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THE

PROCEEDINGS OF A CONVENTION

HELD AT

FAYETTEVILLE, JUNE 21, 1822,

For the Formation

OF A

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Select and Royal Masters

FOR THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

WITH THE

CONSTITUTION

Adopted for its Government.

1823.

PROCEEDINGS.

At a meeting of the Delegates from the several Councils of this State, held at the Masonic Hall in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on the 21st June, 1822.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS DELGATES PRESENT:

Roanoke Council, No. 1,.....Edmund B. Freeman and Elisha H. Eure.
Winslow Council, No. 2,.....Robert Strange and Esek Arnold.
William R. Davie Council, No. 3,..Alex'r MacRae, John Walker and Lewis Gomez.
Concord Council, No. 4,.....Benjamin B. Hunter.
Meherrin Council, No. 6,.....James Morgan and Thomas O'Gready.

Comp. R. Strange was chosen Chairman, and Comp. James Morgan appointed Secretary.

When the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That it is expedient to establish a Grand Council of Select Masters within and for the State of North Carolina.

Resolved, That a committee composed of one Delegate from each Council, be appointed to draft a Constitution for the Grand Council.

Companions T. O'Gready, Arnold, Eure, Gomez and Hunter were elected to compose the Committee.

Resolved, That a committee composed of three be appointed to draft regulations for the government of this Convention.

Companions O'Gready, Freeman and Strange were appointed on said Committee.

Convention adjourned to meet again on Saturday at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, June 22, 1822.

Convention met according to adjournment. Delegates all present.

The committee who were appointed to draft rules and regulations for the government of the Convention, reported the following, which was adopted, viz:

RULE 1. When the hour arrives to which the meeting of the Convention may have been adjourned, some member thereof shall be appointed chairman

by nomination, who shall preside over the Convention during that meeting. He shall preserve order and decorum, and decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to a majority of the meeting.

Rule 2. Every member wishing to express his opinion, or to submit a motion, proposition or resolution, shall rise and respectfully address the chairman.

Rule 3. All questions shall be decided by ballot, each Council being entitled to three votes.

Respectfully submitted, &c.,

Thomas O'Gready, *Chairman.*

The Committee who were appointed to draft a Constitution for the government of the Grand Council, reported progress, and obtained leave to report on Monday next.

The Convention adjourned to meet again on Monday next at 8 o'clock, A. M.

Monday, June 24, 1822.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Elisha H. Eure in the Chair, and James Morgan, Secretary.

The Committee who were appointed to draft a Constitution for the Grand Council, reported the following, which was read and adopted:

CONSTITUTION

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

Article 1. The Grand Council shall consist of a Grand Puissant, Deputy Grand Puissant, Grand Thrice Illustrious, Grand Principal Conductor, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Chaplain, Grand Steward, and Tyler, and likewise of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Masters, Deputy Illustrious Grand Master and Principal Conductor, for the time being, of the several Subordinate Councils under this jurisdiction.

Art. 2. This Grand Council shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Councils within this State, may assign their limits and settle all controversies that may arise between Subordinate Councils or between any such Councils and individual companions.

Art. 3. Every Council of Royal and Select Masters shall have a warrant of constitution from the Grand Council under the seal thereof, and under the sign manual of the Grand Puissant, Deputy Grand Puissant, and Grand Thrice Illustrious, countersigned by the Grand Recorder, or letters of dispensation from the Grand Puissant or Deputy Grand Puissant, under his private seal, and no Council shall be deemed legal without such warrant or letters of dispensation, and Masonic communication is hereby interdicted and forbidden, either in public or private, between any Council under this jurisdiction or any member thereof, and any Council that may be so illegally opened or holden, or any member thereof, or any person advanced and acknowledged in such illegal Council. But nothing in this article shall be construed to affect any Council which has been hitherto legally established.

Art. 4. The Grand Puissant and Deputy Grand Puissant shall have power to issue letters of dispensation under their private seals, only during the recess of the Grand Council, and such letters of dispensation shall cease to be effective after the succeeding regular meeting of the Grand Council, to which the officer granting such letter of dispensation shall make report.

Art. 5. The number of Councils established by this Jurisdiction shall not

at any time exceed the number of Royal Arch Chapters which may then be established in this State.

Art. 6. The several Councils in this State shall be numbered according to the dates of their respective charters, and each Council which may be hereafter constituted by this authority shall, previous to receiving a charter or letter of dispensation pay to the Grand Treasurer, for the use of the Grand Council, the sum of twenty-five dollars, and also a fee of five dollars to the Grand Recorder.

Art. 7. No charter or dispensation shall be granted except on the petition, in writing, of nine regular select Masters, accompanied by a recommendation from the Council nearest to the place where such new Council is proposed to be established, vouching for the moral character and Masonic qualifications of the petitioners.

Art. 8. An assembly of the Grand Council of this State shall be holden annually, on the 23d day of June, in the town of Fayetteville and Tarborough alternately, and special assemblies may be convened by the Grand or Deputy Grand Puissant, at such times or place as they may severally deem expedient.

Art. 9. The officers of the Grand Council shall be elected annually, at the stated meeting in June.

Art. 10. Each Council shall be entitled to three votes in all elections and decisions made by the Grand Council: *Provided*, That no individual member shall represent the officers of more than one Council.

Art. 11. For defraying the expenses of this Grand Council, each subordinate Council in the State shall pay to the Grand Treasurer the rate of fifty cents for each and every member thereof annually: *Provided*, That no such Council shall pay less than five dollars, or more than ten dollars, annually.

Art. 12. Every Council shall have power to confer degrees of Royal and Select Masters, upon such persons as possess the constitutional qualifications, for such fees as the by-laws of such Council may prescribe: *Provided*, That the same shall not be less than five dollars.

Art. 13. If any Council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council shall forfeit or surrender its charter, the funds, furniture, jewelry, and clothing of such Council, shall become the property of this Grand Council.

Art. 14. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except at a Convention assembled for that purpose, at the request of two-thirds of the subordinate Councils.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisha H. Eure, *Chairman.*

The Convention then adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Monday Evening, 4 o'clock.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Robert Strange in the Chair, and James Morgan, Secretary.

The first business that came before the Convention, was that of appointing officers for the term of one year, when the following were duly elected, viz: Dr. Simmons J. Baker, Grand Puissant; Joseph R. Lloyd, G. Thrice Illustrious; George MacNeill, Grand Principal Conductor; Moses Clements, G. Capt. of Guards; Elisha B. Smith, G. Treasurer; John Crusoe, Grand Recorder; William Green, Grand Chaplain; Dillon Jordan, G. Steward and Tyler.

The Convention then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, the 26th.

WEDNESDAY, June 26th, 1822.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Comp. Strange in the Chair; John Crusoe, G. R., being present, was appointed Secretary.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to draft rules and regulations for the government of the Subordinate Councils.

The Committee are Companions Strange, Arnold and MacNeill.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Deputy Puissant issue letters of dispensation, countersigned by the Grand Recorder, to the several Councils subordinate to this Grand Council, empowering them to work until the first meeting of the Grand Council, and to such other Councils as may solicit admission, signifying their assent to the authority of the Grand Council.

Resolved, That one hundred copies of the proceedings of this Convention, and one hundred copies of the Constitution of the Grand Council, be printed and distributed to the officers of the subordinate Councils, members of this Convention and Grand Officers.

Companions Strange, Arnold and MacNeill were appointed to carry the same into effect.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the officers and members of the Phœnix Lodge for their liberality in granting to them the use of their rooms.

Resolved, That such of the members of this Convention as may be members of the Legislature of North Carolina, at its next session, be requested to obtain a Charter of Incorporation of this Grand Council.

Resolved, That a ticket be presented to Comp. Dillon Jordan for services rendered as Steward of this Convention, signed by the Grand Recorder, and countersigned by the Deputy Grand Puissant, authorizing him to receive from the Grand Treasurer the sum of ten dollars, and that the thanks of this Convention be presented therewith.

ROBERT STRANGE, *Chairman*.

JOHN CRUSOE, *Secretary*.

FIRST ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

Fayetteville:

1823.

PROCEEDINGS.

Pursuant to the 8th Article of the Constitution adopted by the Convention, holden at Fayetteville, June 21st, 1822, and in the year of Deposit, 2822, the Grand Council of North Carolina convened at Mason Hall, in the town of Fayetteville, on Monday, the 23d day of June, A. D. 2823.

PRESENT :

T. I. Comp. Esek Arnold, ...D. G. P.
" " Joseph R. Lloyd,. .....G. T. I.
" " Robert Strange,.....G. P. C. p. t.

MEMBERS:

Winslow Council, No. 2, Fayetteville—T. I. Comp. Robert Strange, T. I. G. M.

William R. Davie Council, No. 3, Wilmington—I. Comp. N. Bird, P. C.; I. Comp. Alex. McRae, proxy of James F. McRae, G. M.

Edgecombe Council, No. 2, Tarborough—T. I. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd, T. I. G. M.

A constitutional number being present, the Grand Council was opened in ample form.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft by-laws for the government of this Grand Council: Companions Esek Arnold, John W. Wright, Nathan Bird, are appointed.

On motion, Grand Council adjourned until Wednesday, at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 25th, A. D. 2823.

Grand Council convened pursuant to adjournment.

Present:—T. I. Comp. Esek Arnold, D. G. P.; T. I. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd; T. I. Comp. Robert Strange, G. P. C. p. t.

The Grand Council now proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were duly elected, viz:

T. I. Comp.	Esek Arnold,	.....	G. P.
" "	Joseph R. Lloyd,	.....	D. G. P.
" "	George McNeil,	.....	G. T. I.
I. "	Moses Clements,	.....	G. P. C.
I. "	Alexander McRae,	.....	G. C. G.
I. "	Elisha B. Smith,	.....	G. T.
I. "	John Crusoe,	.....	G. R.
Rev. "	William Green,	.....	G. Chap.
I. "	Dillon Jordan,	.....	G. S. & T.

Committee appointed to draft by-laws for the government of this Grand Council, report progress, and beg further time to compile their report, which was agreed to.

On motion,

Resolved, That Comp. Strange recommend some suitable device for a common seal for the use of this Grand Council.

The following resolutions were submitted to the Grand Council, severally read and agreed to:

Resolved, That it would more fully promote the prosperity of the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters in this State, and the welfare of Masonry in general that the Grand Council should be permanently located in some one town.

Resolved That the Grand Council recommend to the Subordinate Councils the propriety of meeting in convention at Tarborough, on the 23d day of June next, A. D. 2824, for the purpose of so altering and modifying the constitution of the Grand Council, as to attain the aforesaid object; and to

make such other alterations therein as the convention, in its wisdom, may think most advantageous to masonry in general.

On motion, •

Resolved, That this Grand Council issue charters to the several Subordinate Councils, which have acknowledged the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, and that the said Subordinate Councils surrender to this Grand Council, the dispensations or charters under which they have heretofore worked.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Puissant issue letters of dispensation to the Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council authorizing them to work until they shall have received charters.

The following resolution was submitted to the Grand Council for their concurrence:

Resolved, That Eureka Council, in Newbern, be admitted into the Grand Council of North Carolina, on the same terms with other Subordinate Councils, acknowledging the jurisdiction of this Grand Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That this subject be postponed until a future meeting.

Grand Council adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 26th, A. D. 2823.

Grand Council convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

T. I. Comp. Esek Arnold, ...G. P.
" " Joseph R. Lloyd, ...D. G. P.
" " Robert Strange, ...T. I. G. M. p. t.

M. E. Joseph R. Lloyd, T. I. G. M., of Edgecombe Council, No. 4, Tarborough; M. E. Comp. Robert Strange, T. I. G. M., of Winslow Council, No. 2, Fayetteville, now surrender the dispensations under which their respective Councils have heretofore worked, agreeable to a resolution adopted by this Grand Council at a former meeting.

On motion,

Resolved, That further time be granted to William R. Davie Council, No. 3, Wilmington, to make their return to this Grand Council until the first day of August next.

M. E. Comp. Robert Strange, to whom was referred the subject of a seal suitable for this Grand Council.

Reported, That he has had the same under consideration, and submits the following, viz: A seal of copper, two inches in diameter, engraved; a triangle with a trowel in the centre, surrounded by rays of glory, as represented in the 44th page of the Masonic Chart. the whole to be encircled by the words "Grand Council of North Carolina."

Respectfully submitted, R. STRANGE.

The report was read and concurred in.

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of drafting By-Laws for the government of this Grand Council, Report:

That they deem it unnecessary to adopt By-Laws inasmuch as the Grand Council in this State must be supported at the same expense as the Grand Chapter, and there being no absolute necessity for the two having a separate existence. they therefore propose that this Grand Council recommend to the Convention to be assembled at Tarborough, in June next. to place the government of the Subordinate Councils in this State under the Grand Chapter, and to dissolve the Grand Council, and at the same time the By-laws adopted by the Grand Chapter, at its present session, be adopted by this Grand Council, as far as they can be made applicable thereto.

Respectfully submitted, ESEK ARNOLD, *Chairman.*

Which report was read and unanimously concurred in.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolution passed at this Convocation of the Grand Council, directing charters to issue to the Subordinate Councils be rescinded, and that they be directed to work under the dispensation they receive from the Grand Puissant.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Puissant be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for such moneys as may be necessary to defray the contingent expenses of this Grand Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That each Subordinate Council shall pay to the Grand Recorder the sum of one dollar, for issuing a dispensation.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolution submitted to the Grand Council, relative to the admission of Eureka Council into the Grand Council, on the same terms with other Subordinate Councils, be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That one hundred copies of the proceedings of this Convocation of the Grand Council, be printed and distributed to the officers of the Subordinate Councils, members of this Grand Council, Grand officers, and to such other Councils as may exist in the United States, and that the Grand Recorder carry the same into effect.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be allowed the sum of five dollars for carrying the aforesaid resolution into effect.

No further business being before this Grand Council, it was closed in ample form. JOHN CRUSOE, *Grand Recorder.*

In the discharge of a duty assigned to me by a resolution, I have honor of communicating to you the Proceedings of the Grand Council of North Carolina, at its first Annual Convocation, accompanied by a copy of the Proceedings of a Convention for its formation, together with the Constitution of the said Grand Council.

With respect,
I have the honor to be,
Yours, Fraternally,
JOHN CRUSOE, *Grand Recorder.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

CONVOCATION

OF

Royal and Select Masters.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING

A GRAND COUNCIL

FOR THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN WILMINGTON ON THE 6TH DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1860,
A. L. 5860, A. DEP. 2860.

PROCEEDINGS.

WILMINGTON, June 6, 1860.

Pursuant to appointment, the following ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS were present, viz:—

Comps. S. A. Neal and R. T. Hall, Wadesboro'.
Comps. Alex. Murdoch, William Murdoch and W. B. McMillan, Salisbury.
Comp. John F. Howlett, Greensboro'.
Comp. E. F. Watson, Alamance.
Comp. John M. Wolfe, Hillsboro'.
Comps. W. Martin, R. G. Rankin and P. W. Fanning, Wilmington.

A Council of Select Masters was opened by Dr. A. G. Mackey, S. G. I. G., of 33d deg., when Comp. John F. Howlett was appointed Chairman, and R. T. Hall, Secretary.

The following Committee on credentials was then appointed, viz:

Comps. Alexander Murdoch, S. W. Neal and R. T. Hall, who reported that the following delegates were present:—

From Alpha Council, No. 1.—Comps. S. W. Neal, T. I. G. M., and Comp. R. T. Hall, proxy for I. H. T., and P. C. W.
From Adoniram Council, No. 2.—Comps. Alexander Murdoch, T. I. G. M., Comp. William Murdoch, proxy for I. H. T., and Comp. W. B. McMillan, proxy for P. C. W.
From Greensboro' Council, No. 3.—Comp. John F. Howlett, T. I. G. M., and proxy for I. H. T., and P. C. W.

Comp. Alexander Murdoch then offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:—

Whereas, It appears from the Report of the Committee on Credentials, that three subordinate Councils, duly organized by the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, are represented in this Convention, therefore
Resolved, That we do now proceed to organize a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of North Carolina.
Resolved, That we adopt as a provisional Constitution, the provisional Constitution of the Grand Council of South Carolina, and that a committee of three be appointed to report a permanent Constitution and By-Laws at our next meeting.
Resolved, That we now proceed to the election of Officers.

An election was then held, which resulted in the choice of the following Officers:

Comp. Alex. Murdoch, Most Puissant Grand Master.
" John F. Howlett, Thrice Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.
" William Murdoch, Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Works.
Comp. D. A. Davis, Grand Treasurer.
" R. T. Hall, Grand Recorder.
" John L. Cole, Grand Captain of the Guards.
" H. W. Robinson, Grand Conductor of the Council.
" W. B. McMillan, Grand Steward.

By request of the companions, Dr. Albert G. Mackey, S. G. I. G., then installed the above Officers, Companions Martin, Fanning and Wolfe being installed respectively as proxies of Treasurer, Captain of the Guards and Conductor of the Council.

Comp. S. W. Neal then offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to the Companions Royal and Select Masters of Wilmington, without charge, authorizing them to open a Council, to be known and designated in our Register as Wilmington Council, No. 4.

The Most Puissant Grand Master then appointed the following Companions as the committee on the Constitution and By-Laws, viz:

Comps. A. Martin, R. G. Rankin and F. C. Schafer, with instructions to report at our next meeting.

The Thrice Illustrious Deputy Grand Master then offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the next Convocation of this Grand Council be held in Wilmington during the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in the first week of June, 1861.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council was closed in ample form.

R. T. HALL, *Grand Recorder.*

NOTE.—On account of a miscarriage in the mails, the proceedings of the Grand Council did not reach the Secretary of the Grand Chapter in time to be printed with the proceedings.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS:

ALEX. MURDOCH, M. P. G. M., - - - - - Salisbury, N. C.
JOHN F. HOWLETT, T. I. D. G. M., - - - - Greensboro', N. C.
WILLIAM MURDOCH, G. P. C. W., - - - - Salisbury, N. C.
R. T. HALL, G. Recorder, - - - - - - - Wadesboro', N. C.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS:

1874--'75.

JOHN NICHOLS,	*Most Illus. Grand Master*,	RALEIGH.
C. M. VAN ORSDELL,	*Deputy Grand Master*,	WILMINGTON.
S. S. EVERETT,	*Grand Prin. Con. Work*,	"
ROB'T. H. BRADLEY,	*Grand Treasurer*,	RALEIGH.
DONALD W. BAIN,	*Grand Recorder*,	"
J. M. SHELLY,	*Grand Capt. of Guard*,	GREENSBORO.
THOMAS B. CARR,	*Grand Con. of Council*,	WILMINGTON.
M. M. KATZ,	*Grand Steward*,	"
JOS. H. SEPARK,	*Grand Sentinel*,	RALEIGH.

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

St. John's Hall, Wilmington,
June 5th, 1866, A. Dep. 2866.

A Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in form.

Comp. Alfred Martin (by request of Comp. Murdock,).....M. P. G. M., *pro tem.*
" C. A. Cilley, 32 .·., ...T. I. D. G. M., *pro tem.*
" Wm. Murdock,.....G. P. C. W.
" L. H. Bullock,.....G. T., *pro tem.*
" T. B. Carr,.....G. R., *pro tem.*
" Wm. J. Hicks, 32 .·., ...G. C. G., *pro tem.*
" M. Bowes, 32 .·., ...G. C. of the Council *p. t.*
" P. M. Smith,.....G. S., *pro tem.*

Visitors: J. W. Blount, E. F. Watson 32 .·., and G. B. Waterhouse, 33 .·.

The M. P. G. M. appointed Comp. T. B. Carr Committee on Credentials, who submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following representatives as legally entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

Comp. A. Martin, T. I. G. M., Wilmington Council, No. 4.
" Wm. Murdock, I. H. T., Adoniram " No. 2.
" C. A. Cilley, Proxy for T. I. G. M., " " "
" P. N. Smith, Representative, Alpha " No. 1.

THOS. B. CARR, *Committee.*

Comp. A. Martin, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws (appointed at the last Annual Convocation), presented the following, which was adopted as the Constitution and By-Laws, for the government of this Grand Council:

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

Adopted June 7th, 1866.

ORGANIZATION.

ART. 1. This Grand Council shall consist of the following officers, viz: Most Puissant Grand Master, Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master, Ill. G. P. Cond. of the Works, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Cap. of the Guard, Grand C. of the Council, Grand Steward, and Grand Sentinel, together with the past Most P. Grand Masters, T. I. Deputy Grand Masters, Ill. G. P. Cond. of the Work, and the three principal officers for the time being, of the several Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council. All of whom shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Council: *Provided*, That when any past Grand Officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Council, his membership in this Grand Council shall cease.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

ART. 2. The regular convocations of this Grand Council shall be held in Wilmington, N. C., on the first Tuesday in June, of each and every year. And in case of the absence of the M. P. Grand Master, the Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master or Ill. G. P. C., or either of them, shall preside, taking precedence according to rank. In the absence of all the above named officers, then the oldest Grand Officer of those grades present; and if there be none of the Past Grand Officers of the rank above named present, then the first officer of the oldest Subordinate Council present shall have power and authority to preside, and the representatives of Three Subordinate Councils shall constitute a quorum. If, on the day of meeting, there be not a quorum present, the presiding officer may adjourn the Grand Council from day to-day, until the close of the fourth day, when, if there be not a quorum present, the meeting shall be adjourned until the day for the next Annual Convocation, unless sooner or especially convened.

TIME OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ART. 3. The officers of this Grand Council shall be chosen at each regular Annual Convocation for the term of one year. But should the Annual Convocation not be held at the stated time, they shall hold their offices until others are chosen, and the Most Puissant G. Master, or in his absence the Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master for the time being, shall have power to call special meetings whenever they may deem it expedient, of which all the Subordinate Councils shall have due and timely notice.

VOTES.

ART. 4. All questions before this Grand Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES.

ART. 5. The Constitutional Officers of this Grand Council shall be elected by ballot, except the Grand Sentinel, who, together with the Grand Lecturer, shall be appointed by the Most Puissant G. Master. All of whom shall be installed before the closing of the Grand Communication. And in case of the death or removal from this jurisdiction of any of the officers of rank below the then superior Grand officer, the vacancy may be filled by such superior officer.

REPRESENTATIVES.

ART. 6. None but Royal and Select Masters, holding membership in a Subordinate Council, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, shall act as representative. Nor shall any person represent more than two Subordinate Councils, at any Grand Communication.

VOTING.

ART. 7. The Constitutional Grand and past Grand officers shall, each, have one vote, and each Subordinate Council, by its representative, or representatives, three votes in this Grand Council. When the three principal officers are present, representing their Councils, they shall each have one vote; if two only, the highest in rank shall have two votes, and the other one vote. If but one be present he shall cast the vote of the Council, and should any Subordinate Council fail to appoint a delegate in season, the Thrice Ill. Master, for the time being, if unable to attend, shall have power to appoint a proxy to represent his Council.

GRAND LECTURER.

ART. 8. The Grand Lecturer shall be furnished with a commission by the Most Puissant G. Master, under the seal of the Grand Council, attested by the Grand Recorder; and the Councils by which he may be employed shall make him such compensation as may be agreed upon by the parties. He shall make no alterations in the work and lectures adopted by this Grand Council.

TREASURER AND RECORDER.

ART. 9. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall have their Books ready for examination at the commencement of each Annual Communication, and a committee shall be appointed on the first day of the meeting for that purpose, who shall report before any election takes place.

DISPENSATIONS.

ART. 10. Petitions for warrants to open new Councils must be signed by nine Select Masters, living within the jurisdiction, and accompanied by a certificate from the Council within the State, nearest the contemplated location of the new Council, vouching for the Masonic abilities and moral character of the petitioners, and recommending that a charter be granted; and the Most Puissant Grand Master, or the Ill. Deputy Grand Master may, upon such petition, if approved, grant his Dispensation for the same, to remain in force until the first Grand Annual Communication, succeeding, when said Council shall petition for a charter, unless, for good and satisfactory reasons, this warrant shall be continued, and if no application is made at the succeeding Grand Annual Communication, for a charter, said warrant shall then be revoked.

FEE FOR DISPENSATION.

ART. 11. The fees for a warrant for a new Council shall be Thirty Dollars, of which the the Grand Recorder shall receive Five Dollars; and no warrant shall be granted until the fee is paid, which fee shall be in full, both for the warrant and charter, should one be issued.

DUES OF SUBORDINATES.

ART. 12. The several Councils under this Grand Council, shall pay for the support thereof into the hands of the Grand Recorder, annually, the sum of Ten Dollars: *Provided*, That Councils under dispensation shall pay nothing for the time that may elapse between the date of such Dispensation, and the next succeeding Grand Annual Communication. But in case of the extension of the warrant, they shall pay the fee as a Council under charter, for the time that the warrant may have been extended.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

ART. 13. No Council under this jurisdiction shall change its location without the concurrence of this Grand Council, and the recommendation of the Council nearest the place to which it is proposed to be removed.

RETURNS.

ART. 14. Every Council under this Grand jurisdiction shall make returns annually to the Grand Recorder, at each Grand Annual Convocation, of the names of their officers, and members, together with all admissions, deaths, suspensions, expulsions and withdrawals. And if any

Council, under this jurisdiction, shall fail to assemble during any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Council for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make returns as above and pay its dues, then and in that case, the said Council shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Council, its Charter, Records, Jewels and Furniture, together with its money, and all other property of every kind and description.

APPLICATIONS.

ART. 15. The application of every candidate for the degrees, in any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and recommended by a member of said Council, and the said application shall lay over for the consideration of the members at least one meeting, unless by a unanimous vote of the members present it shall be determined to ballot on said petition at the time it is presented; and no Council, under this jurisdiction, shall confer the degrees for a less sum than Ten Dollars, which fee must, in all cases, accompany the petition.

ADMISSIONS TO MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 16. No Council, under this jurisdiction, shall admit to membership, any person who is a member of, or in arrears to another Council, nor without a demit from the Council of which he was last a member.

DEGREES AND JURISDICTION.

ART. 17. No Council, under this jurisdiction, shall confer the degrees or entertain the petition of any person who is a resident of another Grand or Subordinate Jurisdiction, without the written permission and recommendation of the Council nearest his place of residence.

IRREGULAR COUNCILS.

ART. 18. No Council within this jurisdiction acting without a warrant from this Grand Council, shall be deemed lawful, and all communication with such Council, and with any person made therein, is hereby strictly forbidden, under a penalty of expulsion; or, in the case of a Council, the arrest of its Charter.

JURISDICTION.

ART. 19. This Grand Council shall have original jurisdiction over all matters of controversy, between its Subordinate Councils, and appellate jurisdiction in all matters of controversy arising therein.

TRIALS.

ART. 20. The trial of all Masonic offences before any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be conducted according to the rules laid down in the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, under Article 24.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 21. No alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be made at any other than a regular Communication.

REPEAL.

ART. 22. All former Constitutions of this Grand Council are hereby repealed.

On motion of Comp. Murdock, it was

Resolved, That all Select Masters present be invited to seats in this Grand Council.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Comp. W. J. Hicks, 32 .·., ...M. P. G. Master.
" Luke Blackmer,.....T. I. G. M.
" C. A. Cilley, 32 .·., ...I. G. P. C. W.
" T. W. Brown,.....G. Treas.
" T. B. Carr,.....G. Recorder.
" Wm. Murdock,.....G. C. G.
" E. F. Watson, 32 .·., ...G. C. C.
" P. N. Smith,.....G. S.

Comps. J. W. Blount and L. H. Bullock, were healed.

On motion of Comp. Cilley, it was

Resolved, That all dues in arrears from Subordinate Councils be remitted on the payment of Ten Dollars by each Council.

On motion of Comp. Bowes, it was

Resolved, That Ill. Comp. Geo. B. Waterhouse, Sov. G. Ins. Gen. of the 33d .·., be invited to install the officers of this Grand Council.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That all the Subordinate Councils, in this jurisdiction, now under dispensation, be required to surrender their dispensations to this Grand Council, at its next Annual Convocation, and receive at that time a Charter from this Grand Body.

The Grand Officers were then installed by Ill. Comp. Geo. B. Waterhouse, S. .·. G. .·. I. .·. G. .·. 33d .·.

The M. P. appointed Comp. C. A. Cilley Grand Lecturer.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council was closed in form.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Recorder.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

For 1867.

St. John's Hall, Wilmington, N. C., }
June 6, 1867, A. Dep., 2867. }

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

PRESENT:

Comp. W. J. Hicks,.....M. P. G. M.
" Alfred Martin,.....T. I. D. G. M., *pro tem.*
" J. W. Howlett,.....G. P. C. W.
" Thos. W. Brown,.....G. Treasurer.
" Thos. B. Carr,.....G. Recorder.
" Wm. Murdock,.....G. C. G.
" John Nichols,.....G. C. C., *pro tem.*
" J. H. Separk,.....G. Steward, *pro tem.*
" E. Turlington,.....G. S., *pro tem.*
Comps. H. H. Munson and Thos. M. Gardner.

The M. P. G. M. appointed Comps. Carr and Nichols a Committee on Credentials, who made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report:

They have examined the credentials presented to them, and find the following Councils represented:

Alpha Council, No. 1—Thos. B. Carr, Proxy for Representative.

Adoniram Council, No. 2—Wm. Murdock, Representative.

Greensboro' Council, No. 3—J. W. Howlett, "

Wilmington Council, No. 4—A. Martin, Th. Ill. G. M., T. M. Gardner, Ill. H. T., and H. H. Munson, P. C. W.

THOS. B. CARR, }
JOHN NICHOLS, } *Committee.*

The M. P. G. M. presented his Annual Address as follows:

My Illustrious Companions

of the Grand Council of North Carolina:

By the providence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe we have been permitted to assemble again in Grand Council, to consult as to what will best advance the interest of this Grand Council, and most calculated to benefit its subordinates.

During the past year there has been nothing brought to my notice calculated to disturb the peace and harmony heretofore existing in this Grand Jurisdiction.

On the 28th of June, 1866, Raleigh Council, No. 5, surrendered their dispensation, together with their records, they having no other lodge furniture, and their money being in Confederate currency and therefore not necessary to be turned over for the use of this Grand Council. I have handed all the papers over to the Grand Recorder.

During the past year I have granted dispensations upon the application of a Constitutional number of Companions and properly recommended by the nearest Councils, as follows: On the 26th day of July, 1866, Enoch Council, to be held at Raleigh, Wake County, with Companion J. R. Harrison for their first Th. Ill. G. M., Companion W. J. Palmer for their first Ill. H. of T., and Companion A. P. C. Bryan for their first P. C. of the W.

February 7th, 1867, Davie Council, to be held at Mocksville, Davie County, with Companion A. A. Harbin for their first T. Ill. G. M., Companion John M. Clement for their first Ill. H. of T., and Companion J. A. Kelly for their first P. C. of the W.

May 31st, a dispensation to Enoch Council, U. D., at Raleigh, to hold their regular meeting on the 1st instead of the 3rd of June, 1867.

Permit me to return you my warmest thanks for the high honor you have conferred upon me, the remembrance of which will ever be a source of great pleasure, and will tend much to smoothe the rough and rugged path of declining years.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. HICKS, 32.·.

The M. P. G. M. announced the following Committees:

On Unfinished Business—Comps. J. H. Separk and William Murdock.

On Returns and Proceedings—Comps. John Nichols and H. H. Munson.

On Charters and Dispensations—Comps. J. W. Howlett and H. H. Munson.

On Finance—Comp. A. Martin.

The Committtee on unfinished business presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of the last Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and find no unfinished business.

WM. MURDOCK, } *Committee.*
J. H. SEPARK, }

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

The Committee on Returns beg leave to Report that they have examined the returns of the following Councils and find them correct: Alpha, No. 1; Greensboro', No. 3; Wilmington, No. 4; Enoch, U. D.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. H. MUNSON, } *Committee.*
JNO. NICHOLS, }

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations have discharged the duty assigned them and beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the by-laws and proceedings of Enoch Council, U. D., and find them correct. We therefore recommend that a Charter be granted them.

Alpha Council, No. 1, having surrendered their warrant of Constitution as required by this Grand Council, are entitled to a Charter.

Wilmington, No. 4, having also returned their dispensation, are entitled to a Charter.

J. W. HOWLETT, } *Committee.*
H. H. MUNSON, }

Comp. Murdock offered the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

Resolved, That the representatives of those Councils to whom Charters have been granted be admitted as regular members of this Grand Council.

Comp. John Nichols offered the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to report at our next annual convocation the correct titles for the Grand Officers, and also the titles for officers of subordinate Councils, and also the work in the degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

Committee—Companions A. Martin, T. B. Carr and T. M. Gardner.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 6, 1867.

TO THE M. P. GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your Grand Recorder begs leave to submit the following as his annual report:

I had the proceedings of your last Grand Convocation printed as soon as practicable, and the bill, amounting to eighteen dollars, has been paid by the Grand Treasurer.

I have received, as dues from Wilmington Council, No 4,.....	$20 00
For dispensation for Enoch Council,.....	30 00
For dues from Adoniram Council, No. 2,.....	20 00
	$100 00

This amount has been paid to your Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Recorder.*

The Report of the Grand Treasurer was read and adopted:

Grand Council of North Carolina in account with T. W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer.*

DR.

1866.			
Aug.	16	To paid bill printing Proceedings,.....	$18 00
June	6	" " " Dispensations, ...	7 50
"	"	" balance carried to new account,.....	74 50
			$100 00

CR.

1866.			
Aug.	16	By received from Grand Secretary,.....	$20 00
June	6	" " " "	80 00
			$100 00
1867.			
June	6	By balance on hand brought down,.....	$74 50

THOS. W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer.*

Wilmington, N. C., 6th June, 1867.

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

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary and find them correct, and the entries thereon sustained by proper vouchers.

The balance remaining in the hands of the Grand Treasurer they find to be seventy-four dollars and fifty cents. They have been informed by the Grand Secretary that there is a bill for printing charters that has not yet been presented, amounting to about forty-seven dollars.

Respectfully submitted.

ALFRED MARTIN, *Committee.*

On motion of Comp. Martin, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Council proceed to an election of officers.

The M. P. appointed Comps. Gardner and Nichols, Tellers.

An election was accordingly held, which resulted as follows:

Comp. W. J. Hicks,.....M. P. G. M.
" Wm. Murdock,.....Th. Ill. D. G. M.
" Thos. M. Gardner, ...G. P. C. W.
" Thos. W. Brown,..... .....G. Treasurer.
" Thos. B. Carr,.....G. Recorder.
" John Nichols,.....G. C. G.
" J. H. Separk, ...G. S.

The M. P. G. M. made the following appointments:

Grand Lecturer—Thos. M. Gardner.
Grand Sentinel—E. Turlington.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be permitted to serve the Grand Council, during the ensuing year, "without the hope of fee or reward."

On motion of Comp. Martin, it was

Resolved, That the dispensation of Davie Chapter be continued another year.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Sentinel be allowed three dollars for his services.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council of North Carolina was closed in ample form.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Recorder.*

Returns of Subordinate Councils.

ALPHA COUNCIL, No. I—Wadesboro'.

OFFICERS.

Comp. S. W. Neal, ... T. I. K. S.
" H. W. Robinson, ... I. H. T.
" E. F. Kendall, ... P. C. W.
" Jno. A. Gale, ... Treasurer.
" R. T. Hall, ... Secretary.
" Frank Darley, ... C. G.
" W. A. Smith, ... C. C.
" Thos. Gullege, ... Steward.
" E. Hutchison, ... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

E. H. Streater,
B. D. Kendall,
John Ruscoe,
B. C. Hutchison,
Jas. C. Carraway.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Rev. T. M. Kennedy, 32.°.
Rev. P. N. Smith.

Admitted 6; deaths none; suspensions none; expulsions none; withdrawals none; whole number 14.

GREENSBORO' COUNCIL, No. III—Greensboro'.

OFFICERS.

Comp. J. W. Howlett, ... T. I. G. M.
" John L. Cole, ... I. H. T.
" John Donnell, ... P. C. W.
" Wm. Fraish, ... M. E.
" W. E. Edwards, ... M. D.
" J. W. S. Parker, ... C. G.
" S. Clark, ... C. C.
" W. Collins, ... Steward.

MEMBERS.

George Parker,
David Kirkpatrick,
James Kirkman,
Robert Stafford,
J. R. Tarply,
J. S. Scott,
J. R. Cardwell,
W. H. Moore,
R. S. Coltrane,
O. F. Hatch,
J. J. Collier,
J. R. Wilkerson,
S. R. Simmons,
John Sloan,
J. Hildsheimer,
J. Glenn,
W. S. Swaim,
B. Bodenheimer,
J. Kellogg,
J. W. Hobbs.

Deaths 2.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. IV—Wilmington.

OFFICERS.

Comp.	Alfred Martin,	T. I. G. M.
"	Thomas M. Gardner,	D. I. G. M.
"	H. H. Munson,	P. C.
"	C. M. Vanorsdell,	Treasurer.
"	A. Paul Repiton,	Recorder.
"	H. Ryttenberg,	C. G.
"	Thos. B. Carr,	C. C.
"	M. M. Katz,	Steward.
"	E. Turlington,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Alex. Boon,	J. D. Ryttenburg,
W. J. Price,	Jacob Lyon,
J. Nutt,	Alex. McRae, Jr.,
Julius W. Wright,	W. E. Freeman.

Degrees conferred 6; healed 2.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. V—Raleigh.

OFFICERS.

Comp. J. R. Harrison,.....T. I. G. M.
" W. J. Palmer,.....I. H. T.
" A. P. C. Bryan,.....P. C. W.
" J. M. Rosenbaum,.....M. E.
" A. Kline,.....M. D.
" John Nichols,.....C. G.
" A. D. Royster.....C. C.
" J. M. Betts,.....Steward.

MEMBERS.

D. W. Bain,
W. H. Dodd,
M. Grausman,
J. H. Separk,
A. Johnson,
C. W. D. Hutchings,
H. Mahler,
J. B. Neathery,
J. A. Moore,
R. H. Rountree,
W. C. Brown.

Note.—There being a difference in the titles of the officers of Subordinate Councils, a Committee has been appointed to report the proper titles at the next Annual Grand Convocation.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ST. JOHN'S HALL,
Wilmington, N. C., June 5th, 1868, A. Dep., 2868.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

Comp. Wm. Murdock,..... { Th. Ill. D. G. M., / M. P. G. M. pro. tem.
" Alfred Martin,.....D. G. M., pro. tem.
" Thomas M. Gardner,.....G. P. C. W.
" Thos. W. Brown,.....G. Treasurer.
" Thos. B. Carr,.....G. Recorder.
" A. Paul Repiton,.....G. C. C. pro. tem.
" W. A. Smith,.....G. C. G. pro. tem.
" M. M. Katz,.....G. S. " "
" Julius W. Wright,.....G. Tyler. " "

Visitors.—Comps. H. H. Munson, J. B. Russell, C. M. Vanorsdell, and I. D. Ryttenberg.

