, G. S.

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Pitkin C. Wright, M. W. M.
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Samuel W. Baldwin, Treasurer.
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George W. Parker, M. of C.

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GENERAL REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

POWERS.

This Grand Consistory shall have the sole power of constituting all bodies working degrees below the 31st to the 4th degree inclusive, of the Ancient-Accepted Scottish Rite, in the State of Iowa, and shall alone issue diplomas, briefs and patents, to the brethren possessing any of the degrees of this Rite below the 32d degree. It shall have the general supervision of the Rite in the State of Iowa, and may make all needful rules and regulations for the government of the same, and of the several bodies subordinate to it; provided they do not in any way conflict with the constitutions of 1762, those of 1786, of the Supreme Council under which this Grand Consistory is held, and the Ritual of the Rite, which are hereby adopted as the governing law of the Rite in this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE II.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

This Grand Consistory is composed of:

1st. All the Honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors General 33d degree, residing within the State of Iowa.

2d. The Commanders-in-Chief of Subordinate Consistories.

3d. Twenty-one Sublime Princes of the R.·. S.·. 32d degree, selected according to age, as Sublime Princes, by the Active and Honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors General resident in the state.

4th. Adjunct members to complete the whole number of the Grand Consistory, which is fixed at eighty-one. The adjunct members to be selected by the active members when in Consistorial session, taking them in the order of their ma-

sonic age as Sublime Princes, unless when some one is excluded by a majority of votes taken by a call of members.

5th. Of Emeriti and Honorary members selected in Consistorial Chamber.

All members of the Grand Consistory shall acknowledge the rightful jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa over the three symbolic degrees of masonry, and give due allegiance to that extent to said Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Grand Consistory shall be as follows:

1st. The Grand Commander-in-Chief.
2d. The First Lieutenant Commander or Grand Seneschal.
3d. The Second Lieutenant Commander or Grand Preceptor.
4th. The Grand Constable.
5th. The Grand Admiral.
6th. The Grand Minister of State.
7th. The Grand Chancellor.
8th. The Grand Hospitaler and Almoner.
9th. The Grand Registrar.
10th. The Grand Keeper of the Seal and Archives.
11th. The Grand Treasurer.
12th. The Primate.
13th. The Provost or Grand Master of Ceremonies.
14th. The Grand Expert.
15th. The Assistant Grand Expert.
16th. The Beausenifer.
17th. The Bearer of the Vexillum Belli.
18th. The Master of the Guards.
19th. The Chamberlain.
20th. The Grand Steward.
21st. The Aid-de-Camp of the Commander-in-Chief.

The duties of the 9th and 10th officers shall be discharged by the Grand Registrar.

Sec. 2. The president of this Grand Consistory is styled Grand Commander-in-Chief, and he is the Supreme Chief of all the bodies of the Ancient-Accepted Scottish Rite in the state of Iowa. He is, *ex officio*, president of all committees of this Grand Consistory, and is hereby empowered to grant any dispensation, not conflicting with the general statutes of the order, and of the Supreme Council at Charleston, S. C., and on the 27th of December of each year, or at the biennial Grand Communication, he shall make a full report of the transactions of this Grand Consistory since the last stated meeting, and of all facts that he may deem of interest to this Grand Consistory, or the order at large. He shall have the power to grant dispensations to any number of BB.·., not less than seven, for the formation of new bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction, petitions for said dispensations being accompanied by proper certificates of the good standing of the petitioners, and being duly recommended by a body of equal degree under this jurisdiction. He shall also have power to call special meetings of the Grand Consistory whenever he shall deem it necessary. He shall also have power to draw upon the Treasurer during the recess of the Grand Consistory for an amount not exceeding fifty dollars in any one case of distress.

Sec. 3. In the absence or inability to act, of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, the First Lieutenant Commander shall perform his duties, and, in his absence, the Second Lieutenant Commander shall perform said duties.

Sec. 4. The Grand Constable, assisted by the Grand Admiral, will have the general command whenever the Grand Consistory shall move in procession or review, and it will be their especial province at all times to enforce discipline and subordination, and see that the views of the Commander-in-Chief are at all times carried out, and the regulations of the order properly enforced.

Sec. 5. The Grand Minister of State is one of the privy counsellors of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, and includes the office of Grand Orator. In all important questions of de-

bate, it will be his special duty to state his opinion before the same is put to vote. In trials before the G.·. I.·. I.·. G.·.s he will represent the Grand Consistory, and pronounce his conclusions before judgment, and give opinion on all questions of masonic law that may be referred to him. It is his province to pronounce such discourse to visitors of distinction, to Princes newly received, to the Grand Consistory on solemn occasions, and in honor of the dead, as may be required by the customs of the order, and as directed by competent authority.

Sec. 6. The Grand Chancellor is one of the Privy Counsellors of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, and through him he will issue his edicts and promulgate his decisions. He will cause to be prepared all diplomas, briefs, patents, letters of credence and of constitution, and other balusters. He will see that they are in due form, and contain the necessary conditions, and will authenticate them with his signature. He will draft new regulations and statutes, and give form to the decisions, judgments and decrees of the Grand Consistory, and of administration to the Grand Commander-in-Chief. He will examine the statutes and work of all subordinate bodies; he will conduct all correspondence with other Grand Consistories, and domestic and foreign grand bodies; he will cause to be prepared the transactions of the Grand Consistory for publication, and in other respects perform the functions of Prime Minister to the Grand Commander-in-Chief and organ of the Grand Consistory, and will perform such other duties as are enjoined in the installation ceremonies and the rituals of our order.

Sec. 7. The Grand Hospitaler or Almoner shall, on behalf of this Grand Consistory, visit all the members thereof who may suffer from sickness or misfortune, in order that all proper and advisable means may be taken by this Grand Consistory to relieve the same.

Sec. 8. The Grand Registrar shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of this Grand Consistory; receive and take charge of all papers and proceedings that are to be laid

before it, and present them in due time; turn over to the Grand Keeper of the Seals and Archives such as are proper to be kept in his custody; register all balusters sent from the Grand Consistory, and all briefs, patents, certificates and letters patent, of whatever kind; and upon proper application make out and furnish certified copies of entries and records, and cause them to be authenticated by the great seal of the G.·. C.·.; he will make out and transmit all returns and reports, to the Supreme Council, in due time and season; he will receive all moneys for the G.·. C.·., receipt for the same and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer. These and other duties of the Secretariat he shall perform, and such others, named under the duty of Grand Chancellor, as may be ordered by that officer, or the Grand Commander-in-Chief; and he shall receive for his services such compensation as to the Grand Consistory shall appear just.

Sec. 9. The Grand Keeper of the Seals and Archives shall be the custodian of the great seal of the G.·. C.·., which it will be his duty to affix to all documents issued by it requiring to be sealed, and to all copies of its records, edicts, decrees, &c.; he will prepare, seal and deliver copies of such records and papers in his custody as may be desired by proper authority; and he will be the librarian of the G.·. C.·.

The duties of this officer may be performed, with his consent, by the Grand Registrar, under the approval of the Grand Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 10. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the hand of the Grand Registrar, and shall give a receipt for the same. He shall keep a correct account of said moneys, and pay out the same to the order of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, countersigned by the Grand Registrar. He shall keep all moneys, and all such bonds, notes and other securities as may come into his hands as Grand Treasurer, in a regular chartered bank, within the state. On the 27th day of December, of each year, he shall make a full and correct statement of the department under his charge, and present the same, with his vouchers, to this Grand Consistory.

Sec. 11. The Primate shall perform the duties of Chaplain in the Grand Consistory, and offer up prayers and invocations on all proper occasions.

Sec. 12. The Provost, or Grand Master of Ceremonies, shall perform all duties which relate to the various ceremonies of the regular sessions of this Grand Consistory. He shall also accompany the candidate in his initiation, or affiliation, introduce visitors, and see that no one enters this Grand Consistory until after due examination, and with proper regalia. He shall carry the dispatches of the Grand Commander-in-Chief to the members or visitors of this Grand Consistory, both in and out of this Grand Consistory, and the better to enable him to perform the several duties, the Grand and Assistant-Grand Experts, the Chamberlain and Grand Steward shall be his assistants.

Sec. 13. The duties of Grand and Assistant-Grand Expert are analagous to those of Senior and Junior Deacons of a Lodge.

The Grand Expert receives orders from the Grand Commander-in-Chief. He examines such visitors as it is found necessary to interrogate and prove; and, with the assistance of the Assistant-Grand Expert, examines and prepares all candidates.

The Assistant-Grand Expert receives his orders from the First Lieutenant Grand Commander. Both are conservators of order in the Grand Consistory, and are at the orders of the Provost or Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Sec. 14. The Beausenifer is the bearer of the Beauseant of the Grand Consistory.

The Bearer of the Vexillum Belli is the bearer of the war-banner or battle flag.

Sec. 15. The Master of the Guards. It shall be his special duty to guard the entrance to the Consistorial Chamber, and he shall receive his orders from the First Lieutenant Grand Commander. In matters of discipline, he shall receive and obey the orders of the Grand Constable, to whom he will promptly report any disobedience of orders; he will, at each convocation, receive and communicate the watchwords of the day.

Sec. 16. The Grand Chamberlain shall have the Consistorial Chamber and its furniture in his charge; and he will see that it contains all the proper articles and decorations, and that they are kept in proper repair and fit condition. The lights are in his special charge; he will see that the apartments are properly arranged for receptions, and for ordinary sessions; the Grand Tyler is subject to his orders for these purposes.

Sec. 17. It shall be the duty of the Grand Steward, under the direction of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, to provide for and make all the necessary preparation for the feasts and refections of the Grand Consistory.

Sec. 18. Aid-de-Camp. The duties of this officer assimilate to that of a military officer of the same grade; he will, therefore, perform such duties as shall be assigned to him by the Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 19. The Grand Tyler shall keep the premises in perfect order, and be in attendance at the gate of the camp at every session; he will hold himself at the disposal of the officers of the Grand Consistory, especially of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, Master of Ceremonies and Grand Chamberlain, under whose directions he shall fit up the camp; he shall promptly present, to be signed by the proper officers, all patents and documents entrusted to him for that purpose, and shall deliver all summons to members of this Grand Consistory; and for his services shall receive such compensation as may be voted him by the Grand Consistory. He may employ BB.·. to assist him *only* with the permission of the Commander-in-Chief.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The election of officers of this Grand Consistory shall be held biennially at the stated meeting.

Sec. 2. The first named eleven officers of the Grand Consistory shall be elected by ballot; the others appointed by the Grand Commander-in-Chief.

SEC. 3. The election of officers in subordinate bodies shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the Supreme Council.

SEC. 4. The first five officers of all subordinate bodies shall be elected by ballot; the others as they may severally determine.

SEC. 5. The Secretaries of the several bodies under this jurisdiction shall, within two weeks after every election, furnish the Grand Registrar with a full and correct list of the officers elected.

SEC. 6. The officers elect in all the bodies of this jurisdiction shall be installed immediately after said election, unless it be determined otherwise by special resolution, at said session or meeting.

SEC. 7. Immediately after the installation, the presiding officer of each body subordinate to this Grand Consistory shall appoint a Committee of Finance, whose duty it shall be to examine the reports and vouchers of the Treasurer and Chancellor, or Secretary, and all such matters as may be referred to them, and at the end of the year they shall make a full report of the financial affairs, and suggest such measures as they may deem necessary.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. Immediately after the installation of the officers of this Grand Consistory, the presiding officer shall appoint the following standing committees, as provided for by article 22, section 9, Grand Constitutions of 1866:

I. On Law and Jurisprudence—composed of one member of the 33d degree, and two of the 32d, to whom are to be added the active members of the Supreme Council resident in the state.

II. On Correspondence—of three members.

III. On Finance and Accounts—of three members.

IV. On Subordinate Bodies—of three members.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Law and Jurisprudence shall report upon all questions of Masonic law and usage which

may arise in this jurisdiction, and which shall have been referred to them for examination by the Grand Commander or the Grand Consistory, in the form of an expression of opinion.

Sec. 3. The Committee on Correspondence shall examine the written and printed reports of all bodies of the A.·. A.·. Rite outside of the jurisdiction of this Grand Consistory, and report at the annual meeting in September.

Sec. 4. The Committee on Finance and Accounts shall, annually, examine the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Registrar, and make a full report of the financial affairs of the Grand Consistory, suggesting such measures as they may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. The Committee on Subordinate Bodies shall carefully examine all returns, proceedings, by-laws, correspondence, etc., received by the Grand Chancellor or Grand Registrar, from the various subordinate bodies in this jurisdiction, and report such irregularities as may appear, and annex to their reports resolutions expressing any action they may deem necessary by the Grand Consistory.

Sec. 6. Each committee shall report in writing, on all matters referred to it, as speedily as possible.

ARTICLE VI.

STATED SESSIONS OR MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. (*a.*) The stated sessions of this Grand Consistory shall be held at Des Moines on the first Tuesday of September, A. D. 1870, and *biennially* thereafter.

(*b.*) Special sessions may be held at such times and places as shall be ordered by the first three Grand Officers with the approval of the active 33d.

Sec. 2. The proceedings of the Biennial Communication must be published as soon thereafter as possible, and shall be conducted as follows, being opened in the 32d degree:

Approval of the minutes.

Report of Committee on Subordinate Bodies on credentials of delegates from the different bodies of the Rite.

Address of the Grand Commander-in-Chief.

Reports of Lieutenant Commanders.

Reports of Grand Chancellor, Grand Registrar, Grand Treasurer, and other officers and committees, in the order of their appointment.

The Grand Consistory shall be opened in the 14th, 16th and 18th degree, and the first three officers as delegates, admitted from the Lodges of Perfection, Councils of PP.·. of Jerusalem, and Chapters of Rose Croix, under its jurisdiction, when reports and representations from each shall be listened to and acted upon.

Charters for subordinate bodies shall only be authorized at this Grand Communication.

Sec. 3. The meetings, feast days and days of election of officers of all subordinate bodies in this jurisdiction shall be those specified in the Constitutions of the Supreme Council of 1866, and those specified in their respective by-laws and rituals.

ARTICLE VII.

QUORUMS.

The number of members to form a quorum for the transaction of business, shall be:

For the Grand Consistory—nine.

For Chapters of Rose Croix—seven.

For Councils of Princes of Jerusalem—five.

For Lodges of Perfection—seven.

ARTICLE VIII.

FEES.

Sec. 1. Consistories shall not charge less than $60, for the degrees from the 19th to the 32d inclusive, nor Chapters of Rose Croix less than $30, nor Council of Princes of Jerusalem less than $10, nor Lodges of Perfection less than $30 for initiation into the same.

In cases where Chapters of Rose Croix exercise a control from the 4th to the 18th Degree, inclusive, they shall not charge for initiation a less sum than $70.

Sec. 2. There shall be no fee for affiliation in this Grand Consistory.

SEC. 3. The price of a charter for a Lodge of Perfection is fixed at.....$20

Of a Charter for a Council of Princes of Jerusalem at 5

Of Letters-Capitular for a Chapter of Rose Croix at 15

Of Constitutions for a Consistory at..... 25

One-half to be paid on issuing a dispensation, and the remainder on receiving a charter.

ARTICLE IX.

DUES AND RETURNS.

SEC. 1. The following dues shall be paid to this Grand Consistory by the several subordinate bodies, to-wit:

Consistories.....$10.00

Chapters of Rose Croix..... 3.00

Councils of Princes of Jerusalem..... 2.00

Lodges of Perfection..... 5.00

for each member initiated in the highest degree, in these bodies respectively.

SEC. 2. The dues for membership from subordinate bodies to this Grand Consistory shall be one dollar per year for each member borne upon its register.

SEC. 3. All subordinate bodies under this jurisdiction shall make annual returns to this Grand Consistory, as per blanks to be furnished by the Grand Registrar, enumerating the names of their officers and members, with their masonic grade, with the date of their initiations, affiliations, dimissions, expulsions, suspensions, and deaths; the number and dates of meetings held during the year, and the amount of the dues of said bodies. The said returns to be made up to the 31st of December of each year.

SEC. 4. Blanks for said returns shall be furnished to all the bodies under this jurisdiction on application to the Grand Registrar, one month before said returns are due by said bodies.

SEC. 5. Any masonic body under this jurisdiction, neglecting to make its annual returns and pay its dues to this Grand Consistory, for the space of two years, shall forfeit its charter,

letters-capitular, or constitutions, as the case may be; and it shall be the duty of the presiding officer of said body, to deliver to this Grand Consistory the archives, furniture and charter, letters-capitular, or constitutions of said body.

Sec. 6. The annual returns must be sent to the Grand Registrar by the seventh day of January of each year.

ARTICLE X.

BY-LAWS.

Sec. 1. All subordinate bodies under this jurisdiction shall have the right to make their own by-laws, provided they shall be in accordance with the general statutes of the Order, the constitutions of the Supreme Council, and the regulations of this Grand Consistory; but the same shall not go into effect until they shall have been approved by this Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE XI.

INITIATION AND AFFILIATION.

Sec. 1. The fee for initiation or affiliation must in all cases be paid before the ceremony, nor shall credit in any case be given for said fees by this Grand Consistory or the subordinate bodies under its jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. The ballotings in all cases to be conducted in accordance with article XXX, Grand Constitutions of 1866.

Sec. 3. When a petition for initiation has been rejected, the petitioner shall not apply again to any body of the Rite under six months.

Sec. 4. The rejection of a petition for affiliation shall not affect the good standing of the applicant; and he shall have the right to petition as before said rejection.

Sec. 5. No member of any masonic body of this Rite shall expose or make known his ballot, nor shall he ask another how he balloted.

Sec. 6. Nor shall any member of any of the various bodies of this Rite give the least information to any person, not

a member thereof, concerning the rejection or postponement of the ballot in any case, other than the official information of rejection by the proper officer.

Sec. 7. No candidate shall receive the 30th degree unless he shall be twenty-five years of age.

Sec. 8. No member of a subordinate body of this jurisdiction shall be an active member of more than one body of the same degree.

Sec. 9. Every petition for initiation or affiliation in this Grand Consistory shall be in writing, be signed by the applicant, stating his age, occupation and residence, with his highest masonic rank; and shall be recommended by at least three members of this Grand Consistory, and shall also be accompanied with a certificate of good standing from the Consistory or Council of Kadosh to which he last belonged, or good and sufficient reasons, made in writing, why the same could not be done. It shall be read, and if no objection be made, it shall be referred to a committee of three, for investigation. After said committee shall have reported, this Grand Consistory may proceed to act thereon.

Sec. 10. All petitions to the subordinate bodies of this jurisdiction for initiation or affiliation shall be made in writing, be signed by the applicant, stating his age, place of birth, occupation, residence and his highest masonic rank, and be recommended by at least two members of the body applied to; and shall be accompanied with a certificate of good standing from the body to which he last belonged, or good and sufficient reasons, made in writing, why the same could not be done. Then, if no objection be made, the same shall be read and referred to a committee of three members of said body, to inquire into and report upon the character and merits of said applicant. Nor shall a ballot be taken on the same in less than one month from the date of its reception. After one month has elapsed and the committee have reported on the application, then said body may proceed to ballot thereon.

ARTICLE XII.

TRIALS IN GENERAL.

SEC. 1. All trials of members of the 31st and 32d degrees and all appeals from subordinate bodies, shall be had before the Supreme Tribunal, 31st degree; and its decision shall be final in all cases of appeal from subordinate bodies.

SEC. 2. When a trial shall have taken place in the Supreme Tribunal, its decision shall be transmitted by the Chancellor thereof to the Grand Consistory.

SEC. 3. The Grand Consistory shall then proceed to deliver the sentence, through the Grand Commander-in-Chief, and cause the Grand Registrar to notify the various bodies under this jurisdiction, within one month after said sentence shall have been passed.

SEC. 4. After the trial and sentence the accused may appeal to the Supreme Council, by notifying the Grand Chancellor to that effect, in writing, within ten days after said sentence, or at a future time, by and with the unanimous consent of the Grand Consistory at a stated session.

SEC. 5. Whenever the Grand Chancellor shall receive notice of appeal, as per section 4, the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall order the Supreme Tribunal to reduce to writing all such testimony as may not have been written on the trial, and cause the Chancellor of said Supreme Tribunal to forward the same, together with a copy of all the proceedings had in said trial, and with all the documents appertaining thereto, and the decisions thereon, to the Grand Chancellor, who shall transmit the same to the Secretary General of the Supreme Council, 33d degree, with a copy of the appeal.

SEC. 6. Should a verdict of expulsion or suspension by a subordinate body be reversed by this Grand Consistory, it shall not restore the party to full membership, unless by a unanimous vote of the body appealed from; but he shall be restored to good standing in the body at large.

SEC. 7. In case the two first officers of a body under this jurisdiction should be accused at the same time, the officer next in rank, or the Grand Commander-in-Chief, shall bring the charges against them in this Grand Consistory.

Sec. 8. All bodies under this jurisdiction shall have the right to take cognizance of any violation of the General Statutes of the Order, of the Regulations of this Grand Consistory, and of their own By-Laws, by members of said bodies, or by sojourning brethren within their jurisdiction.

Sec. 9. Should any masonic body under this jurisdiction, or a member or members of the same, at any time renounce their allegiance to this Grand Consistory, or openly resist the regulations or edicts thereof, this Grand Consistory, or if it be during the recess of this Grand Consistory, the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall suspend from all the privileges of the Rite such body, member or members, until the next stated session of this Grand Consistory; when, upon proof being made before the Supreme Tribunal, of the act, or acts, for which said suspension was made, the Supreme Tribunal shall decide and determine such punishment against said body, member or members, as two-thirds of the members present shall deem the case to require.

Sec. 10. Should a member of any body of the Rite be expelled or suspended during his absence from the State, without having been notified of the charges made against him, he may demand a new trial, by serving in writing, on the Secretary of said body, a notice to that effect, within one month after his return to the State.

Sec. 11. No member of a subordinate body under this jurisdiction, when expelled, shall be restored to membership, except by this Grand Consistory, and then only on the recommendation of the body expelling him.

Sec. 12. When charges are preferred against a sojourning brother, his trial shall take place in the same manner as if he were a member of the body in whose jurisdiction he is.

Sec. 13. Any member of a body in this jurisdiction who shall be expelled or suspended by his Lodge, or by any masonic body under this jurisdiction, shall be expelled or suspended by all the bodies of this jurisdiction, of which he is a member.

ARTICLE XIII.

TRIALS IN THE THIRTY-FIRST AND THIRTY-SECOND DEGREES.

SEC. 1. Whenever charges are preferred against a member of the 31st or 32d degree, they shall be in writing, fully specifying the act or acts complained of, and be accompanied by a list of the witnesses, with their residences.

SEC. 2. The charges shall be handed to the Grand Commander-in-Chief, who, should he deem them frivolous in their nature, shall report the same to this Grand Consistory, at its next session; but should he deem them of a grave character, he shall immediately refer them to a committee of three members of this Grand Consistory, with instructions to examine into the circumstances of the same, and report upon the necessity of a trial in said case. Should the committee report a trial necessary, he shall order the Grand Registrar to serve a copy of the charges on the accused, together with an order to reply in writing to the same within ten days, and to furnish a list of the witnesses he may wish examined, and their residences.

SEC. 3. Should any of the witnesses of either party not be Masons in good standing, the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall apppoint a committee of three members to take said testimony; and the same shall be taken under oath, and be signed by said witness. The committee shall notify the parties of the time and place of taking said testimony. Each party shall have the right to be present at said examination and question said witnesses. When said testimony shall have been taken, the committee shall return it, under their certificate, to the Grand Registrar, who shall notify the Grand Commander-in-Chief of the fact. Then the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall order the Grand Registrar to summon the parties, and the witnesses who are Masons, to attend on a specified day, and to summon the Grand Consistory and Supreme Tribunal to meet on the day appointed for the trial.

SEC. 4. On the day appointed, the Supreme Tribunal, having been furnished with all the documents referring to the trial, by the Grand Registrar, shall proceed to summon before

it the parties and witnesses; and all such as are Masons shall be examined on their highest masonic obligation; the parties themselves, or through the Defender, or any other member possessing at least the 31st degree, appointed by them, may question and cross-question said witnesses.

Sec. 5. After the witnesses present shall have been examined, and all the testimony heard, the accused may be heard in his defense, either by himself or through the Defender, or any other member possessing at least the 31st degree, and selected by him. But no debate of any kind, on the part of the members of the Supreme Tribunal, shall be allowed, always excepting such inquiries as may be necessary to a correct understanding of the testimony adduced. When the accused shall have been heard, in his defense, he and others, not members of the 31st degree, shall retire; and the Supreme Tribunal shall immediately proceed to vote on the guilt or innocence of the accused, taking a separate vote on each specific charge.

Sec. 6. It shall require a majority of all the votes cast to convict, three-fourths to expel, two-thirds to suspend, and a majority to reprove or reprimand.

Sec. 7. Should the accused be found guilty, the vote shall immediately be taken on the degree of punishment to be inflicted, and in the following order:

1st. Expulsion.
2d. Indefinite Suspension.
3d. Suspension for a definite period.
4th. Reproof or Reprimand.

Sec. 8. When the decision is made and recorded, the Supreme Tribunal shall transmit its decision to the Grand Consistory, as per section 2, article xii.

Sec. 9. In all cases where the accused shall refuse to answer, or cannot be found, the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall appoint a member to appear for him, and the proceedings shall go on as if the accused were present.

ARTICLE XIV.

TRIALS IN SUBORDINATE BODIES.

SEC. 1. All charges made against a member of a subordinate body under this jurisdiction, must be made in writing, clearly specifying the offense complained of, be signed by the party making said charge, and contain a list of the witnesses, with their residences.

SEC. 2. The same shall be presented to the presiding officer of the body of which the accused is a member, who shall submit the charges to a committee of three members of said body.

SEC. 3. The committee shall investigate the matter, and if the subject of the accusation be a personal quarrel between the accused and other members of the Order, said committee shall endeavor to reconcile the parties; should they fail to do so, or the charges be of such a nature as to require the action of the body, then the committee shall report accordingly.

SEC. 4. Should the committee report a trial necessary, the Secretary of the body shall serve upon the accused a copy of the charges, and summon him to appear and answer in writing to said charges, within ten days from the time said summons was served on him, and to furnish the names and residences of such witnesses as he may wish examined in his defence.

SEC. 5. After the expiration of the ten days aforesaid, whether the accused shall have answered or not, the body shall fix a time for the trial, and shall summon all the members of said body in its jurisdiction, the party accused, and all the witnesses who are Masons, to appear at the time appointed.

SEC. 6. Should there be witnesses who are not Masons, or who can not attend, then the presiding officer of said body shall cause their testimony to be taken, in accordance with section 3d, article xiii.

SEC. 7. At the time fixed upon, the trial shall commence, and after the charges have been read, and when all the testimony of the witnesses named, and of such others as will have been introduced, shall have been heard, the accused shall be

heard in his defense, or he may employ some other brother to speak for him; after which he shall retire and the body proceed at once, without debate, to vote on the guilt or innocence of the party accused; taking a separate vote on each specific charge: a majority of the votes cast being required to convict.

SEC. 8. Should the party be found guilty, then the vote for punishment shall be in accordance with sections 6 and 7 of article xiii.

SEC. 9. When the decision is made, the Secretary of said body shall immediately forward a copy of the same to the Grand Registrar, who shall give notice thereof, as per section 3, of article xi.

SEC. 10. After the sentence shall have been passed, the party sentenced may appeal to this Grand Consistory, by giving to the Secretary of the body by which he has been sentenced written notice to that effect, within ten days after said sentence shall have been passed.

SEC. 11. On receiving notice of an appeal as per section 10, the presiding officer of said body shall cause any testimony, not in writing at the trial, to be so taken and signed by the witnesses, and cause the Secretary of the body to forward to the Grand Registrar all the documents used in said trial, together with the testimony and a copy of the decision thereon, and a copy of the appeal.

SEC. 12. No appeal shall be allowed, when the party sentenced shall permit ten days to pass without giving the required notice, unless in case of absence from the city.

SEC. 13. Whenever the party accused cannot be found, or refuses to appear, the presiding officer of the body shall appoint one of the members to act for him, and who shall represent him in said proceeding.

SEC. 14. No subordinate body shall publish the expulsion, suspension, or other masonic punishment, otherwise than by the official notification to the Grand Registrar of this Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE XV.

PRIVILEGES AND HONORS.

SECTION 1. Precedence among bodies of the same degree shall depend exclusively upon the date of their warrants of Constitution, the eldest having precedence.

SEC. 2. Honorary members of the Supreme Council at Charleston shall have the right to vote on all matters in the various bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction—except at election of officers, on financial matters, and on by-laws—although they may not be members of the same.

SEC. 3. The members of this Grand Consistory shall have the rights expressed in section 2, in all the bodies under this jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. Active members of the Supreme Council at Charleston shall have the right to vote on all questions, in all the bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction.

SEC. 5. Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, 33d degree, have the right of being covered in all the bodies of this Rite.

SEC. 6. Honors to visitors shall be rendered as follows:

1st. For every Knight Rose-Croix, or Royal Arch of the York Rite, or members of the Grand Chapters or Grand Lodges of the United States, three lights and three swords.

2d. For every Knight Kadosh or Knight Templar, five lights and five swords.

3d. For every Grand Commander-in-Chief of a Grand Consistory, or honorary member of the Supreme Council at Charleston, and Grand Master of a Grand Lodge, seven lights and seven swords.

4th. For the Grand Commander-in-Chief of this Grand Consistory, and the active members of the Supreme Council at Charleston, nine lights and nine swords, steel arch and gavels beating.

5th. For the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council at Charleston, or his special delegate and proxy, eleven lights and eleven swords, steel arch and gavels beating.

SEC. 7. *Provided*, That no honors shall be rendered to any

Mason whose dignity or rank shall be only equal, or inferior to, that of the presiding officer of the body he visits.

ARTICLE XVI.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Whenever a S.·. P.·. 32d degree, active member of this Grand Consistory, shall absent himself from two consecutive stated meetings of the Grand Body, without making personally, or in writing, an excuse satisfactory to this Grand Consistory, he shall forfeit his active membership and may be made an honorary member, at his option, of the Grand Consistory, and his place on the active member list filled at the next stated session.

SEC. 2. An active member who resigns his seat by reason of age, infirmity, or for other causes deemed good by the Grand Consistory, may be elected an Emeritus member, and will be exempt from dues, and possess the privilege of proposing members, and being heard in debate, but not of voting.

In all cases of election of Emeriti members, the vote must be unanimous and be taken *viva voce.*

SEC. 3. Adjunct and honorary members will be entitled to seats in the Consistorial Chamber, and being heard in debate; the adjunct members taking the place of absent active members, according to their masonic age.

ARTICLE XVII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 1. A member of any body of this Rite may dimit therefrom by notifying said body in writing, at a stated meeting; provided he shall have paid up his dues to the day of said meeting, and no charges be against him.

SEC. 2. Any member of this Rite, not a member of a regular body of the Order and of a Blue Lodge, who shall remain in this jurisdiction for more than twelve months, without applying to affiliate with a body of this Rite, and a Blue Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, he being able to pay the fees and dues of the same, shall be, *ipso facto*, declared suspended from all the benefits and privileges of the Rite.

Sec. 3. All bodies of this jurisdiction shall be convened by their respective Presidents, at the request of an active member of the Supreme Council at Charleston, or of three active members of this Grand Consistory, or five active members of said bodies.

Sec. 4. All reports to this Grand Consistory shall be in writing, and, if from a committee, shall be signed by a majority of the same.

Sec. 5. Diplomas shall be issued by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Registrar to members of subordinate bodies, upon certificate of good standing from the Chancellor or Secretary thereof, and upon the payment of dollars, dollar of which shall revert to the Grand Consistory.

Sec. 6. A motion to reconsider, made and seconded by members voting in the majority, at the same session or meeting, may be entertained upon any question, except upon rejection of candidates.

Sec. 7. All bodies created by this Grand Consistory shall be inaugurated by the Grand Consistory, or by its delegates.

Sec. 8. All bodies under this jurisdiction shall be visited and inspected, at least once a year, by a committee *ad hoc* from this Grand Consistory, or by special deputies appointed by the Grand Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 9. The Hebrew Calendar being the Calendar of the Ancient-Accepted Scottish Rite, all documents and the minutes of this Grand Consistory, and of bodies under its jurisdiction, shall be dated thereby, and with the corresponding date of the vulgar era.

Sec. 10. Any amendment to these regulations must be offered in writing, at a stated session. It shall be read, and then laid over till the next stated session, when the same shall be discussed, and, if it receive two-thirds of the votes of the members present at said session, adopted.

Read, discussed, and adopted this 14th day of the month Sivan, A.·.M.·., 5628, corresponding to the 3d day of June, V.·.E.·., 1868.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR STATED SESSIONS.

1st. Calling Roll of Officers.

2d. Reading and approval of Minutes.

3d. Reports of Officers and action thereon.

4th. Reports of Standing Committees and action thereon.

5th. Reports of Special Committees and action thereon.

6th. Propositions for Membership or Degrees.

7th. Voting for Candidates.

8th. Unfinished business of previous sessions.

9th. New business.

10th. Conferring Degrees.

This order of business may be changed at any stated session, if the Grand Commander shall deem it expedient and proper.

HEBREW CALENDAR FOR TEN YEARS,

From 1st Tisri A.·. M.·., 5629, corresponding to 17th September, 1868, V.·.E.·., to 1st Tisri, A.·.M.·. 5639, corresponding to September 28th, 1879, V.·.E.·., indicating the first and last day of each Hebrew month, with the corresponding dates of the Vulgar Era.

(From the Jewish Calendar of C. H. Lindo, London, 1838.)

5629—354 Days.		5630—385 Days.	
1 Tisri,	17 Sept., 1868.	1 Tisri,	6 Sept., 1869.
30 "	16 Oct., "	30 "	5 Oct., "
1 Hesvan,	17 " "	1 Hesvan,	6 " "
29 "	14 Nov., "	30 "	4 Nov., "
1 Kislev,	15 " "	1 Kislev,	5 " "
30 "	14 Dec., "	30 "	4 Dec., "
1 Tebet,	15 " "	1 Tebet,	5 " "
29 "	12 Jan., 1869.	29 "	2 Jan., 1870.
1 Sebat,	13 " "	1 Sebat,	3 " "
30 "	11 Feb., "	30 "	1 Feb., "
1 Adar,	12 " "	1 Adar,	2 " "
29 "	12 March, "	30 "	3 March, "
1 Nisan,	13 " "	1 Veadar,	4 " "
30 "	11 April, "	29 "	1 April, "
1 Yiar,	12 " "	1 Nisan,	2 " "
29 "	10 May, "	30 "	1 May, "
1 Sivan,	11 " "	1 Yiar,	2 " "
30 "	9 June, "	29 "	30 " "
1 Tamuz,	10 " "	1 Sivan,	31 " "
29 "	8 July, "	30 "	29 June, "
1 Ab,	9 " "	1 Tamuz,	30 " "
30 "	7 Aug., "	29 "	28 July, "
1 Elul,	8 " "	1 Ab,	29 " "
29 "	5 Sept., "	30 "	27 Aug., "
		1 Elul,	28 " "
		29 "	25 Sept., "

1869.		1870.	
Maunday-Thursday,	25th Mch.	Maunday-Thursday,	14th Apr.
Good Friday,	26th "	Good Friday,	15th "
Easter Sunday,	28th "	Easter Sunday,	17th "
Ascension-Day,	6th May.	Ascension-Day,	26th May.

5631—355 Days.			5632—383 Days.		
1 Tisri,	26 Sept.,	1870.	1 Tisri,	16 Sept.,	1871.
30 "	25 Oct.,	"	30 "	15 Oct.,	"
1 Hesvan,	26 "	"	1 Hesvan,	16 "	"
30 "	24 Nov.,	"	29 "	13 Nov.,	"
1 Kislev,	25 "	"	1 Kislev,	14 "	"
30 "	24 Dec.,	"	29 "	12 Dec.,	"
1 Tebet,	25 "	"	1 Tebet,	13 "	"
29 "	22 Jan.,	1871.	29 "	10 Jan.,	1872.
1 Sebat,	23 "	"	1 Sebat,	11 "	"
30 "	21 Feb.,	"	30 "	9 Feb.,	"
1 Adar,	22 "	"	1 Adar,	10 "	"
29 "	22 March,	"	30 "	10 March,	"
1 Nisan,	23 "	"	1 Veadar,	11 "	"
30 "	21 April,	"	29 "	8 April,	"
1 Yiar,	22 "	"	1 Nisan,	9 "	"
29 "	20 May,	"	30 "	8 May,	"
1 Sivan,	21 "	"	1 Yiar,	9 "	"
30 "	19 June,	"	29 "	6 June,	"
1 Tamuz,	20 "	"	1 Sivan,	7 "	"
29 "	18 July,	"	30 "	6 July,	"
1 Ab,	19 "	"	1 Tamuz,	7 "	"
30 "	17 Aug.,	"	29 "	4 Aug.,	"
1 Elul,	18 "	"	1 Ab,	5 "	"
29 "	15 Sept.,	"	30 "	3 Sept.,	"
			1 Elul,	4 "	"
			29 "	2 Oct.,	"

1871.		1872.	
Maunday-Thursday,	6th Apr.	Maunday-Thursday,	28th Mch.
Good Friday,	7th "	Good Friday,	29th "
Easter Sunday,	9th "	Easter Sunday,	31st "
Ascension Day,	18th "	Ascension Day,	9th May.

5633—354 Days.				5634—355 Days.			
1	Tisri,	3 Oct.,	1872.	1	Tisri,	22 Sept.,	1873.
30	"	1 Nov.,	"	30	"	21 Oct.,	"
1	Hesvan,	2 "	"	1	Hesvan,	22 "	"
29	"	30 "	"	30	"	20 Nov.,	"
1	Kislev,	1 Dec.,	"	1	Kislev,	21 "	"
30	"	30 "	"	30	"	20 Dec.,	"
1	Tebet,	31 "	"	1	Tebet,	21 "	"
29	"	28 Jan.,	1873.	29	"	18 Jan.,	1874.
1	Sebat,	29 "	"	1	Sebat,	19 "	"
30	"	27 Feb.,	"	30	"	17 Feb.,	"
1	Adar,	28 "	"	1	Adar,	18 "	"
29	"	28 March,	"	29	"	18 March,	"
1	Nisan,	29 "	"	1	Nisan,	19 "	"
30	"	27 April,	"	30	"	17 April,	"
1	Yiar,	28 "	"	1	Yiar,	18 "	"
29	"	26 May,	"	29	"	16 May,	"
1	Sivan,	27 "	"	1	Sivan,	17 "	"
30	"	25 June,	"	30	"	15 June,	"
1	Tamuz,	26 "	"	1	Tamuz,	16 "	"
29	"	24 July,	"	29	"	14 July,	"
1	Ab,	25 "	"	1	Ab,	15 "	"
30	"	23 Aug.,	"	30	"	10 Aug.,	"
1	Elul,	24 "	"	1	Elul,	11 "	"
29	"	21 Sept.,	"	29	"	11 Sept.,	"

1873.		1874.	
Maunday-Thursday,	10th Apr.	Maunday-Thursday,	2d April.
Good Friday,	11th "	Good Friday,	3d "
Easter Sunday,	13th "	Easter Sunday,	5th "
Ascension Day,	22d May.	Ascension Day,	14th May.

5635—383 Days.

1	Tisri,	12 Sept.,	1874.
30	"	11 Oct.,	"
1	Hesvan,	12 "	"
29	"	9 Nov.,	"
1	Kislev,	10 "	"
29	"	8 Dec.,	"
1	Tebet,	9 "	"
29	"	6 Jan.,	1875.
1	Sebat,	7 "	"
30	"	5 Feb.,	"
1	Adar,	6 "	"
30	"	7 March,	"
1	Veadar,	8 "	"
29	"	5 April,	"
1	Nisan,	6 "	"
30	"	5 May,	"
1	Yiar,	6 "	"
29	"	3 June,	"
1	Sivan,	4 "	"
30	"	3 July,	"
1	Tamuz,	4 "	"
29	"	1 Aug.,	"
1	Ab,	2 "	"
30	"	31 "	"
1	Elul,	1 Sept.,	"
29	"	29 "	"

5636—355 Days.

1	Tisri,	30 Sept.,	1875.
30	"	29 Oct.,	"
1	Hesvan,	30 "	"
30	"	28 Nov.,	"
1	Kislev,	29 "	"
30	"	28 Dec.,	"
1	Tebet,	29 "	"
29	"	26 Jan.,	1876.
1	Sebat,	27 "	"
30	"	25 Feb.,	"
1	Adar,	26 "	"
29	"	25 March,	"
1	Nisan,	26 "	"
30	"	24 April,	"
1	Yiar,	25 "	"
29	"	23 May,	"
1	Sivan,	24 "	"
30	"	22 June,	"
1	Tamuz,	23 "	"
29	"	21 July,	"
1	Ab,	22 "	"
30	"	20 Aug.,	"
1	Elul,	21 "	"
29	"	18 Sept.,	"

1875.		1876.	
Maunday-Thursday,	25th Mch.	Maunday-Thursday,	13th Apr.
Good Friday,	26th "	Good Friday,	14th "
Easter Sunday,	28th "	Easter Sunday,	16th "
Ascension Day,	6th May.	Ascension Day,	25th May.

5637—354 Days.		5638—385 Days.	
1 Tisri,	19 Sept., 1876.	1 Tisri,	8 Sept., 1877.
30 "	18 Oct., "	30 "	7 Oct., "
1 Hesvan,	19 " "	1 Hesvan,	8 " "
29 "	16 Nov., "	30 "	6 Nov., "
1 Kislev,	17 " "	1 Kislev,	7 " "
30 "	16 Dec., "	30 "	6 Dec., "
1 Tebet,	17 " "	1 Tebet,	7 " "
29 "	14 Jan., 1877.	29 "	4 Jan., 1878.
1 Sebat,	15 " "	1 Sebat,	5 " "
30 "	13 Feb., "	30 "	3 Feb., "
1 Adar,	14 " "	1 Adar,	4 " "
29 "	14 March, "	30 "	5 March, "
1 Nisan,	15 " "	1 Veadar,	6 " "
30 "	13 April, "	29 "	3 April, "
1 Yiar,	14 " "	1 Nisan,	4 " "
29 "	12 May, "	30 "	3 May, "
1 Sivan,	13 " "	1 Yiar,	4 " "
30 "	11 June, "	29 "	1 June, "
1 Tamuz,	12 " "	1 Sivan,	2 " "
29 "	10 July, "	30 "	1 July, "
1 Ab,	11 " "	1 Tamuz,	2 " "
30 "	9 Aug., "	29 "	30 " "
1 Elul,	10 " "	1 Ab,	31 " "
29 "	7 Sept., "	30 "	29 Aug., "
		1 Elul,	30 " "
		29 "	27 Sept., "

1877.		1878.	
Maunday-Thursday,	29th Mch.	Maunday-Thursday,	18th Apr.
Good Friday,	30th "	Good Friday,	19th "
Easter Sunday,	1st "	Easter Sunday,	21st "
Ascension Day,	10th May.	Ascension Day,	30th May.

FIXED ANNIVERSARY DAYS.

Martyrdom of Jacques de Molay.....18th March.
St. Andrew's Day.....30th November.
St. John the Baptist.....24th June.
St. John the Evangelist.....27th December.
Christmas.....25th December.
All Saints Day..... 1st November.

CONSTITUTIONS OF 1866,

OF THE

SUPREME COUNCIL A.·. & A.·. R.·.

SOUTHERN JURISDICTION.

Grand Orient of 'IEPO△OM, at Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, near the B.·. B.·., and under the C.·. C.·. of that zenith, which answers to 32°, 46′, 33″, N. Lat.

Deus Meumque Jus.

The Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of the 33d and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, duly assembled in Supreme Council of the 33d degree, at the Council chamber in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, on the 1st day of the Hebrew month Ajar, A.·. M.·. 5626, which answers the 16th day of April, A. D. 1866, in pursuance of the Order of the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Grand Commander, and after due notification given to all the Sov.·. Gr.·. Inspectors-General, in writing, having fully considered the Constitutions and Statutes adopted at Charleston, March 25, 1859, do, upon deliberation, amend the same, and adopt and enact, in lieu thereof, the following

GENERAL STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND STYLE OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

The style of this Supreme Council shall be, "The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the M.·. P.·. Sov-

ereigns, the Grand Inspectors-General, Grand Elect Knights of the Holy House of the Temple, Grand Commanders of the Holy Empire, of the 33d and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, whose see is at Charleston, in the State of South Carolina."

ARTICLE II.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND JURISDICTION.

The number of active members of the Supreme Council is forever fixed at thirty-three, including therein the existing members.

The Jurisdiction of this Supreme Council includes all the United States and the Territories thereof, except the States of Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, which were apportioned to the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, at its creation in the year 1815; and the State of Delaware, which, upon the application of that Council in the year 1827, this Council permitted to be included in the Northern Jurisdiction.

ARTICLE III.

APPORTIONMENT OF MEMBERS.

The said thirty-three members shall be apportioned as follows:

To the State of Maryland.....One.
To the District of Columbia.....One.
To the States of Virginia and West Virginia..Two.
To the State of North Carolina.....One.
To the State of South Carolina.....Four.
To the State of Georgia.....Two.
To the State of Florida.....One.
To the State of Alabama.....One.
To the State of Mississippi.....Two.
To the State of Louisiana.....Three.
To the State of Tennessee.....Two.

To the State of Kentucky.....Two.
To the State of Texas.....One.
To the State of Arkansas.....One.
To the State of Missouri.....One.
To the State of Iowa.....One.
To the State of Minnesota.....One.
To the State of California.....Two.
To the State of Oregon.....One.
To the State of Kansas.....One.
To the State of Nevada.....One.

ARTICLE IV.

VACANCIES.

Whenever a vacancy occurs hereafter, by death, resignation, or other cause, of members from States other than South Carolina, having more than one member, it shall be filled by this Supreme Council, from any new State in the Jurisdiction not mentioned in Article III, until each State shall have at least one member; after which each vacancy shall be filled by a member from the other States according to said apportionment.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

All elections must be held by the Supreme Council when in session, and the vote be taken *viva voce;* and no person can be elected a member of the Supreme Council, unless he has attained the 32d degree, and is at least thirty-five years of age.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

The officers of the Supreme Council will hereafter be as follows:

Ad perpetuitatem Vitae.

1. The Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.
2. The Puissant Sovereign Lieutenant Grand Commander.
3. The Grand Prior.

4. The Grand Chancellor.
5. The Grand Minister of State.
6. The Secretary General, Keeper of the Seals and Archives.
7. The Treasurer-General.
8. The Grand Almoner.
9. The Grand Constable, or Marshal of Ceremonies.
10. The Grand Chamberlain.
11. The First Grand Equery.
12. The Second Grand Equery.
13. The Grand Standard-Bearer.
14. The Grand Sword-Bearer.
15. The Grand Herald.
16. The Grand Tyler; who is an Honorary Sovereign Grand Inspector-General.

ARTICLE VII.

OFFICERS, HOW ELECTED, OR APPOINTED.

When a vacancy occurs in the office of Sov.·. Grand Commander, the Lieut.·. Grand Commander shall succeed thereto. When a vacancy occurs in the offices of Lieut.·. Grand Commander, Grand Prior, Grand Chancellor, Grand Minister of State, Secretary-General, or Treasurer-General, it shall be filled by election; a majority of the votes of the members present being necessary to a choice. Vacancies in the other offices shall be filled by appointment by the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Grand Commander.

ARTICLE VIII.

TENURE OF OFFICE.

All the officers are elected or appointed for life, and the members are also for life; provided, that office or membership shall be forfeited, *ipso facto*, by permanent removal of the party beyond the jurisdiction.

ARTICLE IX.

PROXY VOTES.

No Sov.·. G.·. Inspector-General can vote in the Supreme Council by proxy, when personally absent; but, on special

questions, when a Sov.·. Gr.·. Inspector-General can not be present, he may send his vote to the Secretary-General, together with a statement of the reason for his absence; and his vote may then be recorded.

ARTICLE X.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

The Supreme Council shall meet at the Grand Orient of Charleston, South Carolina, on the first Monday of May, 1868, and biennally thereafter, on the same day; but special meetings may be called by the Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander at any time, to be held at any place.

ARTICLE XI.

QUORUM.

Seven Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, the Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander, or Lieut.·. Gr.·. Commander being one; or nine Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, in the absence of these officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE XII.

EMERITUS AND HONORARY MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. An active member, who resigns his seat by reason of age, infirmity or for other cause deemed good by the Supreme Council, may be elected an Emeritus member, and will possess the privileges of proposing measures, and being heard in debate, but not of voting.

SEC. 2. Honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General heretofore or hereafter created, are and will become Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, possessing the privilege of a seat therein at all times, except during the election and reception of active members and the election of officers; and also the privilege of joining in debate.

SEC. 3. In all cases of election of Emeritus or Honorary Members, the vote must be unanimous, and be taken *viva voce*, from the youngest member upwards.

SEC. 4. Honorary members, proving unworthy, may, by

simple vote of majority of members present, be dropped from the rolls.

Sec. 5. Either an Emeritus or an Honorary Member has the right to make his objections to the conferring of the Honorary degree of Sov.·. Gr.·. Inspector-General on any one; these to be judged of by the Council.

ARTICLE XIII.

VOTING IN RECESS OF THE COUNCIL.

Sec. 1. Whenever any vote whatever is needed to be taken in the recess of the Supreme Council, the Secretary-General will by letter state the question to each Sov.·. Grand Inspector-General, who will, in writing and by letter, transmit to him his vote; and when all are received, or after sufficient time has elapsed for all to respond, the Secretary-General will declare the result.

Sec. 2. In all cases where any Sov.·. Gr.·. Inspector-General, being so called on, fails in a reasonable time to transmit his vote, he will be deemed to have assented to the action of the majority required in the given case; and whenever one duly notified fails to attend a called session, or, without notification, to attend a regular session, he will be deemed to have assented to the action of a majority present, in all cases; and is to be forever afterwards estopped to deny that he assented thereto.

ARTICLE XIV.

ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. Any Sov.·. Gr.·. Inspector-General absent from two successive regular or called meetings of the Council, without excuse adjudged sufficient, (after, in the latter case, having been duly summoned,) shall, at the close of the second session, be deemed to have resigned his membership in the Supreme Council, and will not resume it, unless duly elected, as if he had never been a member.

Sec. 2. Any one of the present members of the Supreme Council, who has not attended a meeting for five years previous to the present session, and who fails to attend at the next reg-

ular meeting without sufficient excuse, shall, at its close, be deemed to have resigned his membership, and the vacancy may, on the last day of the session, be filled by a new election.

ARTICLE XV.

THE CONSISTORIAL CHAMBER.

At every annual meeting of the Supreme Council, it shall hold a Consistorial Chamber of the 32d degree. In this Consistorial Chamber shall be heard and considered all appeals from and questions referred by the Consistories, and all complaints from subordinate bodies.

ARTICLE XVI.

CONFERRING DEGREES.

SEC. 1. The Supreme Council reserves to itself the power of conferring any of the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, upon any such persons as it may deem worthy to receive them. It may delegate that power to Deputy Grand Inspectors-General, to be exercised in foreign countries wherein no Supreme Council has been established, and in States of the United States wherein there is no Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret; but no such Deputy Grand Inspector-General can confer the 33d degree "without special authority from the Supreme Council."

SEC. 2. Each member of the Supreme Council is also, by virtue of his office, authorized to confer any of the degrees except the 33d, in any foreign country where no Supreme Council is established.

ARTICLE XVII.

DEPUTY GRAND INSPECTORS-GENERAL.

The 33d degree, of Deputy Grand Inspector-General, may be conferred by the Supreme Council, upon any person duly and unanimously elected to receive it; or by a single Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, active or honorary member of the Supreme Council, even if the latter be a Sov.·. Gr.·. Inspector-General of another jurisdiction, by special authorization and order of the Supreme Council, on any person so elected.

ARTICLE XVIII.

REVENUES, FEES, AND TAXES.

SEC. 1. The revenues of the Supreme Council shall be derived from the charge of charters, from that for Letters-Patent of the 32d degree, and from a tax on all bodies under its jurisdiction, and for all degrees conferred by Sovereign or Deputy Grand Inspectors-General.

SEC. 2. The charge for every Charter for a Consistory of the 32d degree shall be fifty dollars; for an Areopagus of Knights-Kadosh, forty dollars; for a Chapter of Rose-Croix, thirty dollars; for a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, twenty-five dollars; for a Lodge of Perfection, twenty dollars; and for a Council of Royal and Select Masters, twenty dollars.

SEC. 3. All Letters-Patent or of Credence of the 32d degree shall emanate from the Supreme Council, and shall not be granted by the Consistories; but if one is desired by a Prince of the Royal Secret, his Consistory shall give him a certificate of possession of the 32d degree, signed by the Commander-in-Chief, and countersigned by its Chancellor, under its seal; upon presentation whereof to the Secretary-General, the Letters-Patent and of Credence shall issue.

SEC. 4. The charge for Letters-Patent and of Credence of the 32d and 33d degrees shall be ten dollars each, and the fee of the Secretary-General five dollars in addition thereto. In cases where a Patent of the 32d or 33d degree has previously been received and paid for, new Patents will issue on payment of the fee of the Secretary-General alone.

SEC. 5. The fees for the several degrees, when conferred by the Supreme Council, or by a Sovereign or Deputy Grand Inspector-General, shall be as follows:

For the degrees from the 4th to the 14th inclusive	$25
For the 15th and 16th	10
For the 17th and 18th	25
From the 19th to the 30th inclusive	25
For the 31st and 32d	50
For Deputy Inspector-General	150
For the degrees of Royal and Select Master	10

SEC. 6. All Charters shall be prepared and sealed by the Secretary-General, who shall receive as his fee for each, in addition to the charge above fixed for such Charter, the sum of fifteen dollars.

SEC. 7. All fees received from Sovereign or Deputy Grand Inspectors-General, for degrees conferred by them, shall be accounted for by them, and paid over to the Supreme Council, deducting therefrom only their traveling expenses necessarily incurred in the service of the Order; the accounts whereof shall be audited and approved by the Supreme Council, and twenty-five per centum of the fees received by them for degrees conferred.

SEC. 8. No Consistory, Council, Chapter, or Lodge of Perfection shall confer any of the degrees for any less fee than those in this article provided; but it is allowed to either or any of such bodies, to increase the amounts, at their pleasure.

SEC. 9. Each body under the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council shall, annually, on the first day of March, remit to the Supreme Council the following tax, for and on account of its members, and of the degrees conferred by it, not theretofore accounted for; that is to say:

Each Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, one dollar for each person then a member of it; and for each case in which the 32d degree has been conferred during the year preceding, in and by such body, ten dollars.

Each Council of Knights-Kadosh, Chapter of Rose-Croix, and Council of Princes of Jerusalem, one dollar for each person then a member of it; and for each case in which, during the year, the highest degree given in the Kadosh or Rose-Croix, respectively, has been conferred, five dollars; and in the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, two dollars.

Each Lodge of Perfection and Council of Royal and Select Masters, one dollar for each person then a member of it; and for each case in which, during the year, the highest degree given in each such body, respectively, has been conferred, two dollars.

SEC. 10. In each State where a Grand Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret is in existence and working,

the fees and tax of the subordinate bodies shall be paid to such Grand Consistory, which shall in that case pay to the Supreme Council only the tax for its own members, of one dollar each per annum, and the fee of ten dollars for each person on whom the 32d degree has been conferred within its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS.

SEC. 1. All moneys due to the Supreme Council shall be paid to the Secretary-General, who shall give duplicate receipts therefor to the person paying the same; one of which shall be for himself, and the other he shall immediately transmit to the Treasurer-General, who shall charge the amount specified therein to the Secretary-General; and the Secretary-General shall, as soon as he conveniently can, after receiving any money thus paid, pay the same over to the Treasurer-General, who shall give credit for the same against the receipts he may have charged up.

SEC. 2. Both the Secretary and Treasurer-General shall open regular books of account, in which all the financial business of the Supreme Council, passing through their hands, shall be entered by debit and credit.

ARTICLE XX.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

SEC. 1. The Sovereign Grand Commander, the Lieutenant Grand Commander, the Grand Prior, the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Minister of State, the Secretary-General and the Treasurer-General, will constitute a Council of Administration, to be at any time convened by the Sovereign Grand Commander; and the Sovereign Grand Commander and any two of the said dignitaries will constitute a quorum.

SEC. 2. The Council of Administration, or a quorum of its members assembled, on notice to all, will possess and exercise, in the vacation of the Supreme Council, (but only when the Sovereign Grand Commander is present, unless he be dead or have delegated his powers for the time being to the

Lieutenant Grand Commander,) all the powers and authority of the Supreme Council; using its name and affixing the Great Seal to its edicts and determinations, except in the election of members, active or honorary.

ARTICLE XXI.

COUNCILS OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

SEC. 1. The Supreme Council shall have jurisdiction over the Councils of Royal and Select Masters in every State where no Grand Council of those degrees has been established; and such Councils shall make their returns and pay their tax to the Supreme Council; but so soon as there are three such Councils in any such State, the Supreme Council recommend to such Councils to establish a Grand Council, and upon the establishment of the same, the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council over such Councils shall cease.

SEC. 2. Every Sov.·. Grand Inspector-General of this jurisdiction will be, by virtue of his office, a member of each Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters so created, if he has legally received these degrees: and these bodies will, in all cases, be created on that express condition.

ARTICLE XXII.

CONSISTORIES.

SEC. 1. Only one Grand Consistory shall be established in each State within this jurisdiction; and the title of which shall be: "The M.·. Puissant Grand Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32d degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in and for the State of ——"; but Subordinate Consistories may be established in a State by special authority from the Supreme Council.

SEC. 2. Every Grand Consistory of a State shall hereafter be composed of—

1st. All the Honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General and Deputy Grand Inspectors-General resident within the jurisdiction.

2d. The Commanders-in-Chief of Subordinate Consistories.

3d. Twenty-one Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, selected, according to age, as Sublime Princes, by the Active and Honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General resident in the State.

These twenty-one, with the Inspectors-General just mentioned, and the Deputy Inspectors-General, shall be the only active members; and in States where there are already Grand Consistories, the selection shall be made within sixty days after the receipt, by each Grand Consistory, of this provision of the Constitution.

4th. Besides these, there will be selected, always in the order of their age, adjunct members to complete the number of the Grand Consistory, which is fixed, including the entire members, at eighty-one. The adjunct members will be selected by the active members when in Consistorial Session, taking them in the order of masonic age, unless when some one is excluded by a majority of votes, taken upon call of the members.

The adjunct members will have only a consultative voice in the Grand Consistory, but may be called temporarily to the places and perform the duties of the dignitaries and officers.

When any of the Sublime Princes, active members, are absent their places will be filled by adjunct members in the order of their ages; in which case those so selected will have the right to vote and, for the time being, succeed to all the rights of those whose places they fill.

Sec. 3. The Grand Consistories being the Grand Priories of the Order of the House of the Temple or Hierodom for their States, as the Councils of Kadosh are the Preceptories, and the Supreme Council the Chapter-General, the officers of each Grand Consistory will hereafter be as follows:

1st. The Grand Commander-in-Chief.

2d. The First Lieutenant Commander or Grand Seneschal.

3d. The Second Lieutenant Commander or Grand Preceptor.

4th. The Grand Constable.

5th. The Grand Admiral.

6th. The Grand Minister of State.

7th. The Grand Chancellor.
8th. The Grand Hospitaler and Almoner.
9th. The Grand Registrar.
10th. The Grand Keeper of the Seal and Archives.
11th. The Grand Treasurer.
12th. The Primate.
13th. The Prevost or Grand Master of Ceremonies.
14th. The Grand Expert.
15th. The Assistant Grand Expert.
16th. The Beausenifer.
17th. The Bearer of the Vexillum Belli.
18th. The Master of the Guards.
19th. The Chamberlain.
20th. The Grand Steward.
21st. The Aid-de-Camp of the Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 4. The indispensable number to constitute and open a Grand Consistory shall be nine, which is also a quorum. It shall be the Deputy of this Supreme Council, and the governing power of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in the State wherein it is organized, and from it, after its organization and installation, all Charters for bodies of the degrees below the 31st, in such State, shall emanate; and all Patents, Briefs and Diplomas for the degrees from the 14th to the 30th inclusive; the fees for all which shall be fixed by itself. And, until a Grand Council is established, it may also grant Charters for Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and Briefs of those degrees.

Sec. 5. The privileges of conferring the 31st and 32d degrees has been delegated by the Supreme Council to the Consistories, and must be exercised by them in the same manner as if the applicant were to be elected in the Supreme Council.

Sec. 6. All such elections will be determined by votes, openly given upon a call of the members, the members voting in order, from the youngest upwards; the age of each being determined by the day he became a member of the body, and where that will not determine, by the day when he received the 32d degree; and the Commander-in-Chief having two votes; and three negative votes shall reject.

Sec. 7. All the members, active and adjunct, of every Grand Consistory, the Honorary Inspectors-General, as well as the others, will pay dues and contributions, which will be the same for all; and all alike will be accounted for as members in the return to the Supreme Council.

Sec. 8. No Grand Consistory can excuse its Subordinates from the payment to itself of any part, portion or proportion of the fees and taxes provided by Article XVIII, Section 10, of these Statutes and Regulations, but may, at pleasure, increase the same; and any Subordinate of a Grand Consistory, excused by it from the payment of any such tax or fees, or of any part thereof, shall pay the tax and fees, or such part thereof, into the treasury of the Supreme Council.

Sec. 9. Each Grand Consistory will have the following permanent Committees:

1st. On Law and Jurisprudence; composed of three members of the 33d degree, if there be so many, and two of the 32d, or of more if there be not three 33ds; the whole number being always five; to whom are to be added the active member or members of the Supreme Council resident in the State.

2d. On Correspondence; of three members.

3d. On Finance and Accounts.

4th. On Chartered Bodies, and Bodies under Dispensation; with such other Committees as may be deemed necessary.

Sec. 10. No Grand Consistory shall be established in a Territory; but particular Consistories may be. And no Grand Consistory shall hereafter be established in a State until there are working in such state at least four lodges of Perfection, three Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, two chapters of Rose-Croix, and two Councils of Kadosh.

Sec. 11. It is recommended to each Grand Consistory to hold, at each regular meeting, a Council of Kadosh, a Chapter of Rose-Croix, and a Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection, in its bosom; allowing to be represented in each, respectively, all the Councils, Chapters and Lodges under its jurisdiction, by proper delegates, under such regulations as it may prescribe.

SEC. 12. Each Consistory within this jurisdiction is at liberty and is advised to inaugurate and maintain a system of correspondence and representation with each other Consistory of this jurisdiction; but will correspond with Consistories of other and foreign jurisdictions only through this Supreme Council, through which it will transmit all communications for such foreign bodies, including those of the Northern jurisdiction of the United States.

SEC. 13. The term Sovereign will not hereafter be affixed to any body below the Supreme Council, or to any of its officers.

ARTICLE XXIII.

DIPLOMAS, BRIEFS AND PATENTS.

SEC. 1. The Secretary-General will, on application, and without charge, *vise* any Diploma, Brief or Patent issued by a Consistory, and affix the Seal of the Supreme Council to his *vise* without charge.

SEC. 2. All Diplomas, Briefs and Patents of the 14th, 16th, 30th and 32d degrees will be in Latin, that they may avail the holder everywhere; and in every case he will sign his name in the margin.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RITUALS.

SEC. 1. It is absolutely forbidden to any Grand Consistory, Subordinate body or individual brethren or brother to print any Rituals of any of the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

SEC. 2. The Rituals printed by authority of the Supreme Council, with the secret work, shall be alone used, in all the respective bodies of the jurisdiction, so soon as they are completed and furnished; they shall only be issued to active members of the Supreme Council; to special Deputy Inspectors-General; to subordinate bodies, and to such foreign bodies or brethren to whom the Supreme Council or Supreme Grand Commander may see fit to furnish them.

SEC. 3. No Manual or Monitor for instruction in the Rite

shall be printed for sale, or be used in any subordinate body in this Rite, under this jurisdiction, without the special authority of this Supreme Council.

Sec. 4. All MS. Rituals delivered by the Supreme Council or a Grand Consistory, shall be authenticated by its seal, as, also, shall any printed Ritual that may be, in part or in whole, adopted by the Supreme Council.

Sec. 5. No copy of the Ritual of the 33d degree shall ever be furnished to any one except an active member of this Supreme Council, or by order of the Supreme Council, to a Special Deputy or Representative.

ARTICLE XXV.

DEGREES BY WAY OF HONORARIUM.

A Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, active member of the Supreme Council, may confer the degrees, up to and including the 32d, on eminent and distinguished Masons, by way of *honorarium*, and without fee; being careful to do so only in cases where it is deserved by the highest merit, and exemplary services rendered to masonry; each such Sov.·. Gr.·. Insp.·. General being responsible to the Supreme Council for the proper and discreet exercise of this high power, and being liable to censure and even destitution of office, if it be abused.

ARTICLE XXVI.

DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED, NOT COMMUNICATED.

Sec. 1. Whenever bodies have been established and furnished with the Ritual, they shall no longer communicate any degree, but must confer each in full.

Sec. 2. The degrees may be communicated, in order to establish new bodies, but so soon as the constitutional number required to establish a body have so received the necessary degrees, the communication thereof shall cease, except as hereinafter provided, and the body be established.

ARTICLE XXVII.

INTERVALS BETWEEN DEGREES.

The following times must hereafter elapse in conferring the

Degrees in all cases except those hereinafter provided, between investiture with the principal Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite:

Between the 14th and 16th.....3 months.
" 16th and 18th.....3 months.
" 18th and 30th.....6 months.
" 30th and 31st and 32d.....1 year.

For the purpose of propagating the Rite, this provision as to delays may be dispensed with by any Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, active member of the Supreme Council, or Deputy Grand Inspector-General, especially commissioned; and either may communicate the degrees without regard to time, for the purpose of establishing bodies or adding members to bodies already existing; and may empower existing bodies to confer them without observing the required delays; but after the first day of January next, unless continued for a particular State or Territory, by the Council of Administration, such power shall be exercised in regard to the degrees up to and including the 18th alone, and as to these, not in the vicinity of any organized body authorized to confer them, and only by all the Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General for the State jointly if there be more than one; and as to the degrees above the 18th, only with the approval and consent of the Council of Administration.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

TIMES OF MEETING, FEAST-DAYS, ETC.

The Meetings, Feast-days, and days of election of Officers of the bodies under the Supreme Council, will be as follows:

Lodges of Perfection.

Meetings.....24th June.
" .....27th December.
Feast-day.....5th day of 7th month, (Tisri,) the day of the dedication of the first Temple.
Elections.....3d day of Adar, in every 3d year, the day of the finding of the precious treasure.

Knights of the East.

Feast-days.....23d of Adar, the day of the completion of the Temple.
22d of March.
22d of September.

Councils of Princes of Jerusalem.

Feast-days.....20th of 10th month, Tebet, day of returning of the Ambassadors.
23d day of 12th month, Adar, day of praising the Lord on account of re-building of the Temple.
Elections.....23d day of Adar.

Chapters of Rose-Croix.

Mystic Banquet..Maunday-Thursday.
Feast-days.....Easter-day.
" .....First Thursday after Easter.
" .....Ascension Day.
" .....All Saints Day.
Meetings.....24th June.
" .....27th December.
Elections.....Thursday after Easter.

Councils of Knights Kadosh.

Feast-days.....The day of the Foundation of the Order.
Fast-day.....The Martyrdom of Jacques de Molay, 18th March.
Elections.....Easter Monday of every third year.

Grand Consistories.

Meetings.....21st of March.
" 25th of June.
" 21st of September.
" 27th of December.
Elections.....27th of December, in every third year.

In addition to the above times of meeting, every Consistory must meet at least once in every six months; every Lodge of Perfection and Council of Royal and Select Masters once in every three months, and the other bodies on the days prescribed in their respective rituals.

ARTICLE XXIX.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE BODIES.

SEC. 1. All returns of Consistories and subordinate bodies must be made on the 1st day of March in each year, and be directed to the Secretary-General at Charleston, S. C. They must contain the names of the officers and members of the body, and a statement of what degrees have been conferred, and the names of the persons upon whom they have been conferred, since the last return.

SEC. 2. In addition to the meetings and feast-days elsewhere provided for, there shall be a Grand Communication of each Grand Consistory on the second Wednesday in January in each year, when returns shall be made to it by all its subordinates, and all dues be paid by them, and the proceedings of each Grand Consistory, at each annual Grand Communication, shall be immediately thereafter published, with the names of all bodies under its jurisdiction, and of all the members of itself and of all such bodies.

ARTICLE XXX.

BALLOTING FOR DEGREES.

SEC. 1. The ballot is retained in the several bodies from the 4th to the 30th degrees inclusive, but in each such body there shall hereafter be an appeal from the exercise of the power of rejection by a single brother.

SEC. 2. Whenever, in either such body, there are three black balls, on the question of initiation, advancement or affiliation, the candidate will be declared rejected without further action, and cannot again apply to the same body or any other of that degree, until after the expiration of six calendar months.

SEC. 3. When one or two black balls only appear, the Brother or Brethren casting the same shall be invited to make known to the Presiding Officer, who shall receive them under the seal of secrecy as to the party, his reasons for voting to reject; and further action shall be postponed to a special meeting then to be fixed by the Presiding Officer for an early day. The Brother or Brethren so voting are at liberty to decline making themselves or their reasons known, at their pleasure.

Sec. 4. If he or they communicate the reasons for the vote, the Presiding Officer will exercise his discretion as to making such reasons known to the body, and will not do so if he deems it improper or not advisable, or if by doing so it would become known by whom the negative vote or votes were given. In either such case, he will make known to the body that the reasons have been communicated to him, but that for a cause which he shall state, he does not make them known, and shall give his opinion whether they do or do not require or justify rejection.

Sec. 5. Thereupon, or if the reasons have not been communicated to the Presiding Officer, a second ballot shall be taken, and if then there be two negatives, the applicant will be declared rejected.

Sec. 6. Every person must be proposed in open meeting, at least one calendar month before being voted for, either for initiation, advancement, or affiliation; and it is the right of every brother to make known, in open meeting, whatever he may know against any person who is to be balloted for.

ARTICLE XXXI.

CHARGES AND TRIALS.

Sec. 1. When charges are preferred against an Honorary member, the Supreme Council, or Sovereign Grand Commander in vacation, shall appoint and commission a tribunal of five Honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, before whom he shall be tried; which tribunals are invested with all the necessary judicial powers and shall proceed in accordance with the principles of masonic jurisprudence, and have power to require by summons the attendance of the accuser, and of witnesses on either side who are members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and to punish for any failure to obey such summons.

Sec. 2. Any Sub.·. Pr.·. R.·. S.·. not under the jurisdiction of a Grand Consistory, and against whom charges may be preferred, shall be in like manner tried before a tribunal of Honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, similarly constituted.

Sec. 3. Every such Tribunal shall open in the Thirty-first degree, and be governed by its provisions.

Sec. 4. An appeal to the Supreme Council shall lie in all cases of conviction before such tribunal.

ARTICLE XXXII.

RULES OF COMITY.

Sec. 1. No Inspector-General will hereafter confer any of the degrees of the Rite on any person whatever who is not a resident of the State of his own residence, or of some State or Territory of the Jurisdiction in which there is no resident Inspector-General, active member of the Supreme Council; or unless such a person be a foreigner of some nation, country or state in which there is not, and which is not within the jurisdiction of any other Supreme Council.

Sec. 2. But an Inspector-General resident in one State may, with the written consent of the Inspector-General in another, confer the degrees on a person resident in the latter State.

Sec. 3. An Inspector-General, active member of the Supreme Council, may confer any of the degrees except the 33d in a country or state not of the Southern Jurisdiction; but only upon those upon whom he may legally confer them by virtue of the preceding sections; and he cannot in any other case authorize any foreign body or foreign Inspector-General to confer the degree for him in such country or state.

Sec. 4. Every Sov.·. Grand Inspector-General, active member of the Supreme Council,possesses, and may exercise in the state in which he resides, during the recess of the Supreme Council, all the prerogatives of Grand Master of Symbolic Lodges, so far as relates to the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

DECLARATORY PROVISIONS.

All the existing Statutes and Regulations of this Supreme Council are to be taken and held as superseded by these present Revised Regulations, which, with the Regulations of 1762,

and the Grand Constitutions of 1786, so far as the same are unaltered hereby, and with the unwritten principles and landmarks of Freemasonry, shall henceforth be the law of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

No. 2. 1871.

Grand Consistory S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·.

In and for

The State of Iowa.

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

Bro.·. John Scott, *Nevada*, M.·. W.·. Grand Master.
" Wm. P. Allen, *Dubuque*, R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master.
" O. P. Waters, *Muscatine*, R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden.
" Wm. E. Miller, *Iowa City*, R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden.
" J. Wright Wilson, *Newton*, R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer.
" T. S. Parvin, *Iowa City*, R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary.

Next Annual Communication to be held in Davenport, June 6th, A. D. 1871.

GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF IOWA.

Comp.·. Zephaniah C. Luse, *Iowa City*, M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest.
" Downing Baugh, *McGregor*, R.·. E.·. Deputy Grand High Priest.
" David S. Deering, *Independence*, R.·. E.·. Grand King.
" Theodore Schreiner, *Mt. Pleasant*, R.·. E.·. Grand Scribe.
" Geo. R. Foster, *Dubuque*, R.·. E.·. Grand Treasurer.
" Wm. B. Langridge, *Muscatine*, R.·. E.·. Grand Secretary.

Next Annual Convocation to be held at Council Bluffs, Wednesday, October 18th, 1871.

GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF IOWA.

Ill.·. Comp.·. Benj. Crabb, *Washington*, M.·. P.·. Grand Master.
" Jas. Hartsock, *Iowa City*, T.·. Ill.·. Dep.·. Grand Master.
" M. E. Gillette, *Burlington*, R.·. Ill.·. Grand Master.
" J. L. Enos, *Cedar Rapids*, G.·. P.·. C.·. of Work.
" R. F. Bower, *Keokuk*, Grand Treasurer.
" Wm. B. Langridge, *Muscatine*, Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly to be held at Council Bluffs, Tuesday, October 17th, 1871.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF IOWA.

Sir R. F. Bower, R.·. E.·. Grand Commander.
" Geo. B. Van Saun, *Waterloo*, E.·. Grand Generalissimo.
" Jos. A. Hursh, *Iowa City*, E.·. Grand Captain General.
" D. Baugh, *McGregor*, E.·. Grand Prelate.
" S. H. Packard, *Cedar Falls*, E.·. Grand Treasurer.
" Wm. B. Langridge, *Muscatine*, E.·. Grand Recorder.

Next Regular Conclave of the Grand Commandery will be held at Council Bluffs, October 14th and 16th, A. D. 1871.

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RESURGENS TENEBRAS VERA LUX DIMOVET.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Consistory S.·.P.·.R.·.S.·. 32°

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE,

IN AND FOR THE STATE OF IOWA,

AT THE BIENNIAL SESSION HELD AT DES MOINES, THE 10TH DAY OF THE MONTH OF ELUL, A. M. 5630, ANSWERING TO THE 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1870, V. E., AND THE ANNUAL SESSION HELD AT LYONS, THE 16TH DAY OF THE MONTH OF TEBET, ANSWERING TO THE 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1871, V. E.



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V.·. Ill.·. Grand Commander in Chief,

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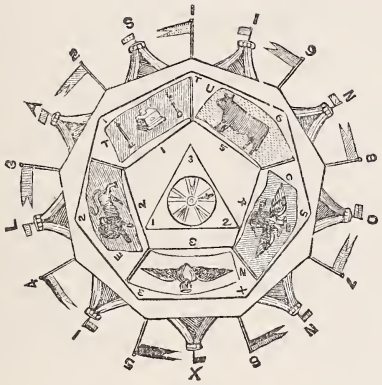

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CONSISTORY S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·. 32°.

IN AND FOR THE STATE OF IOWA,

AT ITS SECOND STATED SESSION, HELD AT ITS GRAND EAST, IN THE VALLEY OF DES MOINES, UNDER THE CELESTIAL CANOPY OF THAT ZENITH WHICH ANSWERS TO 41 DEG. 36 MIN. NORTH LATITUDE, THE 10TH DAY OF THE MONTH OF ELUL, A. M. 5630, ANSWERING TO THE 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1870, V. E.

In accordance with the requirements of its General Regulations, the Most Puissant Grand Consistory of Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in and for the State of Iowa, assembled in its Sacred Asylum in the Masonic Hall at the city of Des Moines, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on the 10th day of the month of Elul, A. M. 5630, corresponding with the 6th day of September, 1870, V.·. E.·.; the following Illustrious Brethren being present:

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL.

Ill.·. Bro.·. R. F. Bower, 33° ;
" J. M. Griffiths, 33°;
" Wm. Leffingwell, 33°.

OFFICERS.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Wm. Leffingwell, 33°, Grand Commander-in-Chief;
" P. C. Wright, 32°, Grand Seneschal;
" Chas. W. Wareer, 32°, *as* Grand Preceptor;
" John C. Parrish, 32°, *as* Grand Constable;
" Fred. E. Batchelder, 32°, *as* Grand Admiral;
" H. H. Griffiths, 33°, Grand Minister of State;
" Sherman Williams, 32°, *as* Grand Chancellor;
" W. E. Woodward, 32°, Grand Hospitaler;
" W. B. Langridge, 32°, Grand Registrar and Keeper of Seals;
" W. M. Wells, 32°, Grand Treasurer;
" R. F. Bower, 33°, Grand Primate;
" G. R. Foster, 32°, Grand Provost;
" Thos. Heaight, 32°, *as* Grand Beausenifer;
" J. M. Griffiths, 33°, *as* Grand Master of Guards;
" B. R. Perdue, 32°, Grand Aid-de-Camp.

The several officers assumed their respective stations, and the Grand Consistory was opened in AMPLE form by the Very Illustrious Brother the Grand Commander-in-Chief, with the assistance of the proper officers.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief then appointed the following

Committee on Credentials.— Ill.·. Bros.·. W. E. Woodward, Geo. R. Foster, J. M. Griffiths;

Who, in due time, presented their report as above, which was accepted.

On motion, the reading of the balustre of the last session was dispensed with, printed copies of the same being in the hands of the Ill.·. BB.·. present.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief presented and read the following

ADDRESS:

Sublime Princes: The Great Source of all that is, has, in His loving kindness and tender mercy, after a lapse of two years since our organization as a Grand Consistory in this city, permitted us again here to meet in Consistorial session, in order to deliberate upon and review the past progress of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in our jurisdiction, and, if possible, devise means whereby in the future we may more effectually and permanently establish and propagate its sublime principles among us, and that its influence may be sensibly realized throughout the entire land. For His unmerited condescension to us, we are, and most assuredly ought to feel ourselves, under the most imperative obligations to reverence, adore, and magnify His Great and Ineffable Name. For while we here present have been thus spared and privileged, thousands have, by His mandate, been ordered to pass over the cold stream of death into that mysterious land "from whose bourne no one has ever returned;" conspicuous among whom is our beloved and Illustrious Brother James Penn, of Tennessee, who for many years was an active and consistent Mason, and zealous supporter of the principles of Scottish Masonry, and a member of the Supreme Council, who was some two years since visited with a stroke of paralysis, since which time he became helpless until the day of his death; also our late Lieutenant Grand Commander and Illustrious Brother, Benjamin Brown French, whose virtues and merits are clearly defined and set forth in the following language by our Sovereign Grand Commander, Albert Pike, in his circular, hereto appended and made part of this address. Soon, very soon, my bretheren, the fiat will issue, and we shall pass the same flood, and it will be said of us, as of them, "they sleep the sleep that knows no waking." May our Heavenly Father incline us so to live that we may "overcome the dread of death," and when the Master shall call we may each cheerfully respond, "Thy will, O Lord, be done."

It is made my duty, according to usage, to render you an account of my doings, and in what manner I have occupied the trust reposed in me as your Grand Commander-in-Chief, which duty I will endeavor briefly to perform, for "where there is not much to talk or write about, very little need be said or written."

It will be remembered that at the time of my installation as your Chief, I expressed a reluctance to occupy that responsible station, sensibly realizing that *others*, far better qualified in every respect than myself, would more ably and honorably discharge the duties thereof; yet I did sincerely avow that, to the best of my ability, I would endeavor to do my whole duty as your Chief. I fear that the evidence is against me. I have not visited the several bodies throughout the jurisdiction, as, at that time, I had intended or desired to do, for reasons obvious to my mind; viz.:

1st. It takes money to travel with, which, with me, has never been very abundant, and far less so in the two years last past.

2d. I have ever been opposed to visiting my brethren officially, uncalled for, but have always been ready to cheerfully obey their call, at any time.