Comp. H. K. Nash, of Hillsboro', was introduced and healed.

The M. P. G. Master appointed Comps. H. H. Munson and J. B. Russell, a Committee on Credentials.

The committee on Credentials reported the following Councils represented as follows:

Alpha Council, No. 1....W. A. Smith, Rep.
Adoniram, No. 2.....Wm. Murdock, Rep.
Greensboro', No. 3.....Thos. B. Carr, Rep.
Wilmington, No. 4.....{ Alfred Martin, T. I. G. M. / T. M. Gardner, D. G. M. / H. H. Munson, P. C. W. } Reps.
Davie, U. D.....Thos. B. Carr, Rep.

On motion, their report was received and adopted, whereupon, the Grand Council of North Carolina was declared duly organized.

The M. P. G. M. appointed the following Committees:

On Unfinished Business—Comps. Nash and Munson.

On Returns and Proceedings—Comps. Ryttenberg and Vanorsdell.

On Charters and Dispensations—Comps. J. W. Wright and M. M. Katz.

On Finance—Comp. Alfred Martin.

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

The committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report, that they have examined the proceedings of the last Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and find that the only unfinished business is the report of the Committee appointed to "report to this Convocation" "the correct titles for the Grand Officers," also "the titles for officers of subordinate councils," and "the work in the degrees of Royal and Select Masters."

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY K. NASH,
HORACE H. MUNSON, } *Committee.*

The committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report which was received and adopted:

GRAND COUNCIL OF NOTRH CAROLINA—

Your committee on Charters and Dispensations, having under consideration only that of Davie Council, recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to issue a charter to

Davie Council No. 6, upon the reception of their proceedings, petition, annual dues and return of Dispensation, assigning to said Council, No. 6.

Respectfully submitted.

M. M. KATZ,
JULIUS W. WRIGHT, } *Committee.*

The committee on Returns presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee on Returns, beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of the following councils, and find the return of Wilmington Council No. 4, correct.

Greensboro' Council No. 3, reports seven members more than they account for.

Enoch Council No. 5, reports one member more than they account for.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. D. RYTTENBERG,
C. M. VANORSDELL, } *Committee.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the return of Greensboro' Council No. 3, and Enoch Council No. 5, be returned with instructions to said Councils to amend the same, and forward them to the Grand Recorder, in season to have them printed with the proceedings of the present Convocation.

The following resolutions, offered by Comp. H. K. Nash, were adopted:

Be it resolved, By the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, that article two of the Constitution of said Grand Council, be amended by striking out the words "on the first Tuesday in June of each and every year," and insert in their stead the words "on the Thursday after the last Monday in November of each and every year," after the year 1868.

Resolved further, That article fifteen of said Constitution be amended by striking out the word "ten," and inserting the word "five" in its stead.

The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation,

to report the correct titles of Grand Officers, and also the titles of officers of subordinate Councils, and the work of the degrees, respectfully report the following:

WHEREAS, We find that throughout the various Grand Jurisdictions, there is a very great diversity in the titles of both Grand and subordinate Councils, and also numerous systems of work both in the Northern and Southern Grand Jurisdictions. *And, whereas,* There is a General Convention to be held at St. Louis, within a few months from this time, the principal object of which is to harmonize all these conflicting forms and ceremonies, and establish uniformity in these matters, therefore,

Resolved, That this committee be continued, and their report deferred until our next Grand Convocation.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of a delegate to the Convention of Royal and Select Masters to be held in St. Louis in September next, and that Companion Thos. B. Carr be appointed delegate to represent this Grand Council in said Convention.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their reports, which were adopted, as follows:

T. W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer,*

In Account with Grand Council of North Carolina.

Dr.		*Cr.*	
1867.		1867.	
To cash printing dispensations,	$7 50	By Balance,	$74 50
" " Charters,	47 00		
" " Blank book...	75		
" " Tyler,	3 00		
" Balance on hand...	16 25		
	$74 50		$74 50

1868.—By Balance, ... $16 25
June 5, Cash of Gr. Recorder, ... 20 00

Grand Council of North Carolina,

1866. *In Account with Thos. B. Carr, G. Recorder.*

Aug 16—To paid Grand Treasurer,.....$20 00
1867.
June 6.—To paid Grand Treasurer,..... 80 00
1868.
June 5—To paid Grand Treasurer,..... 20 00

Cr. $120 00

1866.
Aug 16—By dues of Wilmington Council No 4,.....$20 00
1867.
June 6—By Dispensation Enoch Council No. 5..... 30 00
" " " " Davie " 30 00
" Dues Adoniram Council No. 2,..... 20 00
1868.
June 5—" Dues Greensboro' Council No. 3,..... 20 00

$120 00

NOTE BY G. R.—The account for 1866 and 1867 is republished, there being an error in the printed report of last year.

The committee on Finance submitted their report which was adopted.

The Finance Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Recorder, and find them correct and in proper form.

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer show a balance in his hands of thirty-six dollars and twenty-five cents, and those of the Grand Recorder, that there is due from subordinate councils the sum of ninety dollars, viz: Alpha Council No. 1. thirty dollars; Adoniram No. 2, ten dollars; Greensboro', No. 3, ten dollars; Wilmington No. 4, ten dollars; Enoch, No. 5, twenty dollars; Davie, U. D., ten dollars.

ALFRED MARTIN.

The Grand Council then proceeded to an election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Comp. Thos. B. Carr,.....M. P. G. M.
" Wm. Murdock,.....T. I. D. G. M.
" Thos. M. Gardner,.....G. P. C. W.
" Thos. W. Brown,.....G. Treasurer.
" H. H. Munson,.....G. Recorder.
" W. A. Smith,.....G. C. G.

Comp. Thomas B. Keogh,.....G. C. C.
" J. B. Neathery,.....G. Steward,
" E. Turlington,.....G. Sentinel;

who were, with the exception of Comps. Neathery and Keogh, duly installed.

The Most Puissant appointed Comp. E. Turlington, Grand Sentinel.

No more business appearing the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council of North Carolina closed in ample form.

H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Recorder.*

RETURN

Of Greensboro' Council, No. 3, to the Grand Council of North Carolina, for the year 1868:

J. W. Howlett,.....Thr. Ill. G. M.
J. Hiedsheimer,.....Ill. H. of T.
John Sloan,.....P. C. W.
F. P. Cavanah,.....W. E.
H. G. Kellogg,.....M. D.
George Parker,.....C. G.
Wm. E. Edwards,.....C. C.
Wm. Collins,.....Steward.

MEMBERS.

J. L. Cole,
Jno. Donnell,
W. Frericks,
S. Clark,
D. Kilkpatrick,
J. Kirkman,
J. E. Schottz,
R. M. Stafford,
J. H. Tarpley,
J. R. Cardwell,
W. H. Moore,
R. S. Coletrain,
T. Boderheimer,
J. W. Hobbs,
Thos. B. Keogh,
R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
W. P. Hatch,
J. M. Jerley,
L. Turner Smith,
D. Albright,
Jno. W. Pierce,
P. Adams,
Geo. Gregory,
J. B. Faircloth,

J. I. Collier,	J. B. Runneghan,
W. A. Gentry,	O. S. Causey.
J. R. Wilkinson,	W. W. Phillips,
Robt. Gleno,	S. Adams,
W. S. Swain,	Jno. A. Sloan.

During the year we have received and acknowledged as Royal and Select Masters, seven.

Whole number of Masters forty-two.

J. W. HOWLETT, *Thr. Ill. G. M*
R. M. SLOAN, *M. of D. pro tem.*

RETURN

Of the Officers and Members of Wilmington Council No. 4, R. and S. Masters located at Wilmington, N. C., established by the authority of a charter from the M. E. Grand Council of North Carolina, bearing date, June 7th, A. D., 1867, A. I., 2397, A. Dept. 1867, made at its annual convocation, to be held in Wilmington, N. C., June 20th, A. D. 2868, A. Dept. 1868.

OFFICERS.

Alfred Martin,..... T. Ill. G. M.
Thos. M. Gardner,.....D. Ill. G. M.
H. H. Munson,.....P. C. of Work.
H. Ryttenberg,.....Capt. of the Guard,
C. M. Vanorsdell,.....Treasurer,
I. D. Ryttenberg,.....Recorder,
T. B. Carr, ...C. of the Council,
M. M. Katz,.....Steward,
E. Turlington,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Thos. W. Brown, G. Treasurer, Julius W. Wright,

Alex. Boon,	J. Nutt,
Jacob Lyon,	W. J. Price,
Wm. E. Freeman,	A. Paul Repiton,
P. W. Fanning,	Jos. B. Russell.

Admitted, none ; exalted, none ; rejected, none ; withdrawn,

none; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; whole number, nineteen. Regular time of meeting, first Wednesday in each month.

I. D. RYTTENBERG, *Recorder.*

RETURN

Of the Officers and Members of Enoch Council No. 5, located at Raleigh, North Carolina., established by authority of a Charter from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina, bearing date 6th of June, A. D. 1867, A. Dept. 2867, made at its Annual Convocation, held in the city of Wilmington, N. C., June, 1868, A. Dept. 2868.

OFFICERS.

Comp. Jno. Nichols,.....T. I. G. M.
" J. B. Neathery,.....I. H. T.
" A. D. Royster,.....P. C. W.
" A. Kline,.....M. D.
" J. M. Rosenbaum,.....M. E.
" J. H. Separk,.....C. G.
" M. Grausman,.....C. C.
" J. M. Betts,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Jno. R. Harrison, P. T. I. G. M. J. A. Moore,
A. P. C. Bryan, W. J. Palmer,
A. Johnson, W. P. Wetherell,
D. W. Baine, W C Brown,
W. H. Dodd, S. H. Rountree,
Isaac Oettinger, W. W. Dunn,
H. Mahler, Rufus Bobbitt.

Degrees conferred, five; admitted, one; whole number, twenty-one.

A. KLINE, *M. D.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

WILMINGTON, N. C. DECEMBER 2D & 3D, 1869, A. DEP., 2869.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

St. John's Hall,
Wilmington, N., C., Dec. 2d, 1869, A. Dep., 2869.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in ample form.

PRESENT:

Comp. Thos. B. Carr.....M. P. G. M.
" Wm. Murdock.....T. I. D. G. M.
" Alfred Martin.....G. P. C. W. *pro tem.*
" Thos. W. Brown.....G. Treasurer.
" P. W. Fanning.....G. Recorder, "
" Wm. G. Hill.....G. C. C., "
" W. A. Smith.....G. C. G.
" Jno. Nichols.....G. S., "
" E. Turlington.....G. Tyler.

The M. P. G. M. appointed Comps. Alfred Martin, H. H. Munson and W. A. Smith a Committee on Credentials.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council was called off till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Council resumed labor.

PRESENT:

Comp. Thos. B. Carr .....M. P. G. M.

Comp. Wm. Murdock.....T. I. D. G. M.
" Alfred Martin..... G. P. C. W., *pro tem.*
" Thos. W. Brown.....G. Treas.
" H. H. Munson .....G. Recorder.
" P. W. Fanning.....G. C. C., "
" C. M. VanOrsdell.... ..... G. C. G., "
" M. M. Katz.....G. S., "
" E. Turlington.....G. Tyler.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

The Committee on Credentials have examined returns and proxies placed in their hands and find the following Councils duly represented, viz:

Alpha Council No. 1.....W. A. Smith, G. M., Rep.
Adoniram " " 2.. ....W. Murdock, D. G. M., Rep.
Wilmington " " 4.....Alfred Martin, G. M., Rep.
Enoch " " 5.....Jno. Nichols, G. M., Rep.

Respectfully submitted.

ALFRED MARTIN, *Chairman.*

On motion the report was adopted.

Comp. W. A. Smith had leave of absence for remainder of the session, and appointed Comp. VanOrsdell as his proxy.

Comp. Nichols had leave of absence for the remainder of the session, and appointed Comp. Murdock as his proxy.

The M. P. G. M. submitted the following:

ADDRESS.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:

By the kind care of our Almighty Father, we are once more permitted to assemble in Grand Convocation, to renew our congratulations and vows around our common Altar, and to consider what legislation may be necessary for the prosperity of this branch of our beloved Order. Our first care should be to return our "unfeigned and hearty thanks" to Him who has preserved *our* select numbers complete. While the grim tyrant, Death, has been reaping his harvest all around us, so far as I am informed, he has not, during the past year, invaded our ranks.

I have not been called upon during the time that I have been honored to serve you as your presiding officer, to perform any official act.

The hope expressed at our last Convocation, that there would be a sufficient amount of funds in the Treasury to defray the expenses of a delegate to a Convention of R. and S. Masters, which was appointed to be held at St. Louis in September, 1868, was not realized We learn from the report of those who were there at that time that no Convention was held. The time of the Companions was so fully occupied with the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Encampment, to-

gether with the enjoyment of the princely hopitality of the "Sir Knights of St. Louis," that the Convention of Royal and Select Masters was allowed to go by default.*

This is much to be regretted, as there are some questions of interest to our body which cannot well be settled except in General Convention. One of these questions has been under consideration by this Grand Council for two years, and we hope the Committee appointed to report the proper titles for officers of the Councils will be able to make a satisfactory report to this Convocation.

Another question which has excited considerable interest during the past few years, is that of the adoption of the Super-Excellent Masters Degree. This degree has been adopted (as we learn from a report of Ill. Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine,) by fifteen of the twenty-nine Grand Councils. Two only have rejected it. Finding that the degree was attracting considerable interest, we last year received it, while on a visit to New York, and have since conferred it upon one member of this body. Should it be deemed advisable, a Committee can be appointed to consider its merits and report thereon. The only advantage, in my estimation, to be derived from its adoption, would be, that members from this jurisdiction would not then be excluded by those Grand Councils which demand a knowledge of this degree as a prerequisite to admission to their Councils.

I have the honor to announce that I have received credentials from the Grand Council of New Brunswick, advising me of my appointment as representative of that Grand Council in the Grand Council of North Carolina. I would recommend the reciprocation of this favor by the appointment of a representative near that Grand Council, and nominate as a suitable person, Ill. Comp. D. R. Munro, of St. John, N. B.

I recommend that the Constitution of this Grand Council be republished, with your printed proceedings of this Convocation, inasmuch as some amendments have been made to it since its last publication, and also because but few copies of it can now be found.

In conclusion, Companions, permit me to return to you my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me, and rest assured that it is my ardent desire that our labors here in the secret vault may be prosecuted with fervency and zeal, so that, when completed, we may return to our homes with the proud satisfaction of having faithfully performed our duty to the Craft.

*Since the close of the Grand Council, I have been officially notified that the Grand Council of Alabama, at its last Assembly, December, 1869, adopted the following resolution, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Puissant of this Grand Council, or any proxy appointed by him, be and he is hereby appointed as a delegate to meet other delegates of the several Grand Councils of the United States and the British Provinces, in a General Convention in the city of New York, on the 1st Monday in September, 1870, or at such other place and time as may be agreed upon, to consult upon the interests of Cryptic Masonry, and especially as to Work, Titles and Degrees."

I have addressed the Grand Recorder of Alabama, informing him that I approve the call for a Convention, as well as the time and place.

THOS. B. CARR, *M. P. G. M.*

On motion of Comp. Fanning, the Address was received, spread upon the minutes and referred to a special Committee of three.

The M. P. G. M. appointed as that Committee Comps. Martin, Fanning and VanOrsdell.

The M. P. G. M. appointed the following Committees:

On Returns and Proceedings—Comps. Martin and Fanning.

On Unfinished Business—Comps. Murdock and Brown.

On Finance—Comps. Martin, Fanning and Brown.

The Grand Recorder submitted his Report, which on motion, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 3d, 1869.

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

In accordance with a resolution passed at your last Communication, I, on June 10th last, transmitted to Greensboro' Council No. 3, and Enoch Council No. 5, their last returns, with instructions to correct the same and forward to me. The former Council paid no attention, seemingly, to our request. The latter returned theirs in the original form, without comment.

By direction of the Most Puissant Grand Master, I, on Aug. 17th last, notified each Council of the amount of their dues, and requested a speedy adjustment. None have as yet replied.

I herewith submit my financial statement:

Grand Council of North Carolina,
In Account with H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Recorder.*

June 10, 1869,	Paid for Stationery	$ 1 40
" " " " "	Postage	1 84
" " " " "	Gr. Treas. as per Vouchers	26 76
June, 1869, Cr.		$30 00
Aug. 4, By dues from Enoch Council No. 5		$20 00
Aug. 1, " " " Davie " " 6		10 00
		$30 00

The following Councils are indebted to this Grand Council in sums hereto annexed:

Alpha Council No. 1	$ 40 00
Adoniram Council No. 2	20 00
Greensboro' Council No. 3	20 00
Enoch Council No. 5	10 00
Davie Council No. 6	10 00
	$100 00

Respectfully submitted,
H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Recorder.*

Comp. E. H. White was admitted and healed.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following Report, which, on motion of Comp. Fanning, was received and adopted:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of our last Grand Convocation, and find the only Unfinished Business to come up is the Report of the Committee on Officers' Titles and the Work of the Degrees.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. MURDOCK,
THOS. W. BROWN, } *Committee.*

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings submitted their Report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings beg leave to report that the only returns from Subordinate Councils that have come into their hands are those of Wilmington Council No. 4, Wilmington, N. C.; Enoch Council No. 5, Raleigh, N. C., which have been examined and found to be correct and in due form.

ALFRED MARTIN, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed on T. I. G. M. Address presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

The Committee appointed to consider the several subjects embraced in the Address of the Thrice Ill. G. Master, and recommended to the consideration of the Grand Council, have examined the same, and in regard to the Sup. Ex. Master's Degree, recommend that this matter be referred to a special Committee, to report at our next Annual Convocation. The Committee recommend that the Ill. Comp. D. R. Munro, of St. John's, N. B., be duly appointed and commissioned as representative of this Grand Council in the Grand Council of New Brunswick, in accordance with the recommendation of the Th. Ill. Gr. Master.

The Committee approve the recommendation of the Th. Ill. Gr. Master, in regard to printing the amended Constitution, provided there are sufficient funds in the Treasury to justify the additional expense necessary to print so large

a number as will be necessarily embraced in the proceedings if printed with those of the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted.

A. MARTIN,
P. W. FANNING. } *Committee.*

The Committee appointed on Titles and Work two years since, reported as follows:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

The Committee appointed two years since, to report to this Grand Body the correct Titles of Council Officers and the Work of the Council Degrees, beg leave to report that they find so much discrepancy in the Titles of the Officers in different jurisdictions that they are unable to determine whether any nomenclature in use is preferrable to that we now have, and therefore recommend that no change be made in this respect, in this Grand Council, until the Work is adopted.

The Committee are prepared to report the Work whenever the Grand Council desire to have it.

Respectfully submitted.

ALFRED MARTIN,
THOS. B. CARR. } *Committee.*

On motion of Comp. Martin, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Work be postponed until the next Annual Convocation, in order that when it is reported, it may be adopted by a sufficient number to insure permanency, and that the Committee be continued.

On motion of Comp. Martin:

WHEREAS, Wilmington Council No. 4, paid eighteen dollars for printing the proceedings of this Grand Council for 1867; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be authorized to receive the said bill for printing as so much on account of the dues of said Wilmington Council.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

TREASURER OF GRAND COUNCIL'S REPORT.

1868.			1868.		
July 25, Hart & Bailey's bill...	$ 1	50	June 5, Balance brought down.	$16	25
" " Blank Book.....		90	" " Cash.....	20	00
" " bill, Engelhard & Price.	36	00	Feb. 4, '69, Cash from Sec'y...	20	00
" " bill, T. B. Carr	2	00	" " " " " " ...	6	76
	40	40			
Cash to balance	22	61			
	$63	01		$63	01

Dec., 1869, By balance brought down due Grand Council.....$22 61

The Committee on Finance reported, which was, on motion, adopted:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

The Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Recorder and find them correct and in proper form.

We find by the Treasurer's account, that he has received, including balance in hand at last Convocation, $63 01, and that he has expended $40 40, leaving a balance now on hand of $22 61.

It will be seen by the Grand Recorder's Report that sundry Subordinate Councils are indebted to this Grand Council the sum of $100.

Respectfully submitted.

P. W. FANNING, }
ALFRED MARTIN, } *Committee.*

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Comp. Thos. Carr .....M. P. G. M.
" Wm. Murdock .....T. I. D. G. M.
" C. M. VanOrsdell.....G. P. C. W.
" Thos. W. Brown .....G. Treasurer.
" M. M. Katz.....G. Recorder.
" W. A. Smith.....G. C. G.
" E. H. White.....G. C. C.
" John Nichols.....G. Steward.
" E. Turlington.....G. Tyler.

On motion, it was resolved that the officers of this Grand Council be installed to-night at 7 o'clock.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand

Council was called from labor to refreshment till to-night at 7 o'clock.

H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Recorder.*

FRIDAY, 7 o'CLOCK, P. M.

Grand Council met and resumed labor.

Officers present as in the morning.

The hour appointed for installation having arrived, the officers elect, excepting Comps. Smith, White and Nichols, were installed by P. M. P. G. M. Alfred Martin.

On motion of Comp. Alfred Martin, it was

Resolved, That, until otherwise ordered, the fee of the Grand Recorder for attaching to diplomas, his seal of office, be one dollar.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That in consideration of the impoverished condition of Alpha Council No. 1, thirty dollars of their dues be remitted.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council of North Carolina closed in ample form.

H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Recorder.*

RETURN

Of Officers and Members of Wilmington Council No. 4, located at Wilmington, N. C., by authority of a Charter from the Grand Council of North Carolina, re-issued June 6, 1867, made at the Annual Convocation, held Dec 2d, 1869, A. D., 2869.

OFFICERS.

Comp. Alfred Martin	T. I. G. M.
" Thos. M. Gardner	D. I. G. M.
" H. H. Munson	P. C. W.
" H. Ryttenberg	C. G.
" C. M. VanOrsdell	Treasurer.
" I. D. Ryttenberg	Recorder.
" Thos. B. Carr	C. C.
" M. M. Katz	S.
" E. Turlington	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Thos. W. Brown,	Julius C. Wright,
P. W. Fanning,	Jacob Lyon,
Alex. Boon,	Alex. McRae, jr.,
W. J. Price,	W. E. Freeman,
A. Paul Repiton,	Jos. B. Russell,
J. Nutt,	W. G. Thomas.

Admitted, 1; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; whole numher, 21. Regular time of meeting, 1st Wednesday in each month.

THOS. B. CARR, *Recorder, pro tem.*

RETURN

Of the Officers and Members of Enoch Council No. 5, located at Raleigh, N. C., established by authority of a charter from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina, dated 6th of June, A. D. 1868, A. Dep., 2868, made at the Annual Convocation of said Grand Council, in the city of Wilmington, N. C., November, 1869, A. Dep. 2869.

OFFICERS.

Comp. John Nichols.....T. I. G. M.
" J. H. Separk .....Ill. H. of T.
" D. W. Bain.....P. C. W.
" M. Grausman .....M. D.
" Wm. H. Dodd.....M. E.
" M. Rosenbaum.....C. G.
" Isaac Oettinger..... ... .C. C.
" J. M. Betts.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

J. B. Neathery,	S. H. Rountree,
A. D. Royster,	W. W. Dunn,
H. Mahler,	Alex. S. Heide,
A Johnson,	J. A. Moore,
A. P. C. Bryan,	W. J. Palmer,
W. C. Brown,	Wm. B. Wetherell,
R. W. Rountree,	Rufus Bobbitt.

Exalted, 1; admitted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, 1; number of Officers, 8; number of Members, 14; whole number, 22. Regular time of meeting, 1st Monday night in each month.

M. GRAUSMAN, *M. D.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

Adopted June 7th, 1866.

ORGANIZATION.

ART. 1. This Grand Council shall consist of the following officers, viz: Most Puissant Grand Master, Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master, Ill. G. P. Cond. of the Works, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Cap. of the Guard, Grand C. of the Council, Grand Steward, and Grand Sentinel, together with the past Most P. Grand Masters, T. I. Deputy Grand Masters, Ill. G. P. Cond. of the Work, and the three principal officers for the time being, of the several Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council. All of whom shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Council: *Provided*, That when any past Grand Officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Council, his membership in this Grand Council shall cease.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

ART. 2. The regular convocations of this Grand Council shall be held in Wilmington, N. C., on the Thursday after the last Monday in November of each and every year. And in case of the absence of the M. P. Grand Master, the Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master or Ill. G. P. C., or either of them, shall preside, taking precedence according to rank. In the absence of all the above named officers, then the oldest Grand Officer of those grades present; and if there be none of the Past Grand Officers of the rank above named present, then the first officer of the oldest Subordinate Council present shall have power and authority to preside, and the representatives of three Subordinate Councils shall constitute a quorum. If, on the day of meeting, there be not a quorum present, the presiding officer may adjourn the Grand Council from day to day, until the close of the fourth day, when, if there be not a quorum present, the meeting shall be adjourned until the day for the next Annual Convocation, unless sooner or especially convened.

TIME OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ART. 3. The officers of this Grand Council shall be chosen at each regular Annual Convocation for the term of one year. But should the Annual Convocation not be held at the stated time, they shall hold their offices until others are chosen, and the Most Puissant G. Master,

or in his absence, the Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master for the time being, shall have power to call special meetings whenever they may deem it expedient, of which all the Subordinate Councils shall have due and timely notice.

VOTES.

Art. 4. All questions before this Grand Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES.

Art. 5. The Constitutional Officers of this Grand Council shall be elected by ballot, except the Grand Sentinel, who, together with the Grand Lecturer, shall be appointed by the Most Puissant G. Master. All of whom shall be installed before the closing of the Grand Communication. And in case of the death or removal from this jurisdiction of any of the officers of rank below the then superior Grand Officer, the vacancy may be filled by such superior officer.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Art. 6. None but Royal and Select Masters, holding membership in a Subordinate Council, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, shall act as representative. Nor shall any person represent more than two Subordinate Councils, at any Grand Communication.

VOTING.

Art. 7. The Constitutional Grand and Past Grand officers shall, each, have one vote, and each Subordinate Council, by its representative, or representatives, three votes in this Grand Council. When the three principal officers are present, representing their Councils, they shall each have one vote; if two only, the highest in rank shall have two votes, and the other one vote. If but one be present he shall cast the vote of the Council, and should any Subordinate Council fail to appoint a delegate in season, the Thrice Ill. Master, for the time being, if unable to attend, shall have power to appoint a proxy to represent his Council.

GRAND LECTURER.

Art. 8. The Grand Lecturer shall be furnished with a commission by the Most Puissant G. Master, under the seal of the Grand Council, attested by the Grand Recorder; and the Councils by which he may be employed shall make him such compensation as may be agreed upon by the parties. He shall make no alterations in the work and lectures adopted by this Grand Council.

TREASURER AND RECORDER.

Art. 9. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall have their Books ready for examination at the commencement of each Annual Communication, and a committee shall be appointed on the first day of the meeting for that purpose, who shall report before any election takes place.

DISPENSATIONS.

Art. 10. Petitions for warrants to open new Councils must be signed by nine Select Masters, living within the jurisdiction, and accompanied by a certificate from the Council within the State, nearest the contemplated location of the new Council, vouching for the masonic abilities and moral character of the petitioners, and recommending

that a charter be granted; and the Most Puissant Grand Master, or the Ill. Deputy Grand Master may, upon such petition, if approved, grant his Dispensation for the same, to remain in force until the first Grand Annual Communication, succeeding, when said Council shall petition for a charter, unless, for good and satisfactory reasons, this warrant shall be continued, and if no application is made at the succeeding Grand Annual Communication for a charter, said warrant shall then be revoked.

FEE FOR DISPENSATION.

ART. 11. The fees for a warrant for a new Council shall be Thirty Dollars, of which the Grand Recorder shall receive Five Dollars; and no warrant shall be granted until the fee is paid, which fee shall be in full, both for the warrant and charter, should one be issued.

DUES OF SUBORDINATES.

ART. 12. The several Councils under this Grand Council, shall pay for the support thereof into the hands of the Grand Recorder, annually, the sum of Ten Dollars: *Provided*, That Councils under dispensation shall pay nothing for the time that may elapse between the date of such Dispensation, and the next succeeding Grand Annual Communication. But in case of the extension of the warrant, they shall pay the fee as a Council under charter, for the time that the warrant may have been extended.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

ART. 13. No Council under this jurisdiction shall change its location without the concurrence of this Grand Council, and the recommendation of the Council nearest the place to which it is proposed to be removed.

RETURNS.

ART. 14. Every Council under this Grand jurisdiction shall make returns annually to the Grand Recorder, at each Grand Annual Convocation, of the names of their officers and members, together with all admissions, deaths, suspensions, expulsions and withdrawals. And if any Council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble during any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Council for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make returns as above and pay its dues, then and in that case, the said Council shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Council, its Charter, Records, Jewels and Furniture, together with its money, and all other property of every kind and description.

APPLICATIONS.

ART. 15. The application of every candidate for the degrees, in any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and recommended by a member of said Council, and the said application shall lay over for the consideration of the members at least one meeting, unless by a unanimous vote of the members present, it shall be determined to ballot on said petition at the time it is presented; and no Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees for a less sum than Five Dollars, which fee must, in all cases, accompany the petition.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 16. No Council under this jurisdiction shall admit to membership any person who is a member of, or in arrears to, another Council, nor without a demit from the Council of which he was last a member.

DEGREES AND JURISDICTION.

ART. 17. No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees or entertain the petition of any person who is a resident of another Grand or Subordinate jurisdiction, without the written permission and recommendation of the Council nearest his place of residence.

IRREGULAR COUNCILS.

ART. 18. No Council within this jurisdiction, acting without a warrant from this grand Council, shall be deemed lawful, and all communication with such Council, and with any person made therein, is hereby strictly forbidden, under a penalty of expulsion; or, in the case of a Council, the arrest of its Charter.

JURISDICTION.

ART. 19. This Grand Council shall have original jurisdiction over all matters of controversy, between its Subordinate Councils, and appellate jurisdiction in all matters of controversy arising therein.

TRIALS.

ART. 20. The trial of all masonic offences before any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be conducted according to the rules laid down in the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, under Article 24.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 21. No alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be made at any other than a regular Communication.

REPEAL.

ART. 22. All former Constitutions of this Grand Council are hereby repealed.

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ST. JOHN'S HALL, WILMINGTON, N. C.,
December 1st, 1870, A. Dep., 2870.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

Comp.	Thomas B. Carr,	M. P. G. M.
"	Wm. Murdoch,	T. I. D. G. M.
"	C. M. VanOrsdell,	G. P. C. W.
"	Thomas W. Brown,	G. T.
"	M. M. Katz,	G. R.
"	H. H. Munson,	G. C. C. *pro tem.*
"	Wm. Simpson,	G. C. G. "
"	John Nichols,	G. S.
"	E. Turlington,	G. Tyler.
"	Wm. W. Dunn, P. W. Fanning, Alfred Martin.	

The M. P. G. M. appointed Comp. John Nichols, A. Martin and M. M. Katz, a committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of R. and S. M. of N. C.:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find the following Councils duly represented:

Wilmington Council, No. 4.—Represented by Comp. T. B. Carr.

Adoniram Council, No. 2.—Represented by Comp. Wm. Murdoch.

Enoch Council, No. 5.—Represented by Comp. John Nichols, T. I., Comp. W. W. Dunn, Proxy for I. D., Comp. W. Simpson, Proxy for P. C. W.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,
A. MARTIN,
M. M. KATZ,
} *Com.*

On motion, the report was adopted.

The M. P. G. M. appointed the following Committees:

On Unfinished Business—Comp. Wm. Murdoch, C. M. VanOrsdell.

On Finance—Comp. A. Martin, Wm. Simpson, T. W. Brown.

On Returns and Proceedings—Comp. John Nichols, C. M. VanOrsdell.

No other business appearing, the G. C. called from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock this evening.

M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

THURSDAY EVENING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Council met and resumed labor.

PRESENT.

Officers as this afternoon.

Comp. J. Lyon, T. M. Gardner, W. W. Dunn.

The M. P. G. M. submitted the following address:

To the M. P. G. Council of R. and S. M. of N. C.

It is my pleasure again to greet you in Annual Assembly with the exchange of fraternal salutations. We meet around this altar to renew our vows of fidelity to each other and to the institution we so much love, and to consult together concerning the welfare and prosperity of our order. And first it becomes us to return our unfeigned thanks to the Giver of all Good who has preserved our select numbers complete through another year.

During the past year I have been unable to visit any of our subordinate Councils except the one in Wilmington. So far as I have been able to learn, but little work has been accomplished in any of our Councils. I have been called upon to perform but one official act during the entire year. Our Raleigh Companions having failed to elect officers at the appointed time, applied to me for a dispensation empowering them to elect at a subsequent meeting, which was granted.

I think that the principal cause of the lethargy manifest in most Councils is justly attributable to the fact that our Companions have suffered themselves to become weary in well doing, and find it difficult to grope their way through the intricate recesses of our cryptic arches.

If they could content themselves to remain at our Annual Assembly, long enough to see the work exemplified, I think they would be enabled to prosecute their labors with far greater zeal and interest.

The Committee appointed two years since to report the Council work are prepared to submit the fruit of their industry and skill and I hope that time will be allowed them to exemplify it.

Companions—the hour is at hand when it becomes me to surrender to your keeping the authority, which you have seen proper to confer upon me. I return you my thanks for the honor bestowed with the hope that you will be able to place the emblem of power in the hands of some Companion, who will be able to inspire the institution with more vitality so that if we are spared to meet here another year we may be cheered with the announcement that peace and prosperity prevail throughout our jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. CARR, M. P. G. M.

On motion of Comp. Nichols, the address was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

On motion of Comp. Simpson, the following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

Resolved, That Article 2 of this Grand Council be so amended as to read "*on the Wednesday after the first Monday in June*" instead of "*Thursday after the last Monday in November.*"

The Committee on unfinished business reported:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of last year, and the only unfinished business is the Report of the Committee on Work.

Fraternally submitted,
WM. MURDOCH.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings reported:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings beg leave to report that the only returns from subordinate Councils that have come into their hands are those of Wilmington Council No. 4, Adoniram Council No. 2, Enoch Council No. 5, and Davie Council No. 6, which have been examined and found correct.

JOHN NICHOLS,
C. M. VANORSDELL, } *Com.*

The Grand Recorder submitted his Report to the Finance Committee, as follows:

WILMINGTON, N. C., }
Dec. 1, A. D. 1870. }

The Most P. G. Council of North Carolina, in Account with M. M. Katz, G. R.:

Dr.

June 1st.—Paid for Stationery,	-	$ 75	
" Postage,	- -	1 60	
Dec. 1st.—Paid G. T. as per Voucher,		47 65	
do. do.,		24 61	
			$ 74 61

Cr.

By Cash, (last year,)	-			$ 24 61	
Nov. 29.—	"	Adoniram,	C. No. 2,	30 00	
Dec. 1.—	"	Davie	" 6,	10 00	
Dec. 1.—	"	Wilmington	" 4,	10 00	
					$ 74 61

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

COMPANIONS:—The Finance Committee have examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find that the Grand Secretary has received from subordinate Councils the sum of $74 61. That he has paid out on proper vouchers the sum of $2 35 and to the Grand Treasurer the sum of $72 26.

We find that there is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of $47 65, he having paid out on proper vouchers the sum of $24 61. We also find that there is due from Alpha Council No. 1, - - - $20 00
Greensboro' Council No. 3, - - 30 00
Enoch Council No. 5, - - - 20 00
Davie Council No. 6, - - - 10 00

Making the sum of arrearages, - - - $80 00

ALFRED MARTIN, }
THOS. W. BROWN, } *Com.*

The Report of the Committee on Work was received, and, on motion of Comp. Nichols, consideration of the same was postponed until the next regular Communication of the Council.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Comp.	Thomas B. Carr, of Wilmington,	M. P. G. M.
"	Wm. Murdoch, of Salisbury,	T. I. D. G. M.
"	C. M. VanOrsdell, of Wilmington,	G. P. C. W.
"	T. W. Brown, of Wilmington,	G. Treas.
"	M. M. Katz, of Wilmington	G. R.
"	W. A. Smith, Ansonville,	G. C. G.
"	John Nichols, Raleigh,	G. C. C.
"	William Simpson, Raleigh,	G. S.
"	E. Turlington, Wilmington,	G. Sentinel.

The Officers elect were duly installed.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council of North Carolina closed in ample form.

M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

DECEMBER, A. D., 1870.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2—Salisbury.

OFFICERS.

Luke Blackmer,	T. I. G. M
William Murdoch,	D. I. G. M.
Josephus W. Hall,	P. C. W.
Dolphin A. Davis,	C. G.
John M. Coffin,	Treas.
Obadiah Woodson,	Rec.
Samuel E. Linton,	C. C.
R. P. Bessent,	St.
P. A. Frercks,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

John W. Bitting,
Delevan Bates,
Frederick Benjamin,
Daniel Coleman,
Clinton A. Cilley,
Carnes A. Henderson,
David W. Honeycutt,
Christopher S. Moring,
Andrew Murphy,
Hugh Murdoch,
Edward B. Neave,
Charles L. Partee,
George H. Suydam,
F. C. Schaffer,
William L. Vanderwater.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, 4; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number of Council Masons now living in jurisdiction, 24. Regular time of meeting, 2d Wednesday night in each month, and Friday night of each Court.

OBADIAH WOODSON, *Recorder.*

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4—Wilmington.

OFFICERS.

T. B. Carr,	T. I. G. M.
S. D. Wallace,	D. I. G. M.
W. G. Thomas,	P. C. W.
T. M. Gardner,	C. G.
C. M. Van Orsdell,	Treas.
J. B. Russell,	Rec.
A. Martin,	C. C.
M. M. Katz,	St.
E. Turlington,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

T. W. Brown,
P. W. Fanning,
A. Boon,
W. J. Price,
A. P. Repiton,
H. H. Munson,
J. Nutt,
H. Ryttenberg,
J. W. Wright,
J. D. Ryttenberg,
J. Lyon,
A. McRae, Jr.,
W. E. Freeman.

SUMMARY.

Whole number, 22.—Admitted, none; exalted, none; died, none; suspended, none.