3d. Discretion has always forbid my laying a burden on any Grand Body in a bill of official expenses, which must necessarily accrue from and under such visits. I hope that these reasons may serve as an apology for that which might otherwise be deemed in me neglect.

Notwithstanding, I have, in some instances, had the pleasure and satisfaction of trying to "faithfully discharge my duty to the craft."

On the 6th day of November, A. D. 1868, by request, I visited my brethren at the city of Davenport, and, assisted by Illustrious Brother T. S. Parvin, 33°, S. G. I. G., and Illustrious Brother Wm. B. Langridge, 32°, proceeded to constitute the following bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; viz.: Mount Horeb Lodge of Perfection, No. 3; Adoniram Council Princes of Jerusalem, No. 3; Lebanon Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 3; and Zarephath Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, No. 3. The said several bodies then held an election for officers, after which, with the assistance aforesaid, I installed the officers-elect, thus placing them in proper position to confer any or all the degrees of the Rite in a constitutional manner.

On the 6th day of June, A. D. 1869, I granted permission to Illustrious Brothers Wm. E. Leffingwell and Pitkin C. Wright, 32ds, to communicate the degrees from the 4th to the 32d inclusive to a sufficient number of brethren, Master Masons, in the city of Lyons, Iowa, in order to organize a Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Chapter of Rose Croix, which were so communicated by them in person, and officially reported to me.

On the 12th day of July, A. D. 1869, upon the petition of Illustrious Brethren Wm. E. Leffingwell, Pitkin C. Wright, and seven others, all 32°, presented in due form, and recommended by the several corresponding bodies in the city of Davenport, Iowa, I granted a dispensation in due form to said petitioners to form, open, and work in the following bodies at the city of Lyons, state of Iowa; viz.:

Iowa Grand Lodge of Perfection, with Illustrious Wm. E. Leffingwell, as T. P. G. M.; Illustrious John S. Hart, as S. G. W., and Illustrious Wm. E. Marquis, as J. G. W.

Clinton Council of Princes of Jerusalem, with Illustrious Brother P. C. Wright, as first Most Illustrious Tarshatha; Wm. E. Leffingwell, Grand High Priest; Samuel W. Baldwin, S. G. W., and George W. Parker, J. G. W.

Delphic Chapter of Rose Croix, with Illustrious P. C. Wright as Most Wise Master; Wm. E. Leffingwell, M. E. Senior Warden, and Chas. W. Warner, M. E. Junior Warden.

On the 4th day of January, A. D. 1870, assisted by Illustrious Brother T. S. Parvin, 33°, S. G. I. G. for Iowa, I organized De Molay Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, at the city of Lyons, Iowa, with Ill.

Bro. Wm. E. Leffingwell as Commander-in-Chief; Chas. W. Warner, Lieutenant Commander, and Frederick Blakely as second Lieutenant Commander. The several degrees of the Rite were then conferred upon a number of brethren, from the 4th to 18th inclusive, and the 19th to 32d degrees were worked on all, so far as they had the facility to do so, and the remaining portion of the degrees were communicated in full; the whole work and communication being done with admirable skill and ability.

The brethren at Lyons, so far as I am able to learn, have, in all respects, endeavored to conform to and comply with all the rules, regulations, and edicts of the Supreme Council as well as those of this Grand Consistory, and that in no instance have they accepted a candidate for the degrees who did not reside within their jurisdictional limits, even had the brethren at the city of Dubuque been fully organized and at work.

The fees for the degrees communicated to the first nine brethren at Lyons, in order to organize, were promptly paid over to Illustrious Brother Wm. B. Langridge, Grand Registrar of our Grand Consistory, who, after reserving an amount sufficient to pay for the charter of the Grand Consistory and the amount then due for printing the proceedings of Grand Consistory, etc., paid over the balance to the Grand Treasurer, an account of which proceedings will more fully appear by the reports of those Grand Officers to this Grand Body.

On the 22d day of February, A. D. 1870, the birthday of the immortal Washington, I again, by request, visited Lyons, and with pleasure witnessed and assisted in conferring the following degrees; viz.: 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 27th, 29th, 30th, 31st, and 32d, in part, which consumed four days and nights of successive labor (as did also the session in January). The work was well done in all its parts, and the brethren are certainly entitled to much credit for their skill and untiring zeal in the cause — having spared neither time nor money in order to enable them to confer all the degrees of the Rite to the satisfaction of the candidates, their own pleasure, and lasting honor to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. They have been at an outlay already of over $15,000. They now number about fifty-five members, who are all uniformed according to the regulations of the order.

At the time of my installation, it was expected that all the bodies of the Rite in Iowa would go to work in earnest, and that long ere this time we should be under full sail, with a prosperous wind and tide. But, alas! circumstances and disabilities over which we have had no control have produced a different result. Nevertheless, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is bound to flourish in Iowa, and will eventually stand as a great "light set upon a hill that cannot be hid." At Des Moines, Illustrious Brother Griffiths informs me that they have been doing quite a large amount of work, and that the Rite is appreciated very highly. Go on, brethren! Truth is destined to triumph over error, and victory will most certainly crown your efforts. Precious gems and pearls of priceless value lie hidden far below the surface of earth or ocean, and are only

obtained at the cost of much time and labor; so with the riches and beauties of our order. To the contemplative mind, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite opens a mine of inexhaustible treasure and beauty, which will amply reward the sincere inquirer after truth and knowledge for all his labor and time. Its teachings admonish us of our indispensable duty to our Maker and our fellow-men; it enjoins us to respect the rights of others if we would hope for the beatific smiles of Him who loves and protects all the children of His creation. Its sublime teachings encourage us to look into and deeply study the great Book of Nature, and to view with delight the mysterious emblems therein contained, which, if rightly viewed, will enable us to trace them clearly and directly to their Infinite source.

By the request of our Sovereign Grand Commander and Illustrious Brother, Albert Pike, 33°, and the solicitations of Illustrious Brother Parvin, S. G. I. G., 33°, I was induced to attend the session of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Inspectors General of the 33d and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, at Baltimore, Maryland, on the 2d day of May, 1870, as the constitutional representative of the Grand Consistory of this state. Although not a member of the Supreme Council, I was encouraged to, and did, make a number of suggestions which seemed to me of vital interest to the prosperity of the order (especially in Iowa). They were very kindly taken under consideration by the Supreme Council, and some of them are now embodied among the governing regulations of the Rite.

I have the pleasure, Illustrious Princes and brethren, of assuring you that Iowa, although she is declared to be in her infancy in Scottish Masonry, is ranked by the Supreme Council as one of the first among the giants of the order, and forms one of a triad. For energy and correct work, in the Southern Jurisdiction she is, perhaps, excelled by no one. I assured the members of the Supreme Council that we of Iowa were in earnest in the cause, and that the bodies that were at work, both at Des Moines and Lyons, were very desirous to do their work well; that their motto was "Patience and Perseverance," and that whatever in Masonry their hands found worth doing at all, they did with all their might.

Illustrious Princes, I desire to lay before you a few suggestions for your consideration:

1st. By all the books of the Rite, the Council of Kadosh is clearly defined to embrace all the degrees from the 19th to 30th inclusive, which are strictly the property of that Council; therefore, a Council of Kadosh ought to be organized. Also, that the 31st and 32d degrees are the property of the Grand Consistory, and, as such, should be worked in that body. But as the Grand Consistory has neither room nor furniture whereby to confer those degrees as they should be conferred, I would suggest that no particular Consistory be allowed to confer the 31st and 32d degrees without permission by the Grand Consistory in session, or by its Grand Commander-in-Chief in the *interim* — *always* taking into consideration the ability of such particular Consistory so applying to confer them, to do the

same correctly, and as their importance contemplates that they should be conferred. Although the Orient of this Grand Consistory is at present located at the city of Des Moines, in the state of Iowa, yet that does not preclude the right of its members, by a majority vote, to appoint at pleasure both the time and place of its meetings. Of this we have a precedent in the action of the Supreme Council, whose "See" is at Charleston, South Carolina. I would, therefore, suggest that the next session of this Grand Consistory be held at some place where the work of conferring the 31st and 32d degrees can be exemplified practically for the edification and instruction of its members.

2d. That, if *possible*, the per centage now required to be paid by the subordinate bodies to this Grand Consistory, for degrees conferred by them, be reduced, and the amount to be paid be promptly forwarded to our Grand Registrar.

3d. That this Grand Body take under especial consideration the position occupied by the bodies of the Rite in Iowa that have for two long years remained as they were at their organization, and, if possible, devise some plan whereby they may be brought into active service. The object to be attained is certainly worthy an effort.

4th. I see by the Grand Constitution, Article 28th, page 52 of our printed proceedings, that the election of the officers of every Grand Consistory is made imperative on the 27th day of December, in every third year. Is it not our duty, as good Knights, to strictly comply with all the regulations of the Supreme Council? I think that there is a sufficient reason known to every 32d why we should so comply.

The noble cause demands our united efforts, in order that the good foundation laid by our Illustrious Brother T. S. Parvin and his co-laborers may not, through our inactivity, be undermined by any machination devised by foes from without or within; but rather let us, Samson-like, lay our broad shoulders fairly and firmly to the work, and rush it on to its final triumph and consummation.

Finally, Illustrious Princes, permit me to exclaim, in all sincerity, "*God speed you in the right.*" For one, I shall always, even to my latest rational moments, endeavor to do my masonic duty (which, to me, is as "inflexible as fate"), in all respects, in the cause which I *voluntarily espoused*; and, as the sands of my life are fast decreasing, so may our Supreme, Infinite, and All-Wise Commander above increase my desire and strength to the last, to cheerfully obey His Divine command in every respect. And I will say, in conclusion, that you are entitled to my sincere thanks for every manifestation of kindness and forbearance exercised toward me, and which I most cordially here tender you; and will further add that, having (to my mind) very imperfectly discharged my official duties as your Chief, I feel it to be a duty which I owe to you, the Rite, and more especially to myself, to give place, that the office may be filled by a *better man* — by one who will more efficiently and honorably discharge the responsible duties insep-

arably connected therewith — reserving to myself the privilege of cheerfully and promptly obeying every lawful command, mandate, monition, or order issued by my lawful superiors, as every "good Knight should." *Pax vobiscum!*

In the discharge of my official duty, I have been at the following expense; viz.:

November, 1868, visit to Davenport to organize the several bodies of the Rite, and install the officers — travel	$ 3 40
To copy of secret-work of 4th to 32d degree inclusive	40 00
May 2, 1870, Expenses of trip to Baltimore, Maryland, as representative of this Grand Consistory in Supreme Council — to and from	95 00
	$138 40

In the unity of the sacred numbers,

WM. LEFFINGWELL, *Grand Commander-in-Chief.*

ORIENT OF WASHINGTON, D. C.,
15TH DAY OF AB, A. M. 5630.

IN THE NAME OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33D DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, FOR THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Sovereign Grand Commander to all Freemasons of said Rite, of any Degree, within the said Jurisdiction, SHALOM: SHALOM: SHALOM:

BELOVED AND VERY DEAR BRETHREN: We shall not again see our Brother and late Lieutenant Grand Commander, the Illustrious Brother BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH, until we also shall have obeyed Death's fatal summons, and have left behind us forever all the interests and concerns of this world, and all that made life distasteful or desirable.

The breath of Life, breathed into him by Elohim, was recalled at one of the clock of the morning of this day; the immediate cause being a malady of the heart, with which he had been confined to his bed or room during two weeks.

He had almost attained the age of three score and ten, having been born at Chester, in the state of New Hampshire, on the fourth day of September, in the year 1800, and having, during almost forty years before his death, resided in the city of Washington.

We need not recount the long list of his civic and masonic honors. He was bred a lawyer, and had been a legislator in his native state, and held many places of responsibility and trust, national and municipal, in Washington. He had held all the high places of masonic honor in the District of Columbia, and been Grand Master of the Knights Templar of the United States. He became a member of the Supreme Council in 1859, was elected its Grand Chancellor in 1866, and Lieutenant Grand Commander in May, 1870.

Thus crowned with the highest honors, he deserved them all. Few of us who survive him accept the title "Illustrious" without some sense of unworthiness; but he had a right to wear it, with a consciousness that he had merited it by a long life of fidelity and labor.

Faithful at all times to his own convictions, he permitted no convulsions of the state to sever the bonds of ancient brotherhood; and those whom he cordially welcomed after a long separation, and whom he generously labored to assist when calamity had overtaken them, will always hold his memory in loving remembrance.

He was indeed worthy to be called illustrious, for he was a man of many and rare excellencies — one of fine intellect and varied reading, of sound judgment and abundant imagination; a man trustworthy and uncorrupt, equitable and loyal, of stainless purity of morals, ingenuous and conscientious, without malice, or craft, or guile; generous, temperate, singularly modest and unpresuming, with little to repent of or regret in all the doings of his life — in very truth,

Optimam sui memoriam in operibus relinquit.

Perhaps nothing so much distinguished him as integrity and fidelity. His constant endeavor was to do right, and be faithful to every trust and every duty. He neglected nothing, even in his daily clerical toil. He was, in the highest sense, a man of honor and a gentleman; and if he ever erred, it was when his kindness of heart and reluctance to condemn made his judgment less clear and keen than usual. It is rare, if there be any one, of whom it could be more truly said,

Recti facti non ex populi sermone mercedem sed ex facto petit.

When there were but three more suns to rise for him, he had the interests of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at heart, and with great effort wrote to us in regard to a matter that should have appeared upon the records of the Supreme Council; and announced his resolution, *if he should ever get out again*, to take early measures for the advancement of the Rite in the District of Columbia. He was faithful to his duty, and true and zealous to the last.

And he left no enmities unreconciled, nor was any man poorer by means of his prosperity.

It grieves and saddens us that our familiar intercourse and conversation with him is ended; but for him we need not lament. A life like his sequestrates all the terrors of death. To one who has lived well and honestly for almost three score and ten years, it matters little how soon the curtain falls between him and the pageantry of this worldly life. We are permitted to grow old, only upon the inexorable condition that we shall outlive those who are dear to us, and be mourners at the funerals of our children.

Requiem æternam dona ei, Domine, et Lux perpetua luceat ei!

AMEN! AND AMEN!

You will, upon the receipt of this letter, wear the violet badge of mourning for the death of your Lieutenant Grand Commander during the space of sixty days, and the implements of our sanctuaries will be draped in the same mourning for the same time.

Given this 15th day of Ab, A. M. 5630 — August 12, 1870, V. E.

ALBERT PIKE,
Sovereign Grand Commander.

ALBERT G. MACKEY,
Secretary-General H. E.

On motion of Illustrious Brother J. M. Griffiths, the address was referred to a special committee, consisting of Illustrious Brothers Bowers, J. M. Griffiths, and W. M. Wells.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Registrar presented their reports, as follows; which were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

TO THE GRAND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CONSISTORY OF IOWA:

The undersigned, Treasurer, presents the following as his report:

November 16th, 1869, Received of Illustrious Brother W. B. Langridge, 32°, Grand Chancellor and Registrar.....$232 37

There having been no drafts, $232.37 is the amount on hand at this date.

W. M. WELLS, *Grand Treasurer.*

December 27th, 1869.

GRAND REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

TO THE MOST PUISSANT GRAND CONSISTORY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

The undersigned, Grand Registrar and Keeper of Seals and Archives, begs leave to present the following report of his acts during the recess of the Grand Consistory:

As soon as possible after the close of the last Grand Communication, I obtained the printing of the proceedings of the Grand Consistory, in accordance with the resolution then adopted, copies of which were properly distributed, and a supply of which is also here present. The bill for printing will be found in my financial report.

An apology is due the Grand Consistory and the brethren of the bodies located at Lyons for a typographical error, on page 12, placing those bodies at *Clinton*. This happened through an unfortunate slip of the pen, and was not observed by me until after the pamphlet was distributed. It is, I think, the only serious blunder occurring in the report.

BLANKS.

In assuming the duties of this office, I found a constant difficulty arising from the want of blanks and forms. There appeared to be, in the Southern Jurisdiction, at least, no system of charters, warrants, returns, by-laws for subordinate bodies, or, indeed, any other systematic outline of management whatever. No one who has not had experience in a matter of this kind, can imagine the annoyance arising from the want of these guides. For the use of the Rite in this state, I have prepared forms of petitions and warrants of constitution, and, through the kind assistance and supervision of the Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother Pike, charters on parchment for the various bodies now existing in this state. I have also printed forms of blank returns for subordinate bodies, which have been used by them and found correct and convenient. Samples of all these are here present, and will, I hope, meet the approval of the Grand Consistory.

If the Grand Consistory should see proper to comply with the statutes of the Supreme Council by establishing Councils of Kadosh, it will be necessary to supply similar blanks for their management. Besides these, and those already obtained, experience will from time to time suggest other needed forms, the procuring of which, I trust, the Grand Consistory will authorize.

IRREGULARITY AND NEGLECT.

Owing to the want of energy, or some other equally unfortunate circumstance, I have found it exceedingly difficult to obtain the returns as required by law. The blanks were sent out in duplicate, about January 1st. The returns were received,

From No. 1, at Keokuk, March 21st, 1870;
" " 2, " Des Moines, August 10th, 1870;
" " 3, " Davenport, March 16th, 1870;
" " 4, " Dubuque, January 7th, 1870;
" the bodies U. D. at Lyons, returns have been received since my arrival here.

Much of this remissness arises, probably, from the fact that the meeting of this Grand Body occurs in September, while the returns are required to be made up to December 31st, preceding, and forwarded immediately. I would suggest that the statutes be so amended as to make the meeting of this body comply with the constitutions of the Supreme Council, which are required (Art. XXIX, Sec. 2), to be held on the second Wednesday in January in each year.

LIBRARY.

I would recommend to the Grand Consistory the establishment of a library, containing more especially the printed transactions of the bodies of the Rite, for the purpose of consultation and authority. The expense will be little more than that of postage and binding. To this end, I have

obtained a copy of the constitutions, &c., of the Rite, and have added to it, from my private stores, one volume of the proceedings of Supreme Councils, which I have enriched with a plate of a tracing-board of the 18th degree, worthy of careful study and preservation. I have also, in addition to these, secured a MS. copy of the old ritual of the 32d degree. Some effort and a slight expense will enable us to add valuable books to these. The Grand Consistory, not less than other masonic bodies, needs, for its own character and the education of its members, a library of technical books, and the sooner it begins to pick them up the more cheaply and surely will it secure them.

NEW BODIES.

On the 13th day of July, warrants of constitution were expedited to establish bodies of the Rite at Lyons. The fees for these have been paid, and will be found in my financial report.

DUES FROM SUBORDINATES.

The question has arisen as to the amount of annual dues to be paid by subordinate bodies to the Grand Consistory. Take for example the bodies existing at Davenport, of which the present writer is a member: Is each body there to pay one dollar annually for Grand Consistory dues to this body for each member, making four dollars in all; or is only Zarephath Consistory to so pay? In other words, is the Grand Consistory to receive one dollar or four dollars for each person who is a member of all the bodies? This question has been raised by the Secretaries of the bodies both at Davenport and Dubuque (the only ones, by the way, who have, at this writing, paid their dues), and they have only paid for the members of Consistories alone. Section second of article ninth of the statutes requires that "the dues for membership from subordinate bodies to this Grand Consistory shall be one dollar per year for each member borne upon its register." I ask that the Grand Consistory shall settle this question by a plain decision.

DUES TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

The annual dues to the Supreme Council required, by its laws, to be paid, are one dollar per year for each member of the Grand Consistory, and ten dollars for each 32d degree conferred in the jurisdiction of the Grand Consistory during the year. This return should have been made last March, but has not yet been made. As our returns are to the 31st of last December, we owe the Supreme Council two dollars each on thirty-one members, and ten dollars on each 32d degree conferred between the 1st day of June, A. D. 1868, and the 31st day of December, 1869. At present I have no means of determining this number, and ask that the Grand Consistory will adopt the proper means of ascertaining, and make the appropriation necessary for the payment of the amount due.

In this connection, it is proper to state that the charge of $577 claimed as due the Supreme Council from this Grand Consistory, on page 97 of the transactions of that body, June, 1868, was decided by it at its session at Baltimore, in May last, to have been claimed under a misapprehension of facts, and the claim is withdrawn.

GRAND CONSISTORY CHARTER.

I had hoped and expected to have had present with me the charter of this Grand Body, which has been in course of preparation for a long time, and was promised me several months since, but the distance apart at which the various officers live whose signatures are required, and the impossibility of prevailing on some of them to give that decent attention which is the soul of business, has delayed it. I am satisfied that the fault does not lie with the Sovereign Grand Commander, but it is an unfortunate fact that no one man, however talented, energetic, and self-denying he may be, can make up for procrastination and neglect on the part of his subordinates. But, as a score of years count for but little in the cycles of eternity, so we may hope that those losses of time may be but drops in the ocean of our history.

BULLETIN OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief has received and placed on your shelves the Bulletin of the Supreme Council, which is intended to be an official publication, affording a means of communication between the Supreme Council and its subordinates. It is hoped and expected that the Northern Jurisdiction will join in this publication, and so make it a vehicle for the conveyance of news of general interest to the Rite. I present herewith sample copies, and would ask that the Grand Consistory authorize me to subscribe for it for its library. The subscription price is three dollars for twelve numbers, and the pamphlet will probably be issued quarterly.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

This body held its last session at Baltimore in May last, at which time the 33d degree was conferred as an honorarium upon our Commander-in-Chief, Illustrious Brother Leffingwell. His modesty has prevented his referring to this, or to the high encomiums passed on his many excellencies of character and long-time devotion to Masonry in all its branches. Although this reference may not be entirely germane to this report, still I cannot but feel that I should neglect my duty if I should not bring before the Grand Consistory matters of interest which others had omitted, and doubt not but that the satisfaction we all feel in the honor done, and the good name our Grand Consistory has attained through the energetic efforts of Illustrious Brother Parvin, as Sovereign Grand Inspector General, and of Illustrious Brother Leffingwell, as Commander-in-Chief, will plead my excuse.

I append hereto my financial report:

W. B. LANGRIDGE, *Grand Registrar*,

In account with the Grand Consistory of the State of Iowa.

			Dr.	
1868.				
Oct.	10,	To cash received [see proceedings, page 10,]	$ 30 00	
"	18, " " "	of R. F. Bower	1 00	
1869.				
June	3, " " "	of T. S. Parvin, for bodies at Lyons; viz:		
		Fees of nine, at $50 each	450 00	
		Three warrants of constitution	60 00	
Aug.	13, " " "	of W. E. Leffingwell, for warrant of Consistory at Lyons	20 00	
1870.				
March	18, " " "	of C. S. Ells, on account dues of Davenport bodies	43 00	
June	9, " " "	of G. R. Foster, on account dues of bodies at Dubuque	22 00	
Aug.	22, " " "	of Masonic Publishing Co., overcharge freight	70	
				$626 70

			Cr.	
1869.				
Dec.	4, By cash paid for account books and stationery		$ 3 25	
"	4, " " " "	expressage, various times	2 50	
"	4, " " " "	postage, " "	3 88	
1868.				
Nov.	8, " " "	Luse & Griggs, for seal press	20 00	
1869.				
Feb.	4, " " "	B. F. Neidig, letter heads	4 50	
Aug.	10, " " "	Griggs, Watson, & Day, printing and exchange	229 50	
Sept.	3, " " "	Binding one volume proceedings	1 50	
"	15, " " "	Bill B F. Neidig	13 50	
Nov.	15, " " "	W. M. Wells, Grand Treasurer	232 37	
1870.				
Aug.	1, " " "	Expressage on charters	2 70	
"	15, " " "	Charters, Masonic Publishing Co	96 00	
"	15, " " "	Copy constitutions	2 50	
Sept.	1, " " "	Postage, $2.18; box, $5.75	7 93	
"	1, " " "	B. F. Neidig's bill	2 75	
"	1, " " "	Mills & Co., for railroad passes	3 50	
"	1, " "	on hand, balance	0 32	
				$626 70

W. B. LANGRIDGE, *Grand Registrar.*

The Grand Commander-in-Chief named the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE.—Illustrious Brothers R. F. Bower, W. E. Woodward, and P. C. Wright.

ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS.—Illustrious Brothers J. M. Griffiths, G. R. Foster, and C. W. Warner.

ON SUBORDINATE BODIES.—Illustrious Brothers W. E. Woodward, J. M. Griffiths, and Thos. Heaight.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.—Illustrious Brothers R. F. Bower, Wm. M. Wells, and P. C. Wright.

On motion of the Grand Registrar, the Committee on Subordinate Bodies was increased to six, and the Grand Commander-in-Chief added to that committee Illustrious Brothers J. C. Parish, Sherman Williams, and F. E. Batchelder.

Illustrious Brother Bower brought up the question of the amount of dues from subordinate bodies, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence.

The Grand Consistory was then adjourned until 5 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon Session.

TUESDAY, 5 O'CLOCK P. M.

THE Grand Consistory was called to order, pursuant to adjournment, at 5 o'clock P. M.

Present as in the forenoon, with the addition of Illustrious Brother Luse, Bearer of Vexillum Belli, and Illustrious Brother Horace Tuttle, Grand Steward.

Illustrious Brother Bower, 33°, from the Committee on Address of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND THE GRAND CONSISTORY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

The undersigned, Committee on the address of our Very Illustrious Grand Commander-in-Chief, beg leave to submit the following report:

Questions 1st and 2d having been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, we would suggest, with regard to questions 3d and 4th, that circumstances over which they had no control, have prevented some of the bodies in our jurisdiction from doing any work other than organizing. We feel confident that another year will not give us cause for complaint, and recommend that further indulgence be granted them, and that they be urged to comply with their legal requirements.

We are unable to add anything to the suggestions of our venerable Commander-in-Chief further than to urge their adoption. The beautiful and sublime degrees of our Rite are well calculated to make a deep and lasting impression on all who receive them, and, we think, are destined to become the most popular branch of Masonry in Iowa.

We cannot close this report without alluding to our Illustrious Grand Commander-in-Chief, who, having devoted a life to Masonry, now, at the age of over three score and ten, when others are retiring from active duties, has girded on his armor, and is using his every effort and influence for the extension of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Such conduct is worthy of all praise and imitation, and it should be our effort to emulate his noble example.

R. F. Bower, 33°,
J. M. Griffiths, 33°, } *Committee.*
W. M. Wells, 32°,

Illustrious Brother Bower also presented, on behalf of the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence, the following report:

To the Illustrious Grand Commander-in-Chief and Grand Consistory:

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred portions of the address of our Very Illustrious Grand Commander-in-Chief, beg leave to submit the following suggestions:

1st. That Councils of Kadosh ought to be at once established, which may be done by petition and otherwise, the same as other bodies are organized. We believe that the interest of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite would be promoted by the establishment of only two of these bodies at present; viz.: one at Des Moines, for the brethren there and at Keokuk, and the other at Lyons, for the brethren there and at Dubuque and Davenport. We further recommend that the bodies to whom charters have been issued for Consistories shall surrender them and their books and manuals to the Grand Consistory of the State of Iowa, who shall refund the cost of the same; and that in future the 31st and 32d degrees shall only be conferred by and under the auspices of the Grand Consistory.

2d. With regard to the annual dues from the subordinate bodies to this Grand Consistory, we find that Sec. 8, Art. XXII., of the Grand Constitutions of the Supreme Council, settles that subject fully, that every Lodge, Council, Chapter, and Consistory in our jurisdiction must each pay an annual due of one dollar to this Grand Consistory. We consider this very onerous and burdensome upon the members of these bodies, and, as they are all members of the other masonic organizations, it makes it a great hardship. The expense will greatly retard the spread of our sublime Rite, and tend toward exclusiveness.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. Bower, 33°,
W. E. Woodward, 32°, } *Committee.*
Pitkin C. Wright, 32°,

On motion of Illustrious Brother J. M. Griffiths, the report was received, and so much thereof as effects a change of the Regulations of this Grand Consistory laid on the table until the next stated meeting.

Illustrious Brother Griffiths presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Commander-in-Chief be requested, on proper application and petition, to issue warrants organizing Councils of Kadosh at those places where there are now chartered Consistories in existence.

Illustrious Brother Woodward, from the Committee on Subordinate Bodies, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CONSISTORY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Your Committee on Subordinate Bodies would report that they have examined the returns of the subordinate bodies at Keokuk, Des Moines, Davenport, and Dubuque, and find them correct.

We have also examined the transcripts of the bodies under dispensation at Lyons, and find that they have been doing good work, and recommend charters be granted them.

We find the following amounts due from the different bodies; viz.:

KEOKUK.

	MEMBERS.	DUES.	
Keokuk Lodge of Perfection	16	$16	One advancement, $5.00.
De Joinville Council	16	16	" " 2.00.
Kilwinning Chapter Rose Croix	16	16	" " 3.00.
Iowa Consistory, No. 1	16	16	.....

DES MOINES.

	MEMBERS.	DUES.	
Tabernacle Lodge of Perfection	36	$36	One advancement, $5.00.
Cyrus Council Princes of Jerusalem	34	34	.....
Mackey Chapter Rose Croix	34	34	.....
Emanuel Consistory, No. 2	27	27	.....

DAVENPORT.

	MEMBERS.	DUES.	
Mount Horeb Lodge of Perfection, No. 3	48	$48	.....
Adoniram Council Princes of Jerusalem	48	48	.....
Lebanon Chapter Rose Croix	48	48	.....
Zarephath Consistory, No. 3	43	43	.....

DUBUQUE.

	MEMBERS.	DUES.	
Parvin Lodge of Perfection	23	$23	.....
St. John Council Princes of Jerusalem	23	23	.....
Key City Chapter Rose Croix	23	23	.....
Dubuque Consistory, No. 4	22	22	.....

LYONS.

Iowa Grand Lodge of Perfection	...	41 adv'd at $5 each,	$250
Clinton Council Princes of Jerusalem	...	" " " $2 "	82.
Delphic Chapter Rose Croix	...	" " " $3 "	123.
	$473		$435

Making, on dues from subordinate bodies, $473.

W. E. WOODWARD, 32°,
For the Committee.

Illustrious Brother Griffiths, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report of that committee, which was adopted:

TO THE GRAND CONSISTORY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Your Committee on Finance have had under consideration the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Registrar, with the vouchers covering the receipts and expenditures for the last two years in their offices, and respectfully report that we find that the Grand Treasurer has received from the Grand Registrar the total sum of $232.37, which amount is in his hands at this date. We find that the Grand Registrar has received a total amount of $626.70; that he has paid out, and holds vouchers for, $626.48 — leaving in his hands, 32 cents.

Your committee have read with care the able and interesting report of the Grand Registrar. The Grand Consistory has reason to congratulate itself on having secured the services of Brother Langridge in this important position. His experience and attainments in the workings and philosophy of the Rite entitle his suggestions and recommendations to our careful and earnest consideration.

Your committee heartily approve of the recommendation of the Grand Registrar relative to the purchase of books, and especially of the Bulletin of the Supreme Council, and we recommend that he be instructed to subscribe for it, and that the sum of $25 per annum be placed in his hands to be expended in books and periodicals for the Grand Consistory.

We recommend that the Grand Registrar be authorized to procure the necessary blanks and forms for returns, &c., for the several subordinate bodies of the Rite under the jurisdiction of this Grand Consistory.

Your committee recommend the following appropriations; viz.:

To the Grand Registrar, for services and expenses	$150 00
To the Grand Commander-in-Chief, expenses	15 00
To the Grand Commander-in-Chief, bill rendered	138 40
To the Grand Treasurer, expenses	6 00

We also recommend that the following amounts be appropriated to the various Consistories, to pay the expenses of their delegates to this session —the several bodies named to receive the sums named, and they to settle with their delegates:

Iowa Consistory, No. 1	$ 48 00
Emanuel Consistory, No. 2	98 25
Zarephath Consistory, No. 3	140 25
Dubuque Consistory, No. 4	68 25

Fraternally submitted.

J. M. GRIFFITHS, 33°,
G. R. FOSTER, 32°,
C. W. WARNER, 32°,
} *Committee.*

On motion of Bro. Luse,

Resolved, That this Grand Consistory do now proceed to the election of Grand Officers.

Adopted.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief announced that he had received a letter from Illustrious Brother T. S. Parvin, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, explaining the reason of his absence, and praying to be excused from attendance.

On motion of Illustrious Brother Wright, it was

Resolved, That while the Grand Consistory regrets the absence of Illustrious Brother Parvin from its councils, it accepts the reasons offered by him as a valid excuse.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief appointed as tellers, Ill. Bros. Bower and Griffiths.

The Grand Consistory then proceeded to an election of officers, with the following result:

OFFICERS.

Ill. Bro. WM. LEFFINGWELL, 33°, Grand Commander-in-Chief;
" PITKIN C. WRIGHT, 32°, Grand Seneschal;
" H. H. GRIFFITHS, 32°, Grand Preceptor;
" JOHN C. PARRISH, 32°, Grand Constable;
" JOHN GIVEN, 32°, Grand Admiral;
" JOS. CHAPMAN, 32°, Grand Minister of State;
" Z. C. LUSE, 32°, Grand Chancellor;
" WM. E. WOODWARD, 32°, Grand Hospitaler and Almoner;
" W. B. LANGRIDGE, 32°, Grand Registrar and Keeper of Seals;
" WM. M. WELLS, 32°, Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Illustrious Brother Wright, it was

Resolved, That when this session of the Grand Consistory closes, it shall do so to meet at Lyons on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in January, A. D. 1871 (the same being the 10th day of the month).

The Grand Commander-in-Chief then announced the following

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Ill. Bro. CHAS. W. WARNER, Grand Primate;
" GEO. R. FOSTER, Grand Master of Ceremonies;
" GUY WELLS, Grand Expert;
" FRED. E. BATCHELDER, Assistant Grand Expert;
" BENJ. R. PERDUE, Grand Beausenifer;
" C. STEWART ELLS, Bearer Vexillum Belli;
" THEODORE SCHREINER, Grand Captain of the Guards;
" HORACE TUTTLE, Grand Chamberlain;
" H. C. PLUMB, Aid-de-Camp;
" SHERMAN R. WILLIAMS, Grand Steward.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief then announced that the officers above named (elected and appointed) would be installed at the session to be held in January next.

The Grand Consistory was then adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Second Day.

ORIENT OF DES MOINES, IOWA,
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7TH, 1870.

THE Grand Consistory met, pursuant to adjournment, at the hour of 8 o'clock A. M.

Present, the Illustrious Grand Commander-in-Chief, and the Officers and Illustrious Brethren as on yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Consistory be returned to the officers of the various railroads for the courtesy of reduction of fare to its members, and especially to Ill.·. BB.·. John Given and H. F. Royce, and to Bros. N. B. Baker and John Hall, for obtaining same; and also to Ill.·. BB.·. J. M. Griffiths and J. C. Parish, for their untiring efforts to add to the pleasure of our sojourn in the city during the present session.

Some time was then passed in the discussion of various matters of general interest to the Rite in the jurisdiction of the Grand Consistory.

After which the box of fraternal assistance was passed, and the amount contributed placed in the hands of Ill.·. Bro.·. J. M. Griffiths, 33°, for distribution.

The Grand Consistory was then closed in ample form, with solemn prayer, and the Ill.·. BB.·. separated for their several homes, in the Unity of the Sacred Numbers and the bonds of Peace.

WM. LEFFINGWELL, 33°,
Grand Commander-in-Chief.

Attest: W. B. LANGRIDGE, 32°,
Grand Registrar.

GRAND CONSISTORY.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

Lyons, { 16th Tebet, 5631,
10th January, 1871.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at Des Moines, September 6th, 1870, V.·. E.·., the Grand Consistory assembled at the hall of De Molay Consistory, No. 5, at Lyons, on Tuesday, the 16th day of the month Tebet, A.·. M.·. 5631, answering to the 10th day of January, 1871, V.·. E.·.; the following officers and Illustrious Brethren being present:

Ill.·. Bro.·. Wm. Leffingwell, 33°, Grand Commander-in-Chief;
" Pitkin Cowles Wright, 32°, Grand Seneschal;
" John S. Hart, 32°, acting Grand Preceptor;
" Robt. F. Bower, 33°, acting Grand Minister of State;
" Zephaniah C. Luse, 32°, Grand Chancellor;
" W. B. Langridge, 32°, Grand Registrar and Keeper of Seals;
" C. W. Warner, 32°, Grand Primate;
" F. E. Batchelder, 32°, Assistant Grand Expert;
" Geo. W. Parker, 32°, acting Grand Captain of the Guard;
" Sherman R. Williams, 32°, Grand Steward.

And a number of other Illustrious Brethren, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret.

The Grand Consistory was then opened in ample form by the Illustrious Grand Commander-in-Chief.

The balustre of the September meeting, at Des Moines, was read, and, on motion, approved as correct.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief then presented his address, which was read, as follows:

ADDRESS.

Sublime Princes: Our Heavenly Father, in His infinite love and mercy, has permitted us to re-assemble in Consistorial session (in accordance with a resolution adopted at our biennial meeting, held at the city of Des Moines on the 6th day of September last), in order that the unfinished business of that session may be taken under consideration and prosecuted to its consummation. And may our Heavenly Father endow us with wisdom from on high to guide, and judgment to perform, the several duties that devolve upon us, that our acts and decisions may redound to His glory, the best interest of our beloved Rite, and contribute its proportion towards the ultimate happiness of the human family.

Since our last meeting nothing has transpired of sufficient importance to call for or justify a lengthy address. I shall, therefore, be brief in my remarks.

It will be recollected that some matters of importance which were before us at Des Moines in September, were, for good reasons, laid over for final discussion and determination at this session, one of which related to the establishment of Councils of Kadosh, as also some other changes in our subordinate regulations, as will appear by the balustre of our last session. The installation of the officers of this Grand Consistory was also deferred until this meeting, in consequence of our not having in possession the ceremonies of installation. It is made obligatory on us, by Article 29 of the Grand Constitutions, to meet in January of each year, in order that the subordinate bodies shall make returns and pay over their dues to the Grand Consistory, and the financial matters of the past year be adjudicated in time for this Grand Body to make its indispensable returns and remittances to the Supreme Council.

I would respectfully call the attention of the Grand Consistory to the amendments of the laws of the Supreme Council relating to the membership of this body, found on page 15 of No. 1 of the "*Bulletin*," and also to the necessity of so amending our statutes as to correspond with the laws of the Supreme Council in relation to election and installation of officers. These laws, I would suggest, are imperative, and we cannot properly ignore them. I trust the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence, being of the 33d degree and honorary members of the Supreme Council, will look to this matter, and report the proper and necessary changes, in order that our laws, &c., shall, as near as circumstances will permit, harmonize with those of the Supreme Council.

The primary object of convening the Grand Consistory at this place was that the members thereof might have an opportunity to witness and assist in conferring the several degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite by brethren of the respective bodies of the Rite in this place. In order that this desirable object might be attained, a petition to Sovereign Grand Commander Pike was drawn up, praying him to grant them certain privileges therein expressly set forth, and, in particular, permission to confer the degrees from the 14th to the 32d, inclusive, upon the brethren especially

named in said petition, without observing the delays indispensable between the same, as prescribed by statute; which petition was forwarded to me for my recommendation, and thence to Illustrious Brother T. S. Parvin, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, for his indorsement, and by him to Illustrious Brother Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander, who has returned it to the officers from whence it originated, with his approval and warrant of authority to proceed in accordance with the prayer therein set forth.

Consequently, brethren, we can all have the pleasure of witnessing the practical exemplication of the work and lectures of the several degrees in Scottish Rite Masonry, which, for beauty, solemnity, and instruction, are, in my estimation, unrivalled by any institution claiming to be masonic. And as our Illustrious Brethren of this city have, at great sacrifice of time, labor, and money, made every preparation necessary in order to do the work with credit to themselves, satisfaction to the candidates, and the edification of us all (as also the care of our creature comforts), it is to be hoped and believed that we may all feel ourselves in duty, and in masonic courtesy, bound to be present at and assist in the several ceremonies during all the hours of labor, that we may receive profit and they pleasure thereby.

The excellence and object of Scottish Masonry as exemplified in the work and lectures of the several degrees must be witnessed in order to be either properly or profitably appreciated. The basis on which our superstructure rests is invulnerable to all the combined efforts of *bigotry*, *intolerance*, *superstition*, *fanaticism*, and *persecution* for its overthrow; and nothing but *inertia* on the part of its votaries can ever give its enemies even the *semblance* of victory, for its principles are surrounded and defended by the impenetrable walls of *truth*, *equity*, and *good will to all mankind*.