J. B. RUSSELL, *Recorder.*

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5—RALEIGH.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols,	T. I. G. M.
J. H. Separks,	D. I. G. M.
D. W. Bain,	P. C. W.
J. M. Rosenbaum,	C. G.
W. H. Dodd,	Treas.
A. S. Heide,	Recorder.
A. D. Royster,	C. C.
A. P. C. Bryan,	St.
J. M. Betts,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

John R. Harrison,	Nat L. Brown,
M. Grausman,	Jno. B. White,
H. Mahler,	W. C. Stronach,
J. B. Neathery,	J. C. L. Harris,
Albert Johnson,	John C. Blake,
Isaac Oettinger,	W. C. Brown,
W. P. Wetherell,	R. W. Rountree,
W. J. Palmer,	S. H. Rountree,
Wm. Simpson,	W. W. Dunn,
Jack R. Williams,	Rufus Bobbitt,
D. R. Coleman,	

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, none; exalted, 8; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, 1; expelled, none; suspended, none;

whole number of Council Masons now living in jurisdiction, 33. Regular time of meeting, 1st Monday evening in each month.

A. S. HEIDE, *Recorder.*

DAVIE COUNCIL, No. 6—Mocksville.

OFFICERS.

F. M. Johnson,	T. I. G. M.
J. M. Johnson,	D. I. G. M.
J. A. Kelly,	P. C. W.
T. T. Maxwell.	Recorder.
D. C. Clement,	Treas.
A. Henley,	C. G.
J. N. Charles,	C. C.
Charles Sain,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

B. Bailey,
J. M. Clement,
A. A. Harbin, P. T. I. G. M.,
S. A. Kelly,
G. W. Johnson,
Rev. J. E. Mann,
W. O. Smith,
H. X. Dwire,
J. W. Wiseman.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted none; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, 1; expelled, none; suspended, resident Council Masons not members, 1; whole number of R. and S. M. now living in jurisdiction, 18.

J. E. MANN, *Recorder.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

WILMINGTON, N. C.,

June 7th, A. L., 5871, *A. I.*, 2401, *A. D.*, 1871.

RALEIGH:
NICHOLS & GORMAN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
1870.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF MISSOURI.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ST. JOHN'S HALL, WILMINGTON, N. C.,
June 7th, 1871, *A. Dep.*, 2871.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in ample form.

PRESENT:

Comp. Thomas B. Carr, of Wilmington, M. P. G. M.
" Wm. Murdoch, of Salisbury, T. I. D. G. M.
" C. M. Van Orsdell, of Wilmington, G. P. C. W.
" H. H. Munson, of Wilmington, G. T., *pro tem.*
" M. M. Katz, of Wilmington, G. R.
" R. H. Bradley, of Raleigh, G. C. C.
" John Nichols, of Raleigh, G. C. G.
" William Simpson, of Raleigh, G. S.
" E. Turlington, of Wilmington, G. Tiler.

Companions A. S. Lee, D. W. Bain, of Raleigh; Alfred Martin, P. M. P. G. M., P. W. Fanning, P. M. P. G. M.

The Most Puissant appointed Comps. John Nichols and H. H. Munson, a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find Councils represented as follows:

ADONIRAM, No. 2.—W. Murdoch, Rep.

WILMINGTON, No. 4.—T. B. Carr, Rep.

ENOCH, No. 5.—John Nichols, Th. Ill. G. M., Wm. Simpson, Proxy for Dep. Ill. G. M., D. W. Bain, P. C. W.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS, } *Com.*
H. H. MUNSON, }

On motion, the report was adopted.

The M. P. G. M. appointed the following Committees:

On Unfinished Business—Comp. Wm. Murdoch, C. M. Van Orsdell.

On Finance—Comps. H. H. Munson, William Simpson, Robert H. Bradley.

On Returns and Proceedings—Comps. John Nichols, A. S. Lee.

The M. P. G. M. submitted the following address:

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS: Permit me to congratulate you, as assembled again around our Mystic Altar, with ranks unbroken, our hearts ascend in gratitude to our Supreme Grand Master who has so mercifully preserved us since last we met in this place.

While I am unable to report to you that any great progress has been made in the construction of our Arches during the past six months, yet I have reason to believe that those previously reared, have been strengthened and supported by the addition of good material, well cemented together.

My official duties since my last report to you have not been very burdensome, simply extending to the issuing of dispensations to some of our Companions, who were unable to meet at their stated terms for the transaction of their business.

In February last I received a Commission from the Grand Council of Tennessee appointing me their Representative at this Grand Council and conferring upon me the Rank of Past Deputy Grand Master in the Grand Council of Tennessee.

In March last I received a similar appointment from the Grand Council of Missouri.

I recommend the reciprocation of these honors by this Grand Council and nominate as suitable Companions to represent us in their re-

spective Grand Councils, Companion Joseph Megowan Towler, of Tennessee, and Comp. George Frank Goulev, of Missouri.

I have received and perused with much pleasure the proceedings of most of our Sister Grand Councils. With scarcely an exception they all look with favor upon the proposition to hold a Convention of Grand Councils for the purpose of agreeing upon a common nomenclature and system of work. I had made arrangements to be present at the Convention appointed to assemble in New York last fall, but finding that owing to insufficient notice or other causes, the attendance there at that time would be too small to accomplish any good, I concluded not to go. The Grand Council of Maine at its Annual Convocation on 3d of May last authorized Comp. Drummond (who has labored very assiduously for years in the endeavor to procure harmony of work and titles among the several Grand Councils) to call a Convention, which he has done as follows:

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 10, 1871.

M. P. Companion:

At the session of the Grand Council of Maine, held on the third instant, after a conference with Companions from Massachusetts, I was directed to call a convention of Representatives from the several Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters to meet in New York in June, 1872, for the purpose of securing uniformity in the ritual, &c., of the Cryptic Rite.

Accordingly, I have fixed upon the second Wednesday in June of that year, and your Grand Council is hereby invited to be represented on that occasion: or if your Grand Council declines or neglects to act in the premises, we shall be happy to meet there any of the Companions in your State.

Massachusetts and Maine will be there prepared to exemplify their ritual, even if they have only themselves to witness it.

Due notice of the place of meeting will be given.

Yours fraternally,

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND.

I recommend that this Grand Council make suitable provision for representation at that Convention.

One of the principal items of discussion in the Reports on Foreign Correspondence of the various Grand Councils is the Super Excellent Master's degree. I think it probable that this degree, as conferred in Rhode Island for the last fifty years, possesses more of importance and interest to the Craft than attaches to it, as it has been received by a few in this jurisdiction. Unless such shall appear to be the fact when the subject comes before the attention of a Convention of Grand Councils, I should oppose its adoption by us, except it might be for the purpose of conforming to the wishes of other Grand Councils.

The most important business to come before us at this time is the Report of the Committee on Work.

Therefore, let me urge upon you, Companions, to devote sufficient time and attention to this subject in order that you may return to your homes with the proud satisfaction of having faithfully performed your duty to the Craft.

I have thus concluded an account of my stewardship as your Grand Master, and I trust that you will, at this communication, place the Gavel in the hands of some Companion, better qualified than myself to direct your labors, and who will draw such designs upon your triple board as shall result in laying the foundations of a Temple, as eternal as the blue arch of heaven.

THOMAS B. CARR, M. P. G. M.

On motion of Comp. Nichols, the address was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and the suggestions therein contained adopted.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings beg leave to report that the only returns, which have been submitted to them are those from Adoniram Council, No. 2; Wilmington Council, No. 4, and Enoch Council, No. 5, which have been examined and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS, } *Com.*
A. S. LEE, }

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of last year, and the only unfinished business is the report of the Committee on Work.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM MURDOCH, } *Com.*
C. M. VAN ORSDELL, }

The Committee on Work presented their Report and Exemplified the same.

On motion of Comp. Nichols, the further consideration of it was postponed until after the Grand Convocation of all the Grand Councils of the different States, to meet in New York in 1872, and that Comp. Carr be requested to attend the same, and represent this Grand Body.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon, four o'clock.

M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FOUR O'CLOCK.

The Council met and resumed labor.

PRESENT:

Officers as this morning.

Comps. A. S. Lee, D. W. Bain, P. W. Fanning, P. M. P. G. M., Alfred Martin, P. M. P. G. M.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report:

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 7th, 1871, A. Dep., 2871.

The M. P. Grand Council of North Carolina, in account with M. M. Katz, G. R.:

DR.

For Postage and Stationery, - - - - - -	$ 1 50	
June 7—Paid Grand Treasurer, as per Voucher, -	48 50	
		$50 00

CR.

June 7—By Dues, Adoniram, No. 2, - - -	$10 00	
" " Wilmington, No. 4, - - -	10 00	
" " Enoch, No. 5, - - - - -	30 00	
		$50 00

Respectfully submitted,
MORRIS M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

It was, on motion, referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

To the M. P. Grand Council of North Carolina:

COMPANIONS: The Finance Committee, whose duty it is to examine the Books and Accounts of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer, have performed that duty and beg leave to submit the following report:

We find that the Grand Recorder has received from all sources fifty dollars, and that he has expended for postage and stationery, one dollar and fifty cents, leaving a balance on hand of forty-eight dollars and fifty cents, which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, for which he holds his receipt.

We find on examining the Books of the Grand Treasurer that he has a balance on hand from last year of thirty-eight dollars and forty-one cents, that he has received from the Grand Recorder forty-eight dollars and fifty cents, making eighty-six dollars and ninety-one cents, and that he has paid out, as per vouchers, twenty dollars, leaving a balance on hand of sixty-six dollars and ninety-one cents.

We find that there is still due from Alpha Council, No. 1, $30 00
Greensboro' do, No. 3, 40 00
Davie do, No. 6, 20 00

$90 00

H. H. MUNSON,
WM. SIMPSON,
R. H. BRADLEY, } *Finance Com.*

Which was adopted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

Comp. Nichols offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to furnish a copy of Article 14 of the Constitution of the Grand Council, to all Councils in arrears for two years, and inform them that unless their returns are made, and dues paid within the next three months that said article will be enforced, unless good cause is shown for a non-compliance with the same.

Which was adopted.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Comp.	Thomas B. Carr, of Wilmington,	M. P. G. M.
"	Wm. Murdoch, of Salisbury,	T. I. D. G. M.
"	D. W. Bain, of Raleigh,	G. P. C. W.
"	H. H. Munson, of Wilmington,	G. T.
"	M. M. Katz, of Wilmington,	G. R.
"	C. M. Van Orsdell, of Wilmington,	G. C. G.
"	William Simpson, of Raleigh,	G. C. C.
"	Alfred Martin, of Wilmington,	G. S.
"	E. Turlington, of Wilmington,	G. Tiler.

The officers elect were duly installed.

Comp. Bain moved that the M. P. G. M. be requested to review the proceedings of our sister Grand Councils in his next annual address.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina closed in ample form.

MORRIS M. KATZ,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D., 1871.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2—Salisbury.

OFFICERS.

Luke Blackmer,	T. I. G. M.
William Murdoch,	D. I. G. M.
Josephus W. Hall,	P. C. W.
Dolphin A. Davis,	C. G.
John M. Coffin,	Treasurer.
Obadiah Woodson,	Recorder.
Samuel E. Linton,	C. C.
R. P. Bessent,	S.
P. A. Frercks,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

John W. Bitting,	Andrew Murphy,
Delevan Bates,	Hugh Murdoch,
Frederick Benjamin,	Edward B. Neave,
Daniel Coleman,	Charles L. Partee,
Clinton A. Cilley,	George H. Snydam,
Carnes A. Henderson,	F. C. Schaffer,
David W. Honeycutt,	William L. Vanderwater.
Christopher S. Moring,	John S. Haigler.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, 1; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident of R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number of R. and S. M., now living in jurisdiction, twenty-five. Regular time of meeting, second Wednesday night in each month, and Friday night of each Court.

OBADIAH WOODSON, *Recorder.*

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4—WILMINGTON.

OFFICERS.

Thomas B. Carr,	T. I. G. M.
W. G. Thomas,	D. I. G. M.
T. M. Gardner,	P. C. W.
H. H. Munson,	C. G.
C. M. Van Orsdell,	Treasurer.
S. D. Wallace,	Recorder.
Alfred Martin,	C. C.
M. M. Katz,	S.
E. Turlington,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Thomas W. Brown,
P. W. Fanning,
Alexander Boon,
W. J. Price,
A. P. Repiton,
J. Nutt,
W. Rittenberg,
Julius W. Wright,
J. D. Ryttenberg,
Jacob Lyons,
A. McRae, Jr.,
Jos. B. Russell,
Donald McRae.

S. D. WALLACE, *Recorder.*

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5—Raleigh.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols,	T. I. G. M.
J. H. Separks,	D. I. G. M.
Donald W. Bain,	P. C. W.
J. M. Rosenbaum,	C. G.
William H. Dodd,	Treasurer.
John C. Blake,	Recorder.
A. D. Royster,	C. C.
A. P. C. Bryan,	S.
James M. Betts,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

N. L. Brown,	Isaac Oettinger,
Robert W. Best,	Willie J. Palmer,
Daniel R. Coleman,	William Simpson,
J. C. L. Harris,	W. C. Stronach,
A. S. Heide,	W. P. Wetherell,
M. Grausman,	Jack R. Williams,
J. R. Harrison,	J. B. White,
Albert Johnson,	John Whitelaw,
C. W. Brown,	R. W. Rountree,
W. W. Dunn,	S. H. Rountree,
A. S. Lee,	R. H. Bradley.
John B. Neathery,	Henry Mahler,

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, 4; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number of R. and S. M., now living in jurisdiction, 33. Regular time of meeting, first Monday evening in each month.

JOHN C. BLAKE, *Recorder.*

DAVIE COUNCIL, No. 6—Mocksville.

OFFICERS.

F. M. Johnson,	T. I. G. M.
J. M. Johnson,	D. I. G. M.
J. A. Kelly,	P. C. W.
T. T. Maxwell,	C. G.
D. C. Clement,	Treasurer.
W. O. Smith,	Recorder.
A. Henly,	C. C.
Charles Sain,	S.
H. X. Dwire,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

J. M. Clement,
J. E. Mann,
S. A. Kelly,
B. Bailey,
B. Ijams,
Beal I. Smith,
George W. Johnson,
J. W. Wiseman,
J. N. Charles.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, 1; expelled, none; suspended, none; whole number of R. and S. M., now living in jurisdiction, —. Regular time of meeting—No meeting during the last 12 months.

W. O. SMITH, *Recorder.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

WILMINGTON, N. C.,

June 7th, A. L., 5872, A. I.. 2402, A. D., 1872.

RALEIGH:
NICHOLS & GORMAN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
1872.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

St. John's Hall, Wilmington, N. C.,
June 7th, 1872, *A. Dep.*, 2872.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in ample form.

PRESENT:

Comp.	Thomas B. Carr, -	- M. P. G. M.
"	S. S. Everett, -	- *as* T. I. D. G. M.
"	G. W. Jewett, -	- *as* G. P. C. W.
"	H. H. Munson, -	- G. T.
"	M. M. Katz, -	- - G. R.
"	C. M. Van Orsdell, -	- G. C. C.
"	P. W. Fanning, P. M. P. G. M.,	*as* G. C. G.
"	A. Martin, P. M. P. G. M.,	- G. S.
"	E. Turlington, -	- - G. Tiler.

Companions B. G. Bates, Jacob Lyon, S. Solomon.

The Most Puissant appointed Comps. A. Martin and G. W. Jewett, a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee reported as follows:

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Credentials find that the following Councils are duly represented, to-wit:

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5, Raleigh.—Comps. C. M. Van Orsdell, proxy for John Nichols, T. I. G. M.; G. W. Jewett, proxy for D. W. Bain, P. C. W.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4, Wilmington.—Comps. Thos. B. Carr, T. I. G. M., and Alfred Martin, P. C. W.

GREENSBORO' COUNCIL, No. 3, Greensboro'.—Comps. C. M. Van Orsdell, proxy for J. Hildesheimer, T. I. G. M., and Peter Adams, I. D. G. M.; S. S. Everett, proxy for R. M. Sloan, Jr., P. C. W.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MARTIN, } *Com.*
G. W. JEWETT, }

On motion, the report was adopted.

The M. P. G. M. appointed the following Committees:

On Unfinished Business.—Comps. C. M. Van Orsdell and S. S. Everett.
On Finance.—Comp. P. W. Fanning and S. S. Everett.
On Returns and Proceedings.—Comps. A. Martin and H. H. Munson.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings submitted the following reports, which was adopted.

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings beg leave to report that the only returns, which have been submitted to them are those from:

Adoniram Council, No. 2, and Wilmington Council, No. 4, which have been examined and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. MUNSON, } *Com.*
A. MARTIN, }

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report, which was adopted.

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of last year, and the only unfinished business, is the following resolution offered by Comp. Nichols:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to furnish a copy of Article 14 of the Constitution of the Grand Council, to all Councils in arrears for two years, and inform them that unless their returns are made, and dues paid within the next three months that said article will be enforced, unless good cause is shown for a non-compliance with the same.

Fraternally submitted,
C. M. VAN ORSDELL, } *Com.*
S. S. EVERETT, }

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

WILMINGTON, N. C., *June 8th*, 1872.

The M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

IN ACCOUNT WITH H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Treasurer.*

CR.

June 7, 1871.	By cash from former Treasurer,	$66 91	
June 7, 1872.	By cash from Grand Recorder,	18 50	
			$85 41

DR.

June 10, 1871.	Paid for Blank Book, - -	$ 2 25	
June 5, 3872.	Paid Nichols & Gorman, per order M. P. G. M., - - - -	22 50	
			24 75
			$60 66

Respectfully submitted,
H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Treas.*

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

WILMINGTON, N. C., *June 7th*, 1872.

The M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

IN ACCOUNT WITH M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

DR.

For Postage and Stationery, - - - -		$ 1 50	
June 7.	Paid Grand Treasurer, as per voucher,	18 50	
			$20 00

CR.

June 7.	By Dues, Adoniram, No. 2, - - -	$10 00	
"	" Wilmington, No. 4, - -	10 00	
			$20 00

The following Councils owe as follows:

Alpha, No. 1, $40; Greensboro', No. 3, $50; Enoch, No. 5, $10, and Davie, No. 6, $30.

According to a Resolution passed at our last Convention, I have sent a copy of Article 14 of By-Laws to Greensboro' Council, No. 3, and Alpha Council, No. 1, and have not received any answers.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

The Finance Committee made the following report, which was adopted.

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C:

The Committee on Finance have examined the books of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, as for their several accounts submitted to this Grand Council, and find them correct:

The report of the Grand Recorder also makes the following exhibit:

By cash received of Adoniram Council, No. 2,	$10 00	
" " " Wilmington Council, No. 4,	10 00	
		$20 00
To cash paid Postage and Stationery, - - -	$ 1 50	
" " over to Grand Treasurer, - -	18 50	
		$20 00

The following Councils are represented in arrears, as follows:

Alpha, No. 1, - - - - -	$40 00
Greensboro', No. 3, - - - -	50 00
Enoch, No. 5, - - - - -	10 00
Davie, No. 6, - - - . -	30 00
Amounting to - - - - - -	$130 00

The Grand Treasurer makes the following exhibit:

By cash received from the ex-Grand Treasurer, -	$66 91	
" " " Grand Recorder, - -	18 50	
		$85 41
To amount disbursed for Blank Book, $2.25, Nichols & Gorman, $22.50, - - - - - -		$24 50
Leaving a balance on hand of - - - -		$60 66

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING, } *Com.*
S. S. EVERETT, }

Comp. Munson introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to correspond with all Subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction who are two years, in arrears, and inform them that if they do not send their dues and returns by the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Body, Article 14 of the By-Laws, will be strictly enforced against them.

The M. P. G. M. submitted and read his Address and Review on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Comp. Munson, the Address of the M. P. G. M. was referred to a Committee of two.

The M. P. appointed Comps. Munson and Fanning, the Committee, who reported as follows :

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee appointed upon the M. P. G. M.'s address, beg leave to report that they find two recommendations therein, requiring your action; first, advocating a representation of this Grand Council, at a Convention of Grand Councils, to be held in the City of New York, on the second Wednesday of the present month; second, that a committee be appointed to report a complete record of the History of the Grand Council of North Carolina.

Your Committee are of the opinion, that in the present state of our finances, it would be impracticable to adopt the first recommendation of the M. P. G. M., but would recommend that a Committee of three be appointed under his second recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. MUNSON,
P. W. FANNING, } *Com.*

On motion of Comp. Jewett, Comp. Carr was requested to attend the meeting of the different Grand Councils in New York this month and represent this Grand Body, which was adopted.

On motion of Comp. Munson, the Address and Review of the M. P. G. M. was ordered to be spread on the minutes.

Illustrious Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

By the merciful Providence of our Supreme Grand Master, I am again permitted to welcome you to our Annual Convocation. If I cannot assure you that *great* prosperity has attended our labors during the

past year, yet I am confident many efficient co-workers have been added to our select numbers and no unwelcome intruder has invaded the secret vault or interrupted the work so happily begun.

A few days since I received a communication from Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, of Portland, Maine, informing me that the Convention of Representatives of Grand Councils to which I was appointed Representative last year, would assemble at Council Hall, No. 8 Union Square, New York, at ten, A. M., on the second Wednesday of June. I trust that you will, at this time, make the necessary arrangements to be represented at that meeting by my successor in office. I think it very desirable that such a Convention should be held in order that a uniform ritual and nomenclature may be agreed upon

In accordance with request, made last year, I will now proceed to review as briefly as can properly be done the proceedings of other Grand Councils.

ALABAMA.

This Grand Council met in Montgomery, December 6, 1871. From the address of Grand Master, we learn that the Grand Council of New Brunswick has assumed jurisdiction over the degree of Red Cross Knight and that the Grand Master of Templars of the United States recognizes this action as legitimate.

The Committee on Work made a report, which was concurred in.

A representation to the Convention of Grand Councils was appointed.

Comp. Dan'l Sayre presented an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence. He argues very conclusively against cheap Masonry and against the practice of conferring degrees by the Grand Council.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Council met November 2, 1871, at Little Rock, George A. Donnelly, Grand Master. There was no address and no report on Foreign Correspondence. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred on seven candidates elected by the Grand Council.

CONNECTICUT.

The last assembly of this Grand Council of which we have intelligence was held in May, 1871. The Grand Master, C. W. Stearns, urges the impropriety of granting dispensation to confer degrees in less than the usual times prescribed by the by-laws. He considers Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction to be in a prosperous condition.

No report on Correspondence, in consequence of the death of the

Committee, Comp. Wm. Storer, whose loss is greatly deplored wherever his able reports on Correspondence have been received during the past twenty-five years.

GEORGIA.

Annual Convocation, April 26, 1871.

The Grand Master was appointed Representative to the Convention next month. The representative system was adopted. We quote from the address of the Grand Master, as follows:

The necessity for uniformity in Cryptic Masonry is patent to every member of the Order. Since the relinquishment of all jurisdiction in territories possessing Grand Bodies by the Supreme Grand Council of the A. & A. Scottish Rite at their meeting in Baltimore last May, the work of the degrees should conform exactly to that as practiced in that Rite. Again, it is important to know whether Cryptic Masonry claims two or three degrees, without going into the discussion of the relevancy of the Super-Excellent degree, an authoritative declaration from a Convention of all the Grand Councils might put this much vexed question at rest. The nomenclature of titles, although not rising to the dignity of work in the degrees, yet if we could have uniformity, would lessen greatly the confusion now existing.

ILLINOIS.

We have the Proceedings of the 18th and 19th Assemblys, October, 1870 and 1871. There are fifty-three subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction and Cryptic Masonry is in a most flourishing condition. This Council works the Super-Excellent Master's degree as third in the series. No report on Correspondence.

INDIANA.

Sixteenth Annual Assembly, October, 1871.

The Grand Master, Comp. W. W. Austin, in his address reviews the Proceedings of sister Grand Councils. We quote the following as a sample: "The spirit of Masonry cannot be imbibed in one evening's *work*, and the Master must not expect to turn out a good square Mason like the turner does a top, by a few motions of the chisel. If we expect to be the instrument in making others love a work, we must first become filled with the love of it ourselves—if we want to make Masons, we must feel that we are such an one ourselves, and this we can *only* do by a thorough study of its history, its principles and its aims. We have too many *virtual* Masters, too few *actual*."

IOWA.

We have heard nothing from this jurisdiction since their Annual Convention, October 17, 1871.

The address by the Grand Master, Benj. Crabb, shows that he accomplished a good deal of official work during the year. He ventures the assertion (and who will dispute it ?) "that if the officers connected with the different subordinate Councils will faithfully do their duty, and learn the work, they will appreciate it. The ceremonies of the degrees in Council Masonry are equal in beauty and impressiveness to any in our Order." This we think correct as far as it goes, but we will *venture* to add that the Lectures of the Royal and Select Master's degrees exceed in beauty and Masonic lore any that we have ever heard in any Masonic institution.

KANSAS.

We have in one small pamphlet the proceedings of this Grand Council from 1868 to 1871 inclusive. The meagreness of their published proceedings may be accounted for by the following from the address of Comp. John L. Philbrick in 1871:

At our last Annual Convocation nothing was done but to meet, elect officers, and close. The whole entire session did not last one hour. If such a practice is continued for a few years the usefulness of the Grand Council will be destroyed,—the shadow may be maintained but the substance will be wanting, and the interests of the Craft in Cryptic Masonry must go unprovided for within this jurisdiction.

And again:

I am fully satisfied that the work in our Councils would be greatly improved and benefited if many of the little twigs which have been cast away from this branch of the old tree of Masonry, or have been torn off from the parent branch by the storms of time, or have fallen from it for the want of sufficient nourishment to sustain life, could be gathered together again and restored to the limb where they formerly grew, and the green shoots and thrifty suckers, now so numerous, were cut off and cast away.

Some of these young shoots are truly beautiful, but who will say that the old twigs were not equally so ? besides, they had age to recommend them, which to the Craft generally has ever been, and always should be, deemed an essential quality.

There is no report on Correspondence. We can see in their proceedings a glimering of a brighter day in the future for our Council Companions of Kansas.

KENTUCKY.

The last Proceedings received, are dated October, 19, 1870.

The Grand Puissant, in his address, says:

Several of our Subordinates I am informed have ceased to hold their meetings, and, to which I beg leave to call your attention, the Grand Recorder will designate them; the others are in a healthy and prosperous condition and nothing has occurred during the past year to disturb our harmony.

He quotes from Comp. A. G. Mackey as follows:

"It is certain that there is nothing in the degree (Super-Excellent) which throws any light on the symbolism of Freemasonry, as a speculative science, or which it is at all necessary to the more complete understanding of its philosophy. Nothing is more undeniable than that Freemasonry has, in the present day, assumed an elevated position as a system of philosophy engaged in the investigation of the *Lost* and the *Recovered Word*, not in itself of as great importance, but as the ground work of a symbolism which teaches the ineffable truth of the *Lost* and the *Recovered Life*. There is every where about it a dualism, which has reference to this change of condition. Borrowing the idea from the Ancient Mysteries, where this symbolic resurrection was taught, it has its *aphanism* or *loss*, *euresis* or its *discovery*—its *darkness* and its *light*—its *ignorance* and its *knowledge*—its *death* and its *life*—its *mortality* and its *immortality*. All this is clearly indicated in the Lodge, is fully developed in the Chapter, and the necessary commentary or explanation is given in the Council. But the degree of Super-Excellent Master adds nothing to this beautiful and consistent system. * * It is a development of a principle of fondness for ceremony, simply as ceremony, without any reference to its applicability to any given healthy purpose, which if encouraged may, and I fear must, end in a total destruction of the identity of American Masonry with that of other countries, and with that which was practiced by our fathers."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence were "not prepared to report."

LOUISIANA.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Council, February, 1871.

The address of the Grand Master, Rufus L. Bruce, is short and confined to a simple report of his official acts.

The report on Correspondence, by Comps. Joseph P. Horner and Samuel M. Todd, is short and concise. Of Alabnma they say:

In his address he refers to the fact that he had decided that a Royal Arch Mason who had received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in a Chapter in Virginia, could visit Councils in Alabama, and that his petition for affiliation accompanied by his demit from his Chapter, should be received and acted upon. Such ruling is destructive of our independent existences and at variance with every opinion we ever heard on the subject, and it is a matter of great regret that the Grand Council of Alabama either took notice or action upon it.

So say we. Let their irregularities first be healed.

In the report of Michigan, we find the following:

Noticing that Ill. Comp. Swasey's report of that year is only about thirteen lines in length, says that it is "*just as well.*" We are a little puzzled whether this is a compliment or not, and if yea, whether intended for the proceedings of the Grand Councils generally or for Ill. Comp. Swasey!

We are "a little puzzled" to understand his review of North Carolina, which is comprized in the following:

The Committee on Work announced themselves ready to report, but it and all action thereon was postponed.

MAINE.

A very interesting and instructive report of the proceedings of this Grand Council, May, 1871.

The address of the Grand Master, Gordon R. Garden, evidences that he has not been an idle officer. He reports, having witnessed the work of several subordinate Councils and compliments them on their skill. Of the importance of the Cryptic Degrees, he says:

There has been considerable discussion during the year in reference to this Rite. More attention has been called to it, and more interest in it manifested. *We* know that no Royal Arch Mason can fully understand the degrees he has received, without the possession of these degrees. For this reason, our Virginia and Maryland Companions confer them before the Royal Arch. But in my humble judgment, this reverses the whole plan of masonry, and is an unanswerable reason, when properly considered, for the opposite course—the one adopted by us in common with nearly all the other jurisdiction. The whole plan of masonic teaching is that the explanations follow what is explained; the symbol is first taught, and afterwards its meaning.

It is obvious that we cannot test masonic legends by history; the historical relation may be true or false, fact or fancy; masonry is not intended to teach history; its legends are lessons to illustrate and enforce its principles, and the symbolism of its ceremonies and legends teaches its lessons without regard to historical accuracy. Therefore, in testing the arrangement of the degrees, regard is to be paid, not so much to the order in which history would place the events, as to their effectiveness in teaching masonic principles, and the general plan of masonic symbolism.

The report on Correspondence, by Comp. J. H. Drummond, is remarkably short *for him*, though one of the best on our table. We like his argument relation to the power and authority of Grand Council:

He still insists that subordinate Councils are the fountain of power, and that Grand Councils have only the powers granted to them by subordinates. But does he know of a Council that has not a charter from a Grand Council, *creating* it and *investing* it with all the powers it possesses? Did not the Grand Council of Iowa charter Councils in

Minnesota with certain prescribed powers, and when they transferred their allegiance to the Grand Council of Minnesota did they gain any more powers than their charters conferred? And does not the Grand Council of Minnesota become their governing body? Comp. L. is led away by the idea of making masonic government "a blundering imitation" of the Government of the United States, when the fundamental principles of the two are entirely different."

It is fortunate for the Craft that we have so indefatigable a statistician in our order as Comp. Drummond. As his tables, which are not prepared without much labor, are freely given to the Craft, we copy them without further apology:

STATISTICS.

We give our Table of Statistics—wofully deficient for want of the Proceedings of some Grand Councils, and the want of Statistics of the Proceedings that are received:

Grand Councils.	No. of Councils.	No. mak'g returns.	Members.	Rec'd, &c.	Remarks.
Alabama,	27	23	873	63	
Arkansas,	21	13	302	64	
California,	10	10	551	127	For 1867.
Connecticut,	24	24	2,132	146	
Florida,					
Georgia,	18	16	539	40	
Illinois,	50	50	1,828	318	
Indiana,	34	31	1,253	122	
Iowa,	17	17	453	94	
Kansas,	3	3	86		For 1867.
Kentucky,	27	17	749		No recapitulation.
Louisiana,	8	8	523	46	
Maine,	12	11	617	114	
Massachusetts,	14	14	1,670		
Michigan,	31	27	1,463		No recapitulation.
Minnesota,	3				No Proceedings received.
Mississippi,	32	25	882	101	
Missouri,	7	7	377	20	
New Brunswick,	6	6	118		
New Hampshire,	6	6	492	59	
New Jersey,	7	7	393		
New York,	39	38	2,072	465	
North Carolina,	4	4	97	8	
Ohio,	52	51	2,275	235	
Pennsylvania,	35	17	1,270	186	
Rhode Island,	4	4	486	61	For 1867.
South Carolina,					
Tennessee,	59	59	1,938	155	
Vermont,	14	14	710		
Wisconsin,	6	6	217	6	For 1867.
Total,	570	508	24,361	2,430	

MASSACHUSETTS.

The proceedings of the Grand Council of this State at their Annual Convocation, December 13, 1871, are replete with valuable information.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports that he had officially visited all the chartered Councils in that jurisdiction during the year, and found them all (fifteen in number.) in a prosperous condition. This Grand Council requires its subordinates to provide themselves with suitable regalia.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. Edw'd B. Moore, M. D., is the most complete, we have found since we commenced our present labor. He reviews in a dignified and impartial manner the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, and we regret that our limits forbid extended quotations from his report. In his review of the New Brunswick proceedings he says:

Past M. P. Grand Master, Robert Marshall, put in a "special plea," for the adoption of the *Red Cross Degree*, by the Grand Council, and that Degree is now, part and parcel of the Council Degrees, in that jurisdiction. What the result will be, time must determine. Last year I characterized the adoption of the Degree by the Grand Council, *an unwarrantable assumption!* As yet, I take nothing back. *Unformity of work, Degrees and Titles*, has, for some time past, been the principal theme of remark in all the Grand Councils; and now, the Grand Council of New Brunswick, one of the youngest sisters in the Cryptic family, 'takes upon herself, without consultation with other Grand Councils, the *responsibility of appropriating one of the Commandery Degrees;* recognized as such, in the United States, for nearly a century. *Perhaps* the Commanderies will give it up, without a struggle or a remonstrance; if so, I mistake their mettle If the Degree could not be obtained in a Commandery of Canada, why not ask of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the institution of a Commandery in St. John? Then all "good men and true," who desired it, could have received the Degree, without trespassing upon the rights of others. "Consistency, thou art a jewel!"

We learn from this report that, in several Grand Jurisdictions, the Select Master's degree is conferred before the Royal Masters. In several States this order has been adopted recently. To us this arrangement appears very much like harnessing the cart before the horse, but we will not express our opinion until we are illuminated by the Drummond light of Maine at the Convention next week.

This Grand Council disapproves "of the system of appointing representatives to other Grand Councils, but will recognize and receive those appointed by other Grand Councils"

MICHIGAN.

Proceedings of January 2, 1872. The Grand Puissant, in his address, says:

In consequence of a great misfortune entirely beyond my control I have not been able to visit any of the Subordinate Councils, which I very much regret; but from the information received, through inquiry from the different sections of our jurisdiction, I am happy to state, that no disturbing element has been allowed to enter the secret vault to disturb the peace and harmony of the workmen; and the sentiment of Brotherly love appears to be unsparingly spread throughout our jurisdiction.

The Grand Council appointed three representatives (to attend at their own expense) to the Convention of Grand Councils. A report recommending the adoption of the Super-Excellent Master's degree was referred to a Committee to report next year:

The committee upon that portion of the T. I. G. P.'s address relating to the Grand Council of Ontario made the following report:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the T. I. G. P.'s address in regard to the communication of the Grand Council of R. and S. M. of Ontario, make the following report:

While we are very happy to receive from our friends of Ontario their very friendly regards, and as happy to return them ours, we can only say that, as far as Masonry itself is found in their Order of R. and S. Masters we fully endorse. Any other matter foreign to our teachings in this jurisdiction we have nothing to do with; therefore ignore.

Which was accepted and adopted.

The returns of their thirty-five subordinates indicate a membership of 1728.

Comp. Garra B. Noble presented a very good report on Correspondence, but our limits forbid more extended notice of it, the principal items of interest having been already mentioned in the review of other Grand Councils.

MINNESOTA.

This Grand Council held its first Annual Convocation, January 11, 1871. There was no address by the Grand Master, Comp. J. C. Terry, and no report on Foreign Correspondence. We welcome this young sister to our family circle, and hope she will make her importance known.

MISSOURI.

Grand Council met October 6, 1871. Martin Collins, M. P. G. M. From his address we quote as follows:

We are not standing still, dead-locked, while all the rest of the world are driving past us. The Grand Council of Missouri is going along too, at a good square pace, on the highway of progress, with a fair prospect of reaching the same goal of practical results to which other branches of the Masonic order are bound. There has been a wonderful advance within a year in the Cryptic rites in Missouri. The Councils have more than doubled in number, and spirit in the work has increased in proportion. The new law that you in your wisdom passed last year for the purpose of extending a knowledge of the Council degrees, and establishing Councils in places where there are abundant materials for work, has done all that was expected of it in so short a time, and even surpassed the anticipation of many who were most hopeful of the movement. The regulation to which I have reference, provides that a lawful number of Royal and Select Masters, acting under the authority of the Grand Puissant, may repair to a place where it is desirable to plant a Council, open a Grand Council, receive and act upon the petitions of a sufficient number of Royal and Select Masters, and Royal Arch Masons who are agreed among themselves to form a Council—having already petitioned for that purpose—confer the degrees, instruct the Companions in the work, and set them at work under dispensation.

It has already proved to be a good, healthy law. Its merits have been fully tested, but its great benefits have but just begun to be developed. Its final result will be to establish a Council wherever there is a thriving Royal Arch Chapter, and then the necessity for the law exist no more, and it may be repealed.

As a result of this new law nine new Councils were organized in one year. We would be glad to see some plan adopted, which would lead to similar results in our own State, and commend the subject to your serious consideration.

Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley presented the report on Correspondence. He thus "explains" in his review of Louisiana:

"We rise to explain." No one can doubt the power of the Grand Council to give the Grand Master authority to grant a dispensation to nine Royal and Select Masters to open a Council to confer the degrees upon such as may be elected. No one can doubt the right that these nine *new* Royal and Select Masters have to file a regular petition for a new Council, and of the Grand Master to issue a dispensation therefor, which the Deputy has with him, and which he fills up with the proper officers and then and there institutes them and instructs them in the work thoroughly, when he leaves for home and they "go on" swimmingly.

Ain't it nice? Every good working Chapter should have a Council, and as we have seventy of the former, we will soon have at least fifty of the latter—then it would not be so "anomalous" as it used to be, for the law will then probably be repealed, as Royal Arch Masons will not have to go five hundred miles to get ten dollars' worth of degrees. Try it in Louisiana, and you will soon have more than five chartered Councils sitting down at your at your annual feast.

MISSISSIPPI.

We regret that we have not received the proceedings of this Grand Council. We learn from other reports that, in January, 1871, a resolution was adopted, submitting to their subordinate Councils the question of the propriety of abandoning the Council degrees to the Chapters. We suggested in a former report that such a course would be well, *provided it could be done by unanimous consent.* Now that the Supreme Grand Council, thirty-third degree, has renounced all jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master, such disposition of the Council degrees is more feasable than formerly, as one very formidable objection is out of the question. It was formerly argued that if the Council organization was abandoned the degrees would revert to their original possessors from whom we derived them. We doubt whether the majority of the Grand Councils will consent to abandon their organization and unless they do, we had better adopt a plan to increase the number of our subordinates.

Since concluding our report we have received the proceedings of this Grand Council, January, 1872. The Grand Master, in his address, despairs of obtaining uniformity of work throughout the United States and recommends the adoption of a work. He thinks the Super-Excellent Degree "stands in the same relation to Cryptic Masonry that the Good Samaritan does to the Royal Arch." What he means we can only *guess*, but reckon we do not differ much about it. He received the thanks of the Grand Council for his opinion on the subject.

The proposition of the previous year to dispense with Councils of R. and S. Masters was voted down by vote of 52 to 47.

The Committee on M. P. Grand Master's address recommended that a Committee of three be appointed to adopt such measures as to them may seem best to secure uniformity of work.

Comp. Wm. S. Patton presented an excellent report on Correspondence. Of North Carolina he says: "We know our North Carolina Companions are of the true metal, and if they will but arouse from their slumber, all will be right by the next meeting." Time was when it was very fashionable to call North Carolina, Rip Van Winkle, but we have heard but littler said of him of late years. In fact we think we are pretty well woke up, if we except one of our number, who is addicted to sleeping at times, as is evidenced to all who have heard him snore!"

NEW BRUNSWICK.

We are indebted to the Correspondence report of Comp. Corson, of New Jersey, for our intelligence from this Grand Chapter.

In August, 1870, the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That hereafter all Councils working under warrant from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada shall have power and authority to confer the degree of 'Red Cross' or 'Babylonish Pass,' provided, always, however, that applicants shall first have received the degree of 'Select,' 'Royal' and 'Super-Excellent Master,' and further

"*Resolved*, That the Constitution and By-Laws shall be and are hereby altered and amended to meet this provision, any rule to the contrary being hereby declared null and void, and further

"*Resolved*, That the work of the degree of 'Red Cross,' or 'Babylonish Pass,' practiced in Canada, and now in the possession of the officers of the Grand Council, be hereby adopted, and that officers of the respective Councils of Select Masters, under this jurisdiction, shall severally hold by virtue thereof the corresponding office in the said Councils of 'Red Cross,' or 'Babylonish Pass,' and further

"*Resolved*, That nothing in the foregoing shall be considered as tending to prevent Encampments of Knights Templar working within the Dominion of Canada, communicating the said degree, under any special authority, for the purpose of enabling Fratres of said Encampments, visiting Encampments where the possession of this degree is made a prerequisite."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Grand Council met May 17, 1871. The proceedings possess only local interest. There was no report on Correspondence.

NEW JERSEY.

We have in one neat volume, the proceedings of the thirteenth and fourteenth Annual Assemblies, January, 1871 and 1872.

At the first of these but little was done, four months only elapsed since their preceding meeting.

The address is short and of only local interest, and there was no report on Correspondence.

From the M. P. G. Master's address to the last assembly, we learn that Cryptic Masonry is progressing favorably in that jurisdiction.

The new Grand Councils of Minnesota and Ontario were cordially welcomed into fraternal fellowship and a Committee of seven was appointed to attend the Convention of Grand Councils next week.

We find, in the report on Foreign Correspondence, a valuable table, prepared by Comp. J. H. Drummond, which we deem worthy of republishing for the benefit of the Craft:

(From the Grand Council of Maine)

ORGANIZATION OF GRAND COUNCILS.

From Report of Comp. J. H. Drummond, of Maine.

Alabama.—Organized in 1838 by twenty-seven R. and S. Masters.

Arkansas.—Organized in 1860 by representatives of four Councils, chartered by the Supreme Council 33rd degree, Southern Jurisdiction, at whose invitation the Council was held.

California.—Organized in 1860 by delegates from four Councils, two chartered by the Grand Council of Alabama, one by that of Tennessee and one by that of Texas.

Connecticut.—Organized in 1819 by eight of the nine Councils then existing in the State.

Florida.—Organized in 1858 by three Councils, having charters from the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, S. J.

Georgia.—A Grand Council was organized in 1825 or 1826, by Councils established by the Southern Supreme Council, 33rd degree, but it became extinct soon after and no record of it can be found. The present Grand Council was organized in 1841.

Illinois.—Organized in 1853 by three Councils, supposed to have been chartered by the G. Council of Kentucky, but it afterwards appearing that one of the Councils had not then been chartered, it was reorganized in 1854.

Indiana.—Organized in 1855 by two Councils chartered by the G. Council of Ohio, and one chartered by the G. Council of Kentucky.

Iowa.—Organized in 1857 by three Councils chartered by the Grand Council of Illinois.

Kansas.—Organized in 1867 by three Councils chartered by the G. Council of Missouri.

Kentucky.—Organized in 1827 by six or seven Councils.

Louisiana.—The present Grand Council was organized in 1856 by four Subordinates, a former G. Council having become extinct.

Maine.—Organized in 1855 by three Councils holding charters from the G. Council of Massachusetts.

Massachusetts.—Organized in 1826 by seven Councils, no one of which then had a charter.

Michigan.—Organized in 1858 by three Councils chartered by the G. Council of Connecticut.

Minnesota —Organized in 1870 by three Councils.

Mississippi.—Organized in 1856 by seven Councils chartered by the G. Council of Princes of Jerusalem for Mississippi, which derived its authority from the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, S. J.

Missouri.—Organized in 1864 by three Councils chartered by the G. Council of Illinois.

New Brunswick.—Organized in 1867 by three Councils chartered by the G. Council of Maine.

New Hampshire.—Organized in 1823.

New Jersey.—Organized in 1860 by three Councils, two of which were chartered by Pennsylvania and one by G. Council of New York.

New York.—One G. Council organized in 1807, another in 1854. In 1860 the two united, forming the present G. Council.

North Carolina.—Organized in 1822 by four Councils.*

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*The Grand Council of North Carolina was re-organized in Wilmington in 1860 by three Councils, located in Wadesboro', Salisbury

Ohio.—Organized in 1830 by five Councils.
Ontario.—Organized in 1871 by four Councils.
Pennsylvania.—Organized in 1847—re-organized in 1854.
Rhode Island.—Organized in 1860 by three Councils.
South Carolina.—Organized in 1860 by nine Councils chartered by the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, S. J.—re-organized in 1869.
Tennessee.—Organized in 1847 by five Councils, two chartered by the G. Council of Kentucky, two by the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, S. J., and one by the G. Council of Alabama.
Texas.—Organized in 1856 by three Councils, one chartered by the G. Council of Kentucky, one by Alabama and one by New York.
Vermont.—Organized in 1854 by four Councils.
Virginia.—Organized in 1820—the jurisdiction of the degrees was surrendered to the G. Chapter in 1841 and the G. Council disbanded.
Wisconsin.—Organized in 1857 by three Councils chartered by the G. Council of Ohio.

We find on examination that the recorded history of the Grand Council of North Carolina, is very imperfect and recommend that a Committee be appointed to report a complete record at our next Convocation.

The report on Correspondence is by Dr. Corson, and as heretofore he does full justice to the subject. We agree with him that "any Companion has the right to dimit when he pleases, if his dues are paid. Masonry is voluntary, and we have no right to force membership upon any one."

NEW YORK.

We have been interested, instructed and amused by a perusal of the proceedings of the Grand Council at its Assembly in February, 1871, and we regret that time and space will not permit us to do justice in our review of them. As most of the subjects mentioned therein have been noticed in preceding portions of this report, we trust that we may be excused from details.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports ten Dispensations granted for new Councils. He advocates the adoption by the Grand Council of a system for paying its officers and representatives, and thinks such a plan would insure a full representation from its subordinates, and make the Grand Council independent of other Grand Bodies meeting about the same time and place.

Comp. C. Craig presents two reports on Correspondence, one for

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and Greensboro'. These Councils were organized under dispensations from the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction A. and A. Rite.

In consequence of the war, no meeting was again held until June, 1866, when a Constitution was adopted.

Since that time the Grand Council has met annually. Charters were granted to Councils, No. 1, 4 and 5 in 1867, No. 6 in 1868.

1869 which he calls supplemental, the other for 1871. Both are well written documents, a little *crispy* at times, but generally his quotations are well selected and his criticisms just. Here is the estimate in which he holds some of the members of the Mutual Admiration Society:

Give us Drummond for an historical report; Thornton, for a well-written one; Reynolds, for an argumentative and statistical one; Storer, for one filled with splendid selections; Corson, for one composed of ill-intended, back-handed compliments; Gouley, for an anti-Scotch Rite; but for all, give us Comp. Austin.

We think Comps. Corson and Gouley deserve higher seats than are here assigned them.

There is more truth than poetry in the following, which he quotes from Comp. Wm. W. Austin, of Indiana:

Of Pennsylvania, speaking of Ill. Comp. Creigh's address, who calls "Pennsylvania: a State pre-eminently great—morally, scientifically, religiously, and Masonically"—

"Merit, clothed in a garb of modesty, is fair to look upon, but when she blows her horn and announces her approach in this grandiloquent style, we ask time enough 'to get on a fence and see her go by,' that we may not be crushed by her majesty." "Truly doth *the* poet warble:

> "Never, never can there be
> Pure and perfect Masonry.
> Except in Pennsylvan[illegible]e;
> Nowhere Masons can you see
> Of such *excessive* modesty,
> As those of Pennsylvani[illegible]a."

There are many good things in this report, but our trainer cries "*Time.*"

OHIO.

We have no intelligence from this Grand Council since September, 1870, when fifty-three subordinate Councils were represented at Grand Council.

They conclude:

"From the recent discussions as to the source whence we have received the degrees of R. and S. Master, it is manifest that any jurisdiction over these degrees exercised by a Chapter of R A. M. can only be assumed, and can in no sense constitute such Chapter 'a Council established by proper authority.'"

They think that the Super-Excellent Master's Degree "adds nothing" to our system of Free Masonry.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We have not been favored with a copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Council, but as it has been suggested by previous quotations

that there are some peculiarities about our "*friends*" (we allude to those who say "thee" and "thy") we appropriate from the report of Comp. Blackie, of Tennessee:

Annual Session, the twenty-fourth, was held at Williamsport on the 14th June, 1870. Ill. Comp. Christian F. Knapp, M. P. G. Master. Eleven Councils represented, and eight "Giblemites" in attendance.

Proceedings. The Most Puissant has been at work. Immediately after his installation, he appointed twenty-seven Giblemites for the nine Arches, each of whom he expected to make report. These Illustrious Companions he had clothed as follows:

It being necessary that the Giblemites in their Grand visitations should be properly clothed, and being called upon to decide what Regalia and Jewel should be worn, and in the absence of any law on the subject, I decided that the Jewel should be a union between the Grand Officers of similar rank of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, for the reason that, as the Council degrees are explanatory of the Lodge and Chapter, our Jewel should combine both.

The Jewel being of gold, consisting of a circle, in the circle a triangle, and in the center of the triangle the sun; on back of the Jewel engraved the name of the Giblemite, the number of the arch, when appointed, and by whom.

The Collar—purple, edged with gold lace, nine embroided gold stars. The Apron—white lamb skin, trimmed with purple, edged with gold lace, and the Jewel embroided in center, in gold, and the trowel in flap of the same. Several Giblemites have procured said Jewel and Regalia, and trust you will approve the same.

He recommended that the Grand Council procure Regalia and Jewels for its officers (but we wish he would not use the word Regalia); that some notice be taken of the untiring labors of Sir Alfred Creigh in the Grand Council; that a Committee on Foreign Correspondence be appointed; that the new degree, unearthed by that assiduous Companion, Alfred Creigh, and styled the Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master's Degree, be exemplified and, if approved, adopted; and that all the Councils be required to clothe and equip themselves in becoming manner. He had made 43 visitations; initiated 91 persons and conferred 273 degrees; spent 86 days; traveled 3,813 miles, and expended over and above what some of the Councils contributed, $155.70; and for printing, stationery, postage and express, $57.45. Who can say that he has not done his duty? He believes that the great evil in the jurisdiction is the want of instruction, and believes it to be imperatively necessary that provisions be made to have this regularly and systematically imparted. His recommendations were all adopted, and the "Giblemites" submitted their reports, which however are not published. A new set of twenty-seven were appointed before the close of the Session.

Statistics. Councils, 17; members, 1,270; received, 186.

Elections. Christian F. Knapp, Bloomsburg, M. P. Grand Master; Thomas W. Wright, of Pittsburgh, Grand Recorder.

We have a great respect for *some* of the peculiarities of our Pennsylvania Companions, while we think *they* might improve by adopting some things in which others differ from them.

RHODE ISLAND.

No report of Proceedings received.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Proceedings of February, 1871 and 1872, in one volume.

In 1871 the M. P. Grand Master, A. G. Mackey, was not present, but sent his address, in form of a letter, from his new home in Washington, D. C.

From it we extract the following:

The Super-Excellent degree continues to be used in many of our sister jurisdictions, but my more enlarged experience on the subject, only leads me to a stronger conviction of the correctness of the opinion I have formerly expressed, and which you have unanimously endorsed, that it would be both improper and inexpedient to adopt it as a part of our system.

The suggestion made by some of the Grand Councils, that the Royal and Select degrees should be merged in the Chapter, is one which I am sure you will not think worthy of your attention, unless it be emphatically to repudiate. The Grand Chapter of South Carolina, long ago expressed its opinion on this subject—adversely to a similar proposition, made in the year 1826 by the Grand Chapter of Maryland. You have no right to abandon your jurisdiction over degrees which you received from your predecessors; nor, if you had, would the Grand Chapter, I am certain, receive the unwelcome gift. The obligation of allegiance which you have all taken to the Grand Council, is one which cannot be conscientiously set aside; and any act, tending to destroy its existence, would be a violation of that obligation.

It will be necessary that you should repeal the clause of your Constitution which gives certain prerogatives to Inspectors General, or, if it remains, it must be as a dead letter; for the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third degree, at its last meeting, in May, 1870, formally relinquished all control over the degrees of Royal and Select Master. An Inspector General, in South Carolina, now possesses no more rights or privileges, in Cryptic Masonry, than any other member of the Grand Council.

As the history of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina is very similar to the following, we will, at the risk of being tedious, copy again from the same address:

The Royal and Select degrees were first introduced into South Carolina in the year 1783, and were conferred by the Lodge of Perfection, in the City of Charleston, under the authority of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and for a very long time were conferred under no other authority.

The first Council established in the State was Adoniram Council, No. 1, which was organized by me in the year 1850, in my capacity as a Grand Inspector General, and under the immediate authority of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Subsequently, and by the same authority, I established Councils at Laurensville,

Cokesbury, Anderson, Columbia, Lancaster, Flint Hill, York and Cheraw. Some of these are still living, and a few of them extinct.

In the year 1860, these nine Councils met on the 15th February, in the City of Charleston, and formed a Grand Council. The supervention of the war was disastrous to the progress of Cryptic Masonry in South Carolina, as it was to the other branches of the order, but it has since revived, and I think that the report of the Grand Recorder will show that it is in a favorable condition.

In 1872 this Grand Council adopted the following:

The 1st Article of the Constitution of this Grand Council, was framed in accordance with the warrants derived from the Supreme Council, 33d degree, and hence limited. In consequence of the renunciation, and to make such Article conform to the existing condition of the Council degrees, the Committee recommend that the last clause of said Article be stricken out, and, in lieu thereof, there be inserted as follows: "But the Supreme Council aforesaid, having now renounced all jurisdiction over the Council degrees, that this Grand Council do now assume to itself, and retain in itself, all the rights inherent in such bodies." And, also, that the words "At the hands of a Sovereign Grand Inspector General," in Article 2, be stricken out.

They decline to recognize the Grand Council of Ontario in the following dignified language:

As adopted by the Grand Council of Ontario, Section 5, of the Article on Subordinate Councils under its jurisdiction, declares that such Subordinate Councils shall not admit to membership any Companion who has not received the degrees of Super-Excellent Master and Red Cross. If such Councils cannot admit to membership, it must follow that they cannot admit to visit Companions who have not received those degrees. The degrees of Super-Excellent Master and Red Cross, are neither conferred nor recognized in this jurisdiction, hence, it follows that a Companion instructed here, could not visit there, and there can be no reciprocity. While lamenting the want of uniformity, yet it appears to interpose an unpassable objection to the recognition of the Grand Council of Ontario by this Grand Council.

Article second of their Constitution appears to us a little defective. It reads as follows:

No Royal and Select Master shall ever be acknowledged as regular, or admitted to visit any Council in the State, if he has been made under the authority of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, nor unless he has received the degrees in a just and legally constituted Council, or being a Royal Arch Mason.

Sanitary laws and Quarantine regulations are very right and proper but would not such a law as the following be rather unnecessarily severe, "No person having been sick with cholera shall ever be permitted to enter any port in the United States." People sometimes get well of cholera and after they are *healed*, there is no danger of contagion.

TENNESSEE.

Convocation, November, 1871. A. V. Warr, T. I. G. M., reports in his address a large amount of official labor. Dispensations were issued to four new Councils. We think he is in error on the following:

In some Councils the T. I. M. informs the newly admitted Companion that he is not a member of any Council until he signs the By-Laws, and that if he so prefers he need not belong to any Council. I would recommend the same rule on this point as governs Lodges and Chapters.

The Committee, to whom the address was referred, paid no attention to the recommendation. We have observed frequently of late in the proceedings of different Grand Bodies, a diversity of opinion on the question of membership. We hold that membership like every thing else in Masonry is voluntary. Men apply *for degrees*, not membership. After they have gotten the degrees they may, if they are pleased with the by-laws of the particular institution in which they received the degrees, become members *by signing the by-laws*. If, however, they find, upon examination, that the by-laws are burdensome (either from unexpected excess of dues or any other requirement,) they may decline to become subject to them. A person may obtain degrees just as he is about to remove to some other jurisdiction. In In that case it would be better for him to apply for membership at his new home, and it would be quite superfluous for him to join a Council, and then immediately apply for a dimit.

If membership is voluntary then a failure to perform the requirements of membership should be punished by dismembership. In other words—If a member fails to comply with the by-laws in the matter of paying dues, his name should be *stricken from the roll of members*, and he, from that time, forfeits the privileges of membership. But to suspend or expel, and that without trial as is done in some jurisdictions, for non-payment of dues, is to our mind *unmasonic* at least. As well hang a man for petty larceny.

Representatives were appointed to the Convention proposed for next week.

We find, in the report on Correspondence, a very valuable history of Cryptic Masonry, compiled by Comp. J. H. Drummond, of Maine, in 1870. We cannot resist the temptation to re-publish for the benefit of the Craft in this State:

There can be no doubt that the three degrees, now known as the Cryptic Rite, were originally all "side" or detached degrees of the Ancient Accepted Rite, or Rite of Perfection, and that the possessors of them were authorized to confer them at pleasure (as is the case with all "side degrees") upon those qualified to receive them—Royal Arch Masons, or Masons of the Ninth Arch.

They were introduced and disseminated into this country from several different sources.

1. Henry Andrew Francken brought them with him in 1767, and conferred them upon Samuel Stringer, who afterwards removed to Maryland, and Moses M. Hayes, who was afterwards Grand Master in Massachusetts. Through Hayes the degrees—one or more of them—were disseminated in Massachusetts and the adjoining States, and it is probable that the founders of the Council in New Hampshire in 1815, and of those first formed in Massachusetts, received the degrees directly or indirectly from Hayes. They certainly received them before the advent of Cross, and we have been unable to find any evidence whatever of their receiving them from any other source than from Hayes.

2. Joseph Myers, at the foundation of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Charleston in 1778, deposited a copy of these degrees in its archives, and they were conferred, in 1783, in the Lodge of Perfection there, upon several brethren, three of whom were living in 1827, when a Report was made in the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, in reply to the Maryland Circular, which we shall notice hereafter. The Supreme Council, at its formation in 1801, took charge of these degrees, and by its agents, disseminated them widely through the South and West. Indeed, a large majority of the Grand Councils derive their existence, directly or indirectly, from this source, as the historical facts, given in this Report, show.

It is stated that in the earlier charters for Lodges of Perfection, authority was given to confer these as side degrees. In an appendix to an oration delivered by Dalcho, in the Lodge of Perfection in 1807, he states that there are detached degrees connected with the regular degrees of the Lodge, and among them he enumerates the degree of Select Master.

3. Joseph Cerneau brought them in 1807 from France to New York, and established a Grand Council there. This Grand Council refused to recognize those receiving the degrees from any other source. But its Subordinates, *out of New York*, united with Councils chartered from other sources. In this Grand Council, the Super-excellent degree was one of the series, and was conferred in its Subordinates from a very early date.

4. Philip P. Eckel, of Maryland, as early as 1812, obtained the Select degree in some manner unknown. It has been supposed that he obtained it from a German who came from Berlin and lived with him; others have supposed he obtained it from Stringer, who brought it from Albany; others, that he received it from Myers, who also visited Baltimore. The evidence upon this point is unsatisfactory; but he received it in such manner as led him to believe that he had the control of it.

Comp. Harry R Taylor, of Florida, states that Ebenezer Wodsworth, of New York, told him that he assisted in 1819 in conferring the Royal Master's degree upon Comps. Eckel and Eddes, of Maryland, and Salem Town, of New York. There is no mention of any other of these degrees than the *Select Master* in connection with Eckel or his associates or agents till after that date (1819). It was conferred by him, and under his authority, for several years, sometimes by communication and sometimes in a Council regularly, but temporarily organized by him for that purpose. Comp. Hezekiah Niles was associated with him. In November, 1817, the Grand Chapter of Maryland received a communi-

cation from Comp. Niles, then D. G. H. P., and, in accordance with his recommendation, adopted a resolution empowering its subordinates to "open and hold Chapters of Select Masters, and confer the degree of Select Master Mason on such as they may deem worthy of receiving the same." This we understand to be the first action of that Grand Chapter in relation to any of these degrees. We have not a full file of its Proceedings, but the next action we find is in 1820, when a resolution was passed ordering that whereas some Chapters consider it obligatory to confer the degrees of Royal Master and Noah's Ark previous to conferring the Royal Arch, and whereas those degrees are very imperfectly understood, Chapters may in their discretion omit conferring them. In 1824 the constitution was revised, and the degrees to be conferred are given in it, as M. Master Select Mason (in one place, Select Master), M. E. Master and Royal Arch. Returning now to Eckel, we find that in the autumn of 1816, he conferred the degree of Select Master upon Jeremy L. Cross, a native of New Hampshire residing in Connecticut, who had just been appointed Grand Lecturer of the General Grand Chapter, and authorized him to confer this degree without fee, on all Royal Arch Masons. Cross started on a tour through Kentucky, Ohio, and Missisippi, in which States he conferred the degree and established Councils of Select Masters. We are indebted to Comp. John A. Harris, of New Hampshire, for access to a pamphlet published by Cross in the summer of 1819, in which he gives a list of the Councils he had organized. It is a copy of the same pamphlet which Comp. John Dove says James Cushman took to Virginia in 1820. According to this pamphlet, he had organized, between November 23, 1816, and that summer, two Councils in Kentucky, one in Ohio, one in Missisippi, two in Vermont by himself and seven by proxy (Cotton), two in Massachusetts, one in New Hampshire, one in New Jersey, three in Delaware, two in Virginia, and eleven in Connecticut—in all, *thirty-three*. Some of these had already been formed, but took a warrant from him; many of these survived but a few years. Before publishing this pamphlet and after the first of the year 1818, Cross seems to have obtained the Royal Master's degree. In his warrant granted to John Dove and others, December 25, 1817, he undertakes "by the High Powers in me vested by the Thrice Illustrious and Grand Puissant in the Grand Council of *Select Masons*, held at Baltimore," to empower the Companions "to form themselves into a regular Council of *Select Masters;*" while in the warrant granted September, 1819, in Rhode Island, we have seen that he undertakes "by the High Powers in me vested by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, held in the City of Baltimore," to empower the Companions "to form themselves into a regular Council of Royal and Select Masters." The Vermont warrants were like the Virginia warrant, and in one of the Councils the Royal Master's degree was not recognized till the formation of the Grand Council in 1854. A Council was formed in New York under the authority of Cross, but as late as 1821, when it was merged in the Cerneau Council, it did not possess the degree of Royal Master. Cross received fees for conferring these degrees and organizing Councils, and was evidently something of an adventurer. We find no evidence of his conferring the R. M. degree before the publication of the pamphlet to which we have referred. We are satisfied that he acquired that degree in 1819, remodeled his "High Powers" by including it, published this pamphlet and set out on a new campaign to establish Councils of *Royal* and *Masters*, as he did in Rhode Island. Cushman

moved to Virginia and did the same thing there. So matters went on till 1827, when the G. H. Priest of Maryland submitted to his Grand Chapter a paper purporting to be an authority to Jeremy L. Cross, empowering him to grant warrants to Councils of Royal and Select Masters in States therein named. This document (which is not given in the Proceedings, we regret to say) was read and referred to a committee, who recommended the sending of a circular to other Grand Chapters in relation to it. This was done; and in the circular it was stated that the Select degree existed in that State under the authority of a distinguished chief, *without being recognized by the Grand Chapter till* 1824. when it was formally recognized; that they had learned that Councils of Select Masons had been instituted "through a great mistake or actual abuse of any authority delegated, or meant to be delegated;" and that they recommended the Grand Chapters to take charge of it The authors of the circular evidently supposed that the sole origin of the degree was in Maryland.

To this circular the Grand Chapter of South Carolina replied, showing the error of our Maryland Companions, as we have quoted in our review under the head of South Carolina. The Grand Councils of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Virginia replied substantially that, as there was a Grand Council in existence in their respective States, they could not interfere. No Grand Chapter, so far as we can learn, replied favorably. In this connection, one matter should be noticed, not so much for its importance in this discussion, as to vindicate the truth of history. It has been stated, and recently repeated in an able article in reference to these degrees that the Grand Chapter of Maryland, at the suggestion of the General Grand Chapter, expelled or suspended Cross for his share in the transactions above recited. This statement is incorrect. No such action is found in the published Proceedings of either body. And Comp. Charles Gilman, in 1848, declared that the records of *both bodies* were in his possession, and that "nothing of the kind appears among them." And he suggests further, that Cross never having been a resident of Maryland, but of Connecticut, Maryland had no jurisdiction; and also that then (1848) Cross was in good standing We will add to this, that however much he had abused the confidence of Eckel and Niles, he had committed no offence against the General Grand Chapter, or the Grand Chapter of Maryland, as neither of them had then taken charge of these degrees, or any of them. It has been claimed, (and the claim recently re-asserted) especially by our Virginia Companions, that all Grand Councils and their subordinates now existing, derive their authority, directly and indirectly, from Cross; and, therefore, as he had no authority to form Councils, they are all illegal, and the degrees should be remitted to the Chapters, where Eckel, their original chief, placed them From the historical facts hereinbefore stated, it will be perceived that in this claim there are several fundamental errors. 1. Eckel never had any authority, or claimed to have any, over the R. M. degree. 2. He was by no means their original chief in this country, as they were disseminated from at least three other independent sources. 3. A very large majority of the Councils now existing do not derive their authority, directly or indirectly from Cross; the Councils which organized the Grand Councils of Connecticut, Vermont and Virginia, were established by him, or under his authority; the latter has dssolved; Vermont has established no Councils out of the State; Connecticut established (of those which took part in forming Grand Councils) three

in Michigan, one in New Hampshire, (and perhaps the other two were founded by Cross) three in New York, (which formed the second Grand Council there that was merged in the other) and one in Rhode Island, (and one of the others was founded by Cross). In addition to these, some of the Councils in Massachusetts may have been founded by him. *But these are all in the country which derive their authority, directly or indirectly,* from Jeremy L. Cross. As Eckel first placed the degree of Select Master under control of the Grand Chapter in 1824, when there were three or four Grand Councils of *Royal and Select Masters,* with at least sixty subordinates, it will be perceived that the claim of the Grand Chapters to control all these degrees is utterly without foundation.

It has generally been admitted that those Councils organized by Cross were illegal, and the Grand Councils formed by them no more regular, but it has been held, that by the lapse of time, and general acquiescence, they have acquired control of these degrees. But we submit the following considerations, as establishing a different view. The degrees were side degrees unorganized, which any possessor of them might confer at pleasure upon competent candidates. Or instead of so doing, several could unite and confer them in a formal manner. Eckel himself called an assembly for that purpose a Council. It was entirely competent for such a Council to have rules and regulations for its government, and make itself a permanent body, and to do this, not by virtue of a warrant, but by the consent of those composing it. It was also competent for the possessors of the degrees to agree among themselves that these degrees should be conferred in no other way. When one body was formed in this way, another could easily adopt the same rules; when several were formed in a State, they could form a Grand Council for the government of the degrees in such State. It is in such manner only that any Rite can be organized in the first instance; and it is the only way confusion can be prevented. For instance, various Councils were established by the Companions in Virginia, and a Grand Council formed. The rules of this Grand Council were the law in that jurisdiction, and the authority which any Companion might otherwise have had to confer the degrees were restricted. As this was almost universally done, it has become the law of the Rite. It is evident that all the possessors of *any* side degree (which any one could confer at pleasure) may agree together that it shall be conferred only in a certain described manner, and thus organize it, and all who received it afterwards would be bound by their action. So, while we hold that the warrants of Cross conferred no authority, we also hold that the bodies which adopted his code of laws by the consent of the members, and worked under them, were legitimate, and the Grand Councils formed by them, the Supreme power of the Rite, in the particular jurisdiction.

Much confusion has arisen from the erroneous assumption, that the degrees sprang from a single source in this country; and we think we have shown that there were several sources, and one as legitimate as any other.

When the Grand Chapter of Virginia assumed control of these degrees in 1841, she ordered them to be conferred *before* that of Most Excellent Master—the first instance we can find in which this was done. In 1824, Maryland placed the Select degree between the Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees, for the first time, so far as the published record shows; but up to 1848, it had never been conferred (as Comp. Gilman says) *before* the Most Excellent.

We have given so much of the history of the Rite as the means within our reach allow. We trust the Companions in the respective jurisdictions will examine the records of their oldest Councils and give us all the facts which tend to throw light upon this subject. Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Kentucky and Connecticut can do much in this behalf.

VERMONT.

Proceedings of June 15, 1871. The following from the opening address of the M. P. Grand Master is too beautiful to be lost:

In the hushed silence of our arches let us kneel with a humble and contrite spirit in praise of Him whose manifold goodness and fatherly protection we have ever enjoyed, remembering with gratitude, which shall be unfailing and constant, that "The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy."

We agree with him in the opinion that:

No Companion who has been exalted should be without that knowledge, the possession of which can only be obtained within our secret vault; and I hope that active measures may soon be taken to institute Councils in the vicinity of all of our Chapters, believing that such action would lead to the most beneficent results, and that the Craft would be generally profited thereby.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. T. F. Stewart, is far above mediocrity, and we regret to see from his concluding paragraph that he contemplates, retiring from the repertorial corp. As we find nothing in his report to dissent from, and, as we have already expressed in other portions of this report our opinion of the various subjects, mentioned by him further comment would be superfluous.

We have thus, my Companions, endeavored to give you a general idea of the transactions of our sister Grand Councils. We are consious of many defects in the report, but, such as it is, we commend it to the charity of our fellows trusting that another year the duty may devolve upon one better able to do justice to the subject.

On motion of Comp. Van Orsdell, the Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year, which resulted as follows:

Comp. H. H. Munson, of Wilmington,		M. P. G. M.
" John Nichols, of Raleigh,	-	T. I. D. G. M.
" Wm. Murdoch, of Salisbury,	-	G. P. C. W.

Comp. Alfred Martin, of Wilmington, G. T.
" M. M. Katz, of Wilmington, - G. R.
" C. M. Van Orsdell, of Wilmington, G. C. G.
" W. A. Smith, of Ansonville, - G. C. C.
" Peter Adams, of Greensboro', - G. Steward.

On motion of Comp. Fanning, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council are richly merited, and are hereby tendered to our very worthy P. G. I., Thos. B. Carr, for his untiring devotion to the advancement of the Royal art, in the various responsible duties disposed upon him.

Those of the officers elect present were duly installed by P. M. P. G. M., Thomas B. Carr.

The M. P. G. M. appointed Comp. B. G. Bates as Grand Tiler for the ensuing year, who was duly installed.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council closed in ample form.

M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D., 1872.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2—SALISBURY.

OFFICERS.

Luke Blackmer,	T. I. G. M.
William Murdoch,	D. I. G. M.
Dolphin A. Davis,	P. C. W.
Edward B. Neave,	C. G.
John M. Coffin,	Treasurer.
Obadiah Woodson,	Recorder.
Andrew Murphy,	C. C.
R. P. Bessent,	S.
Josephus W. Hall,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS

John W. Bitting,
Delevan Bates,
Frederick Benjamin,
Daniel Coleman,
Clinton A. Cilley,
P. A. Frercks,
Carnes A. Henderson,
David W. Honeycutt,
John S. Haigler,
Samuel E. Linton,
Hugh Murdoch,
Charles L. Partee,
George H. Suydam,
F. C. Schaffer,
William L. Vanderwater.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, none; honored, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; of resident R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number of R. and S. M., now living in jurisdiction, 24. Regular time of meeting: second Wednesday night in each month, and Friday night of each Court.

OBADIAH WOODSON, *Recorder.*

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4—WILMINGTON.

OFFICERS.

Thomas B. Carr,	T. I. G. M.
W. G. Thomas,	D. I. G. M.
A. Martin,	P. C. W.
S. S. Everett,	C. G.
C. M. Van Orsdell,	Treasurer.
S. D. Wallace,	Recorder.
H. H. Munson,	C. C.
S. Solomon,	S.
E. Turlington,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Thomas W. Brown,	William E. Freeman,
P. W. Fanning,	James B. Russell,
Alexander Boon,	D. McMillan,
W. J. Price,	B. P. Harrison,
A. P. Repiton,	Donald McRae,
Thomas M. Gardner,	A. Wronski,
M. M. Katz,	R. Greenberg,
John Nutt,	George Patterson,
W. Rittenberg,	William Larkins,
Julius W. Wright,	G. W. Jewett,

Isaac D. Rittenberg,
Jacob Lyon,
Alexander McRae, Jr.,
B. G. Bates,
F. M. Knowles.

SUMMARY.

Number healed, 2; honored, 7; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident of R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number of R. and S. M., now living in jurisdiction, 34. Regular time of meeting: second Monday in each month.

S. D. WALLACE, *Recorder.*

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5—RALEIGH.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols,	T. I. G. M.
Joseph H. Separks,	D. I. G. M.
Donald W. Bain,	P. C. W.
J. M. Rosenbaum,	C. G.
William H. Dodd,	Treasurer.
John C. Blake,	Recorder.
A. D. Royster,	C. C.
A. P. C. Bryan,	S.
James M. Betts,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Nathaniel L. Brown,
Robert W. Best,
Robert H. Bradley,
Daniel R. Coleman,
W. W. Dunn,
M. Grausman,
J. C. Logan Harris,
John B. Neathery,
Isaac Oettinger,
Willie J. Palmer,
R. W. Rountree,
S. H. Rountree,
William Simpson,
William C. Stronach,

A. S. Heide,
John R. Harrison,
Albert Johnson,
A. S. Lee,
Henry Mahler,
W. P. Wetherell,
Jack R. Williams,
J. B. White,
John Whitelaw,

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, 0; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, 1; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident of R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number of R. and S. M., now living in jurisdiction, 32. Regular time of meeting: first Monday evening in each month.

JOHN C. BLAKE, *Recorder.*

DAVIE COUNCIL, No. 6—Mocksville.

OFFICERS.

A. A. Harbin,	T. I. G. M.
S. A. Kelly,	D. I. G. M.
A. Henley,	P. C. W.
J. A. Kelly,	C. G.
B. Bailey,	Treasurer.
J. M. Johnson,	Recorder.
W. O. Smith,	C. C.
Charles Sain,	S.
Thomas T. Maxwell,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

F. M. Johnson, P. T. I. G. M.
G. W. Johnson,
J. N. Charles,
J. W. Wiseman,
D. C. Clement,
J. E. Mann,
J. M. Clement,
Casper Sain.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, none; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident of R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number of R. and S. M., now living in jurisdiction, 18. Regular time of meeting: second Friday night in each month, and Wednesday night of each Court week.

J. M. JOHNSON, *Recorder*.

GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Officers' Addresses for 1872.

H. H. MUNSON,	Most Puissant Grand Master,	*Wilmington.*
JOHN NICHOLS,	Thrice Illustrious Deputy Grand Master,	*Raleigh.*
WILLIAM MURDOCH,	Grand Principal Conductor of Work,	*Salisbury.*
ALFRED MARTIN,	Grand Treasurer,	*Wilmington.*
M. M. KATZ,	Grand Recorder,	*Wilmington.*
C. M. VAN ORSDELL,	Grand Captain of the Guard,	*Wilmington.*
W. A. SMITH,	Grand Conductor of the Council,	*Ansonville.*
PETER ADAMS,	Grand Steward,	*Greensboro'.*
B. G. BATES,	Grand Tiler,	*Wilmington.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

WILMINGTON, N. C,

June 7th, A. L., 5873, A. I., 2403, A. D., 1873.

RALEIGH:
JOHN NICHOLS & CO., BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
1873.

PROCEEDINGS

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GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ST. JOHN'S HALL, WILMINGTON, N. C.,
June 7th, 1873. *A. Dep.* 2873.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in ample form.

PRESENT:

Comp. H. H. Munson, of Wilmington,	-	M. P. G. M.
" John Nichols, of Raleigh,	-	T. I. D. G. M.
" D. W. Bain, of Raleigh,	- -	P. C. W.
" A. Martin, of Wilmington,	-	G. T.
" M. M. Katz, of Wilmington,	-	G. R.
" C. M. VanOrsdell, of Wilmington,		G. C. G.
" S. S. Everett, of Wilmington,	*as*	G. C. C.
" J. B. Neathery, Raleigh	- *as*	G. Steward.
" B. F. Bates, Wimington,	- -	G. Tiler.

Comps. T. B. Carr, T. Gardner, P. D. G. M, and J. J. Lyon.

The Most P. G. M. appointed Comps. Carr and Neathery a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee reported as follows:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Credentials find that the following Councils are represented, to-witt:

GREENSBORO' No. 3.—M. M. Katz, proxy for Thrice Illustrious Master and Deputy Illustrious Master.

WILMINGTON No. 4.—C. M. VanOrdell, Thrice Illustrious Master, S. S. Everitt, Deputy Illustrious Master, H. H. Munson, Principal Conductor of Work.

ENOCH No. 5.—John Nichols, Thrice Illustrious Master, J. B. Neathery, Deputy Illustrious Master, D. W. Bain, Principal Conductor of Work.

Fraternally submitted,

T. B. CARR,
J. B. NEATHERY. } *Committee.*

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Most Puissant appointed the following Committees:

On Returns and Proceedings.—Comps. Bain and Everett.

On Unfinished Business.—Comps. VanOrsdell and Lyon.

On Finance.—Comps. Carr and Neathery.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WILMINGTON, N. C., *June 4th*, 1873.