Illustrious Brethren, I will not intrude longer upon your time or patience, but will close by tendering you my sincere thanks for the knightly courtesy manifested toward me (notwithstanding my many errors and shortcomings), and with humble reverence invoke the favor of our common Father to rest upon you, with implicit confidence in *His* goodness, that he will enable us all to clearly know and faithfully discharge our every duty to *Him*, our brother, our order, and ourselves; so that when we shall have passed over the diversified paths of life, having fully overcome, through *Him*, "the dread of death," we may peacefully cross its turbid stream, and, under the guidance of our Infinite High Priest, penetrate the veil that obscures our mortal vision, and by Him be invested with those "greater mysteries" that lie beyond, the magnitude of which no mortal eye hath ever seen, or ear heard, and even the conjecture thereof is as far beyond the comprehension of the human mind as is that of the *self-existent*, or the glory which surrounds and envelopes His Ineffable Being. Let us, therefore, gird on our whole armor, and, under the banner and protection of our glorious Commander above, march on, resolved on "*aut vincere aut mori*."

WM. LEFFIEGWELL, *Grand Commander-in-Chief.*

The Very Illustrious Grand Commander-in-Chief appointed the following

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.—Illustrious Brothers Langridge, Wright, and Bower.

The Grand Registrar presented his annual report, as follows, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

REPORT OF THE GRAND REGISTRAR.

TO THE GRAND CONSITORY:

The undersigned sent to the various bodies of the Rite in the state, at the proper time, the blanks for returns to the Grand Consistory. He has received returns from the bodies at Davenport, Dubuque, and Lyons. As I understand from Illustrious Brother Bower that no work has been done at Keokuk since September, I have the returns made at that date for the bodies at that place.

I have also nearly obtained a statement of the number of Illustrious Brethren on whom the 32d degree has been conferred since the organization of this Grand Consistory, on each of whom a tax of ten dollars is due the Supreme Council, which, with the sum of $1 per annum on each member of this Grand Consistory, should, if it had received a charter from the Supreme Council, be paid to the latter body; but, as no charter has yet been furnished us, it is a question whether we are properly held for anything more than the tax of ten dollars for each degree conferred.

I have also to report, again, the non-reception of the charter of this body, which was promised, I think, some two years ago. I hope it will be received before our next session.

W. B. LANGRIDGE, *Grand Registrar*,
In account with the Grand Consistory of the State of Iowa.

1870.			DR.	
Sept. 6,	To cash	R. F. Bower, No. 1	$ 26 00	
" 6,	"	C. W. Warner, No. 5	410 00	
" 7,	"	J. M. Griffiths, No. 2	37 75	
" 7,	"	contingent fund	25 00	
1871.				
Jan. 10,	"	balance due Grand Registrar	43 75	
				$542 50

1870.		CR.	
Sept. 7,	By receipt Grand Treasurer	$473 75	
Nov. 5,	By paid A. G. Mackey, "Bulletin"	3 00	
" 24,	" " " "Installation"	10 00	
" 26,	" exchange and express	1 00	
" 27,	" Shelley, engrossing charters	50 00	
1871.			
Jan. 10,	" Neidig, printing	4 75	
			$542 50

W. B. LANGRIDGE, *Grand Registrar.*

The Grand Consistory was then adjourned until to-morrow forenoon at eleven o'clock.

Second Day.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH TEBET, A. M. 5631,
(11th January, A. D. 1871.)

THE Grand Consistory was called to labor in Consistorial Chamber of the 32d degree, at the hour of eleven o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

Present, as on yesterday; also,

Ill. Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General;
" William F. Kidder, 33°;
" David F. Miller, 32°.

The Grand Registrar presented and read a letter from Illustrious Brother Wm. E. Woodward, 32°, explaining the reason of his absence from the meeting, and expressing his regret at his inability to attend; when it was

Voted, That the excuse of Illustrious Brother Woodward be accepted as valid.

The Committee on Credentials presented their report, as follows:

TO THE GRAND CONSISTORY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find the following Consistories represented, by the Illustrious Brethren named as follows:

IOWA CONSISTORY, No 1.— Ill. Bro. R. F. Bower, 33°.

ZAREPHATH CONSISTORY, No. 3.— Ill. Bro. Wm. F. Kidder, 33°, proxy for Illustrious Commander-in-Chief; Ill. Bro. Parvin, 33°; Ill. Bro. Leffingwell, 33°; Ill. Bro. Z. C. Luse, 32°; Ill. Bro. Langridge, 32°; Ill. Bro. Jamison, 32°.

De Molay Consistory, No. 5.—Ill. Bro. Wm. E. Leffingwell, 32°, Commander-in-Chief; Ill. Bro. C. W. Warner, 32°, Seneschal; Ill. Bro. G. W. Parker, 32°, Expert; Ill. Bro. John S. Hart, 32°, Prelate; Ill. Bro. Wm. E. Marquis, 32°, Chancellor; Ill. Bro. S. W. Baldwin, 32°, Treasurer; Ill. Bro. F. Born, 32°, Master Ceremonies; Ill. Bros. J. T. Van Deventer, H. W. Somers, H. A. Hart, R. A. Lyons, Wm. H. Talbot, B. A. Spencer, J. Hilsinger, J. W. Miles, Wm. MacQuigg, F. W. Collins, C. B. McDowell, L. A. Ellis, B. S. Woodward, R. J. Hawthorne, S. R. Williams, A. T. Pierpont, Wm. H. Gibbs, A. R. Cotton, F. E. Batchelder, E. J. Holmes, J. A. Bryan, W. W. Sanborn, Samuel Clark, Wm. B. Peck, Wm. R. Ward, Thos. Wilson, R. Hogle, D. G. Butterfield, Levi Keck, J. G. Sugg, F. Scrambling, Wm. L. Brayton, M. H. Westbrook, Jeremiah Wood.

On motion of Illustrious Brother Bower, it was

Resolved, That a committee on the address of the Grand Commander-in-Chief be appointed, and that Illustrious Brother Kidder be chairman of that committee.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief appointed as such committee, Ill. Bros. Kidder, Luse, and Warner.

And, on motion, added the name of Ill. Bro. Parvin to the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence, in place of Ill. Bro. W. E. Woodward, absent.

He also appointed the following Committee on Finance; viz.: Ill. Bros. Kidder, Beers, and Warner — none of the Illustrious Brethren appointed at the last session being present.

And, as a Committee on Returns of Subordinate Bodies, he appointed Ill. Bros. Baldwin, Langridge, and Miller.

Subsequently, Ill. Bro. Luse, from the Committee on the Address of the Very Illustrious Grand Commander-in-Chief, presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Consistory of Iowa:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of our Very Illustrious Grand Commander-in-Chief, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and find all the suggestions relating to the advancement of our order contained therein, relative to the amendment of our by-laws and the establishment of Councils of Kadosh, as suggested at our last meeting, held at Des Moines in September last, all of which properly belong to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who have reported thereon.

We are indeed thankful that the Great I AM has spared the life of our Very Illustrious Grand Commander-in-Chief, and permitted him to be with us at this meeting, enjoying his usual health and energy, his noble heart as warm as ever, still exemplifying those truly masonic virtues practised only by the good and the true. Although he has arrived at that age when it might be expected he would retire from the active duties that devolve upon the leaders in our order, yet we find him with his armor on, bright with use, and doing noble work to advance our glorious order. Our earnest prayer is that he may be spared yet many years to encourage us by his presence, his example, and his prayer.

Z. C. Luse, 32°.

The hour appointed for the installation of the officers of the Grand Consistory having arrived, Ill. Bro. Parvin, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, installed the following officers of the Grand Consistory, who then assumed their respective stations; viz.:

Ill. Bro. Wm. Leffingwell, 33°, *Muscatine*, Grand Commander-in-Chief;
" Pitkin Cowles Wright, 32°, *De Witt*, Grand Seneschal;
" Zephaniah C. Luse, 32° *Iowa City*, Grand Chancellor;
" William B. Langridge, 32°, *Muscatine*, Grand Registrar, and Keeper of Seals and Archives;
" Charles W. Warner, 32°, *Lyons*, Grand Primate;
" Frederick E. Batchelder, 32°, *Clinton*, Assistant Grand Expert;
" S. R. Williams, 32°, *Lyons*, Grand Steward.

After which the Grand Consistory adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Third Day.

Thursday, 18th Tebet, A. M. 5631,
(12th January, A. D. 1871).

The Grand Consistory re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present, as on yesterday.

On motion of Ill. Bro. Parvin, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Registrar be instructed to obtain a Book of Gold for this Grand Consistory, and therein enrol the names and history, so far as he can obtain them, of the members thereof.

Ill. Bro. Bower, on behalf of the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence, presented the following report:

To the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and the Grand Consistory of the State of Iowa:

At the last session of our Grand Consistory the following recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence was referred for action to this session, to-wit:

"1st. That Councils of Kadosh ought to be at once established, which may be done by petition or otherwise, the same as other bodies are organized. We believe that the interests of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite would be promoted by the establishment of only two of these bodies at present; viz.: one at Des Moines, for the brethren there and at Keokuk, and the other at Lyons, for the brethren there and at Dubuque and Davenport. We further recommend that the bodies to whom dispensations have been issued for Consistories shall surrender them and their books and manuals to the Grand Consistory of the State of Iowa, who shall refund them the cost of the same; and that in future the 31st and 32d degrees shall only be conferred by, and under the auspices of, the Grand Consistory."

We have nothing to add to this recommendation, but earnestly urge its adoption, and believe that the prosperity and interests of our Rite will be greatly promoted by this course. For the purpose of effecting this, we present the following resolution:

Resolved, That the dispensations heretofore issued by Sovereign Grand Inspector General Theodore S. Parvin to the Consistories at Keokuk, Des Moines, Davenport, and Dubuque, and by this Grand Consistory to the Consistory at Lyons, be, and are hereby, revoked, and that this Grand Consistory hereby resumes entire and absolute control over the 31st and 32d degrees.

We further recommend that our Grand Registrar be authorized to revise our Constitution, and have it agree with that of our Supreme Council, and that he also correct the time of holding our different sessions, and that the same be published in our next proceedings.

R. F. Bower, 33°,
Pitkin C. Wright, 32°,
T. S. Parvin, 32°,
} *Committee.*

On motion, report and resolution accompanying was adopted.

On motion of Ill. Bro. Luse, Grand Chancellor, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

"WHEREAS, The Grand Consistory of the State of Iowa has assumed control of the 31st and 32d degrees, and said Grand Body having neither place or paraphernalia suitable to properly confer said degrees, and the Illustrious Brethren at Lyons being abundantly provided with both; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Consistory will confer said degrees at the city of Lyons until the next biennial meeting, and that the control of said work be entrusted to Illustrious Brother Wm. E. Leffingwell, Commander-in-Chief of the Consistory heretofore existing at Lyons, and to the proper officers and Sublime Princes under him; they to receive the proper fees, and settle with the Grand Consistory therefor."

An Illustrious Brother presented a preamble and resolution of a confidential character, which the Grand Registrar was directed to communicate by letter to the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council.

Ill. Bro. Parvin, on behalf of the committee of 33ds appointed to that duty, presented the following report of the organization of the Grand Consistory; which was, on motion, adopted, and the Illustrious Brethren therein named elected to membership in the Grand Consistory:

TO THE GRAND CONSISTORY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

The 33ds of the State of Iowa recommend the following as a revised list of membership of the Grand Consistory:

R. F. Bower, 33°, Keokuk; J. M. Griffiths, 33°, Des Moines; W. F. Kidder, 33°, Davenport; Wm. Leffingwell, 33°, Davenport; T. S. Parvin, 33°, Davenport; E. A. Guilbert, 33°, Dubuque.

KEOKUK.—John Given, W. E. Woodward, M. E. Gillette, Guy Wells, T. Schreiner, J. W. Satterthwaite, C. K. Peck, George M. Seaton, Benj. W. Davis, Wm. E. Griswold, M. W. Westcott.

DES MOINES.—H. H. Griffiths, W. M. Wells, H. C. Plumb, S. D. Welling, W. Redhead, F. A. Percival, J. H. Dykeman, Wm. Allerts, John Scott, John A. Elliott, Sam. M. Good, J. C. Gibbs.

DAVENPORT.—Z. C. Luse, W. B. Langridge, C. Stewart Ells, O. P. Waters, C. S. Streeper, F. H. Griggs, J. W. Jamison, J. A. Hursh, J. J. Burtis, James Thorington, L. Stuckrath.

DUBUQUE.—Joseph Chapman, Geo. R. Foster, M. S. Robinson, W. P. Allen, H. H. Hemenway, J. Mehlhop, Horace Tuttle.

LYONS.—Pitkin C. Wright, Wm. E. Leffingwell, C. W. Warner, Geo. W. Parker, John S. Hart, T. F. Butterfield, F. L. Blakely, S. W. Baldwin, Fred. Born, J. Van Deventer, J. G. Sugg, J. Hilsinger, S. R. Williams.

T. S. PARVIN, 33°,
WM. LEFFINGWELL, 33,
W. F. KIDDER, 33°,
R. F. BOWER, 33.

Ill. Bro. Kidder, from the Committee on Finance, presented the report of that committee, as follows:

To the Grand Consistory of the State of Iowa:

Your Committee on Finance have had under consideration the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Registrar, with the vouchers covering the receipts and expenditures since the last meeting of this Grand Body.

The Grand Treasurer had on hand, September 1st, 1870, $232.37, and received of the Grand Registrar, at September session, $473.75, making a total of $706.12; he has paid out, as per vouchers, $309.40; leaving a balance in the treasury of $396.72.

We find that the Grand Registrar received, at the September session of the Grand Consistory, $473.75; that he has paid out, as per vouchers, $542.50, less contingent fund of $25; leaving due Grand Registrar, $43.75.

Your committee recommend the following appropriations; viz.: To the Grand Registrar, for services and expenses, $200; to the Grand Commander-in-Chief, expenses, $50.

We also recommend that the following amounts be appropriated to the Consistories that are represented at this convocation, to pay the expenses of their delegates to this session — the several bodies named to receive the sums named, and they to settle with their delegates, or other proper parties:

Iowa Consistory, No. 1	$48 00
Emanuel Consistory, No. 2	
Zarephath Consistory, No. 3	
Dubuque Consistory, No. 4	
De Molay Consistory, No. 5	

And we recommend that hereafter nothing shall be allowed to any body for expenses, unless represented in the Grand Consistory.

Your committee would recommend that the Grand Registrar be instructed to notify each member of this Grand Consistory of his annual dues, and report payment.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. Kidder,
T. R. Beers,
C. W. Warner,
} *Committee.*

When it was moved to so amend this report as to strike out from the appropriation for reimbursement of the expenses of representatives of such bodies as had no representatives present.

Which was adopted; and the report, as amended, was then adopted.

On motion of Ill. Bro. Parvin,

Resolved, That the Grand Registrar be directed to report those who are delinquent under the second resolution of the Supreme Council, relative to "Membership of Inspectors General in Grand Consistories," as published on page 16, No. 1 of the "Official Bulletin of the Supreme Council."

[The resolution is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That should members of the 33d degree, honorary members of this Supreme Council, refuse or neglect to pay their dues to Grand Consistories, or fail to perform their duties as active members in such bodies, then the Grand Consistory shall make report of such failure or neglect to the Supreme Council, who shall take action thereon."]

On motion of Ill. Bro. Parvin, it was

Resolved, That the presiding officers of the several Lodges of Perfection under this jurisdiction be instructed to organize and set their respective bodies at active work before the next regular meeting of this body; or show cause then and there why their charters shall not be revoked.

On motion of Ill. Bro. Luse, it was

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of the Grand Consistory be held at the city of Lyons, at the time specified in Section second, Article XXIX. of the statutes of the Supreme Council, as published on page 53 in the Appendix to the Report of the Proceedings of the Grand Consistory for the year 1868.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That all annual dues accrued to date to this Grand Consistory by its members, be remitted.

On motion of Ill. Bro. Parvin, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Consistory be heartily tendered to the Illustrious Brethren of De Molay Consistory, at this place, for their generous and liberal hospitality to the members of this Grand Body during its present session, and for the great privilege we have enjoyed, of witnessing the work of the Rite so well and fully exemplified in the various grades by them.

The Grand Registrar was, by resolution, directed to apply to the Sovereign Grand Commander for a decision of that portion of Article XXVIII. relative to meetings and elections, under the head of "*Grand Consistories*," as to whether the same is to be understood as applicable equally to State Grand Consistories and to particular Consistories, or only to one of them, and, if so, to which one.

[Application was accordingly made, and the following is the decision given:

"It has never been considered *obligatory* on a Grand Consistory to meet on all the days mentioned in Article XXVIII. of the statutes; but only that these are *appropriate* days. It is always in the power of the body, when adjourning, to pass over any one or more of these days and adjourn to a day beyond. Being the Supreme Power of the Rite within its jurisdiction, it possesses the power to do this whenever circumstances make it necessary or expedient; and, of the sufficiency of the reason, it must necessarily be the final judge."]

No further business appearing, the box of fraternal assistance was passed, and the amount contributed placed in the hands of Ill. Bro. Geo. W. Parker, of Lyons.

After which the Grand Consistory was duly closed, with appropriate ceremonies, and in the harmony of the sacred numbers.

[During the week in which the Grand Consistory met, the Ritual of Scottish Masonry was fully and most skillfully exemplified by the Illustrious Brethren belonging to the Lyons bodies, under the command of Illustrious Brother Wm. E. Leffingwell, 32°, who, as Commander, showed great learning and ability, and was ably, promptly, and conscientiously supported by the officers and brethren under him. The visitors present were cared for with a princely hospitality, and felt that their experience at Lyons abundantly repaid them for the time and labor expended in attendance. All were enthusiastic in praise of the energy, industry, and taste displayed in the arrangements for working, and the fittings of the rooms, as well as the large-hearted hospitality of their hosts.]

WM. LEFFINGWELL, 33°,
Grand Commander-in-Chief.

Attest: W. B. LANGRIDGE, 32°,
Grand Registrar.

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GENERAL REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

POWERS.

This Grand Consistory shall have the sole power of constituting all bodies working degrees below the 31st to the 4th degree inclusive, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in the State of Iowa, and shall alone issue diplomas, briefs, and patents to the brethren possessing any of the degrees of this Rite below the 31st degree. It shall have the general supervision of the Rite in the State of Iowa, and may make all the needful rules and regulations for the government of the same, and of the several bodies subordinate to it; provided they do not in any way conflict with the constitutions of 1762, those of 1786, of the Supreme Council, under which this Grand Consistory is held, or the Ritual of the Rite, which are hereby adopted as the governing law of the Rite in this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE II.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

This Grand Consistory is composed of:

1st. All the honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and Deputy Grand Inspectors General, resident within the jurisdiction, except such as may, at their own request, be placed upon the Emerite list.

2d. The Commanders-in-Chief of particular Consistories.

3d. The Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret made or affiliated therein, according to masonic age, not exceeding eighty-one, including those mentioned in the first and second paragraphs hereof.*

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*EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER SUPREME COUNCIL.

"The number of members of a Grand Consistory has *always* been fixed at 81, a symbolic number, 9x9.

All members of the Grand Consistory shall acknowledge the rightful jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa over the three symbolic degrees of Masonry, and give due allegiance to that extent to said Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION. The officers of this Grand Consistory shall be as follows:

1st. The Grand Commander-in-Chief.

2d. The First Lieutenant Commander, or Grand Seneschal.

3d. The Second Lieutentant Commander or Grand Preceptor.

4th. The Grand Constable.

5th. The Grand Admiral.

6th. The Grand Minister of State.

7th. The Grand Chancellor.

8th. The Grand Hospitaler and Almoner.

9th. The Grand Registrar.

10th. The Grand Keeper of the Seal and Archives.

11th. The Grand Treasurer.

12th. The Primate.

13th. The Provost or Grand Master of Ceremonies.

14th. The Grand Expert.

15th. The Assistant Grand Expert.

16th. The Beausenifer.

17th. The Bearer of the Vexillum Belli.

"You have now five honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors General. That leaves place for seventy-six 32ds. These will be those oldest in date of reception of the degrees; or, if it should be necessary to choose between those of same age, it will be done by lot. The others are honorary members, but when any of them attend, and, with them, there are not more than eighty-one present, they exercise all the powers of active members.

"The Grand Consistory can place members of the body on the list of Ermiti; and a Brother failing to attend, time after time, may be dropped from the roll of active membership. This is wholly for the body itself to settle.

"If there is a question about age, and it becomes necessary to *select* the members, Ill. Bro. Parvin and the honorary members of the Supreme Council must meet and do it, under the statutes of 1861. The only change made is by increasing the number of active members to 81. Before that change you could have but 21 [active]."

18th. The Master of the Guards.
19th. The Chamberlain.
20th. The Grand Steward.
21st. The Aid-de-Camp of the Commander-in-Chief.

The duties of the 9th and 10th officers shall be discharged by the Grand Registrar.

Sec. 2. The President of this Grand Consistory is styled V.·. Ill.·. Grand Commander-in-Chief, and he is the Supreme Chief of all the bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the State of Iowa. He is, *ex-officio*, president of all committees of this Grand Consistory, and is hereby empowered to grant any dispensation not conflicting with the general statutes of the order, and of the Supreme Council at Charleston, S. C., and on the 27th of December of each year, or at the biennial Grand Communication, he shall make a full report of the transactions of this Grand Consistory since the last stated meeting, and of all facts that he may deem of interest to this Grand Consistory, or the order at large. He shall have the power to grant dispensations to any number of BB.·., not less than seven, for the formation of new bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction, petitions for said dispensations being accompanied by proper certificates of the good standing of the petitioners, and being duly recommended by a body of equal degree under this jurisdiction. He shall also have power to call special meetings of the Grand Consistory whenever he shall deem it necessary. He shall also have power to draw upon the Treasurer, during the recess of the Grand Consistory, for an amount not exceeding fifty dollars, in any one case of distress.

Sec. 3. In the absence, or inability to act, of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, the First Lieutenant Commander shall perform his duties, and, in his absence, the Second Lieutenant Commander shall perform said duties.

Sec. 4. The Grand Constable, assisted by the Grand Admiral, will have the general command whenever the Grand Consistory shall move in procession or review, and it will be their especial province at all times to enforce discipline and

subordination, and see that the views of the Commander-in-Chief are at all times carried out, and the regulations of the order properly enforced.

Sec. 5. The Grand Minister of State is one of the privy counsellors of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, and includes the office of Grand Orator. In all important questions of debate it will be his special duty to state his opinion before the same is put to vote. In trials before the G.·. I.·. I.·. G.·.s he will represent the Grand Consistory, and pronounce his conclusions before judgment, and give opinions on all questions of masonic law that may be referred to him. It is his province to pronounce such discourse to visitors of distinction, to Princes newly received, to the Grand Consistory on solemn occasions, and in honor of the dead, as may be required by the customs of the order, and as directed by competent authority.

Sec. 6. The Grand Chancellor is one of the privy counsellors of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, and through him he will issue his edicts and promulgate his decisions. He will cause to be prepared all diplomas, briefs, patents, letters of credence and of constitution, and other balusters. He will see that they are in due form, and contain the necessary conditions, and will authenticate them with his signature. He will draft new regulations and statutes, and give form to the decisions, judgments, and decrees of the Grand Consistory, and of administration to the Grand Commander-in-Chief. He will examine the statutes and work of all subordinate bodies; he will conduct all correspondence with other Grand Consistories, and domestic and foreign Grand Bodies; he will cause to be prepared the transactions of the Grand Consistory for publication, and in other respects perform the functions of Prime Minister to the Grand Commander-in-Chief and organ of the Grand Consistory, and will perform such other duties as are enjoined in the installation ceremonies and the rituals of our order.

Sec. 7. The Grand Hospitaler, or Almoner, shall, on behalf of this Grand Consistory, visit all the members thereof

who may suffer from sickness or misfortune, in order that all proper and advisable means may be taken by this Grand Consistory to relieve the same.

Sec. 8. The Grand Registrar shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of this Grand Consistory; receive and take charge of all papers and proceedings that are to be laid before it, and present them in due time; turn over to the Grand Keeper of the Seals and Archives such as are proper to be kept in his custody; register all balusters sent from the Grand Consistory, and all briefs, patents, certificates, and letters patent, of whatever kind; and upon proper application make out and furnish certified copies of entries and records, and cause them to be be authenticated by the great seal of the G.·. C.·.; he will make out and transmit all returns and reports to the Supreme Council, in due time and season; he will receive all moneys for the G.·. C.·., receipt for the same, and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer. These and other duties of the Secretariat he shall perform, and such others, named under the duty of the Grand Chancellor, as may be ordered by that officer, or the Grand Commander-in-Chief; and he shall receive for his services such compensation as to the Grand Consistory shall appear just.

Sec. 9. The Grand Keeper of the Seals and Archives shall be the custodian of the great seal of the G.·. C.·., which it will be his duty to affix to all documents issued by it requiring to be sealed, and to all copies of its records, edicts, decrees, &c.; he will prepare, seal, and deliver, copies of such records and papers in his custody as may be desired by proper authority; and he will be the librarian of the G.·. C.·.

The duties of this officer may be performed, with his consent, by the Grand Registrar, under the approval of the Grand Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 10. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the hand of the Grand Registrar, and shall give a receipt for the same. He shall keep a correct account of said moneys, and pay out the same to the order of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, countersigned by the Grand Registrar. He shall

keep all moneys, and all such bonds, notes, and other securities, as may come into his hands as Grand Treasurer, in a regular chartered bank, within the state. On the 27th day of December, of each year, he shall make a full and correct statement of the department under his charge, and present the same, with his vouchers, to this Grand Consistory.

SEC. 11. The Primate shall perform the duties of Chaplain in the Grand Consistory, and offer up prayers and invocations on all proper occasions.

SEC. 12. The Provost, or Grand Master of Ceremonies, shall perform all duties which relate to the various ceremonies of the regular sessions of this Grand Consistory. He shall also accompany the candidate in his initiation, or affiliation, introduce visitors, and see that no one enters this Grand Consistory until after due examination, and with proper regalia. He shall carry the dispatches of the Grand Commander-in-Chief to the members or visitors of this Grand Consistory, both in and out of this Grand Consistory, and the better to enable him to perform the several duties, the Grand and Assistant Grand Experts, the Chamberlain and Grand Steward shall be his assistants.

SEC. 13. The duties of Grand and Assistant Grand Expert are analagous to those of Senior and Junior Deacons of a Lodge.

The Grand Expert receives orders from the Grand Commander-in-Chief. He examines such visitors as it is found necessary to interrogate and prove; and, with the assistance of the Assistant Grand Expert, examines and prepares all candidates.

The Assistant Grand Expert receives his orders from the First Lieutenant Grand Commander. Both are conservators of order in the Grand Consistory, and are at the orders of the Provost, or Grand Master of Ceremonies.

SEC. 14. The Beausenifer is the bearer of the Beauseant of the Grand Consistory.

The Bearer of the Vexillum Belli is the bearer of the war banner, or battle flag.

Sec. 15. The Master of the Guards. It shall be his special duty to guard the entrance to the Consistorial Chamber, and he shall receive his orders from the First Lieutenant Grand Commander. In matters of discipline, he shall receive and obey the orders of the Grand Constable, to whom he will promptly report any disobedience of orders; he will, at each convocation, receive and communicate the watchwords of the day.

Sec. 16. The Grand Chamberlain shall have the Consistorial Chamber and its furniture in his charge; and he will see that it contains all the proper articles and decorations, and that they are kept in proper repair and fit condition. The lights are in his special charge; he will see that the apartments are properly arranged for receptions, and for ordinary sessions; the Grand Tyler is subject to his orders for these purposes.

Sec. 17. It shall be the duty of the Grand Steward, under the direction of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, to provide for and make all the necessary preparation for the feasts and refections of the Grand Consistory.

Sec. 18. Aid-de-Camp. The duties of this officer assimilate to that of a military officer of the same grade; he will, therefore, perform such duties as shall be assigned to him by the Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 19. The Grand Tyler shall keep the premises in perfect order, and be in attendance at the gate of the camp at every session; he will hold himself at the disposal of the officers of the Grand Consistory, especially of the Grand Commander in-Chief, Master of Ceremonies, and Grand Chamberlain, under whose directions he shall fit up the camp; he shall promptly present, to be signed by the proper officers, all patents and documents entrusted to him for that purpose, and shall deliver all summons to members of this Grand Consistory; and for his services shall receive such compensation as may be voted him by the Grand Consistory. He may employ BB.·. to assist him *only* with the permission of the Commander-in-Chief.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The election of officers of this Grand Consistory shall be held triennially, on the 27th of December, unless otherwise specially ordered by the Grand Consistory.

SEC. 2. The first named eleven officers of the Grand Consistory shall be elected by ballot; the others appointed by the Grand Commander-in-Chief.

SEC. 3. The election of officers in subordinate bodies shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the Supreme Council.

SEC. 4. The first five officers of all subordinate bodies shall be elected by ballot; the others as they may severally determine.

SEC. 5. The Secretaries of the several bodies under this jurisdiction shall, within two weeks after every election, furnish the Grand Registrar with a full and correct list of the officers elected.

SEC. 6. The officers elect in all the bodies in this jurisdiction shall be installed immediately after said election, unless it be determined otherwise by special resolution, at said session or meeting.

SEC. 7. Immediately after the installation, the presiding officer of each body subordinate to this Grand Consistory shall appoint a Committee on Finance, whose duty it shall be to examine the reports and vouchers of the Treasurer and Chancellor, or Secretary, and all such matters as may be referred to them, and at the end of the year they shall make a full report of the financial affairs, and suggest such measures as they may deem necessary.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. Immediately after the installation of the officers of this Grand Consistory, the presiding officer shall appoint the

following standing committees, as provided for by article 22, section 9, Grand Constitutions of 1866:

I. On Law and Jurisprudence — composed of one member of the 33d degree, and two of the 32d, to whom are to be added the active members of the Supreme Council resident in the state.

II. On Correspondence — of three members.

III. On Finance and Accounts — of three members.

IV. On Subordinate Bodies — of three members.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Law and Jurisprudence shall report upon all questions of masonic law and usage which may arise in this jurisdiction, and which shall have been referred to them for examination by the Grand Commander-in-Chief or Grand Consistory, in the form of an expression of opinion.

SEC. 3. The Committee on Correspondence shall examine the written and printed reports of all bodies of the A.·. A.·. Rite outside of the jurisdiction of this Grand Consistory, and report at the annual meeting in January.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Finance and Accounts shall, annually, examine the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Registrar, and make a full report of the financial affairs of the Grand Consistory, suggesting such measures as they may deem necessary.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Subordinate Bodies shall carefully examine all returns, proceedings, by-laws, correspondence, etc., received by the Grand Chancellor or Grand Registrar from the various subordinate bodies in this jurisdiction, and report such irregularities as may appear, and annex to their reports resolutions expressing any action they may deem necessary by the Grand Consistory.

SEC. 6. Each committee shall report in writing, on all matters referred to it, as speedily as possible.

ARTICLE VI.

STATED SESSIONS OR MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. (*a.*) The stated sessions of this Grand Consistory

shall be held at Des Moines on the first Tuesday of September, A. D. 1870, and triennially thereafter.

(*b.*) The annual sessions shall be held on the second Wednesday in January in each year, at such place as the Grand Consistory shall determine at its previous meeting.

(*c.*) Special sessions may be held at such times and places as shall be ordered by the first three Grand Officers, with the approval of the active 33d.

SEC. 2. The proceedings of the Annual Communication must be published as soon thereafter as possible, and all meetings shall be conducted as follows, being opened in the 32d degree:

Approval of the minutes.

Report of Committee on Subordinate Bodies on credentials of delegates from the different bodies of the Rite.

Address of the Grand Commander-in-Chief.

Reports of Lieutenant Commanders.

Reports of Grand Chancellor, Grand Registrar, Grand Treasurer, and other officers and committees, in the order of their appointment.

The Grand Consistory shall be opened in the 14th, 16th, and 18th degrees, and the first three officers as delegates, admitted from the Lodges of Perfection, Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, and Chapters of Rose Croix, under its jurisdiction, when reports and representations from each shall be listened to and acted upon.

Charters for subordinate bodies shall only be authorized at the Triennial Grand Communication.

SEC. 3. The meetings, feast days, and days of election of officers of all subordinate bodies in this jurisdiction shall be those specified in the Constitutions of the Supreme Council of 1866, and those specified in their respective by-laws and rituals.

ARTICLE VII.

QUORUMS.

The number of members to form a quorum for the transaction of business, shall be:

For the Grand Consistory — nine.
For Chapters of Rose Croix — seven.
For Councils of Princes of Jerusalem — five.
For Lodges of Perfection — seven.

ARTICLE VIII.

FEES.

SEC. 1. Consistories shall not charge less than $60 for the degrees from the 19th to the 32d inclusive, nor Chapters of Rose Croix less than $30, nor Councils of Princes of Jerusalem less than $10, nor Lodges of Perfection less than $30, for initiation into the same.

In cases where Chapters of Rose Croix exercise a control from the 4th to the 18th degree, inclusive, they shall not charge for initiation a less sum than $70.

SEC. 2. There shall be no fee for affiliation in this Grand Consistory.

SEC. 3. The price of a charter for a Lodge of Perfection is fixed at.....$20
Of a charter for a Council of Princes of Jerusalem at. 5
Of Letters-Capitular for a Chapter of Rose Croix at.. 15
For an Areopagus of Knights Kadosh..... 20
One-half to be paid on issuing a dispensation, and the remainder on receiving a charter.

ARTICLE IX.

DUES AND RETURNS.

SEC. 1. The following dues shall be paid to this Grand Consistory by the several subordinate bodies, to-wit:

Consistories	$10 00
Chapters of Rose Croix	3 00
Councils of Princes of Jerusalem	2 00
Lodges of Perfection	5 00

for each member initiated in the highest degree in these bodies, respectively.

SEC. 2. The dues for membership from each subordinate body to this Grand Consistory shall be one dollar per year for each member borne upon its register.

SEC. 3. All subordinate bodies under this jurisdiction shall make annual returns to this Grand Consistory, as per blanks to be furnished by the Grand Registrar, enumerating the names of their officers and members, with their masonic grade, with the date of their initiations, affiliations, dimissions, expulsions, suspensions, and deaths; the number and dates of meetings held during the year, and the amount of the dues of said bodies. The said returns to be made up to the 31st of December of each year.

SEC. 5. Blanks for said returns shall be furnished to all the bodies under this jurisdiction on application to the Grand Registrar, one month before said returns are due by said bodies.

SEC. 5. Any masonic body under this jurisdiction neglecting to make its annual returns and pay its dues to this Grand Consistory for the space of two years, shall forfeit its charter, letters-capitular, or constitutions, as the case may be; and it shall be the duty of the presiding officer of said body to deliver to this Grand Consistory the archives, furniture, and charter, letters-capitular, or constitutions of said body.

SEC. 6. The annual returns must be sent to the Grand Registrar by the seventh day of January of each year.

ARTICLE X.

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 1. All subordinate bodies under this jurisdiction shall have the right to make their own by-laws, provided they shall be in accordance with the general statutes of the order, the constitutions of the Supreme Council, and the regulations of this Grand Consistory; but the same shall not go into effect until they shall have been approved by this Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE XI.

INITIATION AND AFFILIATION.

SEC. 1. The fee for initiation or affiliation must in all cases be paid before the ceremony, nor shall credit in any case be given for said fees by this Grand Consistory or the subordinate bodies under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. The ballotings in all cases to be conducted in accordance with article XXX, Grand Constitutions of 1866.

SEC. 3. When a petition for initiation has been rejected, the petitioner shall not apply again to any body of the Rite under six months.

SEC. 4. The rejection of a petition for affiliation shall not affect the good standing of the applicant; and he shall have the right to petition as before said rejection.

SEC. 5. No member of any masonic body of this Rite shall expose or make known his ballot, nor shall he ask another how he balloted.

SEC. 6. Nor shall any member of any of the various bodies of this Rite give the least information to any person not a member thereof, concerning the rejection or postponement of the ballot in any case, other than the official information of rejection by the proper officer.

SEC. 7. No candidate shall receive the 30th degree unless he shall be twenty-five years of age.

SEC. 8. No member of a subordinate body of this jurisdiction shall be an active member of more than one body of the same degree.

SEC. 9. Every petition for initiation or affiliation in this Grand Consistory shall be in writing, signed by the applicant, stating his age, occupation, and residence, with his highest masonic rank; and shall be recommended by at least three members of this Grand Consistory, and shall also be accompanied with a certificate of good standing from the Consistory or Council of Kadosh to which he last belonged, or good and sufficient reasons, made in writing, why the same could not be done. It shall be read, and, if no objection be made, it

shall be referred to a committee of three, for investigation. After said committee shall have reported, this Grand Consistory may proceed to act thereon.

Sec 10. All petitions to the subordinate bodies of this jurisdiction for initiation or affiliation shall be made in writing, be signed by the applicant, stating his age, place of birth, occupation, residence, and his highest masonic rank, and be recommended by at least two members of the body applied to; and shall be accompanied with a certificate of good standing from the body to which he last belonged, or good and sufficient reasons, made in writing, why the same could not be done. Then, if no objection be made, the same shall be read and referred to a committee of three members of said body, to inquire into and report upon the character and merits of said applicant. Nor shall a ballot be taken on the same in less than one month from the date of its reception. After one month has elapsed, and the committee have reported on the application, then said body may proceed to ballot thereon.

ARTICLE XII.

TRIALS IN GENERAL.

Sec. 1. All trials of members of the 31st and 32d degrees, and all appeals from subordinate bodies, shall be had before the Supreme Tribunal, 31st degree; and its decision shall be final in all cases of appeal from subordinate bodies.

Sec. 2. When a trial shall have taken place in the Supreme Tribunal, its decision shall be transmitted by the Chancellor thereof to the Grand Consistory.

Sec. 3. The Grand Consistory shall then proceed to deliver the sentence, through the Grand Commander-in-Chief, and cause the Grand Registrar to notify the various bodies under this jurisdiction, within one month after said sentence shall have been passed.

Sec. 4. After the trial and sentence the accused may appeal to the Supreme Council, by notifying the Grand Chan-

cellor to that effect, in writing, within ten days after said sentence, or at a future time, by and with the unanimous consent of the Grand Consistory at a stated session.

SEC. 5. Whenever the Grand Chancellor shall receive notice of appeal, as per section 4, the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall order the Supreme Tribunal to reduce to writing all such testimony as may not have been written on the trial, and cause the Chancellor of said Supreme Tribunal to forward the same, together with a copy of all the proceedings had in said trial, and with all the documents appertaining thereto, and the decisions thereon, to the Grand Chancellor, who shall transmit the same to the Secretary General of the Supreme Council, 33d degree, with a copy of the appeal.

SEC. 6. Should a verdict of expulsion or suspension by a subordinate body be reversed by this Grand Consistory, it shall not restore the party to full membership, unless by a unanimous vote of the body appealed from; but he shall be restored to good standing in the body at large.

SEC. 7. In case the two first officers of a body under this jurisdiction should be accused at the same time, the officer next in rank, or the Grand Commander-in-Chief, shall bring the charges against them in this Grand Consistory.

SEC. 8. All bodies under this jurisdiction shall have the right to take cognizance of any violation of the general statutes of the order, of the regulations of this Grand Consistory, and of their own by-laws, by members of said bodies, or by sojourning brethren within their jurisdiction.

SEC. 9. Should any masonic body under this jurisdiction, or a member or members of the same, at any time announce their allegiance to this Grand Consistory, or openly resist the regulations or edicts thereof, this Grand Consistory, or if it be during the recess of this Grand Consistory, the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall suspend from all the privileges of the Rite such body, member, or members, until the next stated session of this Grand Consistory; when, upon proof being made before the Supreme Tribunal, of the act, or acts, for which said suspension was made, the Supreme Tribunal shall

decide and determine such punishment against said body, member, or members, as two-thirds of the members present shall deem the case to require.

Sec. 10. Should a member of any body of the Rite be expelled or suspended during his absence from the state, without having been notified of the charges made against him, he may demand a new trial, by serving in writing, on the Secretary of said body, a notice to that effect, within one month after his return to the state.

Sec. 11. No member of a subordinate body under this jurisdiction, when expelled, shall be restored to membership, except by this Grand Consistory, and then only on the recommendation of the body expelling him.

Sec. 12. When charges are preferred against a sojourning brother, his trial shall take place in the same manner as if he were a member of the body in whose jurisdiction he is.

Sec. 13. Any member of a body in this jurisdiction who shall be expelled or suspended by his Lodge, or by any masonic body under this jurisdiction, shall be expelled or suspended by all the bodies of this jurisdiction, of which he is a member.