The M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of N. C., in account with M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder:*

DR.

For Postage and Stationery, - - - - -	$ 1 75	
Paid Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers, - - -	48 25	
		$50 00

CR.

By dues Greensboro', No. 3, - - - - -	$10 00	
" " Enoch, No. 5, - - - - - -	20 00	
" " Wilmington, No. 4, - - - - -	10 00	
" " Adoniram, No. 2, - - - - -	10 00	
		$50 00

The following Councils owe as follows: Alpha, No. 1, $50; Greensboro', No. 3, $50; Davie, No. 6, $40.

According to a resolution at our last Convocation, I have corresponded with Alpha Council, No. 1. and Greensboro' Council, No. 3.

Alpha Council, No. 1, has not made any returns for several years, and has not paid any dues since 1869. I cannot hear anything from them.

Greensboro' Council, No. 3, paid dues for this year. They state that they have been dead for some time and would wish their back dues remitted, and as they are now mostly new members they promise not to neglect their duties again.

We acknowledge the receipts of proceedings from the following Grand Councils:

Alabama, for 1872; Arkansas, 1871–'72; Florida, 1872; Indiana, 1872; Iowa, 1872; Louisiana, 1872; Maine, 1872; Massachusetts, 1872; Michigan, 1872; Missouri, 1872; Nebraska, 1872; New Brunswick, 1871; New Hampshire, 1872; New Jersey, 1873: New York, 1872–73; Ohio, 1872; Pennsylvania, all to 1872; Tennessee, 1872; Vermont, 1872.

I received a communication, June 10th, 1872, from Comp. George Frank Gouley, of St. Louis, acknowledging his appointment as Representative of this Grand Council to the Grand Council of Missouri, and also on February 10th, 1873, a communication from Comp. J. McCallum, acknowledging his appointment as Representative to the Grand Council of Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 4th, 1873.

The M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of N. C., in account with A. MARTIN, *Grand Treasurer.*

1872.	DR.		
July 26,	To cash paid Nichols & Co. printing proceedings,		$60 00
1873.			
June 4,	To cash paid for stamps and postage to Gr. Sec'y,		1 75
" "	To balance to credit Grand Council in new account,		48 91
			$110 66
1872.	CR.		
June 7,	By am't from former Grand Treasurer,	$60 66	
1873.			
June 4,	By am't from Gr. Recorder for dues, Subordinate Councils, viz :		
" "	By Enoch, No. 3, - - -	$20 00	
" "	By Greensboro', No. 3, - -	10 00	
" "	By Adoniram, No. 2, - - -	10 00	
" "	By Wilmington, No. 4, - -	10 00	
		$50 00	110 66
1873.			
June 4,	By balance on hand brought down, - - - -		$48 91

A. MARTIN, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Finance Committe reported as follows, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings:

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Finance have examined the books of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, as per their reports submitted to this Grand Council, and find them correct:

The Grand Recorder reports cash received:

From Greensboro Council,	No. 3,	- - - -	$11 00	
" Adonirem "	No. 2,	- - - -	10 00	
" Wilmington "	No. 4,	- - - -	10 00	
" Enoch "	No. 5,	- - -	20 00	
				$50 00
And that he has paid out:				
For Postage and Stationery,	- - - - - -		$1 75	
For cash paid to Grand Treasurer,	- - - -		48 25	
				$50 00

The following Councils are represented as in arrears, viz:

Alpha,	No. 1, - - - - - - - -	$50 00	
Greensbero',	No. 3, - - - - - - -	50 00	
Davie,	No. 6, - - - - - - - -	40 00	
			$140 00

No returns having been received from Alpha Council for several years, we respectfully recommend that its Charter be declared forfeited, and that the M. P. Grand Master be requested to demand a return of the Charter, books, &c.

We also recommend that the dues of the Greensboro', No. 3, and Davie, No. 6, be remitted to 1872, they having given evidence of a disposition to continue their labor.

The Grand Treasurer reports:

CR.

July 26,	Paid for printing, - - - - - - - -	$60 00
June 4,	Stationary and Postage to Recorder, - - -	1 75
	Balance to new account, - - - - -	48 71
		$110 66

DR.

Received from former Treasurer,		- - - -	$60 66	
Received from Grand Recorder for dues of the following Councils:				
1873.				
June 4, Enoch,	No. 3,	- - - -	$20 00	
" " Greensboro',	No. 3,	- - - -	10 00	
" " Adoniram,	No. 2,	- - - -	10 00	
" Wilmington,	No. 4,	- - - -	10 00	
				$110 66

Balance on hand, - - - $48 91.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. CARR. } *Com.*
J. B. NEATHERY, }

On motion of Comp. Bain, the recommendations contained in the report of the Finance Committee were concurred in.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings reported as follows, which was adopted and spread on the minutes:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Councils report that the returns of the following Councils have been referred to them and examined:

Adoniram, No. 2; Greensboro', No. 3; Wilmington, No. 4, and Enoch, No. 5.

The Committee recommend that these returns be printed with the Proceedings of this Convocation.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. EVERETT, } *Committee.*
D. W. BAIN, }

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported as follows, which was adopted and ordered to be spread on the minutes:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of last year, and the only unfinished business is the following resolution introduced by Comp. Munson and adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to correspond with all Subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction who are two years in arrears, and inform them that if they do not send their dues and returns by the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Body, Article 14 of the By-Laws will be strictly enforced against them."

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. VANORSDELL, } *Committee.*
JACOB LYON, }

The Most Puissant Grand Master submitted the following address:

Companions of the Grand Council of North Carolina:

At the close of another Masonic year, it gives me pleasure to welcome you again in Council assembled—together to renew our vows, render thanks to that God who has so mercifully preserved us in the past, and

to legislate as may seem best for the future good and prosperity of the Order. In all your deliberations, may that peace and harmony, without which grand results cannot be gained, be always maintained, so that we may return to our homes with the proud satisfaction of having faithfully performed our whole duty to the Craft.

I regret exceedingly that the report I have to make regarding Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction is not such as will redound to our honor or credit. I regret that the want of interest manifested so fully in almost all of the Subordinate Councils is such as to weaken greatly our strength and consequent influence, and put in jeopardy even the continued existence of this Grand Body.

Placed by you as a sentinel on the watch tower, to overlook the interests of the Order and to sound the note of alarm whenever an enemy approaches, I feel I should be derelict did I fail in the performance of the duty assigned me. In other jurisdictions I find a manifest interest in, and continual enlargement of the Order, a generous attendance upon its called and stated Communications, universal peace and prosperity, and a promptness in furnishing a sufficiency of "filthy lucre," (which, although so often decried, is the basis upon which our labor rests,) to carry on the work in view to a successful issue. How do we find it in our own? Little or no interest manifested, small and feeble Councils, the universal peace only of perfect rest, the withholding of the necessary financial means, without which our Councils, like our commercial interests, will come to naught.

Early in January last, I addressed letters to the following Councils: Alpha No. 1; Adonriam No. 2; Greensboro' No. 3; Wilmington No. 4; Enoch No. 5, and Davie No. 6, requesting any information of general interest regarding their past workings and prospects for the future. These communications elicited replies from none save Greensboro' No. 3 and Wilmington No. 5, the former of whom, I regret to say, have been under a cloud, but having rescusitated their Council upon what is, I trust, a substantial basis, express the hope that their former inactivity may be replaced by earnest efforts to regain their former position in the Order. The action which they took in electing officers in January last I legalized, and believe now they will be faithful to their trusts.

The report of Wilmington Council No. 4, will be made by the Grand Recorder, and I am glad to say, that having taken a new lease of li e she will henceforth be found in the front rank in the performance of duty.

I call your attention to the Councils who are, as per report of the Grand Recorder, still delinquent, and recommend that the By-Laws be enforced against them. As the lifeless branches of a tree are removed in order that its growth may be stimulated and its beauty apparent, so should all Masonic excresences be cut off, that we may present to the

world a Masonry without spot or blemish, or any such thing; a Masonry perfect in its beauty and shining with undimmed splendor.

On January 11th I granted a Dispensation to Davie Council No. 6, to instal Comp. A. A. Harbin Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of that Council.

On January 12th I received a communication from Comp. Geo. S. Blackie, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Tennessee, informing me that the appointment of Right Illustrious Jas. M. Fowler, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of North Carolina at the Grand Council of Tennessee, was made under a misapprehension, and returning his credentials, with the request that some other Companion might be appointed in his stead. Accordingly I appointed and commissioned Past Most Puissant Grand Master Jas. McCallum, which appointment he has most fraternally accepted.

Companions, I am well aware that the custom is prevalent with Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters and Grand Councils to appoint Companions residing in other jurisdictions as their representatives, but it strikes me the system is wrong. It is all very well for Mr. Smith to be received and acknowledged as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of North Carolina, but of what value is it to either Grand Body? I shall not enlarge upon this theme, but recommend, so far as the Grand Council is concerned, that the custom be abolished.

At the last session of this Grand Council, a resolution was passed requesting Past Most Puissant Grand Master, Thos. B. Carr, to attend and represent us in a Convention of Representatives from the several Grand Councils in the United States, which was to meet in the City of New York, in June, 1872. Comp Carr complied with that request, and has his report ready for your information.

The Committee on Nomenclature (being the only action of the Convention to which I shall allude) made the following report, which was adopted. They recommend the following titles for Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Cryptic Rite:

1st. Most Illustrious Grand Master.
2d. Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
3d. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
4th. Grand Treasurer.
5th. Grand Recorder.
6th. Grand Captain of the Guard.
7th. Grand Conductor of the Council.
8th. Grand Steward.
9th. Grand Sentinel.

For Subordinate Councils the word "Grand" is to be omitted, and "Thrice" substituted for "Most." As it is desirable, if not important, that the whole body of Cryptic Masons should work harmoniously in

this matter, and as other jurisdictions are effecting a like charge, I respectfully recommend the adoption of the above Nomenclature.

This Convention not having completed its labors, adjourned to meet at the same place on the second Wednesday of June, 1873. As the legislation of this body may prove of considerable interest to Cryptic Masonry, I recommend that Past Most Puissant Grand Master, T. B. Carr, be again appointed our Representative, with authority to select an alternate, and that suitable provision be made for the payment of his necessary expenses.

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of the proceedings of a number of Grand Councils, as per report of the Secretary, and regret that at our last Grand Convocation no committee was appointed to report upon what I have read with so much pleasure and profit.

I regret to announce since our last annual Assembly, the death of Comp. Thos. W. Brown, so long the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Council. No more fitting eulogy could I pronounce than that "He was ever faithful to his trust."

"Let the Dead rest, too sacred to me
Is their life, their love, their memory,
To bring them before the world's cold eye
To bear its heartless scrutiny.
Ah no! in the hearts of those they love best,
There is the home for the dead to rest.

Let the Dead rest, we need not be told
By this printed page that the heart is cold,
That the pulse beats not, that the sparkling eye
Shall never speak its sympathy.
Ah no! within each sorrowing breast
Live still the dead, there let them rest.

Let the dead rest, we too must die
And meet them above the starry sky;
There we may whisper, that here below,
We wept their departure, in tears of woe.
Mourn them in silence—the home of the blest
Unites the long parted, there let them rest."

Companions, let us not be disheartened at our gloomy review of the past. We have been at refreshment too long, let us now call to labor, and carefully removing the noxious weeds which have so luxuriantly grown in this part of the Masonic Vineyard, let us infuse into it some of the energy and life with which Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Masonry is so fully blessed, so that the future may be bright in happy recollections of duty done, and the grand aim we have in view, (that of placing Cryptic Masonry in this State in the proud position to which she is entitled) be fully accomplished.

HORACE H. MUNSON,
Most Puissant G. M.

On motion of Comp. Bain, the address of the Most Puissant Grand Master was referred to a committee of two.

The Most Puissant appointed Comps. Nichols and Gardner, who submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Puissant Grand Master, beg leave to report at once on the various subjects contained therein.

We recommend that the official acts of the Most Puissant Grand Master be approved by this Grand Council.

We recommend that the Grand Representation system be abolished by this Grand Council.

We recommend that our Grand Constitution be amended in accordance with the suggestions of the Most Puissant Grand Master relative to the nomenclature, and the Constitution so amended be published with the proceedings.

We fully appreciate the importance of being represented in the Convention of Representatives of Grand Councils, but owing to the depleted state of our treasury, we do not feel justified in recommending an appropriation for that purpose.

We recommend that a memorial page in our proceedings be dedicated to the memory of our late Companion, Thomas W. Brown, who so faithfully served this Grand Council as Grand Treasurer from its organization almost to the day of his death.

JOHN NICHOLS,
THOS. M. GARDNER, } *Committee.*

Comp. T. B. Carr, Past Most Puissant Grand Master, submitted the following report, which was received and ordered to be spread on the minutes:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Representative to the Convention of Grand Councils, held in New York last June, begs leave to report that he attended that Convention, and from the large attendance and zeal manifested by the Companions present at that time, feels assured that much good will result to the Cryptic Craft from it. A full report of its proceedings having been published, and the principal matters of interest having been already alluded to by the Most Puissant Grand Master in his address, a more extended report is deemed unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. CARR, *Representative.*

The Most Puissant Grand Master announced that the time had arrived for the Grand Council to proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

The election was held, with the following result:

Comp.	H. H. Munson, of Wilmington,	M. I. G. M.
"	John Nichols, of Raleigh,	D. I. G. M.
"	C. M. VanOrsdell, of Wilmington,	G. P. C. W.
"	A. Martin, of Wilmington,	G. T.
"	M. M. Katz, of Wilmington,	G. R.
"	S. S. Everett, of Wilmington,	G. C. G.
"	J. M. Shelly, of Greensboro',	G. C. C.
"	T. B. Carr, of Wilmington,	G. S.
"	B. G. Bates, of Wimington,	G. Sentinel.

Comp. Carr introduced the following:

Resolved, That the M. I. G. M. be requested to prepare a record of the history of the Grand Council of North Carolina.

Comp. Nichols amended, by substituting Comp. Carr in place of the M. I. G. M., which was adopted.

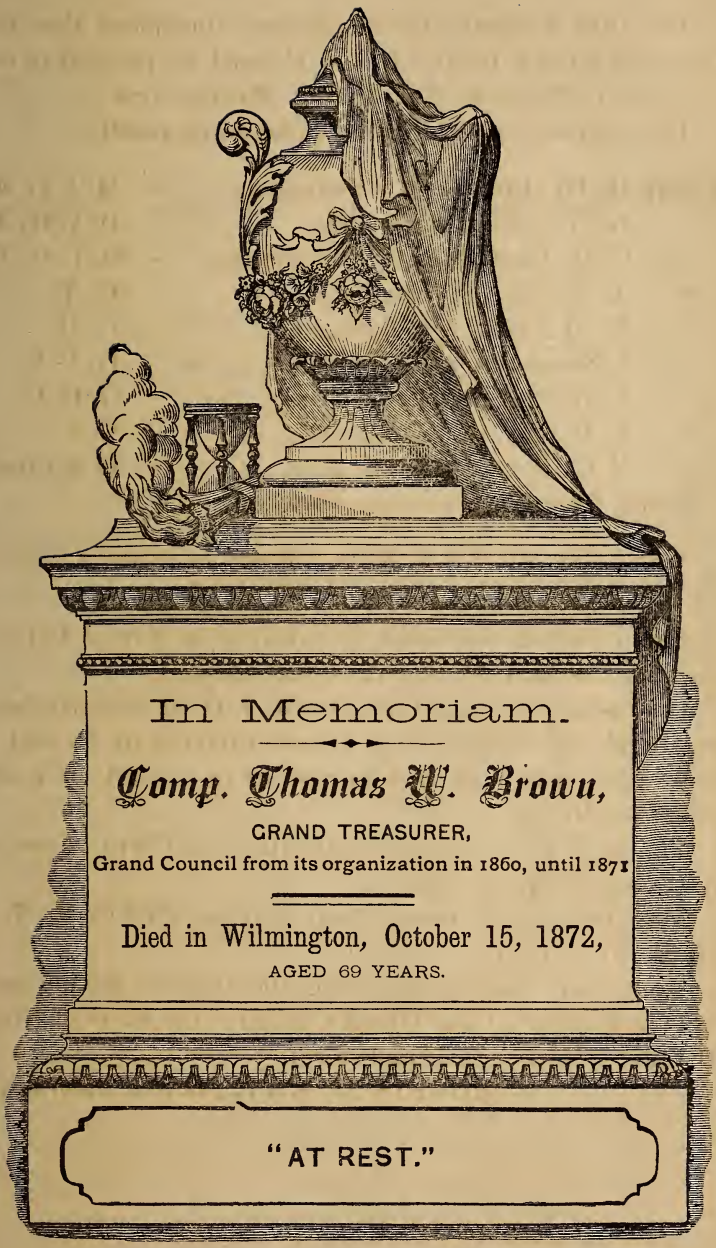
On motion of Comp. Carr, the M. I. G. M. was requested to attend the Convention of Grand Councils to be held in New York next week, and in case he cannot attend, to appoint an alternate.

The M. I. G. M. appointed Comp. T. B. Carr Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The officers elect present, were duly installed by P. M. P. G. M, T. B. Carr.

No farther business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council of the State of North Carolina was closed in ample form.

MORRIS M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*


In Memoriam.
Comp. Thomas W. Brown,
GRAND TREASURER,
Grand Council from its organization in 1860, until 1871
Died in Wilmington, October 15, 1872,
AGED 69 YEARS.
"AT REST."

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D., 1873.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, NO. 2—SALISBURY.

OFFICERS.

Luke Blackmer..... T. I. G. M.
William Murdoch..... D. I. G. M.
Dolphin A. Davis..... P. C. W.
Edward B. Neave..... C. G.
Jno. M. Coffin..... Treasurer.
Andrew Murphy..... C. C.
R. P. Bessent..... S.
Josephus W. Hall..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Delevan Bates.
Frederick Benjamin,
Jno W. Bitting,
Daniel Coleman,
Jno. S. Haigler,
Carnes A. Henderson,
David W. Honeycutt,
Clinton A. Culley,
Christopher S Moring,
Hugh Murdoch,
Charles L Partee,
George H. Snydam,
F. C. Schaffer,
Wm L. Vanderwater,
P A. Frercks,
Samuel E. Linton.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, one; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, one; expelled, none; of resident R. and and S. M., not members, none; whole number of R. and S. M. now living in jurisdiction, twenty-four. Regular time of meeting, 2d Wednesday night in each month.

Since last meeting Secretary Obadiah Woodson has died.

ANDREW MURPHY, *Secretary pro tem.*

GREENSBORO' COUNCIL NO. 3--GREENSBORO'.

OFFICERS.

John M. Shelly.....T. I. G. M.
William E. Edwards.....D. I. G. M.
F. P. Cavanah.....P. C. W.
John D. Donnell,.....C. G.
D. W. Kirkpatrick.....Treasurer.
Thomas B. Keogh.....Recorder.
Thomas J. Sloan.....C. C.
R. M. Stafford.....S.
William Collins,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Peter Adams,
Sterling Adams,
Daniel E. Albright,
William Bodenhammer,
O. S. Causey,
K. M. Coble,
J. R. Cardwell,
R. L. Coltraine,
J. B. Faircloth,
W. H. Gentry,
George M. Gregory,
R. W. Glenn,
W. P. Heath,
O. F. Hatch,
J. Hildeshiemer,
J. M. Isley,
C. P. Mendenhall,
W. H. Moore,
George S. Parker,
J. W. Pearce,
W. H. Phillips,
J. B. Renegan,
John Sloan,
R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
William Swaim,
J. E. Shultz,
L. T. Smith,
J. H. Tarpley,
J. B. Wilkerson,
Samuel A. Walker.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, two; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, two; expelled, none; suspended, none; of resident C. M., not members, none; whole number of C. Masons now living in jurisdiction, forty-two. Regular time of meeting, fourth Wednesday night of each month.

THOS. B. KEOGH, *Recorder.*

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, NO. 4—WILMINGTON.

OFFICERS.

C. M. VanOrsdell	T. I. G. M.
S. S. Everett	D. I. G. M.
H. H. Munson	P. C. W.
R. Greenberg	Treasurer.
Thos. B. Carr	Recorder.
A. Wronski	C. G.
George Patterson	C. C.
S. Solomon	S.
B. G. Bates	Sentinel

MEMBERS.

P. W. Fanning,	J. B. Russell,
Alexander Boon,	W. G. Thomas,
W. J. Price,	S. D. Wallace,
A. Paul Repiton,	Donald McRae,
M. M. Katz,	B. P. Harrison,
Alfred Martin,	D. McMillan,
H. Ryttenberg,	S. Solomon,
I. D. Ryttenberg,	William Larkins,
J. W. Wright,	G. W. Jewett,
Jacob Lyon,	F. M. Knowles,
Alex. McRae, Jr.,	Tiffin Johnson,
W. E. Freeman,	R. E. Gallaway,
E. Turlington,	J. C. Mann.

SUMMARY.

Number healed, none; honored, three; rejected none; withdrawn, none; died, two; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number now living in jurisdiction, thirty-five.

THOS. B. CARR, *Recorder*,

ENOCH COUNCIL, NO. 5—Raleigh.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols	T. I. G. M.
Jno. B. Neathery	I. H. T.
D. W. Bain	P. C. W.
Wm. H. Dodd	M. E.
Jno. C. Blake	M. D.
Jack R. Williams	C. G.
Wm. Simpson	C. C.

MEMBERS.

M. Grausman,
R. H. Bradley,
J. M. Rosenbaum,
T. W. Blake,
A. S. Lee,
J. M. Betts,
H. Mahler,
A. P. C. Bryan,
N. L. Brown,
W. Allcott,
J. C. L. Harris,
W. C. Stronach,
W. W. Dunn,
S. H. Rountree,
Isaac Oettinger,
A. Johnson,
A. D. Royster,
J. R. Harrison,
J. H. Separk,
W. P. Wetherell,
D. R. Coleman,
R. W. Best.

JNO C. BLAKE. *M. D.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

Adopted June 7th, 1866—Amended June 1873.

ORGANIZATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Grand Council shall consist of the following officers, viz: Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Steward, and Grand Sentinel, together with the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters, Grand Principal Conductors of the Work, and the three principal officers for the time being of the several Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council; all of whom shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Council: *Provided*, That when any Past Grand Officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Council, his membership in this Grand Council shall cease.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

ART. 2. The regular ~~convocations~~ Assemblys of this Grand Council shall be held in Wilmington, N. C., on the Thursday after the first Monday in June of each and every year. And in case of the absence of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Deputy Illustrious Grand Master, or Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, or either of them, shall preside, taking precedence according to rank. In the

absence of all the above named officers, then the oldest Grand Officer of those grades present; and if there be none of the Past Grand Officers of the rank above named present, then the first officer of the oldest Subordinate Council present shall have power and authority to preside, and the representatives of three Subordinate Councils shall constitute a quorum. If, on the day of meeting, there be not a quorum present, the presiding officer may adjourn the Grand Council from day to day, until the close of the fourth day, when, if there be not a quorum present, the meeting shall be adjourned until the day for the next Annual ~~Convocation~~ Assembly, unless sooner or specially convened.

TIME OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ART. 3. The officers of this Grand Council shall be chosen at each regular Annual ~~Convocation~~ Assembly for the term of one year. But should the Annual ~~Convocation~~ Assembly not be held at the stated time, they shall hold their officers until others are chosen, and the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or in his absence, the Deputy Illustrious Grand Master for the time being, shall have power to call special meetings whenever they may deem it expedient, of which all the Subordinate Councils shall have due and timely notice.

VOTES.

ART. 4. All questions before this Grand Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES.

ART. 5. The constitutional officers of this Grand Council shall be elected by ballot, except the Grand Sentinel, who, together with the Grand Lecturer, shall be appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master. All of whom shall be installed before the closing of the Grand ~~Communication~~ Assembly. And in case of the death or removal from this jurisdiction of any of the officers of rank below the then superior Grand Officer, the vacancy may be filled by such superior officer.

REPRESENTATIVES.

ART. 6. None but Royal and Select Masters, holding membership in a Subordinate Council, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, shall act as representative. Nor shall any person represent more than two Subordinate Councils at any Grand ~~Communication~~ Assembly.

VOTING.

ART. 7. The Constitutional Grand and Past Grand officers shall each have one vote, and each Subordinate Council, by its representative or representatives, three votes in this Grand Council. When the three principal officers are present, representing their Councils, they shall each have one vote; if only two, the highest in rank shall have two votes and the other one; if but one be present, he shall cast the vote of the Council, and should any Subordinate Council fail to appoint a delegate in season, the Thrice Illustrious Master, for the time being, if unable to attend, shall have power to appoint a proxy to represent his Council.

GRAND LECTURER.

ART. 8. The Grand Lecturer shall be furnished with a commission by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Council, attested by the Grand Recorder; and the Councils by which he may be employed shall make him such compensation as may be agreed upon by the parties. He shall make no alterations in the work and lectures adopted by this Grand Council.

TREASURER AND RECORDER.

ART. 9. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall have their books ready for examination at the commencement of each Annual ~~Communication,~~ Assembly and a committee shall be appointed on the first day of the meeting for that purpose, who shall report before any election takes place.

DISPENSATIONS.

ART. 10. Petitions for warrants to open new Councils

must be signed by nine Select Masters, living within the jurisdiction, and accompanied by a certificate from the Council within the State, nearest the contemplated location of the new Council, vouching for the masonic abilities and moral character of the petitioners, and recommending that a charter be granted; and the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or the Deputy Illustrious Grand Master may, upon such petition, if approved, grant his dispensation for the same, to remain in force until the first Grand Annual ~~Communication~~ Assembly succeeding, when said Council shall petition for a charter, unless, for good and satisfactory reasons, this warrant shall be continued, and if no application is made at the succeeding Grand Annual ~~Communication~~ Assembly for a charter, said warrant shall then be revoked.

FEE FOR DISPENSATION.

ART. 11. The fees for a warrant for a new Council shall be Thirty Dollars, of which the Grand Recorder shall receive Five Dollars; and no warrant shall be granted until the fee is paid, which fee shall be in full, both for the warrant and charter, should one be issued.

DUES OF SUBORDINATES.

ART. 12. The several Councils under this Grand Council, shall pay for the support thereof into the hands of the Grand Recorder, annually, the sum of ~~Ten~~ Fifteen Dollars: *Provided*, That Councils under dispensation shall pay nothing for the time that may elapse between the date of such dispensation, and the next succeeding Grand Annual ~~Communication~~ Assembly. But in case of the extension of the warrant, they shall pay the fee as a Council under charter, for the time that the warrant may have been extended.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

ART. 13. No Council under this jurisdiction shall change its location without the concurrence of this Grand Council, and the recommendation of the Council nearest the place to which it is proposed to be removed.

RETURNS.

ART. 14. Every Council under this Grand jurisdiction shall make returns annually to the Grand Recorder, at each Grand Annual ~~Convocation~~, of the names of their officers and members, together with all admissions, deaths, suspensions, expulsions and withdrawals. And if any Council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble during any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Council for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make returns as above and pay its dues, then, and in that case, the said Council shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Council its Charter, Records, Jewels and Furniture, together with its money, and all other property of every kind and description.

APPLICATIONS.

ART. 15. The application of every candidate for the degrees, in any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and recommended by a member of said Council, and the said application shall lay over for the consideration of the members at least one meeting, unless by a unanimous vote of the members present, it shall be determined to ballot on said petition at the time it is presented; and no Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees for a less sum than Five Dollars, which fee must, in all cases, accompany the petition.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 16. No Council under this jurisdiction shall admit to membership any person who is a member of, or in arrears to, another Council, nor without a demit from the Council of which he was last a member.

DEGREES AND JURISDICTION.

ART. 17. No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees or entertain the petition of any person who is a resident of another Grand or Subordinate jurisdiction, without the written permission and recommendation of the Council nearest his place of residence.

IRREGULAR COUNCILS.

ART. 18. No Council within this jurisdiction, acting without a warrant from this Grand Council, shall be deemed lawful, and all communication with such Council, and with any person made therein, is hereby strictly forbidden, under a penalty of expulsion; or, in the case of a Council, the arrest of its Charter.

JURISDICTION.

ART. 19. This Grand Council shall have original jurisdiction over all matters of controversy between its Subordinate Councils, and appellate jurisdiction in all matters of controversy arising therein.

TRIALS.

ART. 20. The trial of all masonic offences before any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be conducted according to the rules laid down in the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, under Article 24.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 21. No alteration or amendment of this Consitution shall be made at any other than ~~a regular Communication.~~ Annual Assembly

REPEAL.

ART. 22. All former Constitutions of this Grand Council are hereby repealed.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina held its Annual Assembly at St. John's Hall in the City of Wilmington, on Thursday, June 4th, A. D. 1874, A. Dep. 2874.

PRESENT:

H. H. MUNSON, ... *M. Ill. Grand Master.*
D. W. BAIN, ... as *Dep. Grand Master.*
C. M. VAN ORSDELL, ... *Grand P. C. W.*
ALFRED MARTIN, ... *Grand Treasurer.*
M. M. KATZ, ... *Grand Recorder.*
S. S. EVERETT, ... *Grand Capt. Guard.*
R. GREENBERG, ... as *Grand Con. Council.*
T. B. CARR, ... as *Grand Steward.*
A. WRONSKI, ... as *Grand Sentinel.*
Comps. S. Solomon, T. M. Gardner, J. Lyon, Geo. Patterson.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Comps. Thomas M. Gardner and Thomas B. Carr a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that the following Councils are represented in this Convocation:

Greensboro', No. 3, ... THOS. B. CARR, Representative.
Wilmington, " 4, ... H. H. MUNSON, T. I. M.,
S. S. EVERETT, D. I. M.,
M. M. KATZ, P. C. of the Work.
Enoch, " 5, ... D. W. BAIN, P. C. of the Work, Rep.

T. M. GARDNER,
T. B. CARR, } *Com.*

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

On Finance: Comps. C. M. Van Orsdell and S. Solomon.
On Returns and Proceedings: Comps. D. W. Bain and R. Greenberg.
On Unfinished Business: Comps. T. B. Carr, A. Wronski, J. Lyon.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Grand Council of North Carolina, in Account with M. M. KATZ, *G. R.:*

DR.		CR.	
To Postage and Stationery,	$ 1 75	Adoniram Council, No. 2,	$10 00
Grand Treas'r, as per voucher,	28 25	Greensboro' " " 3,	10 00
		Wilmington " " 4,	10 00
	$30 00		$30 00

The following Councils owe as follows:

Alpha, No. 1,	$60 00
*Enoch, " 5,	10 00
Davie, " 6,	20 00
	$90 00

Respectfully submitted,

*Since paid. M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Grand Council of North Carolina, in Acc't with ALFRED MARTIN, *G. T.*

1873.		DR.	
August 20.		To paid, Printing Proceedings,	$36 00
1874.			
March	6.	To paid, Copy of Ritual,	11 25
June	4.	To balance to credit of new account,	29 91
			$77 16

1873.		CR.	
June 4.		By balance on hand,	$48 91
1874.			
June 4.		By amount from Grand Recorder,	28 25
			$77 16
June 4.		By balance on hand,	$29 91

ALFRED MARTIN, *Grand Treasurer.*

Reports of Committees were presented as follows and concurred in:

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on Finance have examined the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer as per their reports submitted to this Grand Council and find them correct:

The Grand Recorder reports cash received from Adoriam, No. 2, $10 00
" Greensboro, No. 3, 10 00
" Wilmington, No. 4, 10 00

$30 00

DR.

To Postage and Stationery,	$ 1 75
Paid to the Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers,	28 25
	$30 00

The following Councils are represented as in arrears, viz:

Alpha, No. 1,	$60 00	
Enoch, " 5,	10 00	
Davie, " 6,	20 00	
		$90 00

The Grand Treasurer's Report:

August 20, 1873.	To printing Proceedings,	$36 00	
March 6, 1874.	To Copy of Ritual,	11 25	
June 4, "	To balance on hand,	29 91	
			$77 16

CR.

June 4, 1873.	By balance on hand,	$48 91	
" 4, 1874.	By amount from Grand Recorder,	28 25	
			$77 16
June 4, 1874.	By balance on hand,	$29 91	

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Van Orsdell,
S. Solomon, } *Com.*

On Returns and Proceedings:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils report that they have examined the following returns and find them correct: Adoniram, No. 2, (with a slight correction) and Wilmington, No. 4.

The returns of Greensboro' Council are correctly filled up, but are incorrect in stating the whole number as no account seems to have been taken of the gains since the returns of 1873.

The Committee recommend that these returns be printed with the Proceedings of the present Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. Bain,
R. Greenberg, } *Com.*

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of the last Annual Assembly and find unfinished business as follows:

Report of M. I. G. Master, in relation to Alpha Council; Report of Grand Recorder, as to delinquent Councils; Report of Committee to prepare a record of the history of this Grand Council, and the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Carr,
A. Wronski,
Jacob Lyon, } *Com.*

The Grand Master delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Companions of the Grand Council of North Carolina:

The revolving wheels of time, true to the unerring law of nature, have brought us once more to the place of our annual gatherings with, I trust, hearts full of thankfulness to Him, who holds all things in the hollow of His hand, for the mercies and blessings vouchsafed us, during the Masonic year now past and gone. May His presence still abide with us, may peace and harmony prevail during our deliberations, and may all be returned in safety to their homes, proud in the conciousness of duty faithfully performed.

Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, stands just where it did one year ago. It neither recedes nor advances, and the interest therein, with perhaps one or two exceptions, (so far as I can learn,) is not such as to indicate any very rapid strides in the future. It is a matter of regret to all who have its welfare at heart, that so much luke-warmness exists; this apathy may partly be ascribed to the fact that we have no well defined system of work. Our mode of conferring the degrees is broken, and detached, so that their beauty and impressiveness are well nigh lost.

The Committee appointed at a former Convocation, to report a Ritual, having completed their labors, will, at this session, present it for your endorsement, if, as I trust, it shall meet your approbation, and be properly diffused throughout the Subordinate Councils, if earnest individual and united effort is made, I see no good reason why our Councils shall not evince renewed prosperity, and these degrees exceeded in beauty by none, shall not be as eagerly sought after, as they are, by their merits, entitled to be.

At your last Convocation I was requested to attend a Convention of Councils, held in the City of New York in June last, or appoint an alternate. It being impossible for me to be present on that occasion, I appointed P. M. I. G. M. Thomas B. Carr, who also failed to attend; so much to my regret this Grand Council was unrepresented. By a reference to the published proceedings of that Body, however, we find in brief, that Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Wisconsin were represented. The degrees adopted were 1st Royal Master, and 2d Select Master, together with a form for opening and closing each, leaving it optional with Grand Councils to confer the Super-Excellent as an honorary degree. They also adopted the following resolutions: "That a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be, to memoralize the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, at its next triennial Conclave, to be held in the City of New Orleans in December 1874, asking that Grand Body to make the Degees of Royal and Select Masters a necessary pre-requisite to the reception of the Orders of Knighthood."

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

"That Companions Drummond, Garden and Chase, be a Committee to promulgate to each Grand Council, the Ritual adopted by the Convention."

Companions, it is to the second resolution particularly, I wish to call your attention; there are some who think it entirely unnecessary to have a General Grand Council, with you it may be otherwise, and you may desire a representation at the meeting to be held for its formation. The matter is in your hands to do with as it seemeth to you best, with no desire on my part to submit any recommendation.

August 18th last I notified Alpha Council, No. 1, of the forfeiture of their charter and demanded (in accordance with a resolution of this Grand Council) its return, together with the books, &c., to the Grand Recorder, Comp. M. M. Katz, of this city, to all of which no response has been made. It re-

mains therefore for you to take such action as your combined wisdom suggests.

I have the honor of laying before you the resolutions adopted at the Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Louisiana, asking your aid and influence in endeavoring to change the time and place for the meeting of the next General Grand Chapter of the United States:

GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE,
The Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of the State of Louisiana,
NEW ORLEANS, February 14th, 1874.

At the Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council, held on Thursday, the 12th instant, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, A Convention of Royal and Select Masters was held in the City of New York, on 11th and 12th June, 1873, which adopted a Ritual, and adjourned to meet in New Orleans on the first Monday prior to the first Tuesday of December, 1874, (the day fixed for the Grand Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States), in order to finish their labors.

AND WHEREAS, The day so fixed for the re-assembly of the said Convention is the same as that fixed for the tri-ennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at Nashville, and many Illustrious Companions will be accredited to both bodies and be consequently unable to attend both.

AND WHEREAS, It is evident that much unnecessary expense will be saved, and much good enure to both bodies, if the place of meeting of the General Grand Chapter be changed to New Orleans:

Be it resolved, That this Grand Council hereby extends a hearty welcome to the members of the Convention of Royal and Select Masters to be held in this City in December next.

Resolved, That Ill. Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter be and is hereby requested to issue an Edict changing the time and place of the next Grand Convocation of that Grand body to this City, on the 1st Tuesday in December, 1874.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to the officers of all our Sister Grand Councils, and that their aid and influence be requested in order to have the above change made in the time and place of meeting of the General Grand Chapter.

Witness my official signature and seal of the Grand Council, the day and date above written. Fraternally,

[SEAL.] G. SONTAG, *Grand Recorder.*

And now, Companions, I return to you the important trust committed two years ago to my care, with the hope that he, upon whom your choice may fall as my successor, may accomplish more, and serve you better, than I have been able to do. HORACE H. MUNSON.

The address was referred to a Special Committee composed of Companions D. W. Bain and T. B. Carr, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master report thereon as follows:

It is cause for regret that the Most Illustrious Grand Master is not able to report increased interest in, or progress of, Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, and your Committee are not prepared to submit any suggestions looking to an enhancement of the prosperity of the rite. Your Committee's views, as to the cause of the apathy prevailing in the jurisdiction, accord fully with those expressed in the address.

The resolution adopted by the Convention of Councils held in New York in June last, (to which our Most Illustrious Grand Master calls special atten-

tion) looking to the formation of a General Grand Council of the United States, has been considered by your Committee, and while we are of opinion that the formation of such a Body will not contribute to the advancement of Cryptic Masonry generally, we do not recommend any action by this Grand Body, *pro* or *con*, on the subject.

The Committee recommend that the Grand Recorder be instructed to correspond with the former officers of Alpha Council, No. 1, with a view to ascertain the condition and whereabouts of the property of said Council and report the result of the correspondence to the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The Committee recommend that no action be taken on the communication from the Grand Council of Louisiana, as it is officially known that the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter has declined to interfere in the action of that Body in the selection of Nashville as the place for holding its next tri-ennial Convocation.

Your Committee are satisfied that the Most Illustrious Grand Master has performed the duties of his high office with an eye to the best interests of the rite we represent, and feel assured that he has not become weary in well doing.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS B. CARR, } *Com.*
D. W. BAIN, }

Comp. T. B. Carr, Past M. Ill. G. M., submitted the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, as follows:

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report that they have reviewed attentively the proceedings of the following Grand Councils:

Alabama, - - -	1873	New Jersey, - -	1874
Arkansas, - - -	1873	New Hampshire, - -	1873
Connecticut, - -	1873	Ohio, - - - -	1873
Illinois, - - -	1873	Ontario, - - -	1874
Indiana, - - -	1873	Pennsylvania, - -	1873
Iowa, - - - -	1873	South Carolina, -	1873, 1874
Louisiana, - - -	1874	Tennessee, - - -	1873
Maine, - - - -	1873	Vermont, - - -	1873
Massachusetts, - -	1873	And of the National Con-	
Mississippi, - - -	1874	vention, held in New	
Missouri, - - -	1873	York, - - -	1873

We have no intelligence direct from the Grand Councils of California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Brunswick, New York, Rhode Island or Wisconsin in each of which States Grand Councils have been organized. As many of the proceedings at hand, do not acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of our own Grand Council, we recommend that our Grand Recorder hereafter endeavor, by a more liberal and frequent mailing of copies of ours to procure the proceedings of sister Grand Councils.

The Convention of Representatives of Grand Councils that assembled in New York last June, claims our first consideration. Ill. Comp.

Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, was the presiding officer, and we are indebted to him for the following synopsis:

The Committee on Work met two days in advance of the Convention. It was not practicable for it to meet earlier on account of the wide distance between the residences of its members: they could meet only once, and as it was necessary for them to be at the Convention, they must meet about the time that met. All the members were not present: but Comps. Garden of Maine (chosen Chairman), Webb of Alabama (chosen Secretary), Chase of New York, Moore of Massachusetts, Edmundson of Tennessee, and Prall of Missouri, met and labored almost incessantly.

The Convention was organized as last year: nineteen Grand Councils were represented: North Carolina and Rhode Island, represented last year, were not this: but Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and South Carolina, made the number good and increased it.

The following is an account of the action of the Convention, upon one of the most important questions before it:

"Ill. Companion Garden, from the Committee on Work, made a partial report, that the majority of the Committee had voted to recommend that the order of degrees should be, 1st, Royal Master, 2d, Select Master, and that it be left optional with Grand Councils to confer the Super-Excellent degree as an honorary degree; that the minority believed that the Select degree should be first and the Royal degree second, and that, as the decision of this question would necessarily affect the work, the whole committee desired the action of the convention upon it.

"Pending a motion to adopt the recommendation of the majority, Ill. Comp. Moore moved to amend by substituting the recommendation of the minority, but his motion was lost, Maine and Massachusetts voting in the affirmative, and the other Grand Councils in the negative.

"Thereupon, on motion of Comp. Harris,

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

"Comp. John W. Jones of Louisiana, was added to the Committee on Work, in place of Comp. Todd, not present."

The committee accordingly presented their report upon this basis, and it was discussed and acted upon in parts, and finally adopted:

"*Voted*, That the work of the Royal Master's degree as reported by the committee, and amended by the Convention, be adopted:

"Yeas 13, Nays 4, absent or not voting, 2, as follows:

"Yeas.—Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississppi, Missouri, New Jersey, New Brunswick, New York, Tennessee, South Carolina and Wisconsin.

"Nays.—Indiana, Maine, Massachusettss and Michigan.

"Not Voting—New Hampshire.

"Absent.—Pennsylvania."

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"The work of the Select Master's degree, as reported by the committee, was amended, and after a full discussion, adopted by yeas 14, nays 2, absent or not voting 3, as follows:

"Yeas.—Alabama, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Brunswick, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

"Nays—Maine and Massachusetts.

"Absent—Pennsylvania.

"Not Voting.—Arkansas and New Hampshire.

"On motion, the work of the Super-Excellent degree, as reported by the committee last year, was adopted, the vote being taken by a show of hands, by a suspension of the rules. On this question, South Carolina, Indiana and Mississippi declined to vote, as they had not received the degree."

The following action was also had:

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

"The following Ill. Companions were appointed as such committee: Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine; William Hacker, of Indiana; T. J. Corson, of New Jersey; G. Fred. Wiltsie, of New York; P. M. Savery, of Mississippi;

"Ill. Comp. Prall, of Missouri, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

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

"On motion of Ill. Comp. Lounsbury,

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

"On motion of Ill. Comp. Chase, it was

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

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"*Voted*, That Comps. Drummond, Garden, and Chase be a committee to promulgate to each Grand Council the ritual adopted by the Convention.

"[The instructions to the committee are omitted, the original resolution being in the hands of the Chairman.]"

The ritual adopted will be presented by the Committee on Work.

We find from an examination of the proceedings of Alabama that they adopted the Convention work.

The Grand Master, in his address, says:

The necessity of a Convention to "secure uniformity in the ritual, titles, &c.," was very apparent from the great diversity which was presented before the committee.

The variations in verbiage were regarded as of minor importance, the main object being to settle definitely the historical relations and traditions of the degrees.

Two material points of difference retarded our labors:

1st. As to the *order* of the degrees.

2d. As to the manner of the deposit of the *tetragrammaton* upon the Ark of the Covenant.

In investigating the first it appeared that the Cryptic Degrees were introduced into the United States from several different sources. The two of oldest date were by Henry Andrew Franken, in 1767, who introduced them into the Eastern States; and by Joseph Myers, who deposited a copy of these degrees in the archives of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Charleston, in 1778.

From the latter source they were disseminated through the South and West.

Franken conferred them upon Moses M. Hays, who was afterwards Grand Master of Massachusetts, and they were thus disseminated in the Eastern States. But it seems that they worked the degrees separately, and conferred them as side degrees until about the first of the present century.

In 1815 we find Tyrian Council of Royal Masters, in New Hampshire, probably derived from Franken; and in 1816 that Jeremy L. Cross, a native of New Hampshire but a resident of Connecticut, received from Philip P. Eckle

the degree of Select Master; and from a pamphlet published by Cross in 1816, it appears that he had conferred this degree in various parts of the East, and established Councils of Select Masters in Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut.

Subsequently (about 1819) Cross received the Royal degree, and it is probable conferred this in the same States and in the same Councils already organized as Select Masters. Thus the Select Degree, was for a series of years worked alone in these States, and *prior* to the Royal, and hence, when they incorporated both in their work, they naturally arranged them as Select and Royal. For the historical details of this statement the committee was indebted to Companion Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine.

We also learned from Companion Moore, of Boston, a member of the committee, that the degrees had been worked in this order in Boston for at least fifty years.

It was also contended by the advocates of this view that the order of Royal and Select involved a chronological anachronism which necessitated a transposition of historical events from their natural order.

It was but natural then that these Companions should think themselves correct, and tenaciously contend for their view of the order of the degrees.

Upon the other hand it was contended by those who had the degrees as Royal and Select, that the anachronism was more apparent than real, inasmuch as Masonry does not attempt to teach history chronologically, but only seizes upon certain events in history calculated to illustrate and enforce principles in their symbolic character; and that *in fact* the secrets taught and explained in the Select Degree were not known to the Craft until centuries after the Royal Degree had been instituted,—and that in the South they had been worked in this Order from a date long prior to the formation of Councils of Select and Royal Masters in the Eastern States.

In confirmation of this, Companion A. G. Mackey stated before the committee that he had seen a copy of the original ritual in the archives of the Grand Consistory at Charleston, which dates back to 1778, in which the Order was Royal and Select. With these facts before us, a majority of the committee determined that the Order should be Royal and Select, which was confirmed by a vote of the convention.

The second point, the deposit of the *tetragrammaton*, was one of greater difficulty, as the evidence was entirely inferential or traditional. The inferences were to be drawn, too, from the teachings of traditions as preserved in the different jurisdictions, and these as the work had been subjected by time, to variations.

One party contended that the deposit was *of necessity* made in the presence of the three Ancient Grand Masters, otherwise it would have been a violation of the agreement that it could only be imparted in the presence of the *Three*.

Upon the other hand it was contended that the presence of the *Three*. for this purpose, was unnecessary, as it was only carrying out the Order of K. S. to keep it secure—that it was inconsistent with the traditions of the third degree—with the language of H. A. in the ritual of the Royal Degree, and with the tradition that the *W.* was lost at the death of Grand Master H. A.

The majority of the committee adopted the view that it was deposited by H. A. a short while previous to his death.

So great, however, was the reluctance of the minority to yield this point, that it was agreed to leave the language of the lecture indefinite on this point so as not to interfere with the traditions of any Council. * * *

It is evident to any one perusing the proceedings before us that much good has resulted already from the Convention. Most of the Councils have adopted the nomenclature recommended in 1872, and such as have received the ritual have either adopted it or taken such action as leads us to believe that it will be adopted within the next year.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Council, in 1872, issued an edict "that any Royal Arch Mason, living within this jurisdiction, properly recommended, may be elected to and receive the degrees of Royal and Select Master in this Grand Council, &c." Accordingly we find that in 1873 nine Companions from various parts of the State, were elected to and received these degrees from the Grand Council. This action of the Grand Council has been adversely commented upon by several Foreign Correspondence Committees, but we think that much good will result from it by promulgating the work, direct from the fountain head, to districts in which the true Light shines dimly.

CONNECTICUT.

The M. P. G. Master, in his address, admits the necessity of a change of their ritual, but the Grand Council took no action, neither did it adopt the uniform "Nomenclature." The report of their representative to the Convention was referred to a Committee, which does not appear to have reported. Comp. W. WALLACE LEE presented a full report on Correspondence. From it we copy portions of the report of the Grand Council of New York:

MOST PUISSANT JAMES MCCREDIE, *Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Maeters af the State af New-Yark:*

M. P. SIR AND COMP.—In pursuance to the instruction received from you about the 1st of July last, I proceeded to England with the proper authority and necessary documents to promulgate the Cryptic Rite.

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The first meeting was held Monday evening, July 31st, at Freemasons' Tavern, when the degrees of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Masters were conferred on the following named Royal Arch Masons:

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The next assembly convened on the 21st of August, Monday evening, and Companions Charles Hammerton, Edward Kimber, Robert Wentworth Little, Henry Massey, and John Read received the degrees.

Three additional Councils were then formed.

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The four Councils then took the preliminary steps toward forming the Grand Council of England and its dependencies, excepting Canada, in order to occupy the territory and prevent the organization of other Councils without the proper authority.

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It is peculiarily grrtifying, and should be regarded with feelings of just pride, that having received Masonry from England over a century ago, we have been permitted the honor of establishing the Cryptic branch there, and this honor has been awarded to the Grand Council of the State of New York.

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J. H. CHASE, Grand Lecturer.

We thank Comp. LEE for his complimentary notice of our short review made in 1872. He does not try to be witty this year as he was cut off at the knees, at his attempting some sallies in that line, by Comp. HUDSON, of New York. He blandly replies to him, however,

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

ILLINOIS.

The T. I. Grand Master, in his address, reports his attendance at the Convention and says:

Concerning the ritual, that but few changes were made from our own, (which was adopted as the text), and those changes not of a radical nature, while the work of some jurisdictions will, by its adoption, be almost entirely changed; but the members of some of them pledged its adoption by their Grand Councils. I would suggest the appointment of a committee at this session to consider the matter during the coming year, and report at our next Annual Assembly.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the desire of this Grand Council that the degree of Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master be recognized as a legal and official degree, (that may be conferred upon those lawfully entitled thereto.) under the patronage of this Grand Council, and under the management of the Council of Past Thrice Illustrious Masters now organized.

Who has gone into the Degree manufacturing business now? Chain him up.

INDIANA.

Comp. WM. HACKER presented his report as delegate to the Convention. The Committee, to whom it was referred, say:

The ritual presented for examination varies so largely from that in use in our own Jurisdiction, as to lead us to doubt the wisdom of a hasty approval, and as the convention was without authority to enforce its adoption, any more than any other voluntary Masonic assemblage, we deem their action a proper subject of criticism and careful examination. Changes in ritual should rarely be made, and then only by the highest Masonic authority. The simplicity and beauty of our own ritual have endeared it to our companions and Councils.

Your committee recommend that the subject be taken into careful consideration by the Grand Officers of our Council, and that they be requested to report thereon at our next Grand Annual Communication, and that the question of the appointment of a delegate to the Convention in December, 1874, be also laid over until our next annual meeting.

The work that has been practiced to some extent in this jurisdiction during the past six years is in many respects identical with that of Indiana. Their work was carefully examined by your Committee on Work six years since, and was the most complete of any of the rituals they had access to. By comparison, however, with that received from the Supreme Council and that from Virginia (originally taught by J. L. Cross), there were found to be many inaccuracies and inconsistencies. Hence the Committee declined to report until after the action of the Convention.

We are not surprised that our Indiana Companions are attached to the work which they have practiced so effectively and so long, but as they have *so much less* to concede for the sake of uniformity, than those who orginated the Convention, we do not believe they will be last to adopt its ritual.

Comp. W. W. Austin presented a full report on Correspondence, containing much to commend, nothing to criticize.

IOWA.

Principal item of interest is the adoption of the Convention work. The Grand Master says: "I have carefully compared the ritual with that of this jurisdiction and find it in the main similar. The differences are chiefly improvements."

An excellent report on Correspondence, by Ill. Comp. W. B. Langridge, concludes as follows:

> The general out-look of Council Masonry is as good, if not better, than for years past; the action of the New York Convention has given it a new interest and vitality. If the officers of Subordinate Councils could only be induced to perfect themselves as workmen, and to give the interest to the ritual that it deserves, the complaints of lethargy and dullness would vanish.

LOUISIANA.

M. P. G. M. John W. Jones, in his address, alluding to the Convention, says:

> The ritual of the work gave rise to considerable discussion, and was difficult to settle, as no two States entirely agreed, and all had, therefore, to make some concessions, but finally, the ritual was adopted as presented by the Committee on work; and believing it to be for the good of Cryptic Masonry, I earnestly recommend that this Grand Council adopt the ritual and proceedings of said Convention, so far as the same may not be inconsistent with our work in the degrees of Symbolic and Chapter Masonry, as soon as practicable, after receiving the same.

This Grand Council "extends a hearty welcome to the members of the Convention of Royal and Select Masters to be held in this City (New Orleans) in November next."

Comps. Sam'l M. Todd and Joseph P. Horner presented an excellent report on Correspondence.

MAINE.

The M. P. G. M., Gordon R. Garden, in his address, reports that he attended the Convention and says:

The determination was expressed there unanimously, to continue the cultivation of the degrees of Cryptic Masonry. The sentiment was also expressed that the degrees should be exclusively under the jurisdiction of Grand Councils, and "that no one should be recognized as a Companion of this Rite, who has not received the degrees in a lawfully constituted Council, or by authority of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite, previous to this date, or been lawfully healed."

This action accords with the practice of this Grand Council ever since its organization. We learn, in advance of printed proceedings, that the work has been adopted this year.

Comp. Jos. H. Drummond presented one of his exhaustive reports on Correspondence from which we have already quoted at length.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Committee, to whom the address of the M. I. G. M. was referred, reported:

That, in their opinion, it is advisable for this Grand Council to adopt the Work of said Convention. Although some of us may object to the change in the order of conferring the degrees, yet, as no vital landmark is violated, and the substance of the work is nearly the same as heretofore exemplified by us, we believe that no injury can result from its adoption, but possibly much good. Our action will show to Companions of other jurisdictions, that we are not so entirely "wedded to our idols" that we will not yield immaterial points, for the sake of "harmony and uniformity."

The report was recommitted with instructions to exemplify at an adjourned meeting.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. E. B. Moore, is full and interesting. He hopes that a resolution adopted by his Grand Chapter in 1871, disapproving the appointment of Representatives at other jurisdictions "will be *repealed* with the *least possible delay*."

He says:

Massachusetts, although one of the oldest States in Cryptic Masonry, and having a nomenclature, Order of degrees and Ritual, as little objectionable

as those of any other State, yet, for the sake of *harmony and uniformity*, will not be found averse to adopting any salutary measures recommended by the Convention.

He reports that

As proxy for M. I. Grand Master Charles H. Norris, we visited New York city, determined to let no minor considerations influence us adversely to uniformity of Work; provided that *no vital landmarks* should be violated. Our meetings, both in Committee and Convention, were always pleasant, and although differences of opinion often arose, yet harmony prevailed. The rituals of the *Select* degree were found to be nearly alike in all jurisdictions; but in the rituals of the *Royal* degree, there were many discrepancies. In those of the South and West, the Subject of the Tragedy, at the commencement of the work, is represented as a prominent ACTOR, delivering a beautiful, impressive *impromptu* upon the subject of death; while, in those of the North and East, nothing of the kind is found. From this point, the differences are of minor importance. What Comp. Webb says in his address, in relation to Alabama having the "Old Work," because it was derived from South Carolina, where it was "in existence in 1783," should, perhaps, be received with some grains of allowance. As the Grand Council of Alabama was not organized until 1838, fifty-five years after the claimed "existence" of the work in South Carolina, Alabama must have been *extremely fortunate*, if she received it *pure* and *unadulterated*. Nor is Comp. Webb more fortunate in his accusation that, "Maine and Massachusetts have reversed the Order of the degrees." Chronologically, the Select was anterior to the Royal degree, and *perhaps*, should be first conferred. Such has been the order of the degrees in Msssachusetts since 1820.

MISSISSIPPI.

The M. I. G. M., E. GEO. DELAP says in his address:

"Adopt SOME work, get the Subordinate Councils in possession of it, and compel them to adhere to it." Sensible advice which the Grand Council has commenced to follow by adopting the Convention work.

A proposition to tender the Council degrees to the Grand Chapter was voted down. In Mississippi as in North Carolina no Royal and Select Master who has received the degrees in any Body, except a legal Council is allowed to visit a Council until he shall have been formally healed.

Ill. Comp. PATTON thus concludes his excellent report on Foreign Correspondence:

Our fervency and zeal, may at times lead us astray, but may we never suffer a vain or idle curiosity to betray us into danger. May it be our constant desire to see the work of the Order completed, all the sacred treasures securely deposited, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have faithfully performed our whole duty to the Craft. And when the secret earthly vault shall be closed, and the summons of the Supreme Grand Master above shall come, may we all be admitted into His Grand Council, and forever enjoy the bliss that awaits the faithful.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Master, in his address, recommended that the Super Excellent Masters degree be adopted as an honorary degree, to be conferred subsequent to the Select Masters Degree.

By resolution the Subordinate Councils were authorized so to confer it.

This degree is rapidly losing favor since it was left out in the cold by its friends at the New York Convention. It is a very pretty plaything for those who have the time and disposition to work it properly, but we think that there is plenty to entertain rational minds in the constituted degrees when properly conferred.

The work of the National Convention was exemplified and referred to a Committee of five, who were authorized to meet and agree upon a system of work to be promulgated by the Grand Lecturer as the authorized work of the jurisdiction.

Comp. GOULEY made a short report on Foreign Correspondence, concluding portion of which we adopt:

It will be observed that but one decision was made in the whole United States. The Addresses are generally brief and local. The Reports on Correspondence from several of the States are excellent, but as most of the points were discussed in our last report, we have refrained from any extended review in this year. The Grand Councils stand, financially, etc., about the same as they did when we last went over their Proceedings. No legislation of any importance was transacted.

NEW JERSEY.

M. I. G. M., T. H. R. REDWAY says in his address:

Notwithstanding my repeated endeavors to come in possession of that Work, I have failed to receive it, and hence your committee are unable to make a report or to recommend any Work different from that now in use. I would say, however, that the Work adopted by the Convention corresponds very closely to our own, with some slight alterations and additions, among them a form for opening and closing a Council of Royal Masters. I would recommend that the Committee be continued for another year.

Our report would not be complete, did it not contain a word from the gifted pen of that *veteran poet laureate* of Foreign Correspondents, Dr. CORSON.

In his review of Indiana he applies the healing oil thus:

Companion William Hacker presented a lengthy report upon the transactions of the National Convention of Cryptic Masons, held in New York, in June, in which he expresses his disapproval of almost every thing that was done, which conflicted with or differed from the "way we do it in Ingeaney." His views seemed to accord entirely with those of his Companions, for they give us to understand that nothing can be right and proper which varies from the Indiana standard. Our Companions of that enlightened State are eminently orthodox, on the principle that "orthodoxy is my doxy, heterodoxy is anybody else's doxy."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The proceedings are very short. The only matter of general interest to report being that the Companions of this State are proceeding with their work prosperously and successfully and we doubt not that when their Committee on Work, which was "granted further time," make their report, it will be harmonious with the rest of the family. The Grand Council voted to pay the travelling expenses of three delegates to the New York Convention.

OHIO.

The Constitution was amended to conform to the Uniform Nomenclature.

The following from the Correspondence report of Comp. W. M. CUNNINGHAM accords so perfectly with our own ideas, that we copy at the risk of being considered tedious:

Your Committee can not agree with our companion of Louisiana in his assumption that "there is no such thing as an American system of Free Masonry." In our opinion, the facts in the case prove otherwise. Lexicographers having defined the word "system" as "a combination of parts into a whole," "a classification," "an arrangement," etc.; Webb and Gleason having, beyond a doubt, made an American arrangement of degrees, in which the Royal and Select Degrees were subsequently incorporated, through Jeremy L. Cross *et al.*; and Webb's peculiar arrangement, or system, of degrees being unknown, as such, in any other part of the world, when first promulgated, and the Royal and Select Degrees having been incorporated into the Webb system nearly seventy years since, and recognized then and now as a component part of the system, is sufficient to establish the fact of an "American system," and of the Cryptic degrees being legitimately a part thereof. The derivation of the Royal and Select Degrees from the Scottish Rite, in 1767, through Francken, and, later, through Cerneau, Cross, and others, is immaterial to their present arrangement, and is no argument against the "American system," as such, or against their being made a prerequisite to the Order of the Temple. In this connection we would inquire if the orders of Masonsic knighthood were not also first disseminated, within the United States, by or from the Scottish Rite?—while Inspectors General had the power and did confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master; yet, in every case known to the writer, they formed, or endeavored so to do, a regular body of the Cryptic Rite. Again, had not the Inspectors General the power, by assumption or otherwise, and did they not confer, by communication or otherwise, other regular grades than the Royal and Select Degrees?

Further: When the progenitors of our present system conferred the so-called side degrees of "Secret Monitor," "Union Master," "Heroine of Jericho," "Super Excellent Master," etc., they were then so denominated, and no regular organizations made of them of which the writer has any knowledge, except in the jurisdiction of New York, where the degree of Super Excellent was included with the Royal and Select.

The very fact of the subdivision and change of sections and parts of sections of the symbolic grades into additional degrees, is only another proof of the necessity of having all of the degrees of the American system made, in a greater or less degree, dependent upon each other. The degree of Royal

Master, when correctly conferred, bears the same relation to the degree of Master Mason that the Select and Most Excellent does to the Royal Arch, or the Mark Degree bears to the Fellow Craft.

Again, we would ask, if "there is no such thing as an American system," whence originated the "Virgin and Broken Column" interpolation in the Master's Degree, unless invented by the same parties, and the illustration designed by Jeremy L. Cross? And why is it that the esoteric part of the first three degrees is so dissimilar in many particulars to the English or Continental rituals?

Many other proofs of an American system, *as such*, might be adduced, but we do not deem it necessary to the present writing. Suffice it to say, that the Royal and Select Degrees have a regular place in the American system, and Grand Councils have been recognized, as such, tacitly or otherwise, by nearly, if not all, our other Grand Bodies, including the Supreme Councils 33 deg. for the N. and S. M. J. U. S. of A.

In conclusion he remarks:

The enemies of Cryptic Masonry are within itself. Let its members strive to debar the unworthy from passing its portals, and suppress the effort making to incorporate the degree of Super Excellent Master as a part of the system—a degree which has no legitimate pretensions to antiquity, no connection with Masonry, and imperfect in its symbolism. And the time will soon arrive when the possession of the Cryptic degress will be a prerequisite to the Templar grade.

ONTARIO.

This Grand Council held its third Annual Assembly in Toronto, Canada, 18th August, 1873.

The M. P. G. M., in his address, says:

Grand Council is aware that Cryptic Masonry, which is gradually becoming of considerable importance on this Continent, has been introduced into Great Britain, and with the assistance, and under the direction of the Grand Council of New York, the Grand Council of England has been duly formed. This is pleasing information to us, and although no official intimation of the formation of this Grand Body has reached me, I consider the matter of too much importance to pass it over in silence, feeling assured that you will unite with me in heartily wishing the Grand Council of England every prosperity.

Grand Council is also aware that considerable diversity prevails in the ritual, titles of officers and the order of conferring the degrees under the jurisdiction of the several Grand Councils of the United States. To remedy this great evil, and to secure perfect uniformity, the Grand Council of Maine, on the 3rd May, 1871, directed M. Ill. Companion J. H. Drummond to call a Convention of R. & S. Masters to meet in New York, in June, 1872.

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The Convention adjourned to meet again at the same place in June, 1873, and your principal officers were invited to be present, but unfortunately the invitations did not reach us until it was too late to make any arrangements for the Grand Council to be represented. A matter of this importance should receive our hearty co-operation, and I trust that authority will be given the Grand Master to provide for the proper representation of this Grand Council at any future meetings that may be held.

On motion, it was resolved:

That the M. P. Grand Master be authorized to make arrangements for the proper representation of this Grand Council, at any Convention of Grand Councils that may be held during the year.

This Grand Council petitioned for, and received, authority from "The Grand Prior of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, Dominion of Canada, to confer the Degree of "Red Cross." Several of the Grand Councils of the United States have discussed the propriety of asking for like authority from the General Grand Encampment, but the proposition meets with little favor.

The "Grand Encampment of the United States" in Baltimore, September 22d, 1871, affirmed the decision of the Canadian Grand Master, and resolved to recognize the Knights made in Canada under *such authority as may be duly recognized there.*"

PENNSYLVANIA.

The address of the M. P. G. M. refers only to matters of local interest. One of his recommendations resulted in the adoption of the following resolution, which we would like to see in force here:

Resolved, That a committee of five Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Masters be appointed to act in conjunction with the M. P. Grand Master. R. P. Deputy Grand Master, R. P. Illustrious Grand Master, and R. P. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, to report at the next Annual Assembly of this M. P. Grand Council, upon the proper regalia, jewels, and working tools for Subordinate Councils. and the minimum amount of each that they must possess before being constituted, and without which no Council shall be constituted.

Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER made a full and sensible report on Correspondence. In his review of Iowa he writes:

We note that the Grand Master presented to the Grand Council a form of the ritual of Council Masonry which, on motion of Comp. Parvin, was received, and the cordial thanks of the Grand Council returned for the same. It was also ordered that the ritual remain in the keeping of the Grand Master, as the custodian of the work. Are we to understand that this ritual is *written or printed.* We hope not. By word of mouth we received the work, and are taught only so to transmit it.

We agree with Comp. MEYER so far as the *teaching* is concerned, but so far as our observation has extended only those who follow the example of our first three M. E. G. M. in making a deposit of our "most sacred and valuable treasures" "for the benefit of future generations" as well as themselves, have been able to transmit them *unimpaired* to their successors.

He reprints a valuable history of Cryptic Masonry by Ill. Comp. DRUMMOND of which we will avail ourselves in another report at this Assembly.

It affords us pleasure to quote the following:

Thus closed one of the most important Conventions or meetings ever held in behalf of Cryptic Masonry. We regret much that Pennsylvania was not represented by at least one delegate. Our Companions must not think we do not approve of the object, but it came at a time when our own Grand Council was in session, and we were all required here. We have now changed our time of meeting, and we sincerely trust that the Grand Council of Pennsylvania will be represented at the next meeting of this Convention. That it will do us good there is no doubt. We have been too exclusively Pennsylvanian. We do not hold that all that is good and just is embraced in our jurisdiction, but that there are as good minds, profound thinkers and active workers, elsewhere, who can tell us as much about the mystery of the secret vault as we have ever known, and who have penetrated as far in search of the true knowledge as we have.

Companions of the Crypt we greet thee. Pennsylvania asks a welcome at your hands, asks with you to work within the ninth arch.

The Grand Master was authorized to heal several Companions from Baltimore, and to issue warrants forming them into regular Councils.

Pennsylvania appoints a Deputy Puissant Grand Master for each of fifteen districts in the State and empowers them to congregate the Councils in their respective districts and give instruction, &c. A very excellent arrangement which we would be glad to see more generally adopted. In the form of installation service we observe that all who are not P. T. I. Grand Masters are required to withdraw while the Grand Master is installed and invested. Wonder if this is the *Degree* adopted in Illinois to which allusion has been made. We conclude our review of this interesting volume by quoting the following note:

DESIGNATING THE CONFERRING OF THE COUNCIL DEGREES.

For Royal Master, "honored with the degree of Royal Master."

For Super-Excellent Master, "greeted as a Super-Excellent Master."

For a Select Master, "pass the circle of perfection in Ancient Craft Masonry by being chosen as a Select Master Mason."

Councils are opened in "*ample*" form when the M. P. Grand Master presides. In "*full*" form when presided over by any other of the first four Grand Officers. In "*due*" form when presided over by its T. I. Grand Master, D. I. Grand Master, or Principal Conductor of the Work.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Committee on M. P. G. M.'s address reported:

That the address submits no special matter which requires the action of the Grand Council. The address has fully abstracted the proceedings of the Convention, which assembled in New York, in June last. Such Convention adjourned to re-assemble in the same place, in June, 1873, at which time various committees are expected to report, and it appears to the committee important that this Grand Council be represented at such Convention.

Accordingly, in 1874, the M. P. G. M. reported that he had attended the Convention, and says:

The work which it was agreed should be recommended for adoption by all of the Grand Councils, will be submitted for your consideration at such proper time as you may direct. When submitted, you will perceive that it differs in very many particulars from that hitherto used in this jurisdiction. There was considerable diversity from all sections, and the proposed work was not adopted for recommendation without much discussion and opposition. Although differing so greatly in many parts of it from the work of this jurisdiction, yet I early became satisfied that there was in fact no uniformity throughout the United States, and that if it was desirable to obtain it, it was necessary to abandon on all sides, and unite on some common ground. Believing it essential to the existence of Cryptic Masonry, that there should be uniformity, I did not hesitate to say that while loath to give up the work in this jurisdiction, one of the earliest in which it was promulgated, yet I would cordially recommend that the proposed work be adopted, and felt confident that this Grand Council would cheerfully endeavor to meet its sister Grand Councils on common ground. Ill. Comp. A. G. Mackey had been present at the first day, but was not at the second, and I greatly regretted that thereby I was deprived of his counsels in the matter. Subsequently I had a conversation with him on the subject, and found him very averse to any change or deviation from the work as practised here. Notwithstanding the opinion of so eminent a masonic authority, and my own natural reluctance to give up the work of this jurisdiction, yet a sense of the general good, leads me to earnestly recommend to this Grand Council the adoption of the proposed work

His recommendation was subsequently adopted by the Grand Council and the Grand Recorder instructed to furnish the work to such Councils as might apply for it, they paying for the necessary expense.

The M. P. G. M. makes the report on Foreign Correspondence.

TENNESSEE.

The M. I. G. M., E. Edmunson, in his address, reports fully the action of both New York Conventions, the first of which he says had Representatives from Fourteen and the last from Nineteen Grand Jurisdictions. We quote as follows:

Upon the whole, I regard the enterprise a decided success. There was a very great diversity—no two States working entirely in harmony—and now the prospect is good for a uniformity—a great desideratum truly, when no principle or landmark is contravened by its establishment.

I cannot hope, Companions, that this work will meet your full expectations. While the members of the Committee were so far apart on some points, to get together concessions had to be made by all; and I am sure, if Maine, Massachusetts, and some other States will accept it, Tennessee should not hesitate. The originator of the Convention, that bright Masonic light, the President of the Convention, Ill. Companion Josiah H. Drummond, pledged its acceptance by Maine, and said that he was sure his State would make the greatest sacrifice of all the States in its adoption, and he believed when he called the Convention that this would be the result; but he wanted for the Cryptic rite one work, and by all the States adopting this, as he believed they ultimately would, we would have only one.

The following were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the system of degrees and the work and lectures agreed upon by the Convention of Royal and Select Masters, held in the city of New York, in June, 1873, and exemplified by Ill. Companion E. Edmundson before this Grand Council, be and the same are hereby adopted.
2. *Resolved*, That the Thrice Illustrious Masters of Subordinate Councils in this Jurisdiction be *required* to learn and practice the system of degrees and the work and lectures thus agreed upon.

The report on Correspondence, by Comp. JOHN FRIZZELL, contains but little, except the transactions of the New York Convention, which are fully detailed. The only other item of interest to us is the following:

The Grand Chapter of Maryland, from a very early day in its history, exercised control over the Council Degrees, and in 1816, when it became a member of the General Grand Chapter, it was with the understanding and agreement that it should be permitted to continue to control the Council Degrees in the State of Maryland. Such has been the practice of this Grand Chapter until its Annual Convocation in November, 1872, when the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That all Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction are prohibited from conferring any other degrees than those of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch."

As we understand, there now remain but three Grand Chapters which assume any control whatever over the Council Degrees: Virginia and West Virginia, where the degrees are conferred before the Royal Arch, and Texas, where they are conferred after, but in a Chapter, or under its authority.

VERMONT.

M. I. G. M. EDWARD S. DANA thus expresses himself in regard to uniformity:

Deeply sympathizing with the object and aim of this gathering, I sincerely trust that much good may result from its labors, and a uniformity in our system attained to which I called attention as early as 1864.

He was unable to attend the Convention as that Grand Council met the same week.

The G. Council adopted a work as exemplified the preceding year.

CONCLUSION.

Thus my Companions, I have reported to you all that I have been able to find that I thought would be interesting or instructive, in carefully examining the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils.

There is a general feeling of confidence expressed in all these proceedings, that the dark days of Cryptic Masonry are over, and the time near at hand, when the Rite will occupy that proud position, at the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry, which the beauty and instructiveness of the degrees entitle them to.

Respectfully submitted, THOS. B. CARR.

On motion of Comp. M. M. Katz, G. R., the report was received and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings.

Comp. T. B. Carr, from the Committee appointed to prepare a history of this Grand Council, submitted the following report:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina:

Your Committee appointed to prepare "a record of the History of the Grand Council of North Carolina" have to regret that they have been unable to find reliable data for as complete a history as they would desire. We present the following hoping that others may be able to supply deficiencies and correct inaccuracies.

The first Grand Council of North Carolina, of which we have any record, was formed June 21st, 1822, in Fayetteville, by a Convention of Delegates from Councils, No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. We are unable to say by what authority these Councils were formed, but from the best information we have been able to obtain, we *presume* they were instituted either by Jeremy L. Cross in 1818, in which year he instituted several Councils in Virginia, or else by Cushman about the year 1820, who, under authority from Cross, instituted Councils in Virginia and, *we think*, in North Carolina, for we have heard old masons here speak of Cushman's visit here, and we know that the work practiced was identical with that of Virginia, Comp. L. L. Stevenson, P. G. M., of that State, having been the Grand Lecturer in this.

The authority, under which these Councils were instituted, was questionable as we find that the Grand Council of New York held all deriving their origin from Cross or Cushman to be clandestine and Cross was expelled by the Grand Chapter of Maryland for the fraud, imposed on that State, (see Proceedings, Grand Chapter, North Carolina, 1850, page 15.)

We have no record of any meeting of the Grand Council subsequent to 1823, at which time a recommendation was adopted "to place the government of the Subordinate Councils in this State under the Grand Chapter."

We are under many obligations to Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, of Portland, Maine, for manuscript copies of the proceedings of this Grand Council for 1822 and 1823, which he had made from a printed copy, found in New Hampshire. We present the copies herewith and hope they will be published in connection with this report. [Published as Documents, No. 1 and 2, of Appendix, Grand Recorder.]

We find in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, 1825, that a communication was received from "M. E., Henry Fowle, G. D. G. H. P., as to the Masonic propriety of receiving the Councils formed in the State under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and granting power to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master." The Committee to whom the communication was referred reported that "it is inexpedient at this time so to do," and their report was concurred in.

We find no allusion to these degrees in the proceedings of our Grand Chapter for the year 1822 and 1823, which is the latest record we have of the first Grand Chapter, except that we learn from proceedings, 1848, page 11, that the Grand Chapter met in 1830 and the inference from the context is that this was the last Convocation of that body.

The Grand Chapter was re-organized in 1847, and appears to have exercised a doubtful control over the Royal and Select degrees during the first few years of its existence.

In 1848 Comp. P. W. Fanning reported that the jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master had "been unequivocally and properly settled by the General Grand Chapter, authorizing the Chapters within whose jurisdiction no Grand Council exists" "to assume control of the same."

The subject was again agitated in 1849, and in 1850 Comp. L. L. Stevenson was appointed Grand Lecturer and conferred the Royal and Select degrees in Chapters, (see his report, 1850, page 10.)

The same year Comp. Alfred Martin presented a full report, giving a history of the introduction of these degrees into this country.

At the triennial session of the General Grand Chapter, in Boston, 1850, Comp. L. L. Stevenson represented North Carolina and as a member of a Committee reported it "inexpedient to take any action on the subject of forming a General Grand Council."

In 1854 (page 5, printed proceedings) our Grand Chapter expressed itself in favor of forming Subordinate Councils with a view of forming a Grand Council.

In 1858 an effort was made to authorize Chapters in this State to confer the Royal and Select degrees and the resolution referred to a Committee to report the next year, at which time after considerable discussion the Grand Chapter disclaimed "for itself and subordinates any and all control over the Royal and Select Master's degrees."

The present Grand Council was organized in June, 1860, by Alpha Council, of Wadesboro'; Adoniram Council, of Salisbury, and Greensboro' Council, of Greensboro', which were chartered by the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction. At this time Alexander Murdock, of Salisbury, was elected T. I. Grand Master. I have been unable to procure a copy of the printed proceedings and suggest that the Grand Recorder be instructed to procure a copy, if possible, and republish with the proceedings of this year. [The proceedings have been obtained and appear as Document, No. 3, of Appendix. Grand Recorder.]

In consequence of the war the Grand Council did not re-assemble after its organization until 1866 when a Constitution was adopted. It has met annually since and its proceedings are doubtless too familiar to you to render further "History" necessary.

Respectfully submitted, THOS. B. CARR.

Comp. Alfred Martin, G. T., introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee to compile a history of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina, be received and printed with the proceedings of this Grand Council, and that the recommendations contained in said report be carried out.