ARTICLE XIII.

TRIALS IN THE THIRTY-FIRST AND THIRTY-SECOND DEGREES.

Sec. 1. Whenever charges are preferred against a member of the 31st and 32d degree, they shall be in writing, fully specifying the act, or acts, complained of, and be accompanied by a list of the witnesses, with their residences.

Sec. 2. The charges shall be handed to the Grand Commander-in-Chief, who, should he deem them frivolous in their nature, shall report the same to this Grand Consistory at its next session; but should he deem them of a grave character, he shall immediately refer them to a committee of three members of this Grand Consistory, with instructions to examine into the circumstances of the same, and report upon the necessity of a trial in said case. Should the committee report a trial necessary, he shall order the Grand Registrar to serve a

copy of the charges on the accused, together with an order to reply in writing to the same within ten days, and to furnish a list of the witnesses he may wish examined, and their residences.

SEC. 3. Should any of the witnesses of either party not be Masons in good standing, the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall appoint a committee of three members to take said testimony; and the same shall be taken under oath, and be signed by said witness. The committee shall notify the parties of the time and place of taking said testimony. Each party shall have the right to be present at said examination and question said witnesses. When said testimony shall have been taken, the committee shall return it, under their certificate, to the Grand Registrar, who shall notify the Grand Commander-in-Chief of the fact. Then the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall order the Grand Registrar to summon the parties, and the witnesses who are Masons to attend on a specified day, and to summon the Grand Consistory and Supreme Tribunal to meet on the day appointed for the trial.

SEC. 4. On the day appointed, the Supreme Tribunal, having been furnished with all the documents referring to the trial, by the Grand Registrar, shall proceed to summon before it the parties and witnesses; and all such as are Masons shall be examined on their highest masonic obligation; the parties themselves, or through the defender, or any other member possessing at least the 31st degree, appointed by them, may question and cross-question said witnesses.

SEC. 5. After the witnesses present shall have been examined, and all the testimony heard, the accused may be heard in his defense, either by himself or through the defender, or any other member possessing at least the 31st degree, and selected by him. But no debate of any kind, on the part of the members of the Supreme Tribunal, shall be allowed, always excepting such inquiries as may be necessary to a correct understanding of the testimony adduced. When the accused shall have been heard, in his defense, he and others, not members of the 31st degree, shall retire; and the Supreme

Tribunal shall immediately proceed to vote on the guilt or innocence of the accused, taking a separate vote on each specific charge.

SEC. 6. It shall require a majority of all the votes cast to convict, three-fourths to expel, two-thirds to suspend, and a majority to reprove or reprimand.

SEC. 7. Should the accused be found guilty, the vote shall immediately be taken on the degree of punishment to be inflicted, and in the following order:

1st. Expulsion.
2d. Indefinite suspension.
3d. Suspension for a definite period.
4th. Reproof or reprimand.

SEC. 8. When the decision is made and recorded, the Supreme Tribunal shall transmit its decision to the Grand Consistory, as per section 2, article XII.

SEC. 9. In all cases where the accused shall refuse to answer, or cannot be found, the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall appoint a member to appear for him, and the proceedings shall go on as if the accused were present.

ARTICLE XIV.

TRIALS IN SUBORDINATE BODIES.

SEC. 1. All charges made against a member of a subordinate body under this jurisdiction must be made in writing, clearly specifying the offense complained of, be signed by the party making said charge, and contain a list of the witnesses, with their residences.

SEC. 2. The same shall be presented to the presiding officer of the body of which the accused is a member, who shall submit the charges to a committee of three members of said body.

SEC. 3. The committee shall investigate the matter, and if the subject of the accusation be a personal quarrel between the accused and other members of the order, said committee shall endeavor to reconcile the parties; should they fail to do

so, or the charges be of such a nature as to require the action of the body, then the committee shall report accordingly.

SEC. 4. Should the committee report a trial necessary, the Secretary of the body shall serve upon the accused a copy of the charges, and summon him to appear, and answer in writing to said charges, within ten days from the time said summons was served on him, and to furnish the names and residences of such witnesses as he may wish examined in his defense.

SEC. 5. After the expiration of the ten days aforesaid, whether the accused shall have answered or not, the body shall fix a time for the trial, and shall summon all the members of said body in its jurisdiction, the party accused, and all the witnesses who are Masons, to appear at the time appointed.

SEC. 6. Should there be witnesses who are not Masons, or who can not attend, then the presiding officer of said body shall cause their testimony to be taken, in accordance with section 3, article XIII.

SEC. 7. At the time fixed upon, the trial shall commence, and after the charges have been read, and when all the testimony of the witnesses named, and of such others as will have been introduced, shall have been heard, the accused shall be heard in his defense, or he may employ some other brother to speak for him; after which he shall retire, and the body proceed at once, without debate, to vote on the guilt or innocence of the party accused; taking a separate vote on each specific charge: a majority of the votes cast being required to convict.

SEC. 8. Should the party be found guilty, then the vote for punishment shall be in accordance with sections 6 and 7 of article xiii.

SEC. 9. When the decision is made, the Secretary of said body shall immediately forward a copy of the same to the Grand Registrar, who shall give notice thereof, as per section 3 of article XI.

SEC. 10. After the sentence shall have been passed, the party sentenced may appeal to this Grand Consistory, by

giving to the Secretary of the body by which he has been sentenced written notice to that effect, within ten days after said sentence shall have been passed.

Sec. 11. On receiving notice of an appeal, as per section 10, the presiding officer of said body shall cause any testimony, not in writing at the trial, to be so taken and signed by the witnesses, and cause the Secretary of the body to forward to the Grand Registrar all the documents used in said trial, together with the testimony and a copy of the decision thereon, and a copy of the appeal.

Sec. 12. No appeal shall be allowed, when the party sentenced shall permit ten days to pass without giving the required notice, unless in case of absence from the city.

Sec. 13. Whenever the party accused cannot be found, or refuses to appear, the presiding officer of the body shall appoint one of the members to act for him, and who shall represent him in said proceeding.

Sec. 14. No subordinate body shall publish the expulsion, suspension, or other masonic punishment, otherwise than by the official notification to the Grand Registrar of this Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE XV.

PRIVILEGES AND HONORS.

Sec. 1. Precedence among bodies of the same degree shall depend exclusively upon the dates of their warrants of constitution, the eldest having precedence.

Sec. 2. Honorary members of the Supreme Council at Charleston shall have the right to vote on all matters in the various bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction — except at election of officers, on financial matters, and on by-laws — although they may not be members of the same.

Sec. 3. The members of this Grand Consistory shall have the rights expressed in section 2, in all the bodies under this jurisdiction.

Sec. 4. Active members of the Supreme Council at Charleston shall have the right to vote on all questions, in all the bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction.

SEC. 5. Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33d degree, have the right of being covered in all the bodies of this Rite.

SEC. 6. Honors to visitors shall be rendered as follows:

1st. For every Knight Rose Croix, or Royal Arch of the York Rite, or members of the Grand Chapters or Grand Lodges of the United States, three lights and three swords.

2d. For every Knight Kadosh or Knight Templar, five lights and five swords.

3d. For every Grand Commander-in-Chief of a Grand Consistory, or honorary member of the Supreme Council at Charleston, and Grand Master of a Grand Lodge, seven lights and seven swords.

4th. For the Grand Commander-in-Chief of this Grand Consistory, and the active members of the Supreme Council at Charleston, nine lights and nine swords, steel arch, and gavels beating.

5th. For the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council at Charleston, or his special delegate and proxy, eleven lights and eleven swords, steel arch, and gavels beating.

SEC. 7. *Provided*, That no honors shall be rendered to any Mason whose dignity or rank shall be only equal, or inferior to, that of the presiding officer of the body he visits.

ARTICLE XVI.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. Whenever a S.·. P.·. 32d degree, a member of this Grand Consistory, shall absent himself from two consecutive stated meetings of the Grand Body, without making, personally or in writing, an excuse satisfactory to this Grand Consistory, he shall forfeit his active membership in the Grand Consistory, and his place shall be filled at the next stated session.

SEC. 2. A member who resigns his seat by reason of age, infirmity, or for other causes deemed good by the Grand Consistory, may be elected an Emeritus member, and will be ex-

empt from dues, and possess the privilege of proposing members, and being heard in debate, but not of voting.

In all cases of election of Emeriti members, the vote must be unanimous and be taken *viva voce.*

ARTICLE XVII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 1. A member of any body of this Rite may dimit therefrom by notifying said body in writing, at a stated meeting; provided, he shall have paid up his dues to the day of said meeting, and no charges be against him.

SEC. 2. Any member of this Rite, not a member of a regular body of the Order, who shall remain in this jurisdiction for more than six months, without applying to affiliate with a body of this Rite, shall be prohibited from visiting any body of the Rite, or from receiving any of the benefits and privileges thereof. (*See Bulletin for May, p.* 29).

SEC. 3. All bodies of this jurisdiction shall be convened by their respective Presidents, at the request of an active member of the Supreme Council at Charleston, or of three active members of this Grand Consistory, or five active members of said bodies.

SEC. 4. All reports to this Grand Consistory shall be in writing, and, if from a committee, shall be signed by a majority of the same.

SEC. 5. Diplomas shall be issued by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Registrar to members of subordinate bodies, upon certificate of good standing from the Chancellor or Secretary thereof, and upon the payment of dollars, dollar of which shall revert to the Grand Consistory.

SEC. 6. A motion to reconsider, made and seconded by members voting in the majority, at the same session or meeting, may be entertained upon any question, except upon rejection of candidates.

SEC. 7. All bodies created by this Grand Consistory shall be inaugurated by the Grand Consistory, or by its delegates.

Sec. 8. All bodies under this jurisdiction shall be visited and inspected, at least once a year, by a committee *ad hoc* from this Grand Consistory, or by special deputies appointed by the Grand Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 9. The Hebrew Calendar being the Calendar of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, all documents and the minutes of this Grand Consistory, and of bodies under its jurisdiction, shall be dated thereby, and with the corresponding date of the vulgar era.

Sec. 10. Any amendment to these regulations must be offered in writing, at a stated session. It shall be read, and then laid over till the next stated session, when the same shall be discussed, and, if it receive two-thirds of the votes of the members present at said session, adopted.

Read, discussed, and adopted this 14th day of the month Sivan, A.·. M.·. 5628, corresponding to the 3d day of June, V.·. E.·. 1868.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR STATED SESSIONS.

1st. Calling Roll of Officers.

2d. Reading and Approval of Minutes.

3d. Reports of Officers and action thereon.

4th. Reports of Standing Committees and action thereon.

5th. Reports of Special Committees and action thereon.

6th. Propositions for Membership or Degrees.

7th. Voting for Candidates.

8th. Unfinished Business of Previous Sessions.

9th. New Business.

10th. Conferring Degrees.

This order of business may be changed at any stated session, if the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall deem it expedient and proper.

HEBREW CALENDAR FOR EIGHT YEARS,

From 1st Tisri, A.·. M.·. 5631, corresponding to 26th September 1871, V.·. E.·., to 1st Tisri, A.·. M.·. 5639, corresponding to September 28th, 1879, V.·. E.·., indicating the first and last day of each Hebrew month, with the corresponding dates of the Vulgar Era.

(From the Jewish Calendar of C. H. Lindo, London, 1838.)

5631—355 Days.			5632—383 Days.		
1	Tisri,	26 Sept., 1870.	1	Tisri,	16 Sept., 1871.
30	"	25 Oct., "	30	"	15 Oct., "
1	Hesvan	26 " "	1	Hesvan,	16 " "
30	"	24 Nov., "	29	"	13 Nov., "
1	Kislev,	25 " "	1	Kislev,	14 " "
30	"	24 Dec., "	29	"	12 Dec., "
1	Tebet,	25 " "	1	Tebet,	13 " "
29	"	22 Jan., 1871.	29	"	10 Jan., 1872.
1	Sebat,	23 " "	1	Sebat,	11 " "
30	"	21 Feb., "	30	"	9 Feb., "
1	Adar,	22 " "	1	Adar,	10 " "
29	"	22 March, "	30	"	10 March, "
1	Nisan,	23 " "	1	Veadar,	11 " "
30	"	21 April, "	29	"	8 April, "
1	Yiar,	22 " "	1	Nisan,	9 " "
29	"	20 May, "	30	"	8 May, "
1	Sivan,	21 " "	1	Yiar,	9 " "
30	"	19 June, "	29	"	6 June, "
1	Tamuz,	20 " "	1	Sivan,	7 " "
29	"	18 July, "	30	"	6 July, "
1	Ab,	19 " "	1	Tamuz,	7 " "
30	"	17 Aug., "	29	"	4 Aug., "
1	Elul,	18 " "	1	Ab,	5 " "
29	"	15 Sept., "	30	"	3 Sept., "
			1	Elul,	4 " "
			29	"	2 Oct., "

1871.		1872.	
Maunday-Thursday,	6th Apr.	Maunday-Thursday,	28th Mch.
Good Friday,	7th "	Good Friday,	29th "
Easter Sunday,	9th "	Easter Sunday,	31st "
Ascension Day,	18th "	Ascension Day,	9th May.

5633—354 Days.			5634—355 Days.		
1 Tisri,	3 Oct.,	1872.	1 Tisri,	22 Sept.,	1873.
30 "	1 Nov.,	"	30 "	21 Oct.,	"
1 Hesvan,	2 "	"	1 Hesvan	22 "	"
29 "	30 "	"	30 "	20 Nov.,	"
1 Kislev,	1 Dec.,	"	1 Kislev,	21 "	"
30 "	30 "	"	30 "	20 Dec.,	"
1 Tebet,	31 "	"	1 Tebet,	21 "	"
29 "	28 Jan.,	1873.	29 "	18 Jan.,	1874.
1 Sebat,	29 "	"	1 Sebat,	19 "	"
30 "	27 Feb.,	"	30 "	17 Feb.,	"
1 Adar,	28 "	"	1 Adar,	18 "	"
29 "	28 March,	"	29 "	18 March,	"
1 Nisan,	29 "	"	1 Nisan,	19 "	"
30 "	27 April,	"	30 "	17 April,	"
1 Yiar,	28 "	"	1 Yiar,	18 "	"
29 "	26 May,	"	29 "	16 May,	"
1 Sivan,	27 "	"	1 Sivan,	17 "	"
30 "	25 June,	"	30 "	15 June,	"
1 Tamuz,	26 "	"	1 Tamuz,	16 "	"
29 "	24 July,	"	29 "	14 July,	"
1 Ab,	25 "	"	1 Ab,	15 "	"
30 "	23 Aug.,	"	30 "	10 Aug.,	"
1 Elul,	24 "	"	1 Elul,	11 "	"
29 "	21 Sept.,	"	29 "	11 Sept.,	"

1873.		1874.	
Maunday-Thursday,	10th Apr.	Maunday-Thursday,	2d April.
Good Friday,	11th "	Good Friday,	3d "
Easter Sunday,	13th "	Easter Sunday,	5th "
Ascension Day,	22d May.	Ascension Day,	14th May.

5635—383 Days.

1	Tisri,	12 Sept.,	1874.
30	"	11 Oct.,	"
1	Hesvan,	12 "	"
29	"	9 Nov.,	"
1	Kislev,	10 "	"
29	"	8 Dec.,	"
1	Tebet,	9 "	"
29	"	6 Jan.,	1875.
1	Sebat,	7 "	"
30	"	5 Feb.,	"
1	Adar,	6 "	"
30	"	7 March,	"
1	Veadar,	8 "	"
29	"	5 April,	"
1	Nisan,	6 "	"
30	"	5 May,	"
1	Yiar,	6 "	"
29	"	3 June,	"
1	Sivan,	4 "	"
30	"	3 July,	"
1	Tamuz,	4 "	"
29	"	1 Aug.,	"
1	Ab,	2 "	"
30	"	31 "	"
1	Elul,	1 Sept.,	"
29	"	29 "	"

5636—355 Days.

1	Tisri,	30 Sept.,	1875.
30	"	29 Oct.,	"
1	Hesvan,	30 "	"
30	"	28 Nov.,	"
1	Kislev,	29 "	"
30	"	28 Dec.,	"
1	Tebet,	29 "	"
29	"	26 Jan.,	1876.
1	Sebat,	27 "	"
30	"	25 Feb.,	"
1	Adar,	26 "	"
29	"	25 March,	"
1	Nisan,	26 "	"
30	"	24 April,	"
1	Yiar,	25 "	"
29	"	23 May,	"
1	Sivan,	24 "	"
30	"	22 June,	"
1	Tamuz,	23 "	"
29	"	21 July,	"
1	Ab,	22 "	"
30	"	20 Aug.,	"
1	Elul,	21 "	"
29	"	18 Sept.,	"

1875.		1876.	
Maunday-Thursday,	25th Mch.	Maunday-Thursday,	13th Apr.
Good Friday,	26th "	Good Friday,	14th "
Easter Sunday,	28th "	Easter Sunday,	16th "
Ascension Day,	6th May.	Ascension Day,	25th May

5637—354 Days.			5638—385 Days.		
1 Tisri,	19 Sept.,	1876.	1 Tisri,	8 Sept.,	1877.
30 "	18 Oct.,	"	30 "	7 Oct.,	"
1 Hesvan,	19 "	"	1 Hesvan	8 "	"
29 "	16 Nov.,	"	30 "	6 Nov.,	"
1 Kislev,	17 "	"	1 Kislev,	7 "	"
30 "	16 Dec.,	"	30 "	6 Dec.,	"
1 Tebet,	17 "	"	1 Tebet,	7 "	"
29 "	14 Jan.,	1877.	29 "	4 Jan.,	1878.
1 Sebat,	15 "	"	1 Sebat,	5 "	"
30 "	13 Feb.,	"	30 "	3 Feb.,	"
1 Adar,	14 "	"	1 Adar,	4 "	"
29 "	14 March,	"	30 "	5 March,	"
1 Nisan,	15 "	"	1 Veadar,	6 "	"
30 "	13 April,	"	29 "	3 April,	"
1 Yiar,	14 "	"	1 Nisan,	4 "	"
29 "	12 May,	"	30 "	3 May,	"
1 Sivan,	13 "	"	1 Yiar,	4 "	"
30 "	11 June,	"	29 "	1 June,	"
1 Tamuz,	12 "	"	1 Sivan,	2 "	"
29 "	10 July,	"	30 "	1 July,	"
1 Ab,	11 "	"	1 Tamuz,	2 "	"
30 "	9 Aug.,	"	29 "	30 "	"
1 Elul,	10 "	"	1 Ab,	31 "	"
29 "	7 Sept.,	"	30 "	29 Aug.,	"
			1 Elul,	30 "	"
			20 "	27 Sept.,	"

1877.		1878.	
Maunday-Thursday,	29th Mch.	Maunday-Thursday,	18th Apr.
Good Friday,	30th "	Good Friday,	19th "
Easter Sunday,	1st Apr.	Easter Sunday,	21st "
Ascension Day,	10th May.	Ascension Day,	30th May

FIXED ANNIVERSARY DAYS.

Martyrdom of Jacques de Molay	18th March.
St. Andrew's Day	30th November.
St. John the Baptist	24th June.
St. John the Evangelist	27th December.
Christmas	25th December.
All Saints Day	1st November.

Alterations in the Statutes and Institutes,

AND

DECISIONS AFFECTING THEIR CONSTRUCTION,

ADOPTED BY THE SUPREME COUNCIL, MAY, 1870.

[Extracted from the Official Bulletin for May, 1870, page 14, and following.]

Amendatory of Article XXII.

Strike out Section 2 of said Article, of "Consistories," and insert —

§ 2. Every Grand Consistory of the state shall hereafter be composed of:

1st. All the Honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and Deputy Grand Inspectors General, resident within the jurisdiction, except such as may, at their own request, be placed upon the Emeriti list.

2d. The Commanders-in-Chief of particular Consistories.

3d. The Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret made or affiliated therein, according to masonic age, not exceeding eighty-one, including those mentioned in the first and second paragraphs hereof.—[*Page* 15.

Membership of Inspectors General in Grand Consistories.

With respect to the membership of honorary members of this Supreme Council in Grand Consistories, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in cases where Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, honorary members of this Supreme Council, desire to withdraw their active membership in Grand Consistories, they may do so, and such bodies may accept such withdrawal, and may place them upon the list of Emeriti or honorary membership therein.

Resolved, That should members of the 33d degree, honorary members of this Supreme Council, refuse or neglect to pay their dues to Grand Consistories, or fail to perform their duties as active members in such bodies, then the Grand Consistory shall make report of such failure or neglect to the Supreme Council, who shall take action therein.—[*Page* 16.

Applications for Permanent Charters.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander's address as refers to charters of constitution issued by the Sov.·. Gr.·. Insp.·. General of Iowa, report the following

STATUTE:

It is hereby ordered and ordained, that whenever letters of constitution shall be issued to constitute any body of the order, application shall be made at the next session of the Supreme Council for letters patent in ample form, duly signed by all the members of the Council of Administration, in continuation of the original letters; and in default thereof, all rights, powers, and privileges, under the original letters of constitution, shall cease, unless the same be continued by the Supreme Council.—[*Page* 17.

On Membership in Subordinate Bodies of Honorary Inspectors General removing from one state to another.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the question, whether an honorary Inspector General, a member of the Grand Consistory and subordinate bodies in one state, becomes, on his removal to another, a member of the bodies subordinate to the Grand Consistory, without application and election, respectfully report that in their opinion, it is necessary that, on such removal, he apply for and be elected to membership in the bodies subordinate to the Grand Consistory, or he is not entitled the rights and privileges of membership.—[*Page* 21.

Delays and Dispensations.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the subject of dispensing with time between the degrees has been referred, respectfully report:

That they approve the principle of the XXVIIth Article of the Constitution, as adopted May 9th, 1868; but that they are aware that circumstances may arise within our jurisdiction, when the good of the craft may require that the principle should be departed from. These circumstances can rarely occur, yet when they do occur, there should be a power deposited somewhere, by the exercise of which a remedy may be provided. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the following AMENDMENT be added to said Article XXVII:

Provided, however, That the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander may, on the application of a Grand Consistory, approved by the Active Sov.·. Gr.·. Insp.·. General of the jurisdiction; or by a majority of them, where there there is more than one; or on the application of the highest body in the state, where there is no Grand Consistory, approved as above, issue his dispensation, dispensing with time in any of the degrees; it being clearly understood that the names of the persons for whom such dispensations shall be asked be expressed in the application, and that no dispensation shall be granted where the application is made generally.—[*Page* 25.

Fees for Patents.

The subject of fees for patents and charters, which had been referred to the Council of Administration, with power to act, was taken up for consideration, and the following regulations were adopted as a *substitute for the Fourth Section of Article XVIII., Statutes and Institutes.*

§ 4. The charge for letters patent and of credence of the 32d degree, on parchment, where the Prince who is to receive the same has paid the full sum of one hundred and thirty-five dollars for his degrees, or they have been conferred upon him without charge, shall hereafter be five dollars, to be paid to the Secretary General; one dollar whereof shall go into the treasury, and four dollars to the Secretary General for his fee for filling up and sealing the same.

§ 5. To parties who, not receiving the degrees as Honoraria, have, under previous statutes, paid less for them than one hundred and thirty-five dollars, the fees for letters patent of the 32d degree shall be as heretofore.

§ 6. Blank parchments and the printed formula in Latin for patents of the 33d degree will be furnished to active and honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, free of charge.

§ 7. In cases where patents of the 32d degree have heretofore been furnished in Latin, French, and English, and paid for, new patents will be furnished without charge, other than one dollar each for the parchment and printing, and one dollar to the Secretary General.

§ 8. To brethren paying for the letters patent on parchment, duplicates on bond or note paper will be given on payment of a fee of one dollar to the Secretary General.—[*Page* 28.

Miscellaneous Legislation.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter any member of this Rite who shall receive the Fourteenth Degree shall be required to subscribe the oath of allegiance to this Supreme Council.

Resolved, That any Mason of the Anc.·. and Acc.·. Rite, who shall reside permanently in the vicinity of a regularly organized body or bodies of the Rite, and does not, within six months, seek affiliation with such body, or with one of them, shall be probibited from visiting such organized bodies, from receiving relief therefrom, and from masonic burial at their hands.

Resolved, That hereafter, when any of the degrees are communicated, the recipient shall be required to take a solemn promise and vow at the time the first of the degrees shall be so communicated, to the effect that he will avail himself of the earliest practicable opportunity to be present when any of the degrees so communicated shall be conferred; until he shall have been present at the conferring of all that he may receive.—[*Page* 29.

Conferring and Communication of Degrees.

§ 1. The following degrees, when given in organized bodies, shall always hereafter be conferred, and, when given by an Inspector General, shall be communicated in full; that is to say, the Fourth, the Fifth, the Ninth, the Fourteenth, the Sixteenth, the Eighteenth, the Twenty-ninth, the Thirtieth, and the Thirty-second, and these shall be deemed the Indispensable Degrees.

§ 2. In addition to these, one other degree, between the Fifth and Fourteenth, and one between the Eighteenth and Twenty-ninth, shall always be conferred in bodies, or communicated by Inspectors General in full; different degrees being conferred on or communicated in full to different candidates, so that all shall, in turn, be so communicated or conferred.

§ 3. The eighteen remaining degrees may be more briefly communicated; but in every case the obligation of each must be taken in full; the necessary questions, if any, answered in writing, or otherwise, as required by the Rituals; and enough of the opening and closing ceremonies, and of the ceremonies of reception, and the lecture and lessons, read to the candidate, to enable him to understand and appreciate the degrees.

§ 4. When any body of the Rite has been established, and is perfect in numbers, it can communicate only the said remaining eighteen degrees, and must, in all cases, confer in full the nine indispensable degrees and the two moveable degrees.

§ 5. For the purpose of establishing new bodies, the degrees shall be communicated to no more, in any case, than the number requisite to make the particular body perfect; and when that number shall so have obtained the degrees, the communication thereof shall cease, and the body be established.—[*Page* 30.

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" H. C. Plumb, Aid-de-Camp;
" Sherman R. Williams, Grand Steward.

The next annual meeting of the Grand Consistory will be held at Lyons on the Second Wednesday in January, 1872, the same being the 10th day thereof.

*** The Grand Registrar will, on application, supply, free of charge, to Ill.·. Brethren desirous of orgainizing bodies of the Rite, blank forms of petitions therefor.

NO. 3. 1872-74.

Grand Consistory S.·. J.·. R.·. S.·.

in and for

The State of Iowa.

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL,
SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. OF A.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

1887–88.

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

Bro.·. E C. Blackmar, *Burlington*, M.·. W.·. Grand Master.
" T. S. Parvin, *Cedar Rapids*, R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary.

GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF IOWA.

Comp.·. C. H. Coggswell, *Cedar Rapids*, M.·.E.·.Gr.High Priest.
" Alf. Wingate, *Des Moines*, R.·. E.·. Grand Secretary.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF IOWA.

Sir Clark Varnum, *Newton* R.·. E.·. Grand Commander.
" Alf. Wingate, *Des Moines*, E.·. Grand Recorder.

UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS ARCHITECTONIS SUMMI AD GLORIAM
RESURGENS TENEBRAS VERA LUX DIMOVET.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Consistory, S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·. 32°

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE,

IN AND FOR THE STATE OF IOWA,

Under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction of the U. S. of A

HELD AT LYONS, JANUARY 10, 1872; AT DAVENPORT, JANUARY 8, 1873; AT DES MOINES, OCTOBER 21, 1873; AND AT DAVENPORT, OCTOBER 21, 1874.



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V.·. Ill.·. Grand Commander-in-Chief,

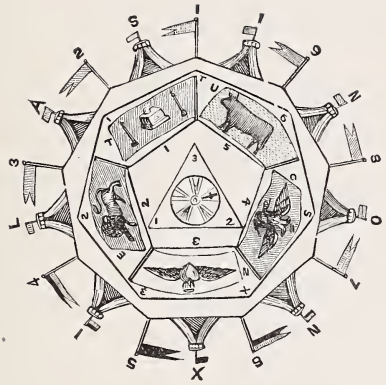
WILLIAM LEFFINGWELL, 33°, *Muscatine.*

Grand Registrars,

WILLIAM BAKER LANGRIDGE, 32°, *Muscatine,* 1868–73.

AND

WILLIAM E——— WOODWARD, 32°, *Burlington,* 1873—74.



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CONSISTORY S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·. 32°,

IN AND FOR THE STATE OF IOWA

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. OF A., AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING HELD AT LYONS, JANUARY 10TH, A. D., 1872.

GRAND CONSISTORY OF THE STATE OF IOWA,
LYONS, JANUARY 10TH, 1872.

The Grand Consistory, etc., met in the Hall of DeMolay Consistory No. 4, and was opened in solemn form at 2 o'clock p. m.

PRESENT.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Wm. Leffingwell, 33°, Grand Commander-in-Chief.
" Pitkin C, Wright, 32°, Grand Seneschal;
" C. W. Warner, 32°, Grand Primate;
" W. B. Langridge, 32°, Grand Registrar and Keeper of Seals;
" A. T. Pierpont, 32°, Grand Guard.
" Wm. E. Leffingwell, 32°;
" S. W. Baldwin, 32°;
" J. G. Sugg, 32°;
" John Hilsinger, 32°;
" Fred Born, 32°;
" F. L. Blakesley, 32°;
" W. W. Sanborn, 32°;
" W. E. Marquis, 32°.
" C. B. McDowell, 32°;
" R. J. Hawthorne, 32°;
" Martin Heine, 32°;
" M. A. Butler, 32°;
" J. A. Head, 32°;
" John F. Davis, 32°;
" R. A. Lyons, 32°;
" J. H. Potts, 32°;
" M. H. Woodworth, 32°;
" Hiram A. Hart, 32°;
" P. S. Towle, 32°;
" Francis Lee, 32°;
" W. B. Peck, 32°;
" Adolph Minski, 32°.

The Grand Commander appointed as a Committee on Credentials: Ill.·. Bros.·. Wright, 32°; Sugg, 32°; and Warner, 32°.

By order of the Very Illustrious Grand Commander-in-Chief, the Grand Registrar read the following

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Illustrious and Sublime Princes, Knights and Brethren:

Our Heavenly Father and All Wise Protector has, in His infinite mercy and goodness, again permitted us to assemble at the time and place appointed at the last convention of this Grand Body, for holding our Annual Consistoral Session. (As required by the 28th art. of the Gen.·. Regulations of the S.·. Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the U. S., which laws are the standard of our authority in

all our acts and deliberations as Scottish Masons.) The duties and objects which call us together at this time are unquestionably as clear to you as any representation of mine could possibly make them. Therefore,

May Infinite Wisdom so guide us in all our proceedings, that every subject of interest that shall present itself for our consideration we may deliberate with *equanimity*, judge with *candor*, and decide with *equity*, so that at the close of our labor we may have the assurance that the result of our legislation and decisions may be conducive of the interest, harmony and propagation of our Noble and Sublime *Rite*.

Since our last session another year has passed silently by, removing in its course many a loved one from the circle of their friends and pleasures on earth, to that land of hidden mysteries beyond the confines of this terrestrial sphere, there to await the will and pleasure of the Creator and Disposer of all things: *our* lives are yet continued, but soon our turn will come, and whether our work is finished or unfinished, it matters not with the great Leveller of all human distinctions, *go we must*. Prominent among those who have been summoned hence are our Ill.·. and Dear Brethren, Giles Mumford Hillyer, Gr.·. Min.·. of State, and John Jennings Worsham, Treas.·. Gen.·. of the S.·. C.·., both of where, by all who knew them, highly esteemed in life, and honored and lamented in death. They were devoted and zealous Masons, true and honorable gentlemen, and worthy and affable citizens. "*Peace to their ashes.*"

Relative to my official duties as Grand Commander-in-Chief of this Gr.·. Consistory during the year, I can, with propriety, and do, solicit the lenity of my good Brethren for (what they may term in me) negligence, or want of general interest in the wellfare of Scottish Masonry within the jurisdiction of this Gr.·. Consistory, yet circumstances over which I had no control were permitted to come between me and the duties incumbent upon me; otherwise they would have been cheerfully and zealously performed.

It is undoubtedly known to many, if not to all here present, that shortly after my return from our last Annual Conclave it was decreed by Infinite Wisdom that I should be afflicted with a severe illness, which brought me very near the cold stream which separates this from the spirit-land, and although forbidden to pass the barriers yet, the malady reduced me to a state of infantile helplessness, and while convalescent, prudence forbade my entering into any active labor or wide extended travel, lest my recovery might be delayed, if not rendered impossible. It would have afforded me much pleasure to have been able to visit and assist in the labors of any and all the degrees of the Rite wherever established in our state,

and to have been permitted to announce at this time that every organized body therein was energetic, harmonious and prosperous, yet from some cause (perhaps unavoidable) disappointment is permitted to supercede pleasure, but as the former is one of the burdens to which humanity is heir, it becomes us to patiently endure, and hope for better days, for be assured, Brethren, we shall, if we stand by our banners, discomfit the combined powers of darkness, for Truth will displace error, and the true Masonic Light will shine.

On the ---- day of April last, upon petition of eleven Grand Elect Knight K.·. H.·. of the City of Lyons, County of Clinton, Iowa, I did, in accordance with the Regulations of the Gr.·. Consistory, issue a dispensation to said petitioners to form and open a Council of Kadosh at the the City of Lyons, by the name of Hugh De Payens, name Em.·. William Edward Leffingwell as V.·. E.·. Commander, Em.·. Charles W. Warner as Em.·. Prior, and Em.·. John G. Hart as Em.·. Preceptor, authorizing them and their associates to confer the degrees of 19th to 30th inclusive, subject to all the Rules and Regulations of the S.·. C.·. and the Gr.·. Consistory governing the same, and to return said Dispensation, together with their proceedings thereunto, to this Gr.·. Consistory at its next annual Session.

I have not had the pleasure of meeting with any of the bodies of the Rite, or of witnessing the conferring of any of the degrees therein, except on the 11th day of June last and the five succeeding days, at the City of Lyons, which meeting was held by and under a special Dispensation from our Sov.·. Gr.·. Com.·. Albert Pike, 33°, who was in attendance during the whole session, and assisted in the ceremonies of all the degrees conferred, from the 4th to the 32° inclusive, who voluntaily declared that he had never before witnessed as good work during his long experience, and on the eve of his departure, gave utterance to his appreciation and pleasure, in this, his first visit to our State.

Brethren, I do not know that there are any very important suggestions to present for your consideration at this time,except it be to ascertain (if possible) the obstacles that impede the progress of some of the established bodies of the Scottish Rite within our jurisdiction. It certainly is not for the interest of the members thereof, much less for the bodies themselves, to remain in *status quo*; and it does seem unreasonable, if not inexcusable, that this *inertia* should ursurp the throne of *Energy*. I would therefore most courteously and earnestly request that every possible effort be made to discover the real or imaginary cause that hinders the Ark from moving forward. It may lurk among our laws and regulations; if found there, bring it to light, and let it, if possible, be removed; or if any other

barrier presents itself to your minds, let it give place to progress, and let everything, that can, be done; in order that health and activity may be speedily restored. I would suggest that the matter be submitted to the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence, with instructions to give the subject a thorough investigation.

Brethren, I am happy to learn from our S.·. G.·. Com.·. Pike that the A.·. A.·. S.·. Rite is steadily progressing in many of the States of the Southern Jurisdiction and elsewhere, and that intelligent and worhty votaries are being daily enrolled in her ranks and filling her columns with a power that must eventually be realized for good. Heaven grant that her Sublime Morality may overspread the whole earth, and her Beauty shine as the brightness of the morning. Among those states alluded to by the S.·. G.·. Com.·., Iowa stands a Peer. This should indeed encourage us, and stimulate us to greater activity.

As Scottish Rite Masons, we have formidable enemy to combat, internal and external, and which will require our constant vigilance if we would desire to be free and not bound. Let us each call to mind the responsibilities resting upon us as K.·. H.·. Knights! Our obligations as such are not visionary nor transitory; but are fraught with duties indispensable to our individual conquest and the final triumph of the sublime principles of Scottish Masonry, nor can they be considered by any of us as a matter af convenience, but imperative.

The cause of Truth and Humanity we must zealously defend against usurped or abused Authority; come from whatsoever source they may (even at a sacrifice of many pleasures that to us now seem indispensable) that the H.·. H.·. of our Moral and Masonic Temple may be permanently rebuilded, consecrated, beautified and adorned. Let us therefore resume our labors at early day, and be skillful in all we do, never permitting any material to enter into this Sublime Structure that will not bear the ordinary tests, or that which is not capable of being fashioned after the "*patern shown*" and susceptibie of a fine finish and endurance. When thus we commence and continue to prosecute our labors, we shall defeat the oft-repeated taunt "that Masonry is but a routine of vicious, unholy and demoralizing ceremonies," and convince by our daily deportment even the most skeptical, that it is a power for good, and establish the fact beyond the power of controversy—that *True Free-Masonry* has her foundations firmly established in *Truth* and *Virtue*, her corner-stone permanently cemented in Justice and Equity, her invulnerable walls resting in Uprightness and Stability; her dimension embrace the whole habitable globe; her interior emblematic of the immovable jewels, which are: Brotherly Love, Relief, Universal Benevolence,

Hospitality, Courtesy, Human Kindness, Charity, and Long Suffering towards all mankind, and every other excellence necessary to adorn the human character, and her impenetrable covering the Panoply of the *Great I Am*, whose watchful care is ever over *His Temple*, and to His Infinite Will and Behest all *True Masons* acknowledge implicit obedience, and do, with reverence, most humbly bow. Let our gates be open to all the worthy! but impervious to any and all those who would seek to enter through or by a spirit of selfishness, curiosity or other unworthy motive, whereby the Sacred Asylum would lose its brilliancy, and our harmony be overcome by discord.

Brethren, our God and Right are with us! Let us stand by our Banners, and through His strength we *shall* be victorious.

WM. LEFFINGWELL, G.·. C.·. in C.·.

The Grand Registrar presented the following reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Registrar which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TO THE GRAND CONSISTORY S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·. 32°. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 27, 1871.

Sept. 7, 1870.—To Amount of last report	$	232 37
" " " " " " Grand Registrar		473 75
Aug. 26, 1871.—" " " " "		250 00
Sept. 1 " " " " " "		20 00
	$	976 12

C. R. C. I. T. S.

Sept. 7, 1870.—By orders to Grand Registrar.·.	$	150 00
" " " " " " Wm. Leffingwell		153 40
" " " " " " W. M. Wells		6 00
" " " " " " Grand Registrar.·.		25 00
" " " " " " " "		42
" " " " Treasurer's Book		1 25
Aug. 26 1871.— " Order No. 1		50 00
" " " " " " 2		200 00
" " " " " " 3		390 00
" " " " Exchange on draft		80
	$	976 87

Over paid—75 cents.

I have vouchers for all except the Book and exchange on draft of $390 00.

W. M. WELLS,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

TO THE GRAND CONSISTORY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

The Grand Registrar begs leave to submit the following annual report:

At as early a day as possible after the last annual meeting he obtained the printing of an edition of 500 copies of the proceedings, the usual number of which he distributed. The remainder are now on the shelves of his office. He also had a small edition of the statutes as amended printed separately from the proceedings. The whole cost of printing, including blanks for returns, amounted to $207.28

CHARTER OF GRAND CONSISTORY.

I have the pleasure of reporting that the charter of this body so long promised has at length come to hand, having been received on the 3d day of the present month, and is at hand, for the examination of the M.·. B B.·. present. The charge for it by the Grand Secretary General is sixty-five dollars. It will be necessary for the Grand Consistory to pass an order for the payment of this amount.

DUES TO SUPREME COUNCIL.

The dues of this body to the Sup.·. Council are to a certain extent in an unsettled shape. I have been promised blanks from the office of the Grand Secretary General for making returns upon, but they have never been sent, and I have consequently never been entirely clear as to how to make my returns. Ill.·. Bro.·. Parvin and I figured up at the last Annual meeting of this body that we owed the Supreme Council for fees $560; and he agreed with me, and in this we are confirmed by S. G. Com. Pike, that until we received a charter we could not properly be called on for dues on members.

During the year, as will be seen by vouchers accompanying, I have paid to the Supreme Council $490, and took credit by $75 more for cost of making five copies more of secret work according to the new ritual of 15th and 16th degrees. This claim is disallowed by the Sov.·. Grand Commander, who says under date of Sept. 13, 1871:

"In regard to the Secret Work, it is furnished without charge only to active members of the Supreme Council and Special Deputies of the same. All bodies of the Rite must pay the expenses of copying it for themselves: so that your Grand Consistory can not have

credit for moneys paid for such copying. The bodies that receive the work must pay for it."