Comp. M. M. Katz introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Article 2 of the Constitution of this Grand Council be so amended as to read: "The next regular Convocation of this Grand Council shall be held at Raleigh, N. C., on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in June, 1875, and at such places thereafter as each succeeding Grand Council may determine.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and the following were duly elected:

JOHN NICHOLS,	*Most Ill. Grand Master.*
C. M. VAN ORSDELL,	*Deputy Grand Master.*
S. S. EVERETT,	*Grand P. C. Works.*
ROBERT H. BRADLEY,	*Grand Treasurer.*
DONALD W. BAIN,	*Grand Recorder.*
J. M. SHELLY,	*Grand C. Guard.*
THOMAS B. CARR,	*Grand C. Council.*
M. M. KATZ,	*Grand Steward.*

Comp. C. M. Van Orsdell moved that a Committee of one be appointed to request a Past Grand Master to install the Grand Officers elect, this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

The motion prevailed and Comp. Van Orsdell was appointed the Committee.

The Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor.

Comps. R. H. Bradley and J. I. Macks present in addition to those mentioned this morning.

Minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

Comp. Alfred Martin, P. G. M., installed the following Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year:

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,	*Deputy Grand Master.*
S. S. EVERETT,	*Grand Prin. C. Works.*
ROBERT H. BRADLEY,	*Grand Treasurer.*
DONALD W. BAIN,	*Grand Recorder.*
THOMAS B. CARR,	*Grand Con. Council.*
M. M. KATZ,	*Grand Steward.*

Comp. Thos. B. Carr, from the Committee on the subject of Work, &c., submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina:

The Special Committee appointed at the Annual Assembly in 1867, to report the "correct titles for the Grand Officers, and also the titles of officers of Subordinate Councils, and also the work in the degrees of Royal and Select Masters," which Committee has been continued from year to year in order that they might avail themselves of the result of the Convention of Grand Councils, held in New York in 1872 and 1873, respectfully report that the nomenclature of officers, both Grand and Subordinate, as recommended by the said Convention, having been adopted at your last Annual Assembly, no further action is recommended at this time on that subject.

They present herewith the work and lectures of the Royal and Select Masters degrees as adopted at the Convention, and recommend that the form of opening and closing Councils in both Royal and Select Masters degrees, and the work of conferring the degrees recommended by the Convention, be adopted by this Grand Council.

It will be observed that there are some slight discrepancies between the

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NOTE.—Comp. John Nichols, M. Ill. Grand Master elect was, on the 2d of July, in the presence Enoch Council, No. 5, Raleigh, installed by Past Most Ill. Grand Master, W. J. Hicks.

The Grand Master appointed Comp. J. H. Separk, Grand Sentinel, and installed him on the same occasion.

Historical lectures recommended by the New York Convention and the lectures taught in this State by Ill. Comp. L. L. Stevenson, of Virginia, in 1850, and which we have no doubt, are the same as originally taught by Cross and Cushman. Portions also of the Stevenson "lecture" are more concise and beautiful in their verbiage. We therefore recommend that the *language* of the History as taught by Companion L. L. Stevenson, together with those portions, which were omitted in the Convention work be adhered to and that the Lecture of the Convention thus amended be adopted. We also recommend that the closing address to the candidates, *most* of which is found in "Guide to the Royal Arch Chapter, page 202," by Comps. Sheville and Gould, should also be adopted *in its original form.* We think we are justifiable in our tenacity to this beautiful address as most of it originated in the brain of an esteemed and beloved Companion of this Grand Council. He expressed to me his astonishment at finding it published in the "Guide," and informed me that from a beautiful illustration of the ceremonies of the first three degrees by Comp. John Dove, of Virginia, originated the idea of this address for the other degrees, and thinks that he may have given a copy to some one of the Grand Lecturers, who, doubtless, communicated it to others. The slight changes which appear in it as published, we consider as blemishes rather than improvements, and therefore hope that the entire address in its original language may be retained.

Respectfully submitted, THOS. B. CARR, *for Com.*

On motion of Comp. M. M. Katz, it was

Ordered, That Comp. D. W. Bain, Grand Recorder, be appointed a Committee to superintend the printing of the Proceedings of the present Annual Assembly.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the Most Illustrious Grand Master be appointed Custodian, and Comp. Thos. B. Carr, Deputy Custodian, of the Work, with authority to promulgate the same to the Subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Council having completed the business brought before it, the minutes of this afternoon's session were read and approved.

The Grand Council was then closed in ample form.

D. W. BAIN, *Grand Recorder.*

RETURNS OF COUNCILS.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2—Salisbury.

OFFICERS:

Luke Blackmer,.....T. I. M.	Dolphin A. Davis,.....C. G.
William Murdoch,.....D. I. M.	Samuel E. Linton,.....C. C.
——— ———, ...P. C. W.	R. P. Bessent,..... Steward.
John M. Coffin, ...Treas'r.	Peter A. Frercks, ... Sentinel.
And. Murphy,..... Recorder.	

MEMBERS:

Delevan Bates, Frederick Benjamin, John W. Bitting, Daniel Coleman, Clinton A. Cilley, Carnes A. Henderson, David W. Honeycut, John S. Haigler, C. S. Moring, Hugh Murdoch, Ed. B. Neave, Charles L. Partie, Geo. H. Suydam, F. C. Schaffer, W. L. Vanderwater.

SUMMARY:

Number admitted, none; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, 1; expelled, none; suspended, none; no resident Council Masons, not members; whole number of Council Masons now living in jurisdiction, 23. Regular time of meeting—No report.

AND. MURPHY, Recorder *Pro Tem.*

GREENSBORO' COUNCIL, No. 3—Greensboro'.

OFFICERS:

John M. Shelly,..... T. I. M.	John D. Donnell,.....C. G.
Wm. E. Edwards,.....D. I. M.	Thomas J. Sloan,.....C. C.
F. P. Cavanah, ...P. C. W.	R. M. Stafford,.....Steward.
D. N. Kirkpatrick, ...Treas'r.	Wm. Collins,..... .Sentinel.
Thomas B. Keogh,.....Recorder.	

MEMBERS:

Peter Adams, Sterling Adams, Daniel E. Albright, Wm. Bodenhammer, O. S. Causey, K. M. Coble, J. R. Cardwell, R. L. Coltraine, John D. Donnell, J. B. Faircloth, J. F. Foulkes, W. H. Gentry, George Gregory, R. W. Glenn, W. H. Heath, A. F. Hatch, J. Hildesheimer, J. M. Isley, F. N. Ingold, John L. Keeling, C. P. Mendenhall, W. H. Moore, George Parker, J. H. Pearce, W. H. Phillips, G. H. Renegar, John Sloan, R. M. Sloan, jr., Wm. Swaim, J. E. Shultz, L. T. Smith, J. H. Tarpley, J. R. Wilkinson, S. A. Walker.

SUMMARY:

Number admitted, 3; exalted, 3; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; no resident Council Masons, not members; whole number of Council Masons now living in jurisdiction, 43. Regular time of meeting—fourth Wednesday night of each month, at 9 o'clock.

THOS. B. KEOGH, Recorder.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4—Wilmington.

OFFICERS:

H. H. Munson,.....T. I. M.	R. E. Colloway,..... C. G.
S. S. Everett,.....D. I. M.	C. M. Van Orsdell,. .... C. C.
M. M. Katz,.....P. C. W.	S. Solomons,.....Steward.
R. Greenberg, ...Treas.	B. G. Bates,.....Sentinel.
A. Wronski,.....Recorder.	

MEMBERS:

Thos. B. Carr, A. David, P. W. Fanning, W. E. Freeman, T. M. Gardner, B. P. Harrison, G. W. Jewett, Tiffin Johnson, F. M. Knowles, Jacob Lyon, William Larkins, Alfred Martin, J. C. Mann, D. McMillan, Donald McRae, Alex. McRae, jr., J. I. Macks, Geo. Patterson, W. G. Thomas, E. Turlington.

SUMMARY:

Number admitted, 2 ; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; stricken from roll, 7; no resident Council Masons, not members; whole number of Council Masons now living in jurisdiction, 29.

Regular time of meeting—second Monday in each month.

A. WRONSKI, Recorder.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5—Raleigh.

OFFICERS:

John Nichols,.....T. I. M.	John C. Blake,. .....Recorder.
John B. Neathery,.....I. H. T.	Jack R. Williams,.....C. G.
D. W. Bain,..... P. C. W.	Wm. Simpson,.....C. C.
Wm. H. Dodd,.....Treasurer.	J. H. Separk,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

M. Grausman, R. H. Bradley, J. M. Rosenbaum, T. W. Blake, A. S. Lee, J. M. Betts, H. Mahler, A. P. C. Bryan, N. L. Brown, W. Allcott, J. C. L. Harris, W. C. Stronach, W. W. Dunn, S. H. Rountree, Isaac Oettinger, A. Johnson, A. D. Royster, J. R. Harrison, W. P. Wetherell, D. R. Coleman, R. W. Best.

Regular time of meeting—first Monday night of each month.

JOHN C. BLAKE, Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

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ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

JOHN NICHOLS,
Most Illustrious Grand Master,
RALEIGH.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Deputy Grand Master,
WILMINGTON.

S. S. EVERITT,
Grand Principal Conductor of Works,
WILMINGTON.

ROBERT H. BRADLEY,
Grand Treasurer,
RALEIGH.

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder,
RALEIGH.

THOMAS J. SLOAN,
Grand Captain of Guard,
GREENSBORO'.

J. M. SHELLY,
Grand Conductor of Council,
CHARLOTTE.

WILLIAM MURDOCH,
Grand Steward,
SALISBURY.

C. C. SMITH,
Grand Sentinel,
CHARLOTTE.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina held its Annual Assembly at the Masonic Hall in the City of Raleigh, on Wednesday, June 9th, A. D. 1875, A. Dep. 2875.

PRESENT:

John Nichols, - - -	Most Illustrious Grand Master.
C. M. Van Orsdell, - -	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
S. S. Everitt, - -	Grand Principal Con. of Works.
Robert H. Bradley, - -	Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain, - -	Grand Recorder.
Horace H. Munson, - -	as Grand Captain of Guard.
E. H. White, - - -	as Grand Conductor of Council.
Thomas M. Gardner, -	as Grand Steward.
Joseph H. Separk, - -	Grand Sentinel.

Comps. H. H. Munson, P. M. Ill. G. M., and E. F. Watson, Visitor.

Comps. H. H. Munson and D. W. Bain were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials have examined such credentials as have been submitted to them, and report Councils duly represented as follows:

GREENSBORO', No. 3.—Thomas J. Sloan, T. I. M.

WILMINGTON, No. 4.—H. H. Munson, T. I. M.; C. M. Van Orsdell, D. I. M.; T. M. Gardner, proxy for P. C. W.

ENOCH, No. 5.—Wm. J. Hicks, T. I. M.; John B. Neathery, D. I. M.; M. Grausman, P. C. W.

Respectfully submitted, H. H. MUNSON, D. W. BAIN, } *Com.*

The M. Ill. Grand Master read his Annual Address, as follows, which was ordered to be published with the Proceedings:

Companions of the Grand Council of North Carolina:

With grateful hearts to the Supreme Grand Master, that He hath preserved our lives through another year, we again assemble in Grand Council

In the language of my immediate predecessor, "Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction stands just where it did one year ago. It neither recedes nor advances, and the interest therein, with perhaps one or two exceptions, (so far as I can learn) is not such as to indicate any very rapid strides in the future. It is a matter of regret to all who have its welfare at heart that so much luke-warmness exists."

We can only hope for an increased interest in Cryptic Masonry, as the result of a greater zeal in behalf of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. We have hopes that the experiment now being tried for the first time in North Carolina of holding our Grand Chapter in different parts of the State will have the effect to create a livelier interest in the Craft, and eventually build up the Councils in her jurisdiction.

My duties have been light, and having had but little intercourse with the Companions, I have no recommendations to offer, but submit the matter to your careful consideration.

JOHN NICHOLS, *M. Ill. G. M.*

The following Standing Committees were announced:

On Finance: Comps. T. J. Sloan and A. Wronski.
On Returns and Proceedings of Councils: Comps. C. M. Van Orsdell, E. H. White and T. M. Gardner.
On Unfinished Business: Comps. H. H. Munson and S. S. Everitt.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following as his Annual Report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Grand Recorder submits the following report for the past Masonic year.

The Proceedings of the Grand Council, last Annual Assembly, were printed as promptly as practicable and distributed in the usual manner.

Proceedings of Grand Councils in other Jurisdictions were received, and an attempt was made to have them reviewed, but the Companion who formerly rendered the service felt unable to assume the task, and owing to the shortness of time to the close of the year, the usual report could not be prepared.

I have received during the year the following as dues from Subordinate Councils, and accounted for same:

June, 1874, Enoch Council, No. 5, for 1874, - - -	$10 00
May, 1875, Wilmington Council, No 4, for 1875, - - -	10 00

June, 1875, Adoniram Council, No. 2, for 1875, - - - 10 00
" " Enoch " " 5, " " - - - 10 00
" " Greensboro " " 3, " " - - - 10 00

Fraternally submitted, D. W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer's report and books were also submitted and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Grand Council of North Carolina, in account with R. H. BRADLEY, *Grand Treasurer:*

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June, 1874,	Am't rec'd from Past Grand Treas'r, Alfred Martin,	$29 91
" "	" " " " Grand Recorder, D. W. Bain,	10 00
" 1875,	" " " " " " "	40 00
		$79 91

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June 22, 1874,	Paid Express freight on box,	$ 1 00	
Sept. 4,	" " John Nichols & Co., on account of printing Proceedings,	28 91	
June 9, 1875,	Balance, - - - - - -	50 00	
			$79 91

R. H. BRADLEY, *Grand Treas'r.*

Standing Committees submitted reports as follows, which were concurred in:

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that they have examined the proceedings of 1874, and find no unfinished business.

S. S. EVERITT, H. H. MUNSON, } *Com.*

On Returns of Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils report that they have examined the following returns and find them correct:

Adoniram Council, No. 2; Greensboro Council, No. 3; Wilmington Council, No. 4, and Enoch Council, No 5.

Respectfully submitted, C. M. VAN ORSDELL, E. H. WHITE, THOS. M. GARDNER, } *Com.*

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Finance to whom were referred for examination the reports and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder report that they find the same correct and the books accurately kept.

THOS. J. SLOAN,
A. WRONSKI, } *Com.*

Comp. H. H. Munson introduced the following as an amendment to Article 2d of the Constitution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That Article 2d of the Constitution of this Grand Council be so amended as to read:

The Regular Convocation of this Grand Council shall be held at such place as each succeeding Grand Council may determine, during or immediately succeeding the Convocations of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

The following resolution was also introduced and adopted:

Resolved, That the M. Ill. Grand Master confer with the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and if, in his judgment, he thinks it will promote Cryptic Masonry, appoint jointly a Grand Lecturer to instruct the Councils and Chapters.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers under the superintendence of Comps. Thos. J. Sloan and Thos. M. Gardner. The following were duly elected:

JOHN NICHOLS, - -	Most Illustrious Grand Master.
C. M. VAN ORSDELL, -	Deputy Grand Master.
S. S. EVERITT, - -	Grand Principal Con. of Works.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY, -	Grand Treasurer.
DONALD W. BAIN, -	Grand Recorder.
THOMAS J. SLOAN, -	Grand Captain of Guard.
J. M. SHELLY, - -	Grand Conductor of Council.
WILLIAM MURDOCH, -	Grand Steward.

Comp. C. C. Smith was appointed Grand Sentinel for the ensuing year.

On motion of Comp. Horace H. Munson, the action of the Grand Council in 1874 (Proceedings, page 25) in reference to the ap-

pointment of a Custodian and Deputy Custodian of the Work, was repealed, and on his further motion, it was

Ordered, That the Most Illustrious Grand Master be appointed Grand Custodian of the Work with the authority to disseminate the same among the Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Officers elect were installed by Comp. H. H. Munson, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The Proceedings were read and approved, and the Grand Council was closed in ample form.

JOHN NICHOLS,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:
D. W. BAIN, *Grand Recorder.*

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D. 1875.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2.

SALISBURY.—Regular time of meeting: Not reported.

OFFICERS:

Luke Blackmer,	T. I. M.	D. A. Davis,	C. G.
Wm. Murdoch,	D. I. M.	S. E. Linton,	C. C.
—— ——,	P. C. W.	R. P. Bessent,	Steward.
John M. Coffin,	Treasurer.	P. A. Frerck,	Sentinel.
Andrew Murphy,	Recorder.		

MEMBERS:

Delevan Bates,	D. W. Honeycut,	Charles L. Partee,
Fred. Benjamin,	John S. Haigler,	George H. Suydam,
Daniel Coleman,	C. S. Moring,	F. C. Schaffer,
C. A. Cilley,	Hugh Murdoch,	W. L. Vanderwater.
C. A. Henderson,	Ed. B. Neave,	

Withdrawn, 1. Whole number, 22.

GREENSBORO COUNCIL, No. 3.

GREENSBORO.—Regular time of meeting: Fourth Wednesday night of each month.

OFFICERS:

Thomas J. Sloan,	T. I. M.	J. F. Foulkes,	C. G.
W. E. Edwards,	D. I. M.	James P. Jones,	C. C.
P. F. Duffy,	P. C. W.	R. M. Stafford,	Steward.
David McKnight,	Treasurer.	Wm. Collins,	Sentinel.
S. E. Allen,	Recorder.		

MEMBERS:

Peter Adams,	George H. Gregory,	George Parker,
Sterling Adams,	R. W. Glenn,	J. H. Pearce,
Daniel E. Albright,	W. H. Heath,	W. H. Phillips,
Wm. Bodenhammer,	A. F. Hatch,	G. H. Renegar,
O. S. Causey,	J. Hildesheimer,	John Sloan,
K. M. Coble,	J. M. Isley,	R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
J. R. Cardwell,	F. N. Ingold,	John M. Shelly,
R. L. Coltraine,	Thomas B. Keogh,	William Swaim,
F. P. Cavanah,	John L. Keeling,	J. E. Shultz,
John D. Donnell,	D. N. Kirkpatrick,	L. T. Smith,
J. C. Dame,	C. P. Mendenhall,	J. H. Tarpley,
J. B. Faircloth,	W. H. Moore,	J. R. Wilkerson,
W. H. Gentry,	J. N. Nelson,	Samuel A. Walker.

Admitted, 5; Exalted, 5. Whole number, 48.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4.

WILMINGTON.—Regular time of meeting: Every second Monday of each month.

OFFICERS:

H. H. Munson,	T. I. M.	S. S. Everitt,	C. G.
C. M. Van Orsdell,	D. I. M.	B. P. Harrison,	C. C.
M. M. Katz,	P. C. W.	Jacob S. Macks,	Steward.
R. Greenberg,	Treasurer.	B. G. Bates,	Sentinel.
A. Wronski,	Recorder.		

MEMBERS:

P. W. Fanning,	W. G. Thomas,	F. M. Knowles,
Alfred Martin,	Donald McRae,	Tiffin Johnson,
Alex. McRae, Jr.,	S. Solomons,	R. E. Colloway,
Thos. M. Gardner,	George Patterson,	J. C. Mann,
Wm. E. Freeman,	Wm. Larkins,	A. David,
E. Turlington,	G. W. Jewett,	Wm. J. King.

Admitted, 1; Withdrawn, 1. Whole number, 27.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.

RALEIGH.—Regular time of meeting: First Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

Wm. J. Hicks,	T. I. M.	Donald W. Bain,	Recorder.
John B. Neathery,	D. I. M.	Wayne Allcott,	C. C.
M. Grausman,	P. C. W.	Wm. C. Stronach,	Steward.
J. M. Rosenbaum,	C. G.	Joseph H. Separk,	Sentinel.
Robert H. Bradley,	Treasurer.		

MEMBERS:

John Nichols, M.I.G.M.,	James M. Betts,	Isaac Oettinger,
William H. Dodd,	Henry Mahler,	Albert Johnson,
John C. Blake,	A. P. Bryan,	A. D. Royster,
Jack R. Williams,	Nat. L. Brown,	W. P. Wetherell,
William Simpson,	J. C. L. Harris,	Daniel R. Coleman,
Thos. W. Blake,	W. W. Dunn,	Robert W. Best.
A. S. Lee,	S. H. Rountree,	

Died, 1. Whole number, 29.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

CHARLOTTE,

Wednesday, June 7th, A. D. 1876, *A. Dep.* 2876.

RALEIGH:
JOHN NICHOLS, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1876.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Most Illustrious Grand Master,
WILMINGTON.

JOHN B. NEATHERY,
Deputy Illustrious Grand Master,
RALEIGH.

S. E. ALLEN,
Grand Principal Conductor of Work,
WINSTON.

JOHN NICHOLS,
Grand Treasurer,
RALEIGH.

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder,
RALEIGH.

M. M. KATZ,
Grand Captain of the Guard,
WILMINGTON.

E. A. WILSON,
Grand Conductor of the Council,
GREENSBORO.

WILLIAM MURDOCH,
Grand Steward,
SALISBURY.

Grand Sentinel,

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, held its Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Charlotte, on Wednesday, June 7th, A. D. 1876, A. Dep. 2876, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

John Nichols, - - - -	Most Illustrious Grand Master.
C. M. Van Orsdell, - - -	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master
E. H. White, - - - -	as Grand Principal Con. of Work.
John B. Neathery, - - -	as Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain, - - -	Grand Recorder.
Horace H. Munson, - - -	as Grand Captain of the Guard.
M. M. Katz, - - - -	as Grand Conductor of the Council.
William Murdoch, - - -	Grand Steward.
C. C. Smith, - - - -	Grand Sentinel.

And the following Past Grand Officers:

H. H. Munson, P. M. Ill. G. M., William Murdoch, P. D. Ill G. M., M. M. Katz, P. G. Recorder.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

Companions J. B. Neathery, A. Wronski and R. P. Bessent were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Credentials have examined such credentials as have been submitted to them, and report Councils duly represented as follows:

ADONIRAM, No. 2, (no returns).—Comp. Wm. Murdoch, Dep. Ill. M.

GREENSBORO', No. 3.—Comps. S. E. Allen and E. A. Wilson, proxies for Officers.

WILMINGTON, No. 4.—Comp. H. H. Munson, proxy for T. Ill. Master; John E. Niemyer, proxy for D. Ill. Master; A. Wronski, proxy for P. C. of W.

ENOCH, No. 5.—J. B. Neathery, D. I. M., proxy for T. I. M.; W. P. Wetherell, proxy for P. C. of W.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. NEATHERY,
A. WRONSKI,
R. P. BESSENT,
} Com.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master read his Annual Address as follows, which was, on motion of Comp. C. M. Van Orsdell, D. I. G. M., accepted and referred to a Special Committee composed of Comps. C. M. Van Orsdell, E. A. Wilson and R. P. Bessent:

COMPANIONS: Would that I could at the close of this, another year's pilgrimage in our Masonic history, present some encouraging facts, or suggest some ideas that would brighten the prospects for the future; but the year's experience brings with it no hopeful indications of increased prosperity. But Companions, although the past history of Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction has not been as satisfactory as we might desire, the Councils that have been established being composed as they are, of our best Masons, with a renewed effort and a slight departure from our "old ways and customs," may we not hope for a more prosperous, and even a brilliant, future?

My position as Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters in North Carolina has been almost a sinecure for the last twelve months. I have been called on to perform but few official acts during the year. On the 25th of Feb., 1876, I granted a dispensation to Mocksville Council, No. 6, to resume work under its old Charter until this Annual Assembly. I have received no tidings from the Companions of that Council since the dispensation was granted, but presume they went to work promptly, and that the Council will be represented at this Annual Assembly. I have been called on two or three times for an opinion on points of law and usage, which I gave promptly, and, as I am informed, to the satisfaction of the Companions interested.

Beyond these brief matters I have nothing to report that is at all interesting Would that I could say something that would tend to revive the drooping spirits of the Companions, and encourage them to hope for greater achievements. The reports that come up from the Subordinate Councils give us but little evidence of increased effort.

Companions: why this lukewarmness and indifference on the part of our Subordinate Councils? Whatever impediment there may be in the way of the prosperity of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina, I trust, will receive your serious consideration before you leave this Council Chamber, and I urge upon you to adopt, if possible, some means for the more extensive diffusion of this branch of our rite throughout this Jurisdiction.

The older Companions present will remember that, up to a few years since, the ritual of the Cryptic degrees, as worked in nearly every Council in the State, was that taught by our Illustrious Companion, Dr. Albert G. Mackey, of South Carolina. At the Convention of Royal and Select Masters in the City of New York in 1872, a "Work"—I am unable to say whether it was a *new work* or not—at all events, a *work* was adopted, and recommended to the various Grand Councils throughout the country. This Grand Council adopted that work in 1874, but made no provision for its dissemination among the Subordinate Councils throughout the State, and, up to the present time, if I am correctly informed, but one Council has been instructed in the new, or Convention work.

I would most earnestly urge the Grand Council at this Assembly to

adopt some means, not only for securing a uniformity in the work, but for its thorough and effective dissemination. No feasible plan of Lecturers, or teaching *any work* has been adopted by this Grand Council, and it is to this neglect that I attribute much of the apathy and indifference of the Subordinate Councils.

No one who has ever held communion in the Council Chamber, or entered the secret vault can be indifferent to the importance of these degrees, being as they are, in one sense, the capstone of the whole Masonic edifice. Let us then, Companions, before leaving these sacred precincts, devise some means, not only for properly instructing the Councils now in existence, but for the extension of this beautiful branch of our order in every locality in the State where Royal Arch Masonry is known.

In closing this, my last official communication to this, and perhaps to any other Grand body of Masons, permit me, Companions, to express my most sincere acknowledgments for the honors conferred on me, and for the kind consideration I have always received at your hands, and to assure you that I shall hold in grateful remembrance my Masonic associations here and elsewhere as the most pleasant of my life.

Finally, Companions, practice the sublime teachings of Masonry; inculcate its moral principles on every occasion, and show to the world that you are not Masons in name only, but Masons in the broadest sense of that distinguished appellation; "and then, and then only, can you feel that friendship, that unison, that zeal and that purity of heart which should actuate every one, who would appropriate to himself the proud title of a workman that needeth not be ashamed."

JOHN NICHOLS, *M. Ill. G. M.*

The following Standing Committees were announced:

On Finance:

Comps. A. Wronski, J. B. Neathery and S. E. Allen.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

Comps. H H. Munson, W. P. Wetherell and S. E. Allen.

On Unfinished Business:

Comps. W. P. Wetherell, M. M. Katz and J. E. Niemyer.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following as his Annual Report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

I respectfully submit my annual report as follows:

The duty of printing and distributing the Proceedings of the last Annual Assembly, was performed as early in the year as practicable.

I have received the following dues of Subordinate Councils:

1876.

May 31, Wilmington, No. 4, for 1876,	- - - -	$10 00
June 7, Greensboro', No. 3, " "	- - - -	10 00
" " Enoch No. 5, " "	- - - -	10 00
Total,	- - - - - - - - -	$30 00

This amount now remains in my hands, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Grand Treasurer, to whom the funds could not be paid.

Fraternally submitted, D. W. BAIN, *Grand Recorder.*

The Grand Recorder, on behalf of the Grand Treasurer, submitted the following as the Annual Report of that Officer, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

I submit the following as my annual report:

To balance in my hands as per last annual report, - -	$50 00
I have paid on account of printing Proceedings of Gr. Council,	12 00
and have in my hands a balance of - - - - - -	$38 00

My absence from the Grand Council, present Annual Assembly, prevents my reporting any sums received from Grand Recorder on account of present year, as all the dues had not been received by him to the date of his leaving for Charlotte.

Fraternally submitted,
R. H. BRADLEY, *Grand Treas'r.*

Standing Committees submitted reports as follows, which were read and concurred in:

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that they have examined the proceedings of 1875, and find no unfinished business.

WM. P. WETHERELL,
M. M. KATZ,
J. E. NIEMYER, } Com.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Councils report that they have examined the following returns, and find them correct, except Enoch Council, No. 5, which has no seal attached, it as yet having none; Greensboro' Council, No. 3, Wilmington Council, No. 4, and Enoch Council, No. 5.

Respectfully submitted,
H. H. MUNSON,
WM. P. WETHERELL, } Com.
S. E. ALLEN,

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred for examination the reports and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, report that they find the same correct and the books accurately kept.

We find that the Grand Treasurer has in his hands the sum of thirty-eight dollars, and that the Grand Recorder has received, during this Annual Assembly, the sum of thirty dollars.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. NEATHERY, A. WRONSKI, S. E. ALLEN, } Com.

Comp. H. H. Munson introduced the following as an amendment to the constitution of the Grand Council, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That Article 2 of the constitution of this Grand Council be amended so as to read:

The Annual Assemblies of this Grand Council shall be held at such places as may be designated by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for holding its Annual Convocations, during, or immediately succeeding, the sessions of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. M. M. Katz introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That a Royal Arch Mason in good standing who may be rejected in a Subordinate Council, may renew his application at the succeeding regular Convocation of said Council.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, beg leave to report that having carefully considered the suggestions of the same, and with him deploring the lack of uniformity and the consequent inefficiency of Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction, we most respectfully recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Most Illustrious Grand Master being properly the Custodian of the Work in Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction, the several Illustrious Masters of the Subordinate Councils are hereby requested to confer with him, and secure the same and disseminate it among their members.

Respectfully submitted, C. M. VAN ORSDELL, E. A. WILSON, R. P. BESSENT, } Com.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers under the superintendence of Comps. A. Wronski and J. B. Neathery, and the following were duly elected:

C. M. Van Orsdell, - - -	Most Illustrious Grand Master.
John B. Neathery, - - -	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
S. E. Allen, - - - - -	Grand Principal Con. of Work.
John Nichols, - - - -	Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain, - - - -	Grand Recorder.
M. M. Katz, - - - - -	Grand Captain of the Guard.
E. A. Wilson, - - - -	Grand Conductor of the Council.
William Murdoch, - - -	Grand Steward.

Comp. Wm. P. Wetherell moved that a committee of two be appointed to procure the services of a Past Grand Master to install the officers elect.

The motion prevailed, and Comps. Wetherell and A. Wronski were appointed the Committee, who reported that Comp. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., would perform these services.

On motion of D. W. Bain, G. R., the Grand Treasurer was instructed to procure a set of jewels for the Grand Council before the next Annual Assembly, if the revenues of the Grand Council should permit.

Comp. John Nichols, P. G. M., submitted a report on Foreign Correspondence, which was, on motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, ordered to be published in these Proceedings. [See Appendix.]

Comp. H. H. Munson introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to memoralize the General Grand Encampment of the United States, at its next Triennial Conclave, to place the degrees of Royal and Select Master in the line of promotion, so as to constitute them a condition precedent to the Commandery Degrees.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed Comp. John Nichols the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Comp. John Nichols, P. G. M., the Grand Recorder was instructed to notify Davie Council, No. 6, of its indebtedness, giving it sixty days indulgence in the payment of one year's dues before demanding its charter, which had become

forfeited, and that upon payment of one year's dues the residue should, by this action, be remitted.

Comp. H. H. Munson introduced the following amendment to Article 12 of the Constitution, which was adopted:

"Strike out the word *ten* in Article 12 of the Constitution, relating to dues of Subordinate Councils, and insert *fifteen*."

Comp. Munson also introduced the following, which were and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder is hereby authorized to charge and receive as his fees, one dollar for affixing the seal of the Grand Council to diplomas or any document emanating from his office, except charters or dispensations to new Councils elsewhere provided for, and certificates of transportation to members of the Grand Council.

Resolved, That the sum of three dollars be appropriated to the Grand Sentinel for services this day rendered the Grand Council.

The Proceedings of this Annual Assembly were read and approved, and the Grand Council was closed in ample form.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D. 1876.

GREENSBORO COUNCIL, No. 3.—Greensboro'.

Time of Regular Convocations: Fourth Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS:

Thomas J. Sloan,.....T. Illustrious Master.
William E. Edwards,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
P. F. Duffy,.....Principal Con. of Work.
David McKnight,.....Treasurer.
S. E. Allen,.....Recorder.
J. N. Nelson,.....Captain of the Guard
James P. Jones,.....Conductor of the Council.
R. M. Stafford,.....Steward.
William Collins,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

Peter Adams,
Sterling Adams,
Daniel E. Albright,
Wm. Bodenhiemer,
O. S. Causey,
K. M. Coble,
J. R. Cardwell,
R. L. Coltraine,
F. P. Cavanah,
John Chamberlain,
George H. Gregory,
Robert W. Glenn,
W. H. Heath,
A. F. Hatch,
J. Hildesheimer,
David A. Hoskins,
J. M. Isley,
F. N. Ingold,
Thomas B. Keogh,
John L. Keeling,
George Parker,
J. H. Pearce,
W. H. Phillips,
G. H. Renigar,
John Sloan,
R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
John M. Shelly,
William Swaim,
J. E. Shultz,
L. T. Smith,

John Donnell,	John J. Kendall,	J. H. Tarpley,
J. C. Dame,	D. N. Kirkpatrick,	C. J. Voorhees,
Stephen A. Douglas,	S. M Lanier,	J. R. Wilkerson,
J. B. Faircloth,	C. P. Mendenhall,	Samuel Walker,
W. H. Gentry,	W. H. Moore,	E. A. Wilson.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Convocations: Second Monday evening in each month

OFFICERS:

G. W. Jewett, ... T. Illustrious Master.
C. M. Van Orsdell, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
M. M. Katz, ... Principal Con. of Work.
R. Greenburg, ... Treasurer.
James C. Munds, ... Recorder.
A. Wronski, ... Captain of the Guard.
B. P. Harrison, ... Conductor of the Council.
J. I. Macks, ... Steward.
B. G. Bates, ... Sentinel.
George Patterson, ... Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

T. B. Carr,	D. Greenwald,	H. H. Munson,
R. E. Calloway,	T. Johnson,	D. McRae,
A. David,	F. M. Knowles,	J. E. Niemyer,
S S. Everitt,	M. J. King,	S. Solomon,
P. W. Fanning,	W. R. Kenan,	E. Turlington,
H. G. Flanner,	W. Larkins,	W. G. Thomas,
T. M. Gardner,	A. Martin,	J. Weil.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

William J. Hicks,.....T. Illustrious Master.
John B. Neathery,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
M. Grausman,.....Principal Con. of Work.
Robert H. Bradley,.....Treasurer.
William P. Wetherell,.....Recorder.
Jonas M. Rosenbaum, ...Captain of the Guard.
Wayne Allcott,.....Conductor of the Council.
Robert W. Best,.....Steward.
Miles Goodwin,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

Donald W. Bain,
John C. Blake,
Thomas W. Blake,
James M. Betts,
Nathaniel L. Brown,
A. P. Bryan,
Daniel R. Coleman,
William H. Dodd,
W. W. Dunn,
J. C. L. Harris,
A. S. Heide,
Albert Johnson,
Charles Klueppelberg,
A. S. Lee,
Henry Mahler,
John Nichols,
Isaac Oettinger,
S. H. Rountree,
A. D. Royster,
G. Rosenthal,
William Simpson,
Willie J. Palmer,
William C. Stronach,
John B. White,
John Whitelaw,
Jack R. Williams.

SUMMARY OF FOREGOING RETURNS OF COUNCILS.

Exalted, 14; Admitted, 7; Rejected, 2; Excluded for non-payment of dues, 3; Died, 1; Number of members returned, - - - - 120
Estimated number of members not returned, - - - - - - - - 40

Total number Royal and Select Masters returned and estimated, 160

REPORT

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

A few days before the meeting of the present Annual Assembly, the writer of this Report was approached by our worthy Grand Recorder and informed that he had been selected to prepare the Report on Foreign Correspondence. We plead want of time and arduous professional duties; but no excuse would our Companion receive, but with an emphatic "*you must do it*," we submitted, under protest. We have received and reviewed the Proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils, as follows:

Arkansas, - -	1875	Minnesota, - -	1876
Connecticut, - -	1876	New York, - -	1875
Illinois, - - -	1875	Pennsylvania, - -	1875
Kansas, - - -	1874	South Carolina, - -	1876
Kentucky, - -	1874	Tennessee, - - -	1875
Maine, - -	1875	Vermont, - -	1875
Massachusetts, -	1875	Wisconsin, - -	1876
Michigan, - -	1876		

ARKANSAS.

The Sixteenth Annual Assembly was held at Little Rock, on the 9th day of October, 1875.

Grand Master James A. Stinson, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is quite brief, touching on nothing but matters of local importance. He alludes to the Convention of Grand Councils held at New Orleans in November, 1874, and says the "work" has not been generally taught

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NOTE.—The Grand Recorder, as well as myself, regrets the absence of so many Grand Councils from this list. The Proceedings have not *generally* been received up to date. COMMITTEE.

within the Jurisdiction of that Grand Council. On this subject, he says:

Now, Companions, if you do not feel disposed to adopt the convention work, for the sake of uniformity (which is very much the same as our own,) would it not be well to see that our old work is correctly taught, as I have learned that by innovation or *improvement*, that the work in some of our Councils differs as much from our old work as the old work does from the work of the New York and New Orleans Conventions.

The Committee on Credentials reported present eleven Grand Officers, and twenty Past Grand Officers, entitled to vote, and twelve Councils entitled to representation; but there seemed to be delegates from but eight Councils present, representing a membership of three hundred and one.

In regard to the "*Work*" the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Ritual heretofore adopted by the Grand Council be continued as the work of the Subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction; and that no Council or Grand Officer depart from or change the same until authorized to do so by the Grand Council.

Charters were withdrawn from two Councils. No new ones granted.

Comp. M. M. McGuire was elected Grand Master, and the venerable Luke E. Barber was re-elected Grand Recorder. The officers elected and appointed were installed by Past Grand Master E. H. English.

CONNECTICUT.

Annual Assembly at Hartford, on the 8th of May, 1876.

Grand Master Fred. H. Waldron, presiding.

Fifteen Councils represented.

The Grand Master presented a most excellent address. The following extract is commended to the careful consideration of the Companions of our own State. It is sound, practical, good sense. Read it

It is the practice with too many who are initiated into our solemn mysteries to hurry from one degree to another, and the entered apprentice of yesterday is likely to be a Sir Knight to-morrow. This is highly detrimental, not only to the candidate himself, but to the best in-

terests of the order. I think we should discourage this as much as possible, and a Brother or Companion should not only have made "suitable proficiency" in the work and ritual before being advanced to higher honors and awards, but we should endeavor to have our teachings make a deep impression upon his mind, and he should be in a condition to give as well as to receive instruction. How many are there to-day who have taken all the degrees in Masonry who are ashamed to present themselves at the outer door of the Lodge-room for examination? They can be counted by the score.

This is not as it should be. It is generally conceded that those of our members who manifest the least interest in the order are those who are ignorant of its principles and teachings—those who have hurried through the degrees without properly considering their meaning. Their zeal lasts as long as there are other degrees for them to advance to, and, as soon as the topmost round in the ladder is reached, their interest is lost, because, in their zeal to obtain all the light possible, they have lost sight of our first principles.

The transactions of the Body contain nothing of special importance to those outside of that jurisdiction.

The Grand Council of Maryland was recognized.