As the membership of the Grand Consistory was until the last session confined to the officers, it must have numbered 20, which would for two years make dues to the supreme council amount to ..... $ 40 00

At last meeting the membership was increased to 60—which for the past year is 60 00

Balance disallowed 75 00

Charter 65 00

Making due Sup.·. C.·. ..... $ 240 00

To which add fees on 32° this year ..... $ 590 00

$ 830 00

This must be met and our honest dues paid.

DELINQUENT BODIES.

As near as I have been able to learn no meetings have been held or any effort made to preserve the organizations at Keokuk, Davenport or Dubuque for the last year or the current one. It will be for the Grand Consistory to consider what action will be proper under the resolution of the last session on this subject.

ACTION OF LAST SESSION.

Much dissatisfaction has been expressed, especially by the Ill.·. Brother at Des Moines at the action had at the last session of this body, and some very severe language used by him relative thereto. It is great cause for regret that he and others were prevented then as he is now, from being present and giving the body the benefit of his counsel. It is vastly easier to criticise and to condemn than to plan and perform, and no one who has not experienced it can appreciate the manifold disadvantages and difficulties which have surrounded the executive of the Grand Consistory ever since its organization. Time has shown that certain errors were made then, the chief of which grew out of a laudable ambition to accomplish most desirable ends, and it is now a grave subject for consideration as to how far we will be justified in retracing our steps and correcting in the light of experience the manifest errors then committed. I am satisfied that the desire of everyone is to increase the healthy growth of the Rite in the state and to continue to merit the warm commendations we have received from our superior officers. In this connection I would call attention to the time of the next triennial session of this Grand Consistory. By our statutes as adopted originally our meetings were made biennial, and the first session held in the city

of Des Moines in the year 1870. At the session of last January I was directed to publish with the proceedings, a copy of the statutes so corrected as to conform to those of the Supreme Council; in doing this I made the biennial meeting triennial, which bring it to 1873, instead of to 1872 as it was understood it would be when it adjourned at Des Moines in 1870. Under the ruling of the Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander as published in our proceedings of 1871, page 35, this body has full power to decide when and where its meetings shall be held, and I would call attention to this, asking that it may receive careful consideration and would suggest that a Committee be appointed to examine the Statutes, especially with reference to amendments made, and report thereon to the Grand Consistory, for its action.

FINANCIAL.

The financial condition of the Grand Consistory needs careful consideration. From various causes, but mainly from the fact that its income has been cut down below its necessities, it is in very straitened circumstances. It owes in accumulated debts

1. To the printers of its proceedings		$107 28
2. " " Supreme Council		$240 00
There is due the Grand Consistory		
From the bodies at Davenport		$ 44 00
" " " " Dubuque		83 00
" " " " Lyons (balance)		77 75
		$204 75

None of this however can be relied on except that due from the bodies at Lyons.

Its income for the current year will be mainly derivable from the bodies at two places only, and one-half of all received goes to the Supreme Council, besides the capitation tax of one dollar on each member. The practice which has heretofore obtained of returning to the representatives present for expenses, one-half of the fees payable must be abandoned, and it might be worth our while to ask our representative at the Supreme Council in San Francisco in May next to use his influence to have the heavy burden of dues to that body lightened somewhat, and the general management of the Rite made more nearly to approximate to the indigenous Masonry under which our habits of thought have been educated, and from the habits which we find it more or less difficult to free ourselves.

BOOK OF GOLD.

At the last session I was instructed to procure a "Book of Gold," and therein to enroll the names and history, so far as I can obtain

them, of the members of the Grand Consistory. Owing to various reasons, I have not yet succeeded in obtaining this book; one of the greatest of these reasons was, my inability to learn of what the real "Book of Gold" of a Grand Consistory consisted. Some seemed to think, and of these was the Ill.·. Brother who moved the resolution, that it was a mere photograph album, with place for register of name, age, and such other biographical data as might be obtainable. Others, that it was the regular written record book of the Grand Consistory, containing all the "engraved columns," "statutes," "balusters," etc.; in fact, all of what we are accustomed to call its "proceedings, constitutions, and by-laws." The custom with us has been to print all of these, and no such written record has been kept. I would, therefore, ask an explanation of the desire of the Grand Consistory, and will procure whatever it may direct during the coming year.

BULLETIN OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

Up to this time I have received but three copies of the Bulletin of the Supreme Council. The publication of this valuable pamphlet was commenced in August, 1870. It is greatly to be hoped that no untoward accident may prevent its continued issue, as it is a much-needed medium of communication between this Supreme Council and the State bodies.

MORALS AND DOGMA.

I understand that the Sovereign Grand Commander has, after much delay and under many difficulties, succeeded in nearly or quite completing the volumes comprising the Morals and Dogma of the Scottish Rite. I do not know whether this work is of a character which will permit it to be placed openly in the libraries of the Brethren, or whether it is of a more private character. In either case, it should be possessed by the Grand Consistory and by the bodies of the Rite, and I would ask that I may be authorized to obtain it for our library. It would also be well for this body to recommend it to be procured by its subordinates, as in no way can the interest of the members of the Rite be kept awake except by giving it something on which to feed; and in the widely-scattered membership of our bodies, which renders attendance upon their meetings to a great extent impracticable, the only plan remaining is to furnish them in accessible form the main teachings of the Rite. On this account, and because its publication affords a means of satisfying a widely-felt and generally expressed desire to have in accessible form the lectures of the Rite. I mention this at this time, hoping to apprise the Brethren of the good news of its near accessibility.

WORK OF GRAND CONSISTORY.

At the last session the work of the Grand Consistory was entrusted to Illustrious Brother Wm. E. Leffingwell 32°, at Lyons. The term for which that resolution was adopted having passed, it will be necessary that the Grand Consistory make the proper arrangements for the ensuing year.

COUNCIL OF KADOSH.

As announced in the address of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, but one Council of Kadosh has been established during the year, viz: HUGHS DE PAYENS, at Lyons. At the time of writing this report, I have no means of knowing what has been done, but do not doubt. from the great skill and untiring zeal of the Ill.·. Brethren at Lyons, that it has been like all their other bodies—an entire success.

I append my financial report:

W. B. LANGRIDGE, *Grand Registrar*,

In Acct. with Gr.·. Consistory of State of Iowa.

		DR.	
1871.			
Jan. 28,	To cash of R. F. Bower, bodies Keokuk	$ 16 00	
June 7,	" J. M. Griffiths, " Des Moines	135 00	
" 21,	" Wm. E. Leffingwell, " Lyons	400 00	
Aug. 25.	" Grand Treasurer (Draft)	390 00	
1872.			
Jan. 3,	To dues ($1 each) of Ells, Good, Dykeman, Griffiths, Scott, Schreiner, Luse, Waters, Griggs, Given, Wells, Foster, Plumb, Woodward, Bower, Sugg	16 00	
			$957 00
1871.		CR.	
June 8,	By cash pd. S.·. G.·. C.·. Pike, acct S.·. C.·.	$100 00	
June 9,	" by direction Parvin, S.·.G.·.I.·.G.·.	22 50	
Aug 26,	" receipt of Grand Treasurer	250 00	
" 28,	" (drft G.·. Treas.·.) for'd Sup.·.C.·.	390 00	
" 28,	" receipt of Grand Treasurer	20 00	
" 28,	" pd. D. B. Shelley, ritual (Lyons)	15 00	
Dec. 8,	" " " (Des Moines)	15 00	
1872.			
Jan 10,	By amt. due Gr.·.Reg.·.(see pro. 1876, p. 27)	43 75	
"	" for binding 2 vols. proceedings	3 00	
"	" postage paid	5 34	
"	" expressage	1 00	
"	" printing circulars	2 00	
	Cash in hand	89 91	
			$957 50

The Committee on Credentials made a report showing the presence of the officers and Ill.·. Brethren named on preceding pages.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief appointed the following

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Ill.·. Brothers Warner, Beers, and Sugg.

On motion the address of the Grand Commander-in-Chief was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Ill.·. Brethren Sanborn, Wright, and Baldwin.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief appointed as a

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Ill.·. Brethren Parvin, Sugg, and Langridge.

Letters of excuse were read from Ill.·. Brethren Luse, Woodward, Gillett. and Bower, and voted satisfactory.

Ill.·. Brother Sanborn, from the Committee on the address of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on address of the Very Ill.·.Grand Commander-in-Chief have considered the same and found it containing the true Masonic ring, breathing the true spirit, proving that though the outer man may show the signs of age and wear, yet the inner man is still vigorous and active; may he be long spared to cheer us by his presence and aid us by his counsel.

We would recommend that his suggestion in regard to a careful examination of our law and rules by the Committee on Jurisprudence be adopted, and that the address be received and printed with the proceedings.

W. W. SANBORN,
S. W. BALDWIN,
P. C. WRIGHT.

The Grand Registrar, by order of the Grand Commander read the following letter from the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern jurisdiction:

ORIENT OF WASHINGTON, IN THE DISTICT OF COLUMBIA,
1ST DAY OF ——, A.·. M.·. 5632,
14th November, 1871, V.·. E.·.

Very Ill.·. Bro.·. William Leffingwell, 33°,

Grand Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Consistory of Iowa.

VERY DEAR AND VERY ILL.·. BROTHER:—Many of the Ill.·. Brethren, Knights Kadosh, of Iowa, whom I had the pleasure and honor to meet and commune with at Lyons in June last, encouraged me to believe that the formal invitation which I am about to ask of

your fraternal kindness to give in the name of the Supreme Council, would be responded to in the affirmative by the Knights of the Council of Kadosh at Lyons and those elsewhere in the State.

I do, therefore, with confident hope of receiving a favorable reply, beg you to make it known, for me, to the Council of Kadosh at Lyons and the Knights Kadosh wherever dispersed over Iowa, that the regular biennial session of the Supreme Council of the 33° for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, will be held on the first Monday of May, 1872, V.·. E.·., at the city of San Francisco, in California, and be largely attended by the Knights Kadosh of the States on the Pacific coast; and in the name of the Supreme Council and as representing the Sovereign Grand Commander, to invite the Knights of the said Council and all other Knights Kadosh of Iowa to attend the said session in knightly array, as the armed escort of the Supreme Council.

The Brethren and Knights of the Pacific coast will be prepared to receive and welcome the Knights Kadosh of Iowa as their zeal and devotedness, their excellence and energy deserve; and there is every reason to feel assured that the reunion of the Brethren, Knights, and Princes of the Free Masonry of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, of all this great jurisdiction,

> In that crowned city on the western sea,
> That lies superb upon the golden sands,

when the chiefs of the Order meet there in council, will be worthy to be long remembered with pleasure by all.

It will be particularly grateful to the Supreme Council, that its escort of Knights should be composed of those whose altars are in the State of Iowa, which was an unknown region when, in 1801, the Supreme Council was established for the United States, at Charleston, in South Carolina. Then Iowa was a part of the Province of Louisiana, a dependency of France, and California a Mexican Province, an appendage of the crown of Spain and the Indies; while now, the three States of Louisiana, California, and Iowa have borne the banners of the Scottish Masonry further in advance than the old States of the jurisdiction.

Be pleased, Very Illustrious and Very Dear Brother, to communicate to all the Knights my kind wishes for their welfare and happiness, and accept for yourself assurances of my fraternal consideration, esteem and affection.

ALBERT PIKE, 33°,
Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander.

On motion of Comp.·. W. E. Leffingwell, as amended after careful consideration and discussion, it was

Resolved, That all the charters of the bodies of the A. A. A.

Rite in this State*, except those at Des Moines and Lyons, be and the same are hereby recalled, and their authority to confer or communicate any degree of this Rite be declared to be suspended, and their presiding officers directed to forward books and papers forthwith; and that Emanuel Consistory at Des Moines and De Molay Consistory at Lyons be reinstated with their charters, and that they have full honor and authority to confer the 31° and 32° in their re-respective bodies.

The Grand Registrar moved that Councils of Kadosh pay a fee of $5.00 to Grand Consistory for each thirtieth degree conferred in them, which was lost.

Brother Sugg, from the Committee on Finance, presented the report of that committee, as follows, which was adopted:

To the Grand Consistory of the State of Iowa:

The undersigned Finance Committee beg to report that, having examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Registrar, find the same to be correct.

C. W. Warner,
J. G. Sugg,
T. R. Beers.

To the Grand Consistory of the State of Iowa:

In relation to dues to this Grand Consistory from the several bodies at Lyons, the Finance Committee would recommend that Ill.·. Brother William E. Leffingwell settle said dues in accordance with the provisions of Art. 9 of the General Regulations.

Your committee would further recommend that the sum of $207.28 be paid to Griggs, Watson, and Day for printing, etc., as per their account. Also to the Secretary General the sum of $65.00 for Grand Consistory charter. And your committee would further recommend that Ill.·. Gr.·. Registrar be paid for his services and expenses the sum of $50.00, and Very Ill.·. Commander-in-Chief Wm. Leffingwell $10.00 for expenses.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. Warner,
J. G. Sugg,
T. R. Beers. } Committee.

After which the Grand Consistory was adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock A. M.

[Owing to the Grand Seneschal and Grand Registrar being necessitated to leave on the evening train, there was not a quorum of the Grand Consistory at the hour adjourned to. The Grand Commander-in-Chief therefore declared the Grand Consistory adjourned until the next annual meeting.

Attest: W. B. Langridge, 32°, Grand Registrar.

Wm. Leffingwell, 33°, Gr.·.Com.·.-in-Chief.

* At Keokuk, Davenport and Dubuque.—G. R.



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CONSISTORY S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·. 32°,

IN AND FOR THE STATE OF IOWA

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. OF A., AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING HELD AT DAVENPORT, JANUARY 8TH, A. D., 1873.

GRAND CONSISTORY OF THE STATE OF IOWA,
DAVENPORT, Jan. 8, 1873.

Pursuant to the order of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, the Grand Consistory met in the City of Davenport on the 8th day of

January, A. D., 1873, and assembled in the hall of Mount Horeb Lodge of Perfection, No. 3, at the hour of ten o'clock, A. M., the following Illustrious Brethren being present.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Theodore S. Parvin, 33°;
" Joseph M. Griffiths, 33°;
" William Leffingwell, 33°, Grand Commander-in-Chief;
" Charles S. Streeper, 32°, Acting Grand Seneschal;
" Joseph M. Griffiths, 33°, Acting Grand Preceptor;
" Wm. M. Wells, 32°, Acting Grand Treasurer;
" Wm. B. Langridge, 32°, Grand Registrar;
" Francis H. Griggs, 32°;
" James C. Gibbs, 32°;
" Samuel M. Good, 32°;
" Daniel B. Shelley, 32°;
" James S. Jamison, 32°;
" Fred. Blakesly, 32°;
" John Hilsinger, 32°;
" Fred. Born, 32°;
" Hiram S. Hart, 32°;
" David T. Miller, 32°;
" John N. Pike, 14°;

The Sovereign Grand Commander-in-Chief then opened a Grand Lodge of Perfection with the following officers:

Ill. Bro. Wm. Leffingwell, 32°, Th.·. P.·. Grand Master.
" Chas. S. Streeper, 32°, Grand Senior Warden.
" Jas. M. Griffiths, 33°, " Junior "
" W. G. Jones, 32°, Grand Captain of the Guards.
" Fred. Born, 32°, Senior Grand Expert.
" Daniel B. Shelley, 32°, Junior Grand Expert.
" James I. Peck, 32°, Grand Master of Ceremonies.
" W. G. Jones, 32°, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief then read his annual address.

[This address cannot be found among the papers.—Langridge.]

After which, he appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Jurisprudence—Ill.·. Bros.·. Parvin, Good and Griggs.

On Finance—Ill.·. Bros.·. Griffiths, Shelley and Streeper.

On Subordinate Bodies—Ill.·. Bros.·. Wells, Jamison, and Gibbs.

No further business appearing in the 14th degree, the Grand Commander-in-Chief declared the Lodge of Perfection closed and opened the Grand Consistory with its appropriate officers.

The following were appointed a Committee on the address of the Grand Commander-in-Chief: Ill.·. Bros.·. Griggs, Hart and Wells.

EXCUSES.

Excuses were presented by the Grand Registrar from a number of absent brethren, detained by various causes from the meeting of the Grand Consistory, when on motion of Ill.·. Bro.·. Parvin those who had presented reasons were excused, and that those whose excuses should be received should be added to the list; those from whom no excuses were received to be censured.

On motion of the Grand Registrar, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Jurisprudence report a plan whereby the various bodies may drop from their rolls names of B.·. B.·. who do not attend meeting or pay dues; also a reorganization of the rolls of the Grand Consistory; and also as to the status of B.·. B.·. formerly belonging to bodies whose charters are revoked.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

DAVENPORT, IOWA, Jan. 8th, 1873.

The Grand Consistory reassembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present, as in the forenoon.

The Grand Registrar presented the By-Laws of Mount Horeb Lodge of Protection, for the inspection of the Grand Consistory, and by order of the Grand Commander-in-Chief they were referred to the Committee on Subordinate bodies which in due time presented the following

REPORT.

TO THE GRAND CONSISTORY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

The Committee to whom the By-Laws of Mt. Horeb Lodge, No. 3, at Davenport was referred begs leave to report we have examined them and find they conform to the grand regulations. They recommend their approval.

W. M. WELLS,
JAMES C. GIBBS, } Committee.
J. W. JAMISON,

The Grand Commander-in-Chief presented an invitation from Mt. Horeb Lodge of Perfection to the Ill.·. Brethren present to partake of a supper as the guests of that Lodge.

Which was on motion accepted, with the thanks of the Grand Consistory.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Griffiths, from the Committee on Finance presented the following report which was received, and on motion, adopted:

To the Grand Consistory, S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·., of the State of Iowa:

We, the Committee on Finance, find that there are reported from Lodge of Perfection at Des Moines:

44 members at $1.00	$44 00
Of Council P.·. of J.·.	42 00
Of Chapter R.·. C.·.	42 00
Of Consistory S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·.	33 00
One advance	10 00
	$171 00

We find reported from Lodge of Perfection No. 3, at Davenport:

20 members at $1.00	$20 00
9 advanced at $5.00	45 00
Total	$65 00

We find there are reported from Lodge of Perfection No. 5, at Lyons:

111 members at $1.00	$111 00
23 advanced at $5.00	115 00
Of Council of P.·. of J.·. 108 members at $1.00	108 00
Advanced 26 at $2 00	52 00
Chapter R.·. C.·., 107 members at $1.00	107 00
26 advanced at $3.00	78 00
Consistory, 107 members	107 00
25 advanced at $10.00	250 00
Total	$928 00

Total due from No 2	$171 00
Total due from No. 3	64 00
Total due from No. 5	928 00
Total sum for 1872	$1164 00

There is a balance due from the bodies at Lyons for—

1870	$ 77 75	
1871	679 00	
Total		$ 756 75
Grand total		$1920 75

The amount due from the Bodies at Lyons for 1870 and 1871 is upon the basis heretofore established by the Grand Consistory, to-wit: One dollar for every four members reported.

Your committee recommend the following amount to be paid for the expenses to the delegates in attendance upon this session from the several bodies, as follows:

To Des Moines, 5 delegates	$120 75
To Davenport	15 00
To Lyons	324 75
	$460 50

This grand total	$1,920 75	
Less above allowance	460 50	
Balance due Grand Consistory		$1,460 25

Of which sum—

Des Moines will owe	50 25	
Davenport will owe	50 00	
Lyons on old balance	756 75	
Lyons for 1872	603 25	
		$1.460 25

The Grand Registrar presents vouchers for expenditures made by him amounting to	$237 52
His receipts were total of	236 91
Balance due Grand Registrar	61

We recommend that $50.00 be paid Grand Registrar for his services and expense of attendance for past year, and the same amount ($50.00) to the Grand Commander-in-Chief for expenses.

We find that there is due the Grand Treasurer the balance of 75 cents, as reported last year. There has no money passed through his hands during the past year, and we recommend that orders be drawn in favor of these Ill.·. Brethren for these amounts, and the Grand Treasurer be paid the sum of $20.00 for his expenses attending this session.

We find that this Grand Consistory is indebted to the Supreme Council in the sum of $860.00, and would recommend that said

amount be paid as soon as the amount is received from the Bodies at Lyons by the Grand Treasurer.

We recommend that the sum of $250.00 be placed in the hands of the Grand Registrar for printing the proceedings of this Grand Consistory for the last and present year,* and contingent expenses for the ensuing year.

We recommend that the dues from Mt. Horeb Lodge of Perfection No. 3, to this Grand Consistory for the past years be remitted, except 1872, it having been dormant during those years.

J. M. GRIFFITHS, 33° }
C. S. STREEPER, 32° } Committee.
D. B. SHELLEY, 32° }

Ill.·. Bro.·. Parvin presented the following resolution. which was on motion adopted:

PARVIN ON LYONS.

Resolved, That in view of the great expense incurred by the Brothers at Lyons in the erecting and fitting up of their hall the Grand Consistory extend to the Bodies of Lyons the time within which their arrearages ($1,360.00) for Dues to this Body shall be paid; for the one-half to March 18th the other half to September 18th, 1873—*provided* that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars of the September payment be remitted if the balance be promptly paid at that time.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Parvin from the Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the Resolution of Ill.·. Bro.·. the Grand Registrar, relative to the dropping from the Roll of Members of the Grand Consistory of a certain class of membership, and also the status of Brothers claiming membership in this body who are not members of any subordinate body, and of other members of subordinate bodies whose Charters have been reclaimed, would respectfully report: That in view of the past experience of this body, a reduction of its membership is necessary by cutting off a number who, while they are with us upon the roll, are not of us, as they neither attend or pay dues; nor are they members of any subordinate body under this jurisdiction.

Your committee hold that membership in one of the subordinate bodies under this jurisdiction is essential to membership in this Grand Consistory. Within the past two years the Charters of two

* Neither this sum nor any part thereof was ever placed in the hands of the Gr. Register, and the proceedings were filed away in MS. till this date, December, 1887, when they were printed by and at the expense of T. S. PARVIN.

or more of its subordinates have been revoked, thereby cutting loose a number of Brethren, most of whom have failed or neglected to affiliate with the living, working bodies of the Rite under our jurisdiction. We therefore recommend that the list of active membership be revised upon this basis; that there be selected six members from each of the three Subordinate Bodies, viz: at Des Moines, Lyons and Davenport, making eighteen in all.

That all of the elective officers and such of the appointed officers as are, or shall, within sixty days, affiliate with one of the three bodies aforesaid, be continued in membership until the next annual meeting of this body, when there shall be elected nine permanent members in addition to the eighteen, making twenty-seven in all, which number may in the future be increased by addition of worthy, active and prompt members in the subordinate bodies.

That any member who shall fail for one year (after notice) to pay his dues or attend the sessions of this body, or render a satisfactory excuse therefor, shall be dropped from the roll of active members, and a brother elected in his place.

And that in the subordinate bodies, any member who shall from time to time neglect to attend its meetings or fail when called upon to pay his dues, unless excused by the body, such delinquent members shall be dropped from the roll of membership therein.

T. S. PARVIN,
F. H. GRIGGS,
S. M. GOOD,
Committee.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Griggs, from the Committee on the Address of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, presented the following report, which was also adopted:

To the Grand Consistory of the State of Iowa:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Address of our Very Ill.·. Grand Commander in Chief, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and find that the expressions of appreciation and esteem in which our Grand Commander in Chief has spoken of our lately deceased Ill.·. Bro.·. W. F. Kidder, 33°, are but a fitting tribute to the many virtues of his character. He had attained to the highest honors in the A. A. & A. Rite, and, as we know, both in letter and in spirit was faithful to his vows. We would recommend the Grand Registrar to tender to the widow and family of the deceased the sympathy and condolence of this Grand Consistory in this, their great affliction.

As to that portion of the address on which the surrender of our powers as a Grand Consistory is spoken of, your Committee would report: that from the evidences of a renewed vitality in the sub-

ordinate bodies, they believe that the prospects for the future are far more encouraging than at our late meeting; and that they have an abiding faith that the beauty and sublimity of the degrees of Scottish Masonry will yet awaken an increased interest in all parts of our jurisdiction. They would recommend that this subject of such vital importance and requiring careful consideration, be referred to the Grand Consistory to be acted on in committee of the whole.

Your Committee cannot but feel that the improved prospects of the Scottish Rite in this State are largely due to the zeal and energy of our venerable Grand Commander-in-Chief; that he claims no immunity from service from increasing years the record of his labors shows; and it is our earnest prayer that he may be long spared in his present health and energy to serve as an example to us all.

F. H. Griggs,
W. M. Wells,
H. S. Hart,
Committee.

On motion of Ill.·. Bro.·. Griffiths, it was

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the treasury, or to come therein, the sum of $100, to be placed in the hands of the Grand Commander-in-Chief (Leffingwell) for the purpose of procuring and presenting to our Ill.·. Bro.·. Theodore Sutton Parvin, 33°, Sov.·. Gr.·. Insp.·. Genl.·., a suitable testimonial in recognition of his unrequited services in the introduction and propagation of the Rite in this jurisdiction, and of the high esteem in which he is held as a man and Mason by the brethren of this Grand Consistory.*

On motion of Ill.·. Brother Griffiths, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Consistory be and are hereby returned to the officers and Ill.·. Bros.·. of Mt. Horeb Lodge of Perfection No. 3, for their generous hospitality and courteous attention to the members of this Grand Body during the present session.

The subject of disbandment having been called up, the Grand Registrar moved its indefinite postponement, which was carried unanimously.

The Grand Consistory then proceeded to name Ill.·. Brethren, or members of it, other than Grand officers, as provided for in the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the following were chosen:

From the Bodies at Des Moines—Ill.·. Brethren H. H. Griffiths, Wm. M. Wells, Samuel M. Good, James C. Gibbs, H. C. Plumb, and John C. Parish.

*For want of funds this testimonial was never procured.—W. B. L

From the Bodies at Lyons—Ill.·. Brethren George W. Parker, Fred L. Blakely, Fred Born, J. G. Sugg, John Hilsinger and Hiram A. Hart.

From the Bodies at Davenport—Ill.·. Brethren C. S. Streeper, James Armstrong, D. B. Shelley, F. H. Griggs, J. W. Jamison, and W. C. Warriner.

The Registrar was ordered to procure certain volumes of the secret work of the Rite.

Nothing further appearing, the box of fraternal assistance was passed, and the Grand Consistory was closed in the harmony of the sacred numbers.

WM. LEFFINGWELL, 33°,
G.·. Com.·.-in-Chief.

Attest: W. B. LANGRIDGE, 32°,
Grand Registrar.



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CONSISTORY S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·. 32°,

IN AND FOR THE STATE OF IOWA

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, SOUTHERN JURISDICTION U. S. OF A., AT ITS THIRD STATED TRIENNIAL SESSION, HELD AT ITS GRAND ENCAMPMENT IN THE VALLEY OF DES MOINES, ON THE 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER, A. D., 1873.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Oct. 21, 1873.

The Grand Consistory of Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret, 32° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, met in triennial session in the Emanuel Consistorial Chamber in the city of Des Moines, at the hour of 7 o'clock P. M., on the evening of

the 30th of the Hebrew month Tisri, A. M. 5634, answering to the 20th day of October, 1873, V.·. E.·., with the following officers and members of the Grand Consistory present, viz:

Ill.·. Bro.·. Theodore S. Parvin, 33°, S.·. G.·. I.·. G.·. and G.·. M.·. of State of the H.·.E.·. of the Supreme Council and Active 33° of the State of Iowa.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Jos. M. Griffiths, 33°.
" Robt. F. Bower, 33°.
" E. A. Guilbert, 33°.
" Wm. Leffingwell, 33°, Gr.·. Commander-in-Chief.
" Pitkin C. Wright, 32°, Grand Seneschal:
" H. H. Griffiths, 32°, Grand Preceptor.
" John C. Parish, 32°, Grand Constable.
" Z. C. Luce, Grand Chancellor.
" W. E. Woodward, 32°, Grand Hos.·. and Al.·.
" W. B. Langridge, 32°, Grand Registrar & K.·. of the S.·. & A.·.
" Wm. M. Wells, 32°, Grand Treasurer.
" Geo. K. Foster, 32°, Grand Master of Ceremonies.
" Guy Wells, 32°, Grand Expert.
" Theodore Schreiner, 32°, Gr.·.Cap.·.of the Guards.
" Horace Tuttle, 32°, Grand Chamberlain.
" S. M. Good, 32°.
" J. C. Gibbs, 32°.
" H. A. Hart, 32°.
" J. H. Tiernay, 32°.
" J. G. Sugg, 32°.
" John Hilsinger, 32°.

The Grand Consistory was then opened in AMPLE form by the Grand Commander-in-Chief.

The triennial session was convened under and by virtue of the following

SUMMONS.

Office of the Grand Registrar,
Valley of Muscatine, Sept. 13, 1873.

Ill.·. and Very Dear Brother:

The Grand Consistory having failed to hold its triennial meeting on the first Tuesday (second day) of the present month, in accordance with its statutes, and there being important business requiring its attention, the Grand Commander-in-Chief has thought it best, after careful consideration and counsel, to order that it assemble in the rooms of Emanuel Consistory, at the city of Des Moines, on Monday, the 20th day of October, 1873, and afterwards, from day

to day as it may order, at which time and place you are hereby summoned to be present to assist with your presence and counsel. Or in the event that you are providentially detained and therefore unable to be present, that you send your excuse so stating. And I sincerely hope that you will allow no circumstance not of grave importance to prevent your personal attendance.

The business to come before the Grand Consistory will comprise the election of its officers, the granting of charters to new bodies, and such other matters as may require its attention, and as it may deem the interests of the Rite to require.

Bodies working under dispensations issued by the Grand Commander-in-Chief and which have not yet received charters, will bring them up with abstracts showing the work done under them, for the consideration of the Grand Consistory.

The annual returns and dues to Grand Consistory will not be made at this time, they properly coming up at the *annual session* in January, the day and place for holding which will be decided by the Grand Consistory, and due notice issued by the Grand Registrar.

Hoping to meet you at Des Moines at the time named, I am in the unity of the numbers known to you,

Fraternally and truly yours,

WM. LEFFINGWELL, 33°,

Attest: W. B. LANGRIDGE, 32°, Gr.·. Com.·.-in-Chief.

Grand Registrar.

The reading of balustre of the annual meeting at Lyons, January, 1871, was, on motion, dispensed with, printed copies being in the hands of the members.

The balustre of the annual meetings of January, 1872, and January, 1873, not being published, were read, and on motion were approved as correct.

The Grand Registrar reported that he had received from the bodies at Des Moines $50.25, and from those at Davenport $50.00, being dues to January 1, 1873.

Also that he had demanded and received the books from the various bodies.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief then presented his address, which was read as follows:

Ill.·. Princes and Brethren of the Grand Consistory:

It becomes my duty to address you at this time, and render an account of my acts during my stewardship as the Grand Commander-in-Chief of this Ill.·. Grand Consistory. It is needless to recapitulate that which has already been stated in my former addresses;

hence, I shall at this time confine myself to the limits embraced in space of time between our annual meeting in January, 1873, to the 20th of October, inst. And by way of apology, allow me to say that under the many embarrassments through which necessity has compelled me to pass, little has been accomplished compared with that which ought to have been done. Nevertheless there has been now and then a bright spot amid the gloomy, threatening clouds.

On the 1st of May, in accordance with and by the authority of a mandate from Ill.·. Brother T. S. Parvin, 33°, Sov.·. G.·. Ins.·. Gen.·. for Iowa, I issued a dispensation to a constitutional number of B.·. B.·· at Davenport, Iowa, to form and open a Council of Kadosh, and under the authority of my superior conferred all the indispensible degrees belonging to said body, and thoroughly communicated the other degrees from the 19° to 30° inclusive on the Brethren who were duly elected as eligible to receive them, after which an election was ordered for their officers, which resulted in the unanimous choice of

Ill.·. Bro.·. Chas. S. Streeper, 32°, V.·. E. , Commander.
" D. B. Shelley, 32°, E.·. Prior.
" Jas. I. Peck, 30°, E.·. Preceptor.
" J. N. Pike, 30°, Ex.·. Orator.
" H. E. Jensen, 30°, Val.·. Recorder.
" C. H. Eldridge, 32°, Val.·. Treasurer.

The other officers were appointed, whose names will appear upon the transactions and of their proceedings now before this Illustrious Body.

I then proceeded to install the aforesaid officers and constitute them into a regular Council of Kadosh, by the name of Cœur De Leon Council No. 3, to meet and confer and communicate all the degrees from 18° to 30° inclusive, strictly enjoining their obedience to all the regulations of the Grand Consistory and also the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33°.

Subsequently, on or about the 10th of May, at the solicitation of Ill.·. Bro.·. T. S. Parvin, 33°, S.·. G.·. I.·. G.·., I issued a dispensation to certain Brethren at Lyons, upon their urgent petition to grant them power to hold an election in their several bodies in consequence of the resignation of nearly all their officers (the true cause of which I am as yet uninformed), empowering them to hold an election at such time as would to them be convenient, and appointed Ill.·. Bro.·. G. W. Parker 32° as installing officer of their proceedings in the premises. I have not been informed, except by letter herewith submitted. I have hoped and prayed that no harm (irreparable) may result to the bodies at that place, or the Rite in general.

In relation to our financial condition as a body, we are compelled to plead inability to pay our liabilities to the Supreme Council for

want of means, caused by the inability or neglect of the subordinate bodies to return to the Grand Consistory the constitutional fees and dues that are justly our right and long past withheld, and until such remittances are made, no change for the better can reasonably be expected. This particular subject should command the immediate attention of this body, and I have no doubt that in their wisdom some plan will be adopted whereby prosperity will yet triumph.

This being the appointed time for the triennial election of the officers of this Grand Body, it devolves upon you, Ill.·. Brethren, to select the best material for the continuation of the up-building of the Kadosh-Kadoshim, which I have no doubt you will do.

As for your Grand Commander-in-Chief, I will, in all humility, say that as far as has been in my power, I have endeavored to do my duty in every respect, having no mercenary or other unworthy motive in view; but, on the other hand, a constant, strong and sincere desire to promote harmony, peace and good will among all good Masons and the establishment and propagation of a system of Masonry calculated to enrich the mind, improve the morals, and render mortal man what the Great I Am originally designed he should be on earth.

May the good God grant His divine aid in all our efforts to disseminate the True Light, is the prayer of your humble servant,

WM. LEFFINGWELL,
Gr.·. Com.·.-in-Chief.

The Grand Registrar presented his report as follows:

GRAND REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

TO THE GRAND CONSISTORY;

As Grand Registrar I would beg to report that during the time from the last annual meeting, nothing has been done that is necessary to relate here. A general stagnation has come over the Rite, "great peace" has been enjoyed.

A few days ago I received from the Sov.·. Grand Commander and a few days later from the Grand Secretary General the most urgent appeals for money. I present them to you for your enlightenment and consideration.

Previously to that time and on the reception of these I wrote to the Secretary of the bodies at Lyons requesting a settlement of the amounts due from them to the Grand Consistory, but have heard nothing whatever in reply. The general outlook is anything but encouraging; last winter the brethren at the annual meeting expressed a strong determination not to surrender. If they are still of that determination they must raise something over $1000 or the first

thing they know their organization will be suspended by the powers above them. If the money can be raised we can go on, if not———

I am glad that the time has come when a re-election of officers is to take place. I, for one, positively decline a re-election, if the present condition of things is to continue. There is no satisfaction in being constantly dunned for money we cannot pay, nor in constantly giving labor and effort to remove difficulties that cannot be removed.

W. B. LANGRIDGE,
Grand Registrar.

W. B. LANGRIDGE, *Grand Registrar*,
In acc't with Grand Consistory, State of Iowa.

1873.			DR.	
Jan. 8,	To dues of	Mt. Horeb Lodge of P.	$50 00	
" 10,	"	W. M. Wells, 1872	1 00	
" 10,	"	J. W. Jamison, 1871 and 1872	2 00	
" 10,	"	D. B. Shelley, 1872	1 00	
" 10,	"	C. S. Streeper, 1872	1 00	
" 10,	"	J. C. Gibbs, 1872	1 00	
" 10,	"	M. E. Gillette, 1871	1 00	
" 10,	"	M. E. Gillette, 1872	1 00	
" 10,	"	J. M. Griffiths, 1872	1 00	
" 10,	"	R. F. Bower, 1872	1 00	
Aug. 6,	"	Des Moines bodies	50 25	
Oct. 10,	To balance due	Grand Registrar	31 22	
				$ 140 47

CONTRA.

1873.			CR.	
Jan. 10,	By am't allowed	Grand Registrar for services	$50 00	
Feb. 24,	" "	Griggs, Watson and Day, balance	52 22	
Jan. 10,	" "	paid Wm. Leffingwell on acc't of allowance	25 00	
" "	" "	" Mackey for Bulletin	3 00	
Feb. 15,	" "	" B. F. Neidig, printing	2 25	
Mch. 17,	" "	" G. Schmidt and Bro., binding	3 00	
Sept. 30,	" "	" bill B. F. Neidig, printing	5 00	
				$140 47

The Grand Registrar presented and read excuses from Illustrious Brothers Geo. W. Parker, W. E. Leffingwell, J. Van Deventer, C. W. Warner, C. S. Streeper, D. B. Shelley and M. E. Gillette, explaining the reasons of their absence from the Triennial Meeting, and expressing regret at their inability to be present; when on motion of Ill. Bro. Bower it was voted that the excuses of the Ill. Bros. named be deemed valid and accepted.

The Grand Registrar presented and read letters from the Sov. Gr. Commander and the Sec. Gen. H.·. E.·. relative to the Finances of the Sup. Council and Grand Consistory.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief appointed as a Special Committee to investigate the financial matters of this Grand Consistory the following Ill. Brethren: R. F. Bower, 33°, and W. E. Woodward, 32° and Wm. M. Wells, 32°.

The Grand Consistory was then adjourned subject to the call of the Grand Commander-in-Chief.

SECOND DAY.

DES MOINES, TUESDAY, OCT. 21, 1873, 5 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Consistory was called from adjournment to labor in Consistoral Chamber.

Present as on yesterday and
Ill.·. Bro.·. E. A. Gilbert, 33°;
" Jos. Chapman, 32°, Gr.·. Minister of State;
" W. P. Allen, 32°;
" C. K. Peck, 32°,
" M. A. Butler, 32°.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Bower, 33° presented the following report from the special Committee on Finance, which was accepted.

DES MOINES, Oct. 21, 1873.

Your special Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

So far as the bodies at Des Moines and Davenport are concerned, we find that they have complied with the offer of the Grand Consistory, and paid their dues, but the bodies at Lyons are still delinquent in the sum of $1,360 75

Our Grand Consistory owes the following amounts:

For dues, etc., to Supreme Council	$989 00	
For salary of Grand Commander-in-Chief	25 00	
For salary of Grand Secretariat	32 22	
For expenses, etc., all'd Ill.·. Bro.·. Wm. M. Wells	20 75	
For jewel voted Ill.·. Bro.·. Parvin	100 00	
		$ 1,166 97
Leaving a balance due us by them of		$ 193 78

It will cost about $200 to print our proceedings, (Janaury, 1872, January, 1873, and their ———), but we advise that this be post-

poned until our January meeting, when it can be printed out of the dues then maturing. We recommend that the Lyons bodies pay to this Grand Body the sum of $1,166.97 on or before the 1st of January next, which will enable us to pay our present indebtedness, and that the balance, $193.78, be remitted them. If, however, they decline this offer, we insist that other and prompt measures be taken to compel them to pay their indebtedness due this Grand Consistory.

(Signed)

R. F. Bower, 33°.
W. E. Woodward, 32°.
W. M. Wells, 32°.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Guilbert offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That if the bodies at Lyons will pay the amount due ($989) by the Grand Consistory to the Supreme Council for degrees conferred, the Grand Consistory will allow those bodies an extension of one and two years on the balance.

Ill.·. Bro.·. J. M. Griffiths, 33° moved that a committee of five, of which Ill.·. Bro.·. Guilbert be chairman, be appointed, to report to this Grand Consistory at its annual meeting in January next, a memorial to the Supreme Council, praying for a reduction of the fees and dues to that body.

Which was carried.

The following brethren, by request of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, nominated by the Grand Consistory:

Ill.·. Bros.·. P. C. Wright, 32°; J. M. Griffiths, 33°; R. F. Bower, 33°; and W. B. Langridge, 32°.

The Grand Com.·. in Chief presented the request of the bodies at Davenport that their Dispensations be extended until the next Triennial Meeting.

Which was, on motion, granted.

On motion, the Grand Consistory then proceeded to the election of officers, the Grand Commander-in-Chief appointing as tellers Ill.·. Bros.·. Luse and Sugg, with the following result:

Ill.·. Bro.·. Wm. Leffingwell, 33°, Grand Commander-in-Chief;
" Robt. F. Bower, 33°, Seneschal;
" Edward A. Guilbert, 33°, Preceptor;
" John C. Parish, 32°, Constable;
" John Hilsinger, 32°, Admiral;
" Zephaniah C. Luse, 32°, Minister of State.

Pending the election, the Grand Consistory adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST HESVAN, A. M., 5634.
(22d OCTOBER, A. D., 1873.)

The Grand Consistory re-assembled, pursuant to adjournment, at 8 o'clock a. m.

Present, the Illustrious Grand Commander-in-Chief, and Ill.·. Brothers J. M. Griffiths, Woodward, Good, Gibbs, Tuttle, W. M. Wells, Guy Wells, Schreiner, H. A. Hart, Bower, Langridge, Luse and Foster.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Griffiths moved that the resolution adopted on yesterday, in regard to payment by the Lyons bodies, be reconsidered.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Ill.·. Bro.·. Griffiths:

Resolved, That the Grand Consistory accept the proposition of BB.·. at Lyons to pay $600 by January 1st, 1874, and have until March 1st next to pay the balance of the amount ($389·00) due the Supreme Council. [No payment was ever made.]

The Grand Consistory then proceeded with the election of officers, as follows:

Ill.·. Bro.·. DANIEL B. SHELLEY, 32°, Grand Chancellor;
" SAMUEL M. GOOD, 32°, Gr.·. Hospitaller & Almoner;
" WM. E. WOODWARD, 32°, Registrar and Keeper of the S.·. A.·.
" WM. M. WELLS, 32°, Grand Treasurer;
" HIRAM A. HART, 32°, Grand Primate;
" GEO. R. FOSTER, 32, Grand Master of Ceremonies;
" GUY WELLS, 32°, Grand Expert;
" HORACE TUTTLE, 32°, Assistant Grand Expert;
" JOHN TIERNAY, 32°, Grand Beausenifer;
" W. B. LANGRIDGE, 32°, Bearer of Vexillum Belli;
" THEODORE SCHREINER, 32°, Grand Captain of the Guards;
" MORTIMER E. GILLETTE, 32°, Grand Chamberlain;
" BUREN R. SHERMAN, 32°, Grand Steward;
" JAMES C. GIBBS, 32°, Aide de Camp.

After which the Grand Consistory adjourned, subject to the call of the Grand Commander in Chief.

FOURTH DAY.

THURSDAY, 2D HESVAN, A. M., 5634.
(23d OCTOBER, A. D., 1873.)

Consistory met in Consistorial Chamber, on call of Grand Commander-in-Chief, at 5 o'clock p. m.

Present, Grand Commander-in-Chief Wm. Leffingwell, and B.·. B.·. T. S. Parvin, 33°, S.·. G.·. of G.·.; R. F. Bower, Wm. M. Wells, D. B. Shelley, Z. C. Luse, Horace Tuttle, S. M. Good, W. E. Woodward, and John C. Parish.

The Gr.·. Com.·.-in-Chief announced that the installation of officers present would now take place. When Ill.·. Bro.·. Parvin, Sov.·. Grand Ins.·. General, proceeded to install the following officers of the Grand Consistory, who opened their respective stations:

Ill.·. Bro.·. WM. LEFFINGWELL, Grand Commander-in-Chief;
" ROBT. F. BOWER, Grand Seneschal;
" JOHN C. PARISH, Grand Constable;
" ZEPHANIAH C. LUSE, Grand Minister of State;
" DANIEL B. SHELLEY, Grand Chancellor;
" SAMUEL M. GOOD, Grand Hospitaller and Almoner;
" WM. E. WOODWARD, Grand Registrar and Keeper of the S.·. A.·.
" WM. M. WELLS, Grand Treasurer;
" HORACE TUTTLE, Assistant Grand Expert.

The Grand Commander-in-Chief appointed as a committee to select a place for the annual meeting in January, 1874, next, Ill.·. Bros.·. Bower, 33°, Parish, 32°, and Tuttle, 32°. who made a verbal report recommending Muscatine, should nothing unforseen occur to render another place more desirable, subject to approval of Grand Commander-in-Chief.

After which the box of fraternal assistance was passed, and the Grand Consistory closed in the harmony of the sacred numbers.

WM. LEFFINGWELL, 33°,
Gr.·. Com.·.-in-Chief.

Attest: WM. E. WOODWARD, 32°,
Grand Registrar.



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CONSISTORY S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·. 32°,

IN AND FOR THE STATE OF IOWA

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. OF A., AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING HELD AT DUBUQUE, OCTOBER 21ST, A. D., 1874.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, Oct. 21st, 1874.

The session of the Grand Consistory of 1874 was held during the session of the Grand Commandery, and was rather a consultation

by the grand officers than a regular session. The only minutes that were kept were the following:

REPORT OF THE GRAND REGISTRAR.

To the Ill.·. Comps.·. Sublime Princes:

Your Grand Registrar sent out at the proper time blank returns for the different bodies of this Rite, and is happy to report that the Secretaries have been prompt in making returns, he having received the returns of the four bodies at Des Moines, the four bodies at Lyons, and Mt. Horeb Lodge of Perfection and Cœur de Leon Council of Kadosh at Davenport.

Your Grand Registrar has found nothing to indicate the amount to be paid on each candidate advanced to the 30th degree in Councils of Kadosh, and would respectfully ask that that subject receive the attention of this Grand Body that returns may be correctly kept, and would ask that blanks be ordered similar to the other bodies of this Rite, for the convenience of Secretaries and uniformity of returns.

W. E. Woodward, *Grand Registrar.*

In Acc't with Grand Consistory of the State of Iowa.

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To $1.00 Grand Consistory dues from each of the following B.·. B.·., viz: J. C. Gibbs, Z. C. Luce, R. F. Bower, Wm. M. Wells, G. R. Foster, B. R. Sherman, W. C. Warring, J. H. Tiernay	$8 00	
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By cash paid for freight and drayage on box	$1 65	
" " postage and stationery	2 55	
" " express on seal	25	
Balance on hand	3 55	
		$8 00

W. E. Woodward, 32°,
Grand Registrar.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, This Grand Consistory is indebted to the Supreme Council in arrearages for dues, which has arisen from the inability of its subordinate bodies to pay their dues to the Grand Consistory, and from the failure of its collections we are utterly unable to meet the demands of the Supreme Council, and

Whereas, The subordinate bodies relying upon the liberal interpretation of the regulations relative to the time intervening between the reception of the degrees of the Lodge, Chapter and Coun-

cil from the 4th to the 30th degrees, did incur great expense in fitting up their halls, which they had reasonable hopes would have been met from the receipts for work; and

WHEREAS, The strict enforcement of these regulations has cut off all work, all receipts, and all hope of ability to pay from that source, therefore, be it

Resolved, That, the subordinate bodies being unable to pay, this Grand Consistory is also unable, and hereby places its charter at the disposal of the Supreme Council, as unable longer under the law to continue its existence.

Resolved further, That the charter and effects be placed in the hands of Ill.·. Bro.·. T. S. Parvin, Active 33°, subject to the order of the Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander, Ill.·. Bro.·. Albert Pike, 33°.

These are all the papers that are now to be found.

SURRENDER OF CHARTER.

WHEREAS, Owing to the difficulty in the collection of the arrearages of dues from the subordinate bodies to enable the Grand Consistory to meet its obligations to the Supreme Council, and the great expense attending the keeping up of a grand organization with so few representative members; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Consistory of Iowa do surrender its charter to the Supreme Council, S.·. J.·.

[The charter, books and papers were duly forwarded to the Ill.·. Sec.·. General of the Supreme Council, at Washington.—T. S. P.]

CLOSING CEREMONIES.

TheIll.·. Grand Commander.in-Chief, Wm. Leffingwell, 33° with the aid of the Ill.·. Brethren, then proceded to close *sine die* the Grand Consitory of Iowa, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

WM. LEFFINGWELL, 33°,
Gr.·. Com.·.-in-Chief.

Attest: WM. E. WOODWARD, 32°,
Grand Registrar.



JANUARY, 1874.

KEOKUK.—Bodies organized September 12, 1866; surrendered charters, October, 1874.

Members at Date of surrender:

David G. Anderson, Robert F. Bower 33°, Benjamin W. Davis, M. E. Gillettee, *Burlington;* John Given, William E. Griswold, Thomas Heaight, Henry K. Love, Campbell K. Peck, Joshua W. Satterthwaite, *Mt. Pleasant;* Theodore Schreiner, *Mt. Pleasant;* George M. Seaton, William L. Smith, *Mt. Pleasant;* Guy Wells, Marcus W. Wescott, William E. Woodward, *Burlington;* H. W. Woods.—17.

No returns on file for 1874 from either Keokuk Lodge of Perfection No. 1, De Joinville Council Princes of Jerusalem No. 1, Kllwinning Chapter Rose Croix No. 1, Iowa Consistory S. P. R. S. No. 1.

DES MOINES.—Bodies organized December 21, 1866, and still in existence, though *dormant.*

Officers of Tabernacle Lodge of Perfection, No. 2:

H. H. Griffiths, T. P. G. M.; John C. Parish, M. E. S. G. W.; Charles Linderman, M. E. J. G. W.; Hiram Robinson, E. G. Sec.; George H. Maish, E. G. Treas.

Officers of Cyrus Council Princes of Jerusalem, No. 2:

Charles A. Weaver, M. I. T.; H. H. Griffiths, M. V. H. P.; E. W. Klipstein, I. S.; Hiram Robinson, V. S.; S. M. Good, V. T.

Officers of Emanuel Consistory, No. 2:

John C. Parish, C. C.; Joseph M. Griffiths, Sen.; John A. Elliott, Preceptor; Charles J. McKay, Registrar; Samuel M. Good, Treasurer.

No returns on file from Mackey Chapter Rose Croix No. 2.

List of Members:

Edwin E. Ainsworth, William Alberts, Thomas Royd, Charles Brundman, Cyrus C. Carpenter, *Ft. Dodge;* William Chamberlain, David B. Davis, Edwin R. Duffin, *Sac City;* John H. Dykeman, Nathaniel L. Dykeman, *Chicago;* John A. Elliott, Cyrus W. Fisher, *Oskaloosa;* Fred Getchel, James C. Gibbs, *Fontanelle;* Samuel M. Good, Joseph M. Griffiths, 33°; Henry H. Griffiths, W. E. Griswold, Soloman Herzberg, *Philadelphia;* Sidney R. Higgins, William B. Hobbs, Robert C. Hunter, John A. Kasson, Lewis Kinsey, Ernest W. Klipstein, Charles Linderman, *Clarinda;* Jesse D. Loring, B. J. McCleary James E. McIntyre, Charles J. McKay; George E. Maish, Robert C. McMillan, David T. Miller, *Newton;* Frank M. Mills, Napoleon B. Moore, Cyrus A. Mosier, John C. Parish, Fernando A. Percival, Benjamin R. Perdue, Henry C. Plumb, Wesley Redhead, Sidgemund Schulein, *Sioux City;* William A. Smith, George Sneer, Jeremiah B. Tiffin, Irvin N. Thomas, Charles A. Weaver, M. J. Wellslager, Sim. D. Welling, William M. Wells, *Oskaloosa;* George H. Wright, *Sioux City*—52.

DAVENPORT.—Bodies organized December 14, 1860; charters revoked October, 1882.

Officers of Mt. Horeb Lodge of Perfection, No. 3:

C. S. Streeper, T. P. G. M.; W. D. Middleton, M. E. S. G. W.; D. B. Shelley, M. E. J. G. W.; H. R. Wood, E. G. S.; W. C. Warriner, E. G. T.

Officers of Adoniram Council Princes of Jerusalem, No. 3:

D. B. Shelley, M. I. T.; James I. Peck, M.V. H. P.; H. R.Wood, I. S.; James N. Pike, V. S.; Thomas Murray, V. T.

Officers of Lebanon Chapter Rose Croix, No. 3:

D. B. Shelley, M. W. M.; James I. Peck, M. E. S. W.; H. R. Wood, M. E. J. W.; C. H. Eldridge, V. S.; Ed. Russell, V. T.

List of members:

William F. Ackley, Frank W. Angel, James Armstrong, Benj. H. Barrows, Virgil M. Blunding, Cornelius J. Brown, Seth P. Bryant, John J. Burtis, S. Butler, A. W. Cantwell, William D. Clark, James S. Connor, A. S. Corker, William Craig, *Waterloo;* Aaron D. Cronkhite, John A. Davis, Lodwick S. Davies, John L. Drew, Chas. H. Eldridge, C. Stewart Ells, William F. Fidlar, William F. Gordon, Frank H. Griggs, L. V. Graves, D. H. Hartwell, F. O. Horn, Joseph A. Hursh, *Iowa Ctty;* John W. Jamison, H. C. F. Jensen, W. G. Jones, William F. Kidder, 33°; William Leffingwell, 33°,

Muscatine; William Baker Langridge *Muscatine;* Zepheniah C. Luse, *Iowa City*; G. P. McClelland, H. H. Malloch, William D. Middleton, Thomas Murray, Matt. Parrott, *Waterloo;* Haris M. Parvin, *Iowa City;* Washington E. Peck, Joseph A. Peck, James N. Pike, Seth H. Plummer, David N. Richardson, Edward Russell, William A. Rennington, David B. Shelley, Isaac P. Smith, Charles S. Streeper, 33°; Jacob W. Stewart, Alfred Sully, James Worthington, William C. Thayer, David S. True, H. C. Wales, W. C. Warriner, D. S. Watson, Oziah P. Waters, *Mustatine;* Harrison R. Wood. —61.

DUBUQUE.—Bodies organized July 29, 1867; charters revoked October, 1874.

No returns on file for 1874.

Parvin Lodge of Perfection, No. 4.
St. Johns Council Princes of Jerusalem, No. 4.
Key City Chapter Rose Croix, No. 4.
Dubuque Consistory S. P. R. S., No. 4.

List of Members (last returns):

William P. Allen, M. S. Barnes, George Bentley, Caleb H. Booth, Joseph Chapman, W. H. Clark, A. Christman, George R. Foster, G H. Fry, Edward A. Guilbert M.D., H. H. Hemenway, *Lansing;* D.W. Hewitt, L. L. Huntley, J. Mehlhop, M. S. Robison, W. H. Robbins, H. Rouse, G. V. Smock, C. L. Torbert, Horace Tuttle, V. J. Williams.—21.

DECEMBER, 1887.

LYONS.—Bodies organized July 12, 1869.

[All these Bodies are actively at work. Have been without cessation since their organization.—T. S. P.]

Officers of De Molay Consistory, No. 1—December, 1887.

James T. Van Deventer 33°, *Clinton*, Com. in Chief.

Hugh De Payens Council Kadosh.

Geo. W. Parker 33°, *Lyons*, Preceptor.

Delphic Chapter Rose Croix.

Geo. Martin Curtis, 32°, *Clinton*, Wise Master.

Iowa Lodge of Perfection, 14°.

Phineas S. Towle, 32°, *Clinton*, Master.

E. A. Wadleigh, 32°, *Clinton*, Secretary of all the Bodies.

MEMBERS OF DEMOLAY CONSISTORY.

JANUARY 1, 1887.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Parvin, T. S. 33°,	Iowa City
Sargent, T. 32°,	Fort Dodge
Sherman, B. R. 33°,	Des Moines

MEMBERS.

Abraham, G. G.,	Watkins
Ainsworth, E. E.,	Des Moines
Allen, G. W.,	Clinton
Ashton, G. W. 33°,	Lyons
Aylesworth, A. H.,	Chicago
Babbit, J. E.,	Sabula
Bard, T. O.,	Sabula
Bartholomew, A. L.,	Preston
Batchelder, F. E.,	Clinton
Beardslee, A. L.,	Manchester
Beers, T. R.,	Lyons
Benson, W. M.,	Belle Plaine
Bever, G. W.,	Cedar Rapids
Bevier, W. G.,	Tipton
Biederman, Louis,	Columbus J
Blakely, F. L.,	St. Louis, Mo
Blanchard, T. E.,	Mitchell, Dak
Blake, U. C.,	Cedar Rapids
Bloom, Moses,	Iowa City
Bowers, H. F.,	Clinton
Bowler, J. R.,	Marshalltown
Brain, E. B.,	Defiance
Brayton, F. C.,	Lyons
Brown, E. G.,	Norway
Burt, C. S.,	Baton Rouge, La
Butler, M. A.,	Boone
Butterfield, D. G.,	DeWitt
Butterfield, T. F.,	DeWitt
Cahill, J. W.,	Lenox
Campbell, B. H.,	Fort Madison
Carmichael, L.,	Tama City
Chamberlain, E.,	Dubuque
Christian, C. E.,	Minneapolis
Cilley, H. G.,	Glenwood
Coldren, J. N.,	Iowa City
Conway, J. F.,	Lyons
Corbin, J. I.,	Anamosa
Cotton, A. R. 33°,	San Francisco
Cotton, W. A.	DeWitt
Cox, J. B.,	Belle Plaine
Croak, J. H.,	Stanton
Crocker, J. L.,	Clinton
Crosby, W. H.,	Clinton
Curtis, G. M.,	Clinton
Darnell, G. D.,	West Union
Davis A. K.,	Marion
Davis, J. S.,	Miles
Dearborn, J. W.,	DeWitt
DeGroat, Z.,	Preston
Dowell, A. B.,	Vinton
Dows, S. L.,	Cedar Rapids
Draper, J. D.,	Marion
Duffus, J. H.,	Fort Madison
Duncan, G. A.,	Burlington
Durland, I. B.,	Humeston
Dutcher E. W.,	Clinton
Eastman, M.,	East Tawas, Mich
Eastman L. C.,	Clinton
Ellis, L. A.,	Lyons
Ellsworth, E. S.,	Iowa Falls
Emerson, C. P.,	Cedar Rapids
Emerson, T. B.,	Miles
Ewing, Amos G.,	Clinton
Farnham, C. F.,	What Cheer
Farr, Z.,	Cedar Rapids
Flinton, M.,	Maquoketa
Ferguson, A. C.,	Sterling
Fortune. M.,	Ames
Foster, E. I.,	Cedar Rapids
Frederick, B. T.,	Marshalltown
Fuller W.,	DeWitt
Funk, A. S.,	Cedar Rapids
Gage, E. F.,	Albert Lea, Minn
Gardiner, S. W.,	Lyons
Gibbs, P. L.,	Chicago, Ill.
Gibbs, W. H.,	Lyons
Gibson, J.,	Creston
Gillett, W. J.	Preston
Gilman, C. C.,	Marshalltown
Gleason, H. W.,	Oskaloosa
Glick, G.,	Marshalltown
Graves, A.,	Dow City
Gray, M. M.,	Ida Grove
Green, M.	Marshalltown
Greene, C. G.	Cedar Rapids
Griffin, C. C.,	Vinton
Guernsey, A. W.,	Tama City
Haeberle, H. C.,	Manchester
Halam, A.,	Ida Grove
Hall, W. H.,	Osceola
Hamilton, J. T.,	Cedar Rapids
Hankins, P. H.,	Sac City

Harriman, C. A., Milwaukee
Harrington, C. S., DeWitt
Hart, A. P., Charter Oak
Hart, E. S., Clinton
Hart, H. A., Camanche
Hart, J. P., Camanche
Head, J. A.. Ft. Atkinson, Wis.
Heberling, G. C., Sabula
Heberling, H. S., Chicago
Heberling, J. M., St. Paul
Heine, M. Sabula
Hess, E. A. 14°, Lyons
Hickox, G. S., Anamosa
Hilsinger, J., Sabula
Hine, C. W., Stanton
Hinsdale, C. M., Newton
Hobby, C. M., Iowa City
Hofstetter, J. J. Lyons
Holmdale, C. Des Moines
Holmes, E. J., Des Moines
Hopkins, T. M., Dubuque
Horn, E. T., Norfolk, Neb.
Huntoon, D. H., Brown's Station
Jackson, H. C , Manchester
Jenkins, J. S., Clinton
Johnson, J. F., Manchester
Keck, L Maquoketa
Ketchum, N. S., Marhalltown
Kohn, E. D., Rock Island
Kroger, G., Leadville, Col
Lamb, A., Clinton
Lamb, L., Clinton
Lambert, T., Sabula
Leach, W. B., Council Bluffs
Lee, F., Clinton
Lewis, G. W., Iowa City
Linderman, C., Clarinda
Loomis, E. B., Fayette
Luce, Z. C., Iowa City
Lyons, R. A., Elvira
Maxwell, J. W., Maxwell
McCune, T. F., Vinton
McNeil, H. S., Preston
MacQuigg, W. Lyons
Maish, G. H., Des Moines
Marquis, W. E., Lyons
Martin, A. E., Anamosa
Miles, J. W., Miles
Morton, J., Cedar Rapids
Mosgrove, D. L., Montreal, Can
Norris, W. H., Manchester
Norton, C. H., Marshalltown
Overholt, I. B., Harlan
Parish, J. C., Des Moines
Parker, G. W. 33°, Lyons
Parrott, M., Waterloo
Parvin, N. R., Cedar Rapids
Pattison, W. E., Red Oak
Peck, W. B., Clinton
Pierpont, A. T., Lyons
Pollock, J. W., Clinton
Potts, J. H., Lyons
Queal, J., Des Moines
Rambo, J. W., LeClaire
Rammelsberg, H., Shellsburg
Ray, J. S., Naponee, Neb
Rhoades, J. Fayette
Riggen, J. A. What Cheer
Roberts, F. S., Clinton
Robinson, S. E., West Union
Rosecrans, E. J., Mason City
Root, J. C., Lyons
Rutt, A. B., Clinton
Sanford, H. C., What Cheer
Santee, A. J. Clinton
Schmidt, G. A. O., Van Buren
Schnellbacher, G. W., Indianola
Schaller, P., Sac City
Schrambling, F., Sabula
Schrader, J. C., Iowa City
Shane, J., Vinton
Shearer, R. T., Ida
Shepherd, H. P,, Indianola
Shorey, H. A., Lyons
Short, J. E., Clinton
Skiles, A., Watkins
Smith, J. C. Wasau, Wis.
Smith, H. R., Marshalltown
Smith, A. G., Clinton
Soule, E. O., Cedar Rapids
Specht, H., Preston
Springer, J., Rock Island
Stocker, E. W., Keystone
Straub, J , Clinton
Sugg, J. F. H., Sabula
Sweet, S S., Belle Plaine
Sweet, L. T., Belle Plaine
Talbot, W. H. H., DeWitt
Thomas, R. K., Humeston
Thornburg, F. Clinton
Towle, P. S. Clinton
VanDeventer, J. T., Clinton
Vetter, D., Stanton
VanPatton, Muscatine
Wedleigh, E. A., Clinton
Wedleigh, L. B., Clinton
Wadsworth, M., Red Oak
Wagner, J. K. VanHorne
Ward, J., Maquoketa
Ward, W. R., DeWitt
Warren, J. D., Des Moines
Warner, C. W., Lyons
Watson, F., Vinton
Watson. W. P., Vinton

Watts, I. 16°,	State Center
Watts, T. 16°,	State Center
Webster, B.,	Marshalltown
Westbrook, M. H.,	Lyons
White, N. C.,	Sabula
White, D. F.,	Clinton
Williams, N.,	Ida Grove
Williams, S. R.,	Chicago
Wills, H. E.,	Clinton
Wilson, G. W.,	Osceola
Wilson. T.,	Dewitt
Winslow, H. S,,	Newton
Wood, M. W., S'lt Ste	Marie, Mich
Wood, J.,	Davenport
Wonders, J. H.,	LeClaire
Woodward, B. S.,	Lyons
Wolf, T.,	Watkins
Young, G: B.,	Clinton
Zeigler, S. B.,	West Union

DECEASED MEMBERS.

Amos Coleman,	Preston
Baldwin, S. W.,	Lyons
Bennets, C. C.,	Cedar Rapids
Bryant, W. L.,	New York, N. Y.
Collins, F. W.,	Lyons
Dolan, W.,	Omaha, Neb.
Hogle, O.,	Lyons.
Leffigwell, W. 33°,	Muscatine
Minski, A.,	Milwaukee
Sanborn, W. W.,	Lyons
Sambaugh, J.,	Elvira
Turker, J.,	Marshalltown
Webster, W. E.,	Clarinda

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

DECEMBER 1, 1887.

Albert, H. P.,	Audubon
Alden, C. F.,	Clinton
Bailey, E. S.,	Clinton
Barry, M. P.,	Lyons
Carpenter, J. E.,	Clinton
Carpenter, S. J.,	Clinton
Coon, C. C.,	Clinton
Connor, G. P.,	Mo. Valley
Daugherty, A. W.,	Dubuque
Eaton, O. C.,	Clinton
Elliott, C. H.,	Mo. Valley
Flanders, R.,	Chadron
Garrison, T. J.,	Dennison
Gobble, T. M.,	Clinton
Haskell, W. G.,	Vinton
Herrmann, R.,	Dubuque
Lacey, T. B.,	Council Bluffs
Miller, R.,	Fremont, Neb
Mott, P. E.,	Council Bluffs
Nealy, F.,	Waterloo
Nelson, V. S.,	Lyons
Palmer, W S.,	Vinton
Pearse, T. A.,	Miles
Ray, F. E.,	Vinton
Robbins, H. E.,	Lyons
Schriver, W. J.,	Denison
Searles, T. A.,	Mo. Valley
Sheves, J R.,	Blairstown
Stedman, E. D.,	Vinton
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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.

Lyons Bodies	247
Cedar Rapids Bodies	60
Keokuk	17
Des Moines	53
Davenport	61
Dubuque	21
Grand Total (1887)	459

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Bodies organized January —, 1886.

Officers of Kilwinning Lodge of Perfection:

Frank A. Simmons, Master; William Flannagan, Sen. Warden; John B. Bever, Jun. Warden; R. Hershey Jones, Secretary; James L. Bever, Treasurer.

Officers of St. Andrews Council of Kadosh:

George W. Bever, 33°, Commander; Upton C. Blake, 1st Lieut. Commander; Calvin G. Greene, 2d Lieut. Commander; N. Emory Brown, Recorder; James L. Bever, Treasurer.

Officers of Bruce Chapter Rose Croix:

Upton C. Blake, Wise Master; Calvin G. Greene, Ven. Sen. Warden; Charles B. Keeler, Ven. Jun. Warden; John B. Bever, Secretary; James L. Bever, Treasurer.

Officers of Iowa Consistory S. P. R. S., 32°:

James Morton, 33°, Master of the Kadosh; George Woltz Bever, 33°, Prior of the Kadosh; Upton C. Blake, Preceptor of the Kadosh; Calvin G. Greene, Chancellor; Stephen L. Dows, Orator; Collins P. Emerson, Hospitaller; James L. Bever, Treasurer; Newton R. Parvin, Sec'y; Rev. William Stevens Perry, D. D., L. L. D., Primate; Richard Almy, M. of C.; Peleg W. Griffiths, Expert; Charles H. Coggswell, Assistant Expert; Henry O. Fosdick, Standard-Bearer; Zelotus Farr, Master of the Guard.

List of Members, December 1, 1887:

Richard Almy, George Woltz Bever, James L. Bever, Richard W. Bushnell, John B. Bever, J. Louis Billau, N. Emory Brown, Charles W. Bassett, *Chicago;* William P. Brant, J. Edwin Bean, Upton C. Blake, Chester S. Bennett (deceased), Charles H. Coggswell, Amos H. Conner, William L. Champlin, Stephen L. Dows, William G. Dows, Cyrus W. Eaton, Thomas R. Ercanbrack, *Anamosa;* Collins P. Emerson, Clarence B. Everett, William H. French, William Flanagan, Henry O. Fosdick, Edward I. Noster, Abram S. Funk, Zelotus Farr. Charles H. French, 14°, William M. Friesner (dimitted, removed to California), Calvin G. Greene, Peleg W. Gifford, Charles T. Granger, *Waukon;* William J. Greene, James L. Hardwick, Mortimer A. Higley, John W. Henderson, Eugene S. Hubbard, *Vinton;* Benjamin F. Howland, 14°, William P. Henderson, Franklin H. Juckett, R. Hershey Jones, Charles B. Keeler, Stillman G. Lund, *Marion;* James D. Mendenhall, *Duluth;* Harris T. Milliken, *Marion;* John Mateer, Newton Ray Parvin, William Stevens Perry, *Davenport;* Henry Ristine, 14°; John M. Ristine, 14°; Jesse H. Smith, Geo. L. Stearns, *Marion;* Henry B. Soutter, Jacob L. Spellman, —— Sigworth, 14°; Melville J. Smith, Frank A. Simmons, Edward H. Smith, James C. Tindall, Calvin I. Wheaten, John Yuill. —60.



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STATEMENT.

There are twenty-four Supreme Councils of the A. and A. Rite in the world.

Two, and only two, regular, legal and masonic Bodies of the Rite in the United States; one the Southern Jurisdiction presided over by Albert Pike, See. at Washington City, the other the Northern, See. at New York City and presided over by Henry L. Palmer, of Milwaukee.

The *Cerneau Bodies* of the Thompson, Atwood stripe; or the Peckham, Gorgas breed have been declared by numerous Grand Lodges and Grand Commandries, etc., in this country and by all the Supreme Councils of the world to be "irregular, illegal, and unmasonic," while the Bodies of the Pike & Palmer Obedience are recognized the world over.

The "Cerneau Body" of the Thompson, Atwood origin has invaded Iowa (in 1884), where they found working Bodies and over four hundred members scattered throughout the State, in violation of the recognized laws of Sovereign independent jurisdiction of the territory occupied by the Southern Supreme Council without dispute since 1859.

All Master Masons are warned to "touch not, taste not, handle not" this *unmasonic* body.

DIGNITARIES

OF

THE SUPREME COUNCILS.

SOUTHERN JURISDICTION.

ALBERT PIKE,.....Sov.·. Gr.·. Com.·..... *Washington, D. C.*

FRED WEBBER.....Sec.·. Gen.·.....*Washington, D. C.*

NORTHERN JURISDICTION.

HENRY L. PALMER.....Sov.·. Gr.·. Com.·.....*Milwaukee, Wis.*

CLINTON PAGE.....Sec.·. Gen.·.....*New York City, N. Y.*

1874.

TABLEAU OF OFFICERS

OF THE GRAND CONSISTORY.

Ill.·. Bro.·. Wm. Leffingwell, 33°, Grand Commander-in-Chief;
" Robert F. Bower, 33°, Grand Seneschal;
" Edward A. Guilbert, 33°, Grand Preceptor;
" John C. Parish, 32°, Grand Constable;
" John Hilsinger, 32°, Grand Admiral;
" Zephaniah C. Luse, 32°, Grand Minister of State;
" Daniel B. Shelley, 32°, Grand Chancellor;
" Samuel M. Good, 32°, Gr.·. Hospitaller and Almoner;
" Wm. E. Woodward, 32°, Grand Registrar and Keeper of the S.·. A.·.
" Wm. M. Wells, 32°, Grand Treasurer;
" Hiram A. Hart, 32° Grand Primate;
" Geo. B. Foster, 32°, Grand Master of Ceremonies;
" Guy Wells, 32°, Grand Expert;
" Horace Tuttle, 32°, Assistant Grand Expert;
" John Tiernay, 32°, Grand Beausenifer;
" W. B. Langridge, 32°, Bearer of Vexillum Belli;
" Theodore Schreiner, 32°, Gr.·. Captain of the Guards;
" Mortimer E. Gillette, 32°, Grand Chamberlain;
" Buren B. Sherman, 32°, Grand Steward;
" James C. Gibbs, 32°, Aid-de-Camp;



GENERAL REGULATIONS

—OF THE—

Grand Consistory of the State of Iowa,

S.·. P.·. R.·. S.·. Thirty-Second Degree.



MUSCATINE:
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1871.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

POWERS.

This Grand Consistory shall have the sole power of constituting all bodies working degrees below the 31st to the 4th degree inclusive, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in the State of Iowa, and shall alone issue diplomas, briefs, and patents to the brethren possessing any of the degrees of this Rite below the 31st degree. It shall have the general supervision of the Rite in the State of Iowa, and may make all the needful rules and regulations for the government of the same, and of the several bodies subordinate to it; provided they do not in any way conflict with the constitutions of 1762, those of 1786, of the Supreme Council, under which this Grand Consistory is held, or the Ritual of the Rite, which are hereby adopted as the governing law of the Rite in this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE II.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

This Grand Consistory is composed of:

1st. All the honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and Deputy Grand Inspectors General, resident within the jurisdiction, except such as may, at their own request, be placed upon the Emerite list.

2d. The Commanders-in-Chief of particular Consistories.

3d. The Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret made or affiliated therein, according to masonic age, not exceeding eighty-one, including those mentioned in the first and second paragraphs hereof.*

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*EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER SUPREME COUNCIL.

"The number of members of a Grand Consistory has *always* been fixed at 81, a symbolic number, 9x9.

All members of the Grand Consistory shall acknowledge the rightful jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa over the three symbolic degrees of Masonry, and give due allegiance to that extent to said Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION. The officers of this Grand Consistory shall be as follows:

1st. The Grand Commander-in-Chief.

2d. The First Lieutenant Commander, or Grand Seneschal.

3d. The Second Lieutentant Commander or Grand Preceptor.

4th. The Grand Constable.

5th. The Grand Admiral.

6th. The Grand Minister of State.

7th. The Grand Chancellor.

8th. The Grand Hospitaler and Almoner.

9th. The Grand Registrar.

10th. The Grand Keeper of the Seal and Archives.

11th. The Grand Treasurer.

12th. The Primate.

13th. The Provost or Grand Master of Ceremonies.

14th. The Grand Expert.

15th. The Assistant Grand Expert.

16th. The Beausenifer.

17th. The Bearer of the Vexillum Belli.

"You have now five honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors General. That leaves place for seventy-six 32ds. These will be those oldest in date of reception of the degrees; or, if it should be necessary to choose between those of same age, it will be done by lot. The others are honorary members, but when any of them attend, and, with them, there are not more than eighty-one present, they exercise all the powers of active members.

"The Grand Consistory can place members of the body on the list of Ermiti; and a Brother failing to attend, time after time, may be dropped from the roll of active membership. This is wholly for the body itself to settle.

"If there is a question about age, and it becomes necessary to *select* the members, Ill. Bro. Parvin and the honorary members of the Supreme Council must meet and do it, under the statutes of 1861. The only change made is by increasing the number of active members to 81. Before that change you could have but 21 [active]."

18th. The Master of the Guards.
19th. The Chamberlain.
20th. The Grand Steward.
21st. The Aid-de-Camp of the Commander-in-Chief.

The duties of the 9th and 10th officers shall be discharged by the Grand Registrar.

Sec. 2. The President of this Grand Consistory is styled V.·. Ill.·. Grand Commander-in-Chief, and he is the Supreme Chief of all the bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the State of Iowa. He is, *ex-officio*, president of all committees of this Grand Consistory, and is hereby empowered to grant any dispensation not conflicting with the general statutes of the order, and of the Supreme Council at Charleston, S. C., and on the 27th of December of each year, or at the biennial Grand Communication, he shall make a full report of the transactions of this Grand Consistory since the last stated meeting, and of all facts that he may deem of interest to this Grand Consistory, or the order at large. He shall have the power to grant dispensations to any number of BB.·., not less than seven, for the formation of new bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction, petitions for said dispensations being accompanied by proper certificates of the good standing of the petitioners, and being duly recommended by a body of equal degree under this jurisdiction. He shall also have power to call special meetings of the Grand Consistory whenever he shall deem it necessary. He shall also have power to draw upon the Treasurer, during the recess of the Grand Consistory, for an amount not exceeding fifty dollars, in any one case of distress.

Sec. 3. In the absence, or inability to act, of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, the First Lieutenant Commander shall perform his duties, and, in his absence, the Second Lieutenant Commander shall perform said duties.

Sec. 4. The Grand Constable, assisted by the Grand Admiral, will have the general command whenever the Grand Consistory shall move in procession or review, and it will be their especial province at all times to enforce discipline and

subordination, and see that the views of the Commander-in-Chief are at all times carried out, and the regulations of the order properly enforced.

Sec. 5. The Grand Minister of State is one of the privy counsellors of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, and includes the office of Grand Orator. In all important questions of debate it will be his special duty to state his opinion before the same is put to vote. In trials before the G.·. I.·. I.·. G.·.s he will represent the Grand Consistory, and pronounce his conclusions before judgment, and give opinions on all questions of masonic law that may be referred to him. It is his province to pronounce such discourse to visitors of distinction, to Princes newly received, to the Grand Consistory on solemn occasions, and in honor of the dead, as may be required by the customs of the order, and as directed by competent authority.

Sec. 6. The Grand Chancellor is one of the privy counsellors of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, and through him he will issue his edicts and promulgate his decisions. He will cause to be prepared all diplomas, briefs, patents, letters of credence and of constitution, and other balusters. He will see that they are in due form, and contain the necessary conditions, and will authenticate them with his signature. He will draft new regulations and statutes, and give form to the decisions, judgments, and decrees of the Grand Consistory, and of administration to the Grand Commander-in-Chief. He will examine the statutes and work of all subordinate bodies; he will conduct all correspondence with other Grand Consistories, and domestic and foreign Grand Bodies; he will cause to be prepared the transactions of the Grand Consistory for publication, and in other respects perform the functions of Prime Minister to the Grand Commander-in-Chief and organ of the Grand Consistory, and will perform such other duties as are enjoined in the installation ceremonies and the rituals of our order.

Sec. 7. The Grand Hospitaler, or Almoner, shall, on behalf of this Grand Consistory, visit all the members thereof

who may suffer from sickness or misfortune, in order that all proper and advisable means may be taken by this Grand Consistory to relieve the same.

Sec. 8. The Grand Registrar shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of this Grand Consistory; receive and take charge of all papers and proceedings that are to be laid before it, and present them in due time; turn over to the Grand Keeper of the Seals and Archives such as are proper to be kept in his custody; register all balusters sent from the Grand Consistory, and all briefs, patents, certificates, and letters patent, of whatever kind; and upon proper application make out and furnish certified copies of entries and records, and cause them to be be authenticated by the great seal of the G.·. C.·.; he will make out and transmit all returns and reports to the Supreme Council, in due time and season; he will receive all moneys for the G.·. C.·., receipt for the same, and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer. These and other duties of the Secretariat he shall perform, and such others, named under the duty of the Grand Chancellor, as may be ordered by that officer, or the Grand Commander-in-Chief; and he shall receive for his services such compensation as to the Grand Consistory shall appear just.

Sec. 9. The Grand Keeper of the Seals and Archives shall be the custodian of the great seal of the G.·. C.·., which it will be his duty to affix to all documents issued by it requiring to be sealed, and to all copies of its records, edicts, decrees, &c.; he will prepare, seal, and deliver, copies of such records and papers in his custody as may be desired by proper authority; and he will be the librarian of the G.·. C.·.

The duties of this officer may be performed, with his consent, by the Grand Registrar, under the approval of the Grand Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 10. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the hand of the Grand Registrar, and shall give a receipt for the same. He shall keep a correct account of said moneys, and pay out the same to the order of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, countersigned by the Grand Registrar. He shall

keep all moneys, and all such bonds, notes, and other securities, as may come into his hands as Grand Treasurer, in a regular chartered bank, within the state. On the 27th day of December, of each year, he shall make a full and correct statement of the department under his charge, and present the same, with his vouchers, to this Grand Consistory.

Sec. 11. The Primate shall perform the duties of Chaplain in the Grand Consistory, and offer up prayers and invocations on all proper occasions.

Sec. 12. The Provost, or Grand Master of Ceremonies, shall perform all duties which relate to the various ceremonies of the regular sessions of this Grand Consistory. He shall also accompany the candidate in his initiation, or affiliation, introduce visitors, and see that no one enters this Grand Consistory until after due examination, and with proper regalia. He shall carry the dispatches of the Grand Commander-in-Chief to the members or visitors of this Grand Consistory, both in and out of this Grand Consistory, and the better to enable him to perform the several duties, the Grand and Assistant Grand Experts, the Chamberlain and Grand Steward shall be his assistants.

Sec. 13. The duties of Grand and Assistant Grand Expert are analagous to those of Senior and Junior Deacons of a Lodge.