An interesting report on correspondence was presented by Comp. William Wallace Lee. The proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils were reviewed, our own not included.

Comp. William Freeston, of New Britain, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. J. K. Wheeler, of Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

The twenty-third Annual Assembly was held at Chicago, on the 27th of October, 1875.

Comp. Edward Blackshaw, as Grand Master, presiding.

There were thirty-three Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master, W. F. Bromfield, being absent, his address was read by the Grand Recorder. The Grand Master reports that "peace and harmony prevail among the Subordinate Councils."

To the question: "Has a Council the right to refuse a Companion a dimit, provided he is in good standing in the Council?" he decided: "If the Companion desired to join another Council nearer his residence, and was in good standing in his Council, he was entitled to a dimit; but otherwise the Council might re-

fuse it, because it is unmasonic not to be affiliated." It may be unmasonic not to be affiliated, but by what right can Lodge, Chapter or Council compel a mason to remain a member against his will?

We believe in *Free* Masonry and whenever a Mason wishes to sever his connection with the order, we believe in permitting him to depart in peace. If he can do without the Order, the Order can as easily do without him.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. James H. Miles. Twenty-two Grand Councils receive fraternal notice, North Carolina included.

Comp. Edward Blackshaw, of Urbana, elected Grand Master, and Comp. Jas. H. Miles, of Chicago, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

The Annual Assembly was held at Leavenworth, on the 20th of October, 1874.

Grand Master John H. Brown, presiding.

Five Councils represented.

The Grand Master, in the opening paragraph of his very admirable address, says:

> Another year has closed, another page is added to our history as a Grand Council. We have met in Annual Convocation to revise and perfect the work of the past year. Forgetting all mere personal considerations, let us unite in devising means to render Cryptic Masonry what its noble founders designed it should be. Before proceeding further, may we humbly acknowledge our dependence on the Great Author of our being for the success thus far vouchsafed to us, His creatures, and implore His aid in all our endeavors to advance the prosperity of our Cryptic Rite.

He regretted that the Grand Council was not represented at the Convention in New York, and recommended that arrangements he made to be represented in the future. He also recommended the adoption of the official titles suggested by the Convention. The recommendation was adopted and the Constitution amended to that effect.

The Committee on Charity reported verbally "that no application had been made to this Grand Council for aid, nor did they know of any cases requiring attention." Happy Companions!

Comp. John H. Brown, of Leavenworth, re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. J. Lee Knight, of Topeka, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

Annual Assembly at Louisville, October 21st, 1874.

Comp. Wm. Ryan, Grand Master, (or Most Puissant, as the presiding officer in that State is styled), presiding.

His address is short, alluding briefly to his official transactions, which were confined to the granting of two Dispensations for new Councils.

Sixteen Councils were represented.

The report on Correspondence was submitted by Comp. H. A. M. Henderson, which Comp. Swain, of Wisconsin, says, "is sharp enough to put spirit into a mug of milk and water."

We can appreciate the following sentence in the report of Comp. Henderson. He says:

> When there is nothing to dip, and a sieve is the dipper, then you might die of thirst for the lack of a cooling draught.

Grand Officers elected were Comp. Henry Bostwick, of Covington, Grand Master, and Comp. Albert G. Hodges, of Louisville, Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

Annual Assembly at Portland, May 5th, 1875.

Grand Master Charles I. Collamore, presiding.

Ten Subordinate Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master was brief, relating chiefly to matters within his own jurisdiction.

The Committee on By-Laws recommended the nomenclature recommended by the New York Convention, which was adopted.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of that Illustrious Companion, from whom we always expect something good —Josiah H. Drummond. The report is full, able and interesting, being filled with valuable information and suggestions. As Comp. Drummond is perhaps more fully informed of all the facts

in connection with what is called the "Convention Work," which has been adopted by our Grand Council, we extract the following from his report:

The Grand Councils, with few exceptions, are adopting the "Convention Work" as fast as they have opportunity to examine it.

Already Alabama, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee have formally adopted it. We understand that it is practically adopted and actually used in Florida and Wisconsin. California, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Brunswick and Rhode Island have not (we believe) applied for and received the work. Connecticut decided that the work was almost identical with her own, and concluded to make no change, the two being substantially alike. Arkansas voted to adopt it when four-fifths of the other Grand Councils had done so. Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Ontario and Vermont have the matter in the hands of committees Indiana having the true (?) work and "little knowledge as to the nature and extent of the differences" between it and the Convention Work, declines to adopt it. New Hampshire having *another* "old and true" (?) work declines even to examine any other. Massachusetts declines to adopt the Work, because it reverses the order of the degrees as she adopted them; while Pennsylvania hesitates because she has still *another* "true" (?) work Thus far, but three Grand Councils have absolutely declined to adopt the work, and in the begining it was taken for granted that *two* of these would do so; but the refusal of Massachusetts *is* a surprise.

In regard to the Convention held at New Orleans, in 1874, the following report was submitted by Comp. Drummond:

I attended the Convention at New Orleans, as requested by the M. I. Grand Master. Some Grand Councils, not represented at New York, were represented there. The old organization was continued so far as the officers were present: in the absence of Comp. Corson, Comp. Geo. Fred. Wiltsie, of New York, was elected Recorder.

There was an indisposition to make any change in the work, beyond the correction of a few mere verbal errors.

There was a much stronger feeling in favor of a General Grand Council than I had anticipated; and on the second evening (when I was unable to be present on account of illness) a committee was appointed, of which Comp. Frizzell, of Tennessee, was Chairman, to draft a Constitution for a General Grand Council to become effective when adopted by two-thirds of the Grand Councils; and the Convention adjourned to meet with the General Grand Chapter in 1877.

The sentiment of the Convention seemed to be unanimous in making these degrees pre-requisites to the order of Knighthood. A memorial to that effect was presented to the Grand Encampment and referred to a committee, a majority of which reported adversely. The Report was adopted without discussion, for which, indeed, there was really no opportunity. So much time had been taken up in the parade,

that the most important business was hurriedly transacted The next Conclave is to be devoted to business, and then this subject can be discussed and intelligently determined.

Comp. Sumner H. Boynton, of Rockford, was elected Grand Master, and the venerable Comp. Ira Berry, of Portland, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Annual Assembly held at Masonic Temple, December 8, 1875.

Grand Master Thomas Elliott St. John, presiding.

Thirteen Councils represented.

The Grand Master alludes in feeling and eloquent terms to the passing away of two distinguished Companions of that Jurisdiction. He says:

Since last we met, the summons that none can disregard, has been heard at our outer door. Upon the death of our venerable and Ill. Comp E. B. Moore, who for so many years had held the office of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, I appointed to fill his place, our worthy and well beloved Comp Rev. George Summerfield Noyes. Ere his work was completed, the hand of disease was upon him. He labored with a true heroic zeal, even beyond his powers of endurance, to complete his report for our last year's Proceedings. The last words of his report are a tribute to the memory of Comp. Moore. "Our great ones are falling," said he. "May the ranks be quickly repleted." But ere the words he had written were read by those in whose service he was laboring, he had gone to his rest. He died as he had lived, an honest, faithful laborer in his Master's cause. He held this Order in high regard, and was never weary in his labors to advance its interests, and honor its name. He has held many important trusts in his Masonic life and honored them all. May his example be an inspiration unto us all, bidding us to emulate his virtues and hold in due veneration the truth he sought to uphold He died in Boston, February 16th, 1875, aged 40 years, 8 months.

Alluding to the importance of the degrees of Royal and Select Master he says:

The more I study the plan and scope of this Institution, the more clearly do I see the necessity of making these degrees of the Cryptic Rite a regular step in the advancement of the aspirant after Masonic honors. In the Secret Vault alone is that knowledge obtained that completes the story of the second temple and fits a man for a full appreciation of the Masonic tradition. Without these the Royal Arch is but a partial history, while upon the instructions they give, the candidate treads more confidently the pathway to the Order of the Red Cross.

Comp. Charles J. Danforth, of Boston, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. John Haigh, of Somerville, Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN.

Eighteenth Annual Assembly held at Detroit, on the 17th of January, 1876.

Comp. M. Mansfield, Grand Master, presiding.

Forty-two Councils were represented.

His address is brief, and confined to the consideration of matters of local interest. The Grand Master seems to have been very active during the year, judging from the number of visitations reported. He, however, declined a re-election, which, judging from his past year's work, he richly deserved.

The Grand Council adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council be, and are hereby tendered to Past M. I. G. Master M. Mansfield, for the able manner in which he has presided over this Grand Council the past year.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. G. B. Noble, and is quite full and interesting. Twenty-four Grand Councils receiving fraternal notice, ours being included.

Comp. George Hill, of Portland, was elected Grand Master, and G. B. Noble, of Detroit, Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

Seventh Annual Assembly held at St. Paul, Jan'y 11th, 1876.

The Grand Master being absent, R. Ill. D. G. M., G. W. Cooley, presided.

The proceedings contain nothing of special interest to the Craft outside that jurisdiction.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Grove B. Cooley. We most heartily endorse the following, taken from the introductory remarks, and commend the sentiments therein contained to the consideration of our readers. He says:

The duty is assigned us to review these proceedings and write a report. We are a "new hand at the wheel" and hardly know how to commence. We feel that we can say but little, for the feeling of our Grand Council is, that our report should be short.

Although the Companion may be a "new hand at the wheel," as he says he is, he steers remarkably well. He reviews in an interesting and pleasant style the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, our own receiving a passing notice. He concludes his report in the following rather racy, but exceedingly interesting style:

Well, here is our work, such as it is. Should it not be deemed fit to be deposited in the S. V., throw it aside among the rubbish. We can only say, "such as we have, give we unto you;" but of all things, don't set us down among those that *languish.*

If any are sleeping at their posts, put them aside and fill their places. We have two of the most beautiful and impressive degrees in the whole system of Masonry. What do we want of more? We may seek and obtain from the Commandery the "Red Cross" degree—but what shall we do with it when we get it? It has really no connection with Cryptic Masonry. But we can't get it—neither will the Chapter of R. A. Masons take us—they don't want us—they have no *fit* place to put us, in Capitular Masonry. We are just exactly in the right place—we have all we need. Neither do we care for that class of Masons, who are seeking the "Templar's feather," and would only make us a stepping stone to the Commandery. We don't endorse the idea of compulsion in Masonry. If our hand is sought at all, we desire it shall be for "Love," and that when we are wed, we shall not be set aside for a more showy mistress. None of that in ours—we prefer to remain single. But don't let us *languish.*

Comp. G. W. Cooley, of Minneapolis, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. Theo. Burkhard, of St. Paul, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

The Annual Assembly was held in the Grand Council Room, New York City, September 14th, 1875.

Comp. Fred. H. Wiltsie, presiding.

Twenty-eight Councils were represented.

In his address, the Grand Master, gives a synopsis of the proceedings of the New Orleans Convention of Royal and Select Masters; and, as many of our Companions may never have seen those proceedings, for their benefit we make the following lengthy quotation:

Since our last Annual Assembly, and in accordance with a resolution adopted by you at that time, it was my privilege as well as pleasure to attend the third session of the National Convention of Royal and Select Masons of the United States of America. I will give you now a brief resume of its labors.

The Convention met in the city of New Orleans, La., at Masonic Temple, on Monday noon, November 31st, 1874, and organized temporarily by the election of

M. I Companion Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, as President.

M. I. Comp. G Fred. Wiltsie, of New York, as Recorder.

The Committee on Credentials, M. I. Companions W. C. Swain, of Wisconsin, E. Edmundson, of Tennessee, and G. L. McCahan, of Maryland, reported eighteen (18) Grand Councils entitled to representation.

The temporary officers were then unanimously elected as permanent officers of the Convention, with the addition of

M. I. Companion John Frizzell, of Tennessee, as first Vice-President.

M. I. Companion C. F. Goodman, of Nebraska, second Vice-Pres't.

Rule 1 of the New York Convention of 1872, was then adopted for the government of the present session, (the purport of which was the system of voting, each Grand Jurisdiction being allowed three votes.)

M. I. Companions Edmundson, of Tennessee, Wiltsie, of New York, O'Neal, of Ohio, McCahan, of Maryland, and Stinson, of Arkansas, were appointed a Committee on "Work."

M. I. Companions Brown, of Kansas, Bechtel, of New Jersey, Kirker, of Connecticut, Wheeler, of Nebraska, and Morrill, of Florida, were appointed a Committee on General Business.

EVENING SESSION, AT 7 O'CLOCK.

M. I. Companion John Frizzell, of Tennessee, presiding.

M. I. Companion John H. Brown, of Kansas, from the Committee on General Business, reported in favor of the formation of a General Grand Council of R. & S. M., which report, after a long discussion, was laid upon the table.

Several invitations were received and accepted to attend different festivities in the city of New Orleans, during the session of the Grand Bodies.

Two vacancies occurring in the Committee appointed by the New York Convention to memoralize the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, to place the Cryptic degrees in their proper position in the American system of Free Masonry, by making them a prerequisite to the orders of Knighthood, they were filled by the Convention constituting the Committee, as follows:

M. I. Companion J. H. Drummond, of Maine.
" " John Frizzell, of Tennessee.
" " G. Fred. Wiltsie, of New York.
" " W. A. Prall, of Missouri.
" " P. M. Savory, of Mississippi.
" " S. M. Todd, of Louisiana.

Convened again 7, P. M., December 1st, 1874

M. I. Companion C. F. Goodman, of Nebraska, presiding.

The Committee on Work, after a lengthy session, reported to the Convention that in their judgment no change was advisable in the Ritual as adopted in 1873, except to correct one or two clerical or chronological errors in the history of the Select Masters degree, concerning the *time* of the communication of the w—— to Moses, and the lapse of time from its communication to its being lost. The report was unanimously adopted, all the Grand Bodies represented, many of which have adopted the work, expressing themselves highly pleased with it in its every feature.

The question of the organization of a General Grand Council was then taken from the table, and a very long debate ensued, all of the different Grand Bodies, through their representatives, stating at length their views; a large majority of them were in favor of the immediate formation of such a body, but at the same time being desirous of making no movement except to aid in the advancement of Cryptic Masonry, and of these degrees receiving the proper attention and position to which they are entitled, the following resolution was finally unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to prepare a Provincial Constitution for the organization of a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, which shall be submitted to the several state Grand Bodies, for either their adoption or rejection.

M. I. Companion JOHN FRIZZELL, of Tennessee,
" " G. FRED. WILTSIE, of New York,
" " JOHN H. BROWN, of Kansas,
" " W. C. SWAIN, of Wisconsin,
" " W. R. WHITAKER, of Louisiana,
Committee.

The following resolution was then adopted: *Resolved*, That the present officers of this Convention be continued, and that the Committee on Provincial Constitution for a General Grand Council, be, and they hereby are, directed to prepare such a document, which shall be submitted by the officers of this Convention, to the various Grand Councils in the United States, for their action thereon, and when two-thirds thereof shall concur therein, approving such Provincial Constitution, the same shall become operative, and a meeting shall be called by the President, for the purpose of duly organizing such body, which shall be provided for by said Constitution, at such time and place as may be designated.

The Committee to memorialize the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that, after consideration, the Grand Encampment laid the matter upon the table.

The following resolution of adjournment was then adopted, after several matters of minor importance had been disposed of: *Resolved*, That this Convention do now adjourn to meet in the city of Buffalo, New York, on the Monday before the third Tuesday of August, 1877, and that the several State Grand Bodies be requested to send delegates to the same, unless the Convention shall sooner be called together by the President. The Grand Recorder was ordered to publish officially the proceedings of the Convention, as well as the report of the Committee on Provincial Constitution, in pamphlet form, and issue same to each of the Grand Councils.

This is a brief account, my Companions, of my labors while at New Orleans; amid the grand round of festivities, fraternal greetings, renewals of old acquaintances, and receptions, it was almost impossible to keep a working majority of the different Masonic bodies there assembled engaged in their various duties; yet I am constrained to say that our Cryptic Companions were not found *asleep*, but were ever wakeful to the interests of our noble Rite, and each and every one worked with deep earnestness to advance *its* interests.

The Grand Master reports the death of Comp. J. R. Chase, for a number of years a prominent member of the Order, in New York, and author of several Masonic Works. Alluding to his death and past services, the Grand Master says:

Our Grand Lecturer is no more. Time, that dread leveler of human life, sooner or later will overtake us all. While we mourn the loss of our departed Companion, as we miss him in our assemblies and no longer hear his pleasant, happy voice in our midst, while we pause for a moment amid the busy scenes of life, turning aside to cast a sympathetic tear over his memory, and ponder upon the uncertainty of our own existence, and the certainty as well, as in his case, the suddenness of death, let us each and every one remember, "In the midst of life we are in death," and so may we act and live that when the dread summons shall come for us, and we shall be called to follow those who have "gone before," we may be so prepared, having our "Work" ready for inspection, that we may gain an entrance into the "Holy of Holies" above, and there receive the wages due faithful Craftsmen and deserving Companions. "So teach us, O Lord, to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Charles G. Henderson, and is full, interesting and able. He thus raps Massachusetts:

If we remember correctly, the Grand Council of Massachusetts had some little hand in first calling the New York Convention. But now, when that Convention has prepared a work in which all may unite, even though each one may make some little sacrifice, Massachusetts hesitates because, forsooth, the Convention did not see eye to eye with her in several particulars. The Grand Master does "not believe it advisable to be anxious about adopting new things." The whole animus of the address and of the report on Foreign Correspondence is, that the New York Convention was a small affair, and that its conclusions should be ignored The reason why is very plain to be seen It appears as if the Companions of Massachusetts, as well as of several other jurisdictions, have forgotten some of their earliest Masonic lessons. With too many Masons, brotherly love, self-sacrifice and humility are words, fair in theory but hard to practice. We hear much of these professions when our Order is recommended to the world at large. but when the practical test comes, we too often find "nothing but leaves."

We are not sufficiently informed of all the facts and circumstances to justify us in the expression of an opinion on the question under discussion, but we shall look forward with some interest to the "return fire" of our Massachusetts Companions.

We extract the following from the "conclusion" of this interesting report:

And while, by our laws and traditions, our forms and ceremonies, we view the past with reverence, it behooves us to look forward and think of the future of Masonry, to devote more time, and consideration, and labor to our own improvement, and to the embodiment of our principles in our lives, to study how our influence is to be made more effectual for the good of humanity.

We believe we shall have to answer, not only for ourselves and our own mutual improvement, but also for our general influence upon humanity.

What is our mission? And what is our work in the future? Our history has been one of grand success—prosperity has been ours. We have withstood the attacks and persecutions of ignorance, superstition, fanaticism and bigotry. Every reverse has caused our Fraternity to shine forth with a more glorious lustre. May we be as full of virtue and love in prosperity as in adversity! There can be no doubt that the T. G. A. O. T. U., whom we worship, has given us this prosperity, and smiles upon our organization and labors.

Comp. John B. Sackett, of Buffalo, was elected Grand Master, and George Van Vliet, of New York, Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Masters was held in the city of Harrisburg, on the 17th day of February, 1875.

M. P. G. M. Christian Frederick Knapp, presiding.

Fifteen Councils were represented.

The Grand Master seems to have been very active during the year. He reported that he had traveled, during his official visitations eighteen hundred and sixty miles; spent forty days, and incurred an expense of two hundred dollars and twenty-five cents. Our Companions in Pennsylvania have been peculiarly fortunate in the selection of its presiding officer. In his address he says:

Having served you, to the best of my ability, five years as the third officer of this Grand Council, five years as its second officer, and six years as its chief, making a period of sixteen years, I now surrender to you the authority with which you so often unanimously invested me with, with the hope that my successor will meet at your hands that support which you so kindly extended to me. As to my associates in office, who were all I could desire, I would say "the Lord bless you and keep you," and to the Illustrious Companions and members of this M. P. Grand Council, allow me to express the wish that "peace be ever within your walls, and prosperity within your palaces"

The proceedings contain nothing of special interest to the Fraternity outside of that jurisdiction.

Comp. Christian Frederick Knapp, of Bloomsburg, was re-elected Grand Master, and Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Annual Assembly at Charleston, February 16th, 1876.

Grand Master Wilmot G. DeSaussure, presiding.

Ten Councils were represented.

The address of the Grand Master, although containing nothing of special interest to those outside of that jurisdiction, is one of the most interesting addresses that we have read. Unlike many of the Grand Masters, (your own included), Comp. DeSaussure had sufficient duties to perform to give him some thing to write about. He concludes his interesting report in the following beautiful and impressive style:

> Permit me to invoke upon your labors the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe, and to pray that He will so direct them, that good may result to our fellow men and to ourselves from what is done in this Secret Vault. The duties which we are here called upon to perform are done in Secrecy, Silence and Darkness, but to the All-seeing eye, the "night is no darkness." The important lessons of charity, forbearance, and good will, which we learn here, if profited by and practised, must lead us humbly and reverently and hopefully to approach Him who has taught us to pray, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

The proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils were reviewed in an able and comprehensive manner by the Grand Master, who we are pleased to notice was re-elected for the third time, a compliment which his industry, ability and devotion to Masonry justly merited.

Comp. A. Lindstrom, of Charleston, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

Annual Assembly held at Nashville, November 8th, 1875.

Grand Master W. R. Shaver, presiding.

Thirty-three Councils represented.

Certainly a large number for "North Carolina's *little* daughter."

The Grand Master thus welcomes the representatives:

I offer you my personal and official greeting on assembling again at the close of another annual period, in the history of this venerable body. And, I believe, that I but express your sentiments, when I say, that the warmest aspirations of our hearts are due to the Father of all Mercies, not only for the bountiful harvest which prevails all over our country, enabling us to rejoice in peace and plenty, but that we are spared from pestilence and death, and are to-day blessed with health and the privilege of convening in Grand Council.

The Committee appointed to attend the Convention of Royal and Select Masters at New Orleans, submitted their report, which was concurred in. We copy the report entire:

The undersigned were selected, at the last Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Representatives to the adjourned Convention, which met at New Orleans in December last. The present Most Illustrious Grand Master was authorized to associate with us such other Companions as he might deem proper. In accordance therewith, Companions John Frizzell, W. F. Foster and H. M. Aiken, were selected. We all attended the Convention as required, but having taken no notes thereof, we are unable to give the particular transactions of the Convention, as we have not been furnished with the published proceedings, as we hoped.

There were, we believe, about twenty Grand Jurisdictions represented, and the principal matter discussed was the formation of a General Grand Council, for which purpose the New York Convention of the previous year adjourned to this place.

The Convention seemed adverse to such an organization, and especially so, until they could ascertain the nature of the Constitution governing such an organization. It was, therefore, ordered that a Committee be appointed to draft such a Constitution for the consideration of the different Grand Jurisdictions. Our Companion, John Frizzell, was appointed the Chairman of this Committee.

The Convention adjourned to meet again in Buffalo, New York, in the year 1877, when the matter of a General Grand Council is to be further considered.

We regret to have to report a seeming abatement of interest in this Convention, to that manifested by the two preceding ones held in New York, in the summers of 1872 and 1873, witnessed by your Delegate, who attended all three.

E. Edmundson,
W. R. Shaver.

No report on Correspondence.

Comp. H. M. Aiken, of Knoxville, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. John Frizzell, of Nashville, re-elected Gr. Recorder.

VERMONT.

Annual Assembly at Burlington, June 10th, 1875.

The Grand Master, Edward S. Dana, presiding.

There were twelve Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master is an interesting and well-written document, breathing the true spirit of Masonry in every line. It is really a pleasure to read such addresses; and how grand would our order be, did the same spirit pervade the breast of every Mason in the land. After the introductory paragraph, he says:

> We have come to take sweet counsel together as to the methods by which we may strengthen and beautify the structure which has been committed to our charge, and perpetuate it with its countless blessings to those who shall come after us;—and while the wisdom of man may fail and the creation of genius with its magic touch may perish, yet if we rely upon an unseen hand for support and aid we may go forward with an implicit trust that our labors will meet with perpetual reward.
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> Let us, as we gather here within the grateful atmosphere of fraternal affection, lend ourselves with cheerful alacrity to enlarge and dignify those influences which shall give encouragement to the patient toilers in the vaults, and which they shall follow, like a pillar of fire by night, through every darkness and peril until their mission shall close in the promise and plenty of merited success.

He pays a beautiful and fitting tribute to the memory of the late eminent Companion, Dr. George M. Hall, and closes his address as follows:

> I entreat you to permit no slothful indolence in your midst which shall suffer our arches to crumble into decay and bury our priceless treasures in unmerited oblivion; but let every officer and companion firmly resolve to dedicate himself anew to the service of the Cryptic Rite and to bring it up to the standard of perfection which shall insure that fruition and fulness of reward which crowns the labors of the faithful and the just.

The proceedings contain nothing of special importance to the Craft outside that jurisdiction.

The Grand Master, Edward S. Dana, of Cornwall, was re-elected, a compliment worthily bestowed; Comp. Wm. H. S. Whitcomb, of Burlington, was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN.

The Nineteenth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Milwaukee, on the 14th of February, 1876.

Comp. J. P. C. Cottrill, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master says he has "been called upon for no official act during the year, except the granting of one dispensation;" but is "able, however, to report a quite general condition of prosperity and progress in the Subordinates of the Cryptic Rite, and entire harmony among them."

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Wm. E. Swain, and is quite full and interesting, although he says it is his "maiden effort." Had he not so stated, his readers would never have suspected the fact, for he writes like a "Veteran."

He twits us for holding our Annual Assemblies in different sections of the State, and "suggests that we get a first-class menagerie" to travel with us. When we conclude to do so, we will go up to Wisconsin in search "trick-mules" for our traveling show.

Joking aside. The report is one of the very best we have read. It is written in that interesting and attractive style, that almost compels you to read it through, whether you are inclined to do so or not. We endorse fully the following taken from the "Conclusion" of his report:

> The only panacea we know of for sick Councils, is the election of officers who will make the Assemblies interesting. We do not think it is necessary to meet as often as most of our Masonic bodies are in the habit of doing. Let it be understood that the Council will meet, perhaps once a month; that when the regular Assembly night comes, there will BE an Assembly, and that the meetings will be made interesting, and there are few intelligent Masons who would not be willing to devote *one* evening in a month to this grade.

"This is as well said as if we had said it ourself," and is as true as to North Carolina as to Wisconsin.

Comp. James L. Bridge, of Berlin. elected Grand Master, and Comp. John W. Woodhull, of Milwaukee, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

Thus, Companions, in this hurried and imperfect manner, we have examined such Proceedings as have come into our hands. In some Grand Councils there seems to be a fair degree of pros-

perity, while in others the interest is manifestly indifferent and desponding.

The principal questions claiming the attention of the Grand Councils seem to be, (1.) Uniformity of work, (2.) The formation of a General Grand Council, and (3.) Making the degrees of Royal and Select Masters a pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood. It is not probable that either of these questions will seriously disturb the proceedings of our Grand Council. The adoption of the nomenclature and ritual recommended by the New York Convention disposes of the first question, unless the matter should be reconsidered. As to the second, we take it for granted that our Grand Council is not now in a condition to consider it; while as to the third, we have no special interest in it at present.

A majority of the Grand Councils, we think, have adopted the New York or Convention work, but a respectable number continue to adhere to the work they have been practising for years. The second question has met with general disfavor, and the third has received no favorable consideration from the Grand Commandery, which alone can control the matter.

We trust that a brighter day awaits Cryptic Masonry throughout the entire country; and especially do we desire to see for it a renewed interest manifested by the Companions of our own State. We hope that the time is not far distant when these beautiful and impressive degrees will be fully appreciated, and that they will be regarded, as they really are, essential to the completeness of the Royal Arch degree, which, as now conferred and taught in most of the States, is not complete without the beautiful and impressive degrees of Royal and Select Master.

We must beg pardon for the very imperfect and hurried manner in which this report has been prepared. Owing to the shortness of the time since we commenced its preparation, and our professional duties claiming almost our entire time, it has been prepared under most unfavorable circumstances, and will, we fear, prove as unsatisfactory to its readers as it is to the writer. But such as it is—we present it.

JOHN NICHOLS,

Grand Master, and Com. on For. Cor.

GRAND RECORDERS AND THEIR ADDRESS.

1.	Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
2.	Arkansas,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
3.	California,	Charles L. Wiggin,	San Francisco.
4.	Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
5.	Florida,	David L. Oakley,	Monticello.
6.	Georgia,	Charles R. Armstrng,	Macon.
7.	Illinois,	James H. Miles,	Chicago.
8.	Indiana,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
9.	Iowa,	William B. Langridge,	Muscatine.
10.	Kansas,	J. Lee Knight,	Topeka.
11.	Kentucky,	Albert G. Hodges,	Louisville.
12.	Louisiana,	Gustavus Sontag,	New Orleans.
13.	Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
14.	Maryland,	John T. Gorsuch,	Baltimore.
15.	Massachusetts,	John Haigh,	Somerville.
16.	Michigan,	Garra B. Noble,	Detroit.
17.	Minnesota,	Theo. Burkhard,	Saint Paul.
18.	Mississippi,	John Logan Power,	Jackson.
19.	Missouri,	George Frank Gouley,	Saint Louis.
20.	Nebraska,	Edwin Force Warren,	Nebraska City.
21.	New Brunswick,	Alfred D. Goodwin,	Saint John.
22.	New Hampshire,	Joseph W. Hildreth,	Concord.
23.	New Jersey,	Thomas J Corson,	Trenton.
24.	New York,	George Van Vliet,	N. Y., 6 av. & 23d st.
25.	North Carolina,	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
26.	Nova Scotia,	James Gossip,	Halifax.
27.	Ohio,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
28.	Ontario,	James B. Nixon,	Toronto.
29	Oregon,	Benjamin F. Goodwin,	Portland.
30.	Pennsylvania,	Charles E. Meyer,	Philadelphia.
31.	Rhode Island,	Walter Blodget,	Providence.
32.	South Carolina,	Alexander Linstrom,	Charleston.
33.	Tennessee,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
34.	Vermont,	Wm. H. S Whitcomb,	Burlington.
35.	Wisconsin,	John W. Woodhull,	Milwaukee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

NEWBERN,

Wednesday, June 6th, A. D. 1877, *A. Dep.* 2877.

RALEIGH:
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ADDRESS

OF

GRAND OFFICERS.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Most Illustrious Grand Master,
WILMINGTON.

SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,
Deputy Illustrious Grand Master,
KINSTON.

SIDNEY E. ALLEN,
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,
WINSTON.

JOHN NICHOLS,
Grand Treasurer,
RALEIGH.

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder,
RALEIGH.

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Captain of the Guard,
WILMINGTON.

ADDISON S. LEE,
Grand Conductor of the Council,
RALEIGH.

WILLIAM MURDOCH,
Grand Steward,
SALISBURY.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, held its Annual Assembly at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Newbern, on Wednesday, June 6th, A. D. 1877, A. Dep. 2877, at 11 o'clock A. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

C. M. Van Orsdell,.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Samuel H. Rountree,.....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
Sidney E. Allen, ...Grand Principal Con. of Work.
John Nichols,.....Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain, ...Grand Recorder.
Horace H. Munson,.....as Grand Captain of the Guard.
James C. Munds,.....as Grand Conductor of the Council.
William Murdoch, ...Grand Steward.
Robert H. Bradley,.....as Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

Comps H. H. Munson, P. M. Ill. G. M., Wm. Murdoch, P. D. Ill. G. M., Robert H. Bradley, Past Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

Comps R. H. Bradley, A. S. Lee, and S. H. Rountree, were appointed a committee on Credentials, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Credentials have examined such credentials as have been submitted to them, and report Councils duly represented as follows:

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2—Comp. Wm. Murdoch, proxy for T. Ill. Master.

Wilmington Council, No. 4—Comp. James C. Munds, proxy for T. Ill. Master, and P. C. W.; Comp. H. H. Munson, proxy for Dep. Ill. Master.

Enoch Council, No. 5—Comp. John Nichols, T. I. M.; Comp. A. S. Lee, proxy for Dep. Ill. M.; Comp. R. H. Bradley, proxy for P. C. of W.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Bradley,
Addison S. Lee,
Sam'l H. Rountree,
} Com.

The Grand Master delivered the following Address, which was, on motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, accepted with an expression of thanks.

My Illustrious Companions: Another Masonic year has been numbered with the things that were. The ceaseless march of time has again brought us to the period fixed for meeting in Annual Assembly. Again under the protecting care of a divine providence and through the mercy of the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe are we permitted to meet together to renew our vows and consult together to advance the future welfare of Cryptic Masonry, and the interests of those who have penetrated the glorious and sublime mysteries of the secret vault.

It is with a sad and almost despondent heart that I have to inform you that the past year in Cryptic Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has been passed in calm peacefulness and distressing inactivity on the part of most of our Councils, so far as I can learn.

In my official capacity I have had literally nothing to do. I have not been called upon to make any decisions, constitute any new Councils, nor to teach the work to any of those already constituted.

The only communication I have received was from Davie Council, No. 6, asking me to issue a dispensation for them to elect new officers and go to work under the old charter, which had been forfeited. Our last Grand Council took action in the matter and prescribed the conditions upon which they could resume work and retain their charter. Consequently I could do nothing but call their attention to that resolution, hoping that they would avail themselves of its very liberal provisions and be represented at this Grand Convocation.

So you will see my companions and, I hope, appreciate, the difficult task I have had in trying to issue this, my first address, to any Grand Body of Masons, and I hope, my companions, to receive from you, one and all, that leniency and charity so beautifully characteristic of our beloved institution, for consuming your time with this uninstructive and uninteresting address.

But, before closing, I wish to make a few remarks in regard to the future of Cryptic Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. Would to God, I had the gift of knowledge and power of speach to stir up and disperse our luke-warmness in Council Masonry and bring up our sublimely beautiful and instructiue degrees of Royal and Select Master and place them where they, of right, belong, on the topmost round of Ancient Craft Masonry, and to raise them to the highest pinnacle of masonic fame, for I feel that no companion who has been permitted to enter the secret vault and learn the manner in which our valuable and sacred treasures were deposited and safely kept for the space of four hundred years, from the destructive rage of a nation that knew not God, who is not anxious and willing to place them in their proper place, that is as the capestone of our Masonic edifice.

Companions, I feel that, to a certain extent, the sad and lifeless condition of some of our Councils to-day in North Carolina, is caused from our failure to discharge our duties as Royal Arch Masons. Is it not our privilege as well as our duty in our Chapters, when we make Royal Arch Masons, to try to get them interested in our Council degrees, by representing to them their beautiful ceremonies and their sublime teaching, and the necessity of obtaining them before they can properly appreciate and understand all the ceremonies and mysteries of the degrees through which they have passed, and the utter impossibility of completing their Masonic education without obtaining them ? If the companions will take this matter home with them and act upon these suggestions where Councils now exist and strive to start new ones wherever there is a Royal Arch Chapter, I believe that we can, in a few years, disperse all the darkness and gloom that now surround us and that in our future Grand Annual Convocations we can come up and meet each other with hopeful and happy hearts, and if, at this time, we do feel discouraged, let us not waver in the good work, but renew our energies with double diligence and place our full confidence and hope in that never-failing source of help in that God whom we, as Masons, are taught to love and serve, and may

that moral principle, which is the mystic cement of our fellowship, remain with and bless us is the prayer of

Your humble servant,

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Most Illustrious Grand Master.

A memorial page inscribed to the late Comp. Wm. G. Hill, was ordered to be published in these Proceedings.

Standing Committees were announced as follows:

On Finance:

Comps Samuel H. Rountree, Jas. C. Munds, and Addison S. Lee.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

Comps Horace H. Munson, John Nichols, and William Murdoch.

On Unfinished Business:

Comps James C. Munds, Addison S. Lee, and Sidney E. Allen.

The Grand Recorder presented the following report, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The following report is respectfully submitted.

The duties of the office have been but few beyond the printing and distribution of the Proceedings of the last Annual Assembly.

Annual dues of Councils have been received as follows:

May 18, 1877, Wilmington Council, No. 4, for 1877.....$15 00
June 6, 1877, Enoch Council, No. 5, for 1877,..... 15 00

which I have paid to the Grand Treasurer. It is presumed that the Councils whose dues yet remain unpaid will liquidate their indebtedness in a short time, as they are at work. I regret not having received their returns and dues by this date.

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. BAIN, *Grand Recorder.*

The Grand Treasurer presented his report, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

JOHN NICHOLS, *Grand Treas'r, in Acc't with Grand Council of N. C.:*

June 7, 1876, Balance on hand,	$30 00	
June 7, 1876, Rec'd from Rob't H. Bradley, P. G. T.,	38 00	
		$68 00
Balance due Grand Treasurer to balance,		12 00
		$80 00

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June 7,	Paid C. C. Smith, Grand Guard,	$ 3 00
Aug. 30,	" postage on Proceedings, 1876,	2 00
June 4,	" printing Proceedings for 1875,	21 00
" 4,	" " " " 1876,	54 00
		$80 00

1877		
June 6,	Rec'd dues from Wilmington Council, No. 4,	$15 00
" "	" " Enoch " " 5,	15 00
		$30 00
Less amount due Grand Treasurer,		12 00
On hand at this date,		$18 00

Respectfully reported,

JOHN NICHOLS, *Grand Treasurer.*

Comp. A. A. Harbin, through the Grand Recorder, presented a memorial in behalf of the companions of Davie Council, No. 6, at Mocksville, asking for a remission of annual dues owing by said Council, and restoration of its charter.

On motion of Comp. John Nichols, the arrearages of dues, except for the year ending June, 1877, were remitted, and the charter of the Council restored upon the payment of said year's dues.

Comp. D. W. Bain presented the following amendments to the constitution of the Grand Council:

Insert in Article I, after the word *Masters*, in seventh line, the word *Past;* before the word *Grand* in eighth line, the word *Past;* add *s* to the *Conductor* in the same line making it plural. Insert after

the word *Work*, in eighth line, the words *Past Grand Treasurers and Past Grand Recorders*, so as to make the Article read as follows:

This Grand Council shall consist of the following officers, viz: Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Steward, and Grand Sentinel, together with the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work, Past Grand Treasurers, and Past Grand Recorders, and the three principal officers for the time being of the several Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council; all of whom shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Council: *Provided*, That when any Past Grand Officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Council, his membership in this Grand Council shall cease.

Strike out the words *Convocation*, *Meeting*, *Communication* wherever they occur in the Constitution, and insert the word *Assembly* or *Assemblies*, as the case may be.

Strike out *a regular* in line two of Article 21, and insert *an Annual.*

Reports of Standing Committees were presented as follows, and adopted:

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that they have examined the proceedings of 1876, and find that the only unfinished business is the resolution of Comp. Bain, instructing the Grand Treasurer to procure a set of jewels for this Grand Council, and that of Comp. Munson, relative to memoralizing the General Grand Encampment of the United States to place the Council degrees in the line of promotion.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
ADDISON S. LEE,
SIDNEY E. ALLEN,
} Com.

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the reports