The Grand Expert receives orders from the Grand Commander-in-Chief. He examines such visitors as it is found necessary to interrogate and prove; and, with the assistance of the Assistant Grand Expert, examines and prepares all candidates.

The Assistant Grand Expert receives his orders from the First Lieutenant Grand Commander. Both are conservators of order in the Grand Consistory, and are at the orders of the Provost, or Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Sec. 14. The Beausenifer is the bearer of the Beauseant of the Grand Consistory.

The Bearer of the Vexillum Belli is the bearer of the war banner, or battle flag.

Sec. 15. The Master of the Guards. It shall be his special duty to guard the entrance to the Consistorial Chamber, and he shall receive his orders from the First Lieutenant Grand Commander. In matters of discipline, he shall receive and obey the orders of the Grand Constable, to whom he will promptly report any disobedience of orders; he will, at each convocation, receive and communicate the watchwords of the day.

Sec. 16. The Grand Chamberlain shall have the Consistorial Chamber and its furniture in his charge; and he will see that it contains all the proper articles and decorations, and that they are kept in proper repair and fit condition. The lights are in his special charge; he will see that the apartments are properly arranged for receptions, and for ordinary sessions; the Grand Tyler is subject to his orders for these purposes.

Sec. 17. It shall be the duty of the Grand Steward, under the direction of the Grand Commander-in-Chief, to provide for and make all the necessary preparation for the feasts and refections of the Grand Consistory.

Sec. 18. Aid-de-Camp. The duties of this officer assimilate to that of a military officer of the same grade; he will, therefore, perform such duties as shall be assigned to him by the Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 19. The Grand Tyler shall keep the premises in perfect order, and be in attendance at the gate of the camp at every session; he will hold himself at the disposal of the officers of the Grand Consistory, especially of the Grand Commander in-Chief, Master of Ceremonies, and Grand Chamberlain, under whose directions he shall fit up the camp; he shall promptly present, to be signed by the proper officers, all patents and documents entrusted to him for that purpose, and shall deliver all summons to members of this Grand Consistory; and for his services shall receive such compensation as may be voted him by the Grand Consistory. He may employ BB.·. to assist him *only* with the permission of the Commander-in-Chief.

ARTICLE IV.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The election of officers of this Grand Consistory shall be held triennially, on the 27th of December, unless otherwise specially ordered by the Grand Consistory.

SEC. 2. The first named eleven officers of the Grand Consistory shall be elected by ballot; the others appointed by the Grand Commander-in-Chief.

SEC. 3. The election of officers in subordinate bodies shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the Supreme Council.

SEC. 4. The first five officers of all subordinate bodies shall be elected by ballot; the others as they may severally determine.

SEC. 5. The Secretaries of the several bodies under this jurisdiction shall, within two weeks after every election, furnish the Grand Registrar with a full and correct list of the officers elected.

SEC. 6. The officers elect in all the bodies in this jurisdiction shall be installed immediately after said election, unless it be determined otherwise by special resolution, at said session or meeting.

SEC. 7. Immediately after the installation, the presiding officer of each body subordinate to this Grand Consistory shall appoint a Committee on Finance, whose duty it shall be to examine the reports and vouchers of the Treasurer and Chancellor, or Secretary, and all such matters as may be referred to them, and at the end of the year they shall make a full report of the financial affairs, and suggest such measures as they may deem necessary.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. Immediately after the installation of the officers of this Grand Consistory, the presiding officer shall appoint the

following standing committees, as provided for by article 22, section 9, Grand Constitutions of 1866:

I. On Law and Jurisprudence — composed of one member of the 33d degree, and two of the 32d, to whom are to be added the active members of the Supreme Council resident in the state.

II. On Correspondence — of three members.

III. On Finance and Accounts — of three members.

IV. On Subordinate Bodies — of three members.

Sec. 2. The Committee on Law and Jurisprudence shall report upon all questions of masonic law and usage which may arise in this jurisdiction, and which shall have been referred to them for examination by the Grand Commander-in-Chief or Grand Consistory, in the form of an expression of opinion.

Sec. 3. The Committee on Correspondence shall examine the written and printed reports of all bodies of the A.·. A.·. Rite outside of the jurisdiction of this Grand Consistory, and report at the annual meeting in January.

Sec. 4. The Committee on Finance and Accounts shall, annually, examine the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Registrar, and make a full report of the financial affairs of the Grand Consistory, suggesting such measures as they may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. The Committee on Subordinate Bodies shall carefully examine all returns, proceedings, by-laws, correspondence, etc., received by the Grand Chancellor or Grand Registrar from the various subordinate bodies in this jurisdiction, and report such irregularities as may appear, and annex to their reports resolutions expressing any action they may deem necessary by the Grand Consistory.

Sec. 6. Each committee shall report in writing, on all matters referred to it, as speedily as possible.

ARTICLE VI.

STATED SESSIONS OR MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. (*a.*) The stated sessions of this Grand Consistory

shall be held at Des Moines on the first Tuesday of September, A. D. 1870, and triennially thereafter.

(*b.*) The annual sessions shall be held on the second Wednesday in January in each year, at such place as the Grand Consistory shall determine at its previous meeting.

(*c.*) Special sessions may be held at such times and places as shall be ordered by the first three Grand Officers, with the approval of the active 33d.

SEC. 2. The proceedings of the Annual Communication must be published as soon thereafter as possible, and all meetings shall be conducted as follows, being opened in the 32d degree:

Approval of the minutes.

Report of Committee on Subordinate Bodies on credentials of delegates from the different bodies of the Rite.

Address of the Grand Commander-in-Chief.

Reports of Lieutenant Commanders.

Reports of Grand Chancellor, Grand Registrar, Grand Treasurer, and other officers and committees, in the order of their appointment.

The Grand Consistory shall be opened in the 14th, 16th, and 18th degrees, and the first three officers as delegates, admitted from the Lodges of Perfection, Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, and Chapters of Rose Croix, under its jurisdiction, when reports and representations from each shall be listened to and acted upon.

Charters for subordinate bodies shall only be authorized at the Triennial Grand Communication.

SEC. 3. The meetings, feast days, and days of election of officers of all subordinate bodies in this jurisdiction shall be those specified in the Constitutions of the Supreme Council of 1866, and those specified in their respective by-laws and rituals.

ARTICLE VII.

QUORUMS.

The number of members to form a quorum for the transaction of business, shall be:

For the Grand Consistory — nine.
For Chapters of Rose Croix — seven.
For Councils of Princes of Jerusalem — five.
For Lodges of Perfection — seven.

ARTICLE VIII.

FEES.

SEC. 1. Consistories shall not charge less than $60 for the degrees from the 19th to the 32d inclusive, nor Chapters of Rose Croix less than $30, nor Councils of Princes of Jerusalem less than $10, nor Lodges of Perfection less than $30, for initiation into the same.

In cases where Chapters of Rose Croix exercise a control from the 4th to the 18th degree, inclusive, they shall not charge for initiation a less sum than $70.

SEC. 2. There shall be no fee for affiliation in this Grand Consistory.

SEC. 3. The price of a charter for a Lodge of Perfection is fixed at.....$20
Of a charter for a Council of Princes of Jerusalem at. 5
Of Letters-Capitular for a Chapter of Rose Croix at.. 15
For an Areopagus of Knights Kadosh..... 20
One-half to be paid on issuing a dispensation, and the remainder on receiving a charter.

ARTICLE IX.

DUES AND RETURNS.

SEC. 1. The following dues shall be paid to this Grand Consistory by the several subordinate bodies, to-wit:

Consistories	$10 00
Chapters of Rose Croix	3 00
Councils of Princes of Jerusalem	2 00
Lodges of Perfection	5 00

for each member initiated in the highest degree in these bodies, respectively.

SEC. 2. The dues for membership from each subordinate body to this Grand Consistory shall be one dollar per year for each member borne upon its register.

SEC. 3. All subordinate bodies under this jurisdiction shall make annual returns to this Grand Consistory, as per blanks to be furnished by the Grand Registrar, enumerating the names of their officers and members, with their masonic grade, with the date of their initiations, affiliations, dimissions, expulsions, suspensions, and deaths; the number and dates of meetings held during the year, and the amount of the dues of said bodies. The said returns to be made up to the 31st of December of each year.

SEC. 5. Blanks for said returns shall be furnished to all the bodies under this jurisdiction on application to the Grand Registrar, one month before said returns are due by said bodies.

SEC. 5. Any masonic body under this jurisdiction neglecting to make its annual returns and pay its dues to this Grand Consistory for the space of two years, shall forfeit its charter, letters-capitular, or constitutions, as the case may be; and it shall be the duty of the presiding officer of said body to deliver to this Grand Consistory the archives, furniture, and charter, letters-capitular, or constitutions of said body.

SEC. 6. The annual returns must be sent to the Grand Registrar by the seventh day of January of each year.

ARTICLE X.

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 1. All subordinate bodies under this jurisdiction shall have the right to make their own by-laws, provided they shall be in accordance with the general statutes of the order, the constitutions of the Supreme Council, and the regulations of this Grand Consistory; but the same shall not go into effect until they shall have been approved by this Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE XI.

INITIATION AND AFFILIATION.

SEC. 1. The fee for initiation or affiliation must in all cases be paid before the ceremony, nor shall credit in any case be given for said fees by this Grand Consistory or the subordinate bodies under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. The ballotings in all cases to be conducted in accordance with article XXX, Grand Constitutions of 1866.

SEC. 3. When a petition for initiation has been rejected, the petitioner shall not apply again to any body of the Rite under six months.

SEC. 4. The rejection of a petition for affiliation shall not affect the good standing of the applicant; and he shall have the right to petition as before said rejection.

SEC. 5. No member of any masonic body of this Rite shall expose or make known his ballot, nor shall he ask another how he balloted.

SEC. 6. Nor shall any member of any of the various bodies of this Rite give the least information to any person not a member thereof, concerning the rejection or postponement of the ballot in any case, other than the official information of rejection by the proper officer.

SEC. 7. No candidate shall receive the 30th degree unless he shall be twenty-five years of age.

SEC. 8. No member of a subordinate body of this jurisdiction shall be an active member of more than one body of the same degree.

SEC. 9. Every petition for initiation or affiliation in this Grand Consistory shall be in writing, signed by the applicant, stating his age, occupation, and residence, with his highest masonic rank; and shall be recommended by at least three members of this Grand Consistory, and shall also be accompanied with a certificate of good standing from the Consistory or Council of Kadosh to which he last belonged, or good and sufficient reasons, made in writing, why the same could not be done. It shall be read, and, if no objection be made, it

shall be referred to a committee of three, for investigation. After said committee shall have reported, this Grand Consistory may proceed to act thereon.

Sec 10. All petitions to the subordinate bodies of this jurisdiction for initiation or affiliation shall be made in writing, be signed by the applicant, stating his age, place of birth, occupation, residence, and his highest masonic rank, and be recommended by at least two members of the body applied to; and shall be accompanied with a certificate of good standing from the body to which he last belonged, or good and sufficient reasons, made in writing, why the same could not be done. Then, if no objection be made, the same shall be read and referred to a committee of three members of said body, to inquire into and report upon the character and merits of said applicant. Nor shall a ballot be taken on the same in less than one month from the date of its reception. After one month has elapsed, and the committee have reported on the application, then said body may proceed to ballot thereon.

ARTICLE XII.

TRIALS IN GENERAL.

Sec. 1. All trials of members of the 31st and 32d degrees, and all appeals from subordinate bodies, shall be had before the Supreme Tribunal, 31st degree; and its decision shall be final in all cases of appeal from subordinate bodies.

Sec. 2. When a trial shall have taken place in the Supreme Tribunal, its decision shall be transmitted by the Chancellor thereof to the Grand Consistory.

Sec. 3. The Grand Consistory shall then proceed to deliver the sentence, through the Grand Commander-in-Chief, and cause the Grand Registrar to notify the various bodies under this jurisdiction, within one month after said sentence shall have been passed.

Sec. 4. After the trial and sentence the accused may appeal to the Supreme Council, by notifying the Grand Chan-

cellor to that effect, in writing, within ten days after said sentence, or at a future time, by and with the unanimous consent of the Grand Consistory at a stated session.

SEC. 5. Whenever the Grand Chancellor shall receive notice of appeal, as per section 4, the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall order the Supreme Tribunal to reduce to writing all such testimony as may not have been written on the trial, and cause the Chancellor of said Supreme Tribunal to forward the same, together with a copy of all the proceedings had in said trial, and with all the documents appertaining thereto, and the decisions thereon, to the Grand Chancellor, who shall transmit the same to the Secretary General of the Supreme Council, 33d degree, with a copy of the appeal.

SEC. 6. Should a verdict of expulsion or suspension by a subordinate body be reversed by this Grand Consistory, it shall not restore the party to full membership, unless by a unanimous vote of the body appealed from; but he shall be restored to good standing in the body at large.

SEC. 7. In case the two first officers of a body under this jurisdiction should be accused at the same time, the officer next in rank, or the Grand Commander-in-Chief, shall bring the charges against them in this Grand Consistory.

SEC. 8. All bodies under this jurisdiction shall have the right to take cognizance of any violation of the general statutes of the order, of the regulations of this-Grand Consistory, and of their own by-laws, by members of said bodies, or by sojourning brethren within their jurisdiction.

SEC. 9. Should any masonic body under this jurisdiction, or a member or members of the same, at any time announce their allegiance to this Grand Consistory, or openly resist the regulations or edicts thereof, this Grand Consistory, or if it be during the recess of this Grand Consistory, the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall suspend from all the privileges of the Rite such body, member, or members, until the next stated session of this Grand Consistory; when, upon proof being made before the Supreme Tribunal, of the act, or acts, for which said suspension was made, the Supreme Tribunal shall

decide and determine such punishment against said body, member, or members, as two-thirds of the members present shall deem the case to require.

Sec. 10. Should a member of any body of the Rite be expelled or suspended during his absence from the state, without having been notified of the charges made against him, he may demand a new trial, by serving in writing, on the Secretary of said body, a notice to that effect, within one month after his return to the state.

Sec. 11. No member of a subordinate body under this jurisdiction, when expelled, shall be restored to membership, except by this Grand Consistory, and then only on the recommendation of the body expelling him.

Sec. 12. When charges are preferred against a sojourning brother, his trial shall take place in the same manner as if he were a member of the body in whose jurisdiction he is.

Sec. 13. Any member of a body in this jurisdiction who shall be expelled or suspended by his Lodge, or by any masonic body under this jurisdiction, shall be expelled or suspended by all the bodies of this jurisdiction, of which he is a member.

ARTICLE XIII.

TRIALS IN THE THIRTY-FIRST AND THIRTY-SECOND DEGREES.

Sec. 1. Whenever charges are preferred against a member of the 31st and 32d degree, they shall be in writing, fully specifying the act, or acts, complained of, and be accompanied by a list of the witnesses, with their residences.

Sec. 2. The charges shall be handed to the Grand Commander-in-Chief, who, should he deem them frivolous in their nature, shall report the same to this Grand Consistory at its next session; but should he deem them of a grave character, he shall immediat ely refer them to a committee of three members of this Grand Consistory, with in structions to examine into the circumstances of the same, and report upon the necessity of a t rial in said case. Should the committee report a trial necessary, he shall order the Grand Registrar to serve a

so, or the charges be of such a nature as to require the action of the body, then the committee shall report accordingly.

Sec. 4. Should the committee report a trial necessary, the Secretary of the body shall serve upon the accused a copy of the charges, and summon him to appear, and answer in writing to said charges, within ten days from the time said summons was served on him, and to furnish the names and residences of such witnesses as he may wish examined in his defense.

Sec. 5. After the expiration of the ten days aforesaid, whether the accused shall have answered or not, the body shall fix a time for the trial, and shall summon all the members of said body in its jurisdiction, the party accused, and all the witnesses who are Masons, to appear at the time appointed.

Sec. 6. Should there be witnesses who are not Masons, or who can not attend, then the presiding officer of said body shall cause their testimony to be taken, in accordance with section 3, article XIII.

Sec. 7. At the time fixed upon, the trial shall commence, and after the charges have been read, and when all the testimony of the witnesses named, and of such others as will have been introduced, shall have been heard, the accused shall be heard in his defense, or he may employ some other brother to speak for him; after which he shall retire, and the body proceed at once, without debate, to vote on the guilt or innocence of the party accused; taking a separate vote on each specific charge: a majority of the votes cast being required to convict.

Sec. 8. Should the party be found guilty, then the vote for punishment shall be in accordance with sections 6 and 7 of article xiii.

Sec. 9. When the decision is made, the Secretary of said body shall immediately forward a copy of the same to the Grand Registrar, who shall give notice thereof, as per section 3 of article XI.

Sec. 10. After the sentence shall have been passed, the party sentenced may appeal to this Grand Consistory, by

giving to the Secretary of the body by which he has been sentenced written notice to that effect, within ten days after said sentence shall have been passed.

Sec. 11. On receiving notice of an appeal, as per section 10, the presiding officer of said body shall cause any testimony, not in writing at the trial, to be so taken and signed by the witnesses, and cause the Secretary of the body to forward to the Grand Registrar all the documents used in said trial, together with the testimony and a copy of the decision thereon, and a copy of the appeal.

Sec. 12. No appeal shall be allowed, when the party sentenced shall permit ten days to pass without giving the required notice, unless in case of absence from the city.

Sec. 13. Whenever the party accused cannot be found, or refuses to appear, the presiding officer of the body shall appoint one of the members to act for him, and who shall represent him in said proceeding.

Sec. 14. No subordinate body shall publish the expulsion, suspension, or other masonic punishment, otherwise than by the official notification to the Grand Registrar of this Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE XV.

PRIVILEGES AND HONORS.

Sec. 1. Precedence among bodies of the same degree shall depend exclusively upon the dates of their warrants of constitution, the eldest having precedence.

Sec. 2. Honorary members of the Supreme Council at Charleston shall have the right to vote on all matters in the various bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction — except at election of officers, on financial matters, and on by-laws — although they may not be members of the same.

Sec. 3. The members of this Grand Consistory shall have the rights expressed in section 2, in all the bodies under this urisdiction.

Sec. 4. Active members of the Supreme Council at Charleston shall have the right to vote on all questions, in all the bodies of the Rite in this jurisdiction.

copy of the charges on the accused, together with an order to reply in writing to the same within ten days, and to furnish a list of the witnesses he may wish examined, and their residences.

SEC. 3. Should any of the witnesses of either party not be Masons in good standing, the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall appoint a committee of three members to take said testimony; and the same shall be taken under oath, and be signed by said witness. The committee shall notify the parties of the time and place of taking said testimony. Each party shall have the right to be present at said examination and question said witnesses. When said testimony shall have been taken, the committee shall return it, under their certificate, to the Grand Registrar, who shall notify the Grand Commander-in-Chief of the fact. Then the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall order the Grand Registrar to summon the parties, and the witnesses who are Masons to attend on a specified day, and to summon the Grand Consistory and Supreme Tribunal to meet on the day appointed for the trial.

SEC. 4. On the day appointed, the Supreme Tribunal, having been furnished with all the documents referring to the trial, by the Grand Registrar, shall proceed to summon before it the parties and witnesses; and all such as are Masons shall be examined on their highest masonic obligation; the parties themselves, or through the defender, or any other member possessing at least the 31st degree, appointed by them, may question and cross-question said witnesses.

SEC. 5. After the witnesses present shall have been examined, and all the testimony heard, the accused may be heard in his defense, either by himself or through the defender, or any other member possessing at least the 31st degree, and selected by him. But no debate of any kind, on the part of the members of the Supreme Tribunal, shall be allowed, always excepting such inquiries as may be necessary to a correct understanding of the testimony adduced. When the accused shall have been heard, in his defense, he and others, not members of the 31st degree, shall retire; and the Supreme

Tribunal shall immediately proceed to vote on the guilt or innocence of the accused, taking a separate vote on each specific charge.

SEC. 6. It shall require a majority of all the votes cast to convict, three-fourths to expel, two-thirds to suspend, and a majority to reprove or reprimand.

SEC. 7. Should the accused be found guilty, the vote shall immediately be taken on the degree of punishment to be inflicted, and in the following order:

1st. Expulsion.
2d. Indefinite suspension.
3d. Suspension for a definite period.
4th. Reproof or reprimand.

SEC. 8. When the decision is made and recorded, the Supreme Tribunal shall transmit its decision to the Grand Consistory, as per section 2, article XII.

SEC. 9. In all cases where the accused shall refuse to answer, or cannot be found, the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall appoint a member to appear for him, and the proceedings shall go on as if the accused were present.

ARTICLE XIV.

TRIALS IN SUBORDINATE BODIES.

SEC. 1. All charges made against a member of a subordinate body under this jurisdiction must be made in writing, clearly specifying the offense complained of, be signed by the party making said charge, and contain a list of the witnesses, with their residences.

SEC. 2. The same shall be presented to the presiding officer of the body of which the accused is a member, who shall submit the charges to a committee of three members of said body.

SEC. 3. The committee shall investigate the matter, and if the subject of the accusation be a personal quarrel between the accused and other members of the order, said committee shall endeavor to reconcile the parties; should they fail to do

SEC. 5. Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33d degree, have the right of being covered in all the bodies of this Rite.

SEC. 6. Honors to visitors shall be rendered as follows:

1st. For every Knight Rose Croix, or Royal Arch of the York Rite, or members of the Grand Chapters or Grand Lodges of the United States, three lights and three swords.

2d. For every Knight Kadosh or Knight Templar, five lights and five swords.

3d. For every Grand Commander-in-Chief of a Grand Consistory, or honorary member of the Supreme Council at Charleston, and Grand Master of a Grand Lodge, seven lights and seven swords.

4th. For the Grand Commander-in-Chief of this Grand Consistory, and the active members of the Supreme Council at Charleston, nine lights and nine swords, steel arch, and gavels beating.

5th. For the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council at Charleston, or his special delegate and proxy, eleven lights and eleven swords, steel arch, and gavels beating.

SEC. 7. *Provided*, That no honors shall be rendered to any Mason whose dignity or rank shall be only equal, or inferior to, that of the presiding officer of the body he visits.

ARTICLE XVI.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. Whenever a S.·. P.·. 32d degree, a member of this Grand Consistory, shall absent himself from two consecutive stated meetings of the Grand Body, without making, personally or in writing, an excuse satisfactory to this Grand Consistory, he shall forfeit his active membership in the Grand Consistory, and his place shall be filled at the next stated session.

SEC. 2. A member who resigns his seat by reason of age, infirmity, or for other causes deemed good by the Grand Consistory, may be elected an Emeritus member, and will be ex-

empt from dues, and possess the privilege of proposing members, and being heard in debate, but not of voting.

In all cases of election of Emeriti members, the vote must be unanimous and be taken *viva voce.*

ARTICLE XVII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 1. A member of any body of this Rite may dimit therefrom by notifying said body in writing, at a stated meeting; provided, he shall have paid up his dues to the day of said meeting, and no charges be against him.

SEC. 2. Any member of this Rite, not a member of a regular body of the Order, who shall remain in this jurisdiction for more than six months, without applying to affiliate with a body of this Rite, shall be prohibited from visiting any body of the Rite, or from receiving any of the benefits and privileges thereof. (*See Bulletin for May, p.* 29).

SEC. 3. All bodies of this jurisdiction shall be convened by their respective Presidents, at the request of an active member of the Supreme Council at Charleston, or of three active members of this Grand Consistory, or five active members of said bodies.

SEC. 4. All reports to this Grand Consistory shall be in writing, and, if from a committee, shall be signed by a majority of the same.

SEC. 5. Diplomas shall be issued by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Registrar to members of subordinate bodies, upon certificate of good standing from the Chancellor or Secretary thereof, and upon the payment of dollars, dollar of which shall revert to the Grand Consistory.

SEC. 6. A motion to reconsider, made and seconded by members voting in the majority, at the same session or meeting, may be entertained upon any question, except upon rejection of candidates.

SEC. 7. All bodies created by this Grand Consistory shall be inaugurated by the Grand Consistory, or by its delegates.

Sec. 8. All bodies under this jurisdiction shall be visited and inspected, at least once a year, by a committee *ad hoc* from this Grand Consistory, or by special deputies appointed by the Grand Commander-in-Chief.

Sec. 9. The Hebrew Calendar being the Calendar of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, all documents and the minutes of this Grand Consistory, and of bodies under its jurisdiction, shall be dated thereby, and with the corresponding date of the vulgar era.

Sec. 10. Any amendment to these regulations must be offered in writing, at a stated session. It shall be read, and then laid over till the next stated session, when the same shall be discussed, and, if it receive two-thirds of the votes of the members present at said session, adopted.

Read, discussed, and adopted this 14th day of the month Sivan, A.·. M.·. 5628, corresponding to the 3d day of June, V.·. E.·. 1868.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR STATED SESSIONS.

1st. Calling Roll of Officers.

2d. Reading and Approval of Minutes.

3d. Reports of Officers and action thereon.

4th. Reports of Standing Committees and action thereon.

5th. Reports of Special Committees and action thereon.

6th. Propositions for Membership or Degrees.

7th. Voting for Candidates.

8th. Unfinished Business of Previous Sessions.

9th. New Business.

10th. Conferring Degrees.

This order of business may be changed at any stated session, if the Grand Commander-in-Chief shall deem it expedient and proper.

HEBREW CALENDAR FOR EIGHT YEARS,

From 1st Tisri, A.·. M.·. 5631, corresponding to 26th September 1871, V.·. E.·., to 1st Tisri, A.·. M.·. 5639, corresponding to September 28th, 1879, V.·. E.·., indicating the first and last day of each Hebrew month, with the corresponding dates of the Vulgar Era.

(From the Jewish Calendar of C. H. Lindo, London, 1838.)

5631—355 Days.		5632—383 Days.	
1 Tisri,	..26 Sept., 1870.	1 Tisri,	..16 Sept., 1871.
30 "	..25 Oct., "	30 "	..15 Oct., "
1 Hesvan	..26 " "	1 Hesvan,	..16 " "
30 "	..24 Nov., "	29 "	..13 Nov., "
1 Kislev,	..25 " "	1 Kislev,	..14 " "
30 "	..24 Dec., "	29 "	..12 Dec., "
1 Tebet,	..25 " "	1 Tebet,	..13 " "
29 "	..22 Jan., 1871.	29 "	..10 Jan., 1872.
1 Sebat,	..23 " "	1 Sebat,	..11 " "
30 "	..21 Feb., "	30 "	.. 9 Feb., "
1 Adar,	..22 " "	1 Adar,	..10 " "
29 "	. 22 March, "	30 "	..10 March, "
1 Nisan,	..23 " "	1 Veadar,	..11 " "
30 "	..21 April, "	29 "	.. 8 April, "
1 Yiar,	..22 " "	1 Nisan,	.. 9 " "
29 "	..20 May, "	30 "	.. 8 May, "
1 Sivan,	..21 " "	1 Yiar,	.. 9 " "
30 "	..19 June, "	29 "	.. 6 June, "
1 Tamuz,	..20 " "	1 Sivan,	.. 7 " "
29 "	..18 July, "	30 "	.. 6 July, "
1 Ab,	..19 " "	1 Tamuz,	.. 7 " "
30 "	..17 Aug., "	29 "	.. 4 Aug., "
1 Elul,	..18 " "	1 Ab,	.. 5 " "
29 "	..15 Sept., "	30 "	.. 3 Sept., "
		1 Elul,	.. 4 " "
		29 "	.. 2 Oct., "

1871.		1872.	
Maunday-Thursday,	6th Apr.	Maunday-Thursday,	28th Mch.
Good Friday,	7th "	Good Friday,	29th "
Easter Sunday,	9th "	Easter Sunday,	31st "
Ascension Day,	18th "	Ascension Day,	9th May.

5633—354 Days.				5634—355 Days.			
1 Tisri,	3	Oct.,	1872.	1 Tisri,	22	Sept.,	1873.
30 "	1	Nov.,	"	30 "	21	Oct.,	"
1 Hesvan,	2	"	"	1 Hesvan	22	"	"
29 "	30	"	"	30 "	20	Nov.,	"
1 Kislev,	1	Dec.,	"	1 Kislev,	21	"	"
30 "	30	"	"	30 "	20	Dec.,	"
1 Tebet,	31	"	"	1 Tebet,	21	"	"
29 "	28	Jan.,	1873.	29 "	18	Jan.,	1874.
1 Sebat,	29	"	"	1 Sebat,	19	"	"
30 "	27	Feb.,	"	30 "	17	Feb.,	"
1 Adar,	28	"	"	1 Adar,	18	"	"
29 "	28	March,	"	29 "	18	March,	"
1 Nisan,	29	"	"	1 Nisan,	19	"	"
30 "	27	April,	"	30 "	17	April,	"
1 Yiar,	28	"	"	1 Yiar,	18	"	"
29 "	26	May,	"	29 "	16	May,	"
1 Sivan,	27	"	"	1 Sivan,	17	"	"
30 "	25	June,	"	30 "	15	June,	"
1 Tamuz,	26	"	"	1 Tamuz,	16	"	"
29 "	24	July,	"	29 "	14	July,	"
1 Ab,	25	"	"	1 Ab,	15	"	"
30 "	23	Aug.,	"	30 "	10	Aug.,	"
1 Elul,	24	"	"	1 Elul,	11	"	"
29 "	21	Sept.,	"	29 "	11	Sept.,	"

1873.		1874.	
Maunday-Thursday,	10th Apr.	Maunday-Thursday,	2d April.
Good Friday,	11th "	Good Friday,	3d "
Easter Sunday,	13th "	Easter Sunday,	5th "
Ascension Day,	22d May.	Ascension Day,	14th May.

5635—383 Days.

1	Tisri,	12 Sept.,	1874.
30	"	11 Oct.,	"
1	Hesvan,	12 "	"
29	"	9 Nov.,	"
1	Kislev,	10 "	"
29	"	8 Dec.,	"
1	Tebet,	9 "	"
29	"	6 Jan.,	1875.
1	Sebat,	7 "	"
30	"	5 Feb.,	"
1	Adar,	6 "	"
30	"	7 March,	"
1	Veadar,	8 "	"
29	"	5 April,	"
1	Nisan,	6 "	"
30	"	5 May,	"
1	Yiar,	6 "	"
29	"	3 June,	"
1	Sivan,	4 "	"
30	"	3 July,	"
1	Tamuz,	4 "	"
29	"	1 Aug.,	"
1	Ab,	2 "	"
30	"	31 "	"
1	Elul,	1 Sept.,	"
29	"	29 "	"

5636—355 Days.

1	Tisri,	30 Sept.,	1875.
30	"	29 Oct.,	"
1	Hesvan,	30 "	"
30	"	28 Nov.,	"
1	Kislev,	29 "	"
30	"	28 Dec.,	"
1	Tebet,	29 "	"
29	"	26 Jan.,	1876.
1	Sebat,	27 "	"
30	"	25 Feb.,	"
1	Adar,	26 "	"
29	"	25 March,	"
1	Nisan,	26 "	"
30	"	24 April,	"
1	Yiar,	25 "	"
29	"	23 May,	"
1	Sivan,	24 "	"
30	"	22 June,	"
1	Tamuz,	23 "	"
29	"	21 July,	"
1	Ab,	22 "	"
30	"	20 Aug.,	"
1	Elul,	21 "	"
29	"	18 Sept.,	"

1875.

Maunday-Thursday,	25th Mch.
Good Friday,	26th "
Easter Sunday,	28th "
Ascension Day,	6th May.

1876.

Maunday-Thursday,	13th Apr.
Good Friday,	14th "
Easter Sunday,	16th "
Ascension Day,	25th May

5637—354 Days.			5638—385 Days.		
1 Tisri,	19 Sept.,	1876.	1 Tisri,	8 Sept.,	1877.
30 "	18 Oct.,	"	30 "	7 Oct.,	"
1 Hesvan,	19 "	"	1 Hesvan	8 "	"
29 "	16 Nov.,	"	30 "	6 Nov.,	"
1 Kislev,	17 "	"	1 Kislev,	7 "	"
30 "	16 Dec.,	"	30 "	6 Dec.,	"
1 Tebet,	17 "	"	1 Tebet,	7 "	"
29 "	14 Jan.,	1877.	29 "	4 Jan.,	1878.
1 Sebat,	15 "	"	1 Sebat,	5 "	"
30 "	13 Feb.,	"	30 "	3 Feb.,	"
1 Adar,	14 "	"	1 Adar,	4 "	"
29 "	14 March,	"	30 "	5 March,	"
1 Nisan,	15 "	"	1 Veadar,	6 "	"
30 "	13 April,	"	29 "	3 April,	"
1 Yiar,	14 "	"	1 Nisan,	4 "	"
29 "	12 May,	"	30 "	3 May,	"
1 Sivan,	13 "	"	1 Yiar,	4 "	"
30 "	11 June,	"	29 "	1 June,	"
1 Tamuz,	12 "	"	1 Sivan,	2 "	"
29 "	10 July,	"	30 "	1 July,	"
1 Ab,	11 "	"	1 Tamuz,	2 "	"
30 "	9 Aug.,	"	29 "	30 "	"
1 Elul,	10 "	"	1 Ab,	31 "	"
29 "	7 Sept.,	"	30 "	29 Aug.,	"
			1 Elul,	30 "	"
			20 "	27 Sept.,	"

1877.		1878.	
Maunday-Thursday,	29th Mch.	Maunday-Thursday,	18th Apr.
Good Friday,	30th "	Good Friday,	19th "
Easter Sunday,	1st Apr.	Easter Sunday,	21st "
Ascension Day,	10th May.	Ascension Day,	30th May

FIXED ANNIVERSARY DAYS.

Martyrdom of Jacques de Molay	18th March.
St. Andrew's Day	30th November.
St. John the Baptist	24th June.
St. John the Evangelist	27th December.
Christmas	25th December.
All Saints Day	1st November.

Alterations in the Statutes and Institutes,

AND

DECISIONS AFFECTING THEIR CONSTRUCTION,

ADOPTED BY THE SUPREME COUNCIL, MAY, 1870.

[Extracted from the Official Bulletin for May, 1870, page 14, and following.]

Amendatory of Article XXII.

Strike out Section 2 of said Article, of "Consistories," and insert —

§ 2. Every Grand Consistory of the state shall hereafter be composed of:

1st. All the Honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and Deputy Grand Inspectors General, resident within the jurisdiction, except such as may, at their own request, be placed upon the Emeriti list.

2d. The Commanders-in-Chief of particular Consistories.

3d. The Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret made or affiliated therein, according to masonic age, not exceeding eighty-one, including those mentioned in the first and second paragraphs hereof.—[*Page* 15.

Membership of Inspectors General in Grand Consistories.

With respect to the membership of honorary members of this Supreme Council in Grand Consistories, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in cases where Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, honorary members of this Supreme Council, desire to withdraw their active membership in Grand Consistories, they may do so, and such bodies may accept such withdrawal, and may place them upon the list of Emeriti or honorary membership therein.

Resolved, That should members of the 33d degree, honorary members of this Supreme Council, refuse or neglect to pay their dues to Grand Consistories, or fail to perform their duties as active members in such bodies, then the Grand Consistory shall make report of such failure or neglect to the Supreme Council, who shall take action therein.—[*Page* 16.

Applications for Permanent Charters.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander's address as refers to charters of constitution issued by the Sov.·. Gr.·. Insp.·. General of Iowa, report the following

STATUTE:

It is hereby ordered and ordained, that whenever letters of constitution shall be issued to constitute any body of the order, application shall be made at the next session of the Supreme Council for letters patent in ample form, duly signed by all the members of the Council of Administration, in continuation of the original letters; and in default thereof, all rights, powers, and privileges, under the original letters of constitution, shall cease, unless the same be continued by the Supreme Council.—[*Page* 17.

On Membership in Subordinate Bodies of Honorary Inspectors General removing from one state to another.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the question, whether an honorary Inspector General, a member of the Grand Consistory and subordinate bodies in one state, becomes, on his removal to another, a member of the bodies subordinate to the Grand Consistory, without application and election, respectfully report that in their opinion, it is necessary that, on such removal, he apply for and be elected to membership in the bodies subordinate to the Grand Consistory, or he is not entitled the rights and privileges of membership.—[*Page* 21.

Delays and Dispensations.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the subject of dispensing with time between the degrees has been referred, respectfully report:

That they approve the principle of the XXVIIth Article of the Constitution, as adopted May 9th, 1868; but that they are aware that circumstances may arise within our jurisdiction, when the good of the craft may require that the principle should be departed from. These circumstances can rarely occur, yet when they do occur, there should be a power deposited somewhere, by the exercise of which a remedy may be provided. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the following AMENDMENT be added to said Article XXVII:

Provided, however, That the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander may, on the application of a Grand Consistory, approved by the Active Sov.·. Gr.·. Insp.·. General of the jurisdiction; or by a majority of them, where there there is more than one; or on the application of the highest body in the state, where there is no Grand Consistory, approved as above, issue his dispensation, dispensing with time in any of the degrees; it being clearly understood that the names of the persons for whom such dispensations shall be asked be expressed in the application, and that no dispensation shall be granted where the application is made generally.—[*Page* 25.

Fees for Patents.

The subject of fees for patents and charters, which had been referred to the Council of Administration, with power to act, was taken up for consideration, and the following regulations were adopted as a *substitute for the Fourth Section of Article XVIII., Statutes and Institutes.*

§ 4. The charge for letters patent and of credence of the 32d degree, on parchment, where the Prince who is to receive the same has paid the full sum of one hundred and thirty-five dollars for his degrees, or they have been conferred upon him without charge, shall hereafter be five dollars, to be paid to the Secretary General; one dollar whereof shall go into the treasury, and four dollars to the Secretary General for his fee for filling up and sealing the same.

§ 5. To parties who, not receiving the degrees as Honoraria, have, under previous statutes, paid less for them than one hundred and thirty-five dollars, the fees for letters patent of the 32d degree shall be as heretofore.

§ 6. Blank parchments and the printed formula in Latin for patents of the 33d degree will be furnished to active and honorary Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, free of charge.

§ 7. In cases where patents of the 32d degree have heretofore been furnished in Latin, French, and English, and paid for, new patents will be furnished without charge, other than one dollar each for the parchment and printing, and one dollar to the Secretary General.

§ 8. To brethren paying for the letters patent on parchment, duplicates on bond or note paper will be given on payment of a fee of one dollar to the Secretary General.—[*Page* 28.

Miscellaneous Legislation.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter any member of this Rite who shall receive the Fourteenth Degree shall be required to subscribe the oath of allegiance to this Supreme Council.

Resolved, That any Mason of the Anc.·. and Acc.·. Rite, who shall reside permanently in the vicinity of a regularly organized body or bodies of the Rite, and does not, within six months, seek affiliation with such body, or with one of them, shall be probibited from visiting such organized bodies, from receiving relief therefrom, and from masonic burial at their hands.

Resolved, That hereafter, when any of the degrees are communicated, the recipient shall be required to take a solemn promise and vow at the time the first of the degrees shall be so communicated, to the effect that he will avail himself of the earliest practicable opportunity to be present when any of the degrees so communicated shall be conferred; until he shall have been present at the conferring of all that he may receive.—[*Page* 29.

Conferring and Communication of Degrees.

§ 1. The following degrees, when given in organized bodies, shall always hereafter be conferred, and, when given by an Inspector General, shall be communicated in full; that is to say, the Fourth, the Fifth, the Ninth, the Fourteenth, the Sixteenth, the Eighteenth, the Twenty-ninth, the Thirtieth, and the Thirty-second, and these shall be deemed the Indispensable Degrees.

§ 2. In addition to these, one other degree, between the Fifth and Fourteenth, and one between the Eighteenth and Twenty-ninth, shall always be conferred in bodies, or communicated by Inspectors General in full; different degrees being conferred on or communicated in full to different candidates, so that all shall, in turn, be so communicated or conferred.

§ 3. The eighteen remaining degrees may be more briefly communicated; but in every case the obligation of each must be taken in full; the necessary questions, if any, answered in writing, or otherwise, as required by the Rituals; and enough of the opening and closing ceremonies, and of the ceremonies of reception, and the lecture and lessons, read to the candidate, to enable him to understand and appreciate the degrees.

§ 4. When any body of the Rite has been established, and is perfect in numbers, it can communicate only the said remaining eighteen degrees, and must, in all cases, confer in full the nine indispensable degrees and the two moveable degrees.

§ 5. For the purpose of establishing new bodies, the degrees shall be communicated to no more, in any case, than the number requisite to make the particular body perfect; and when that number shall so have obtained the degrees, the communication thereof shall cease, and the body be established.—[*Page* 30.

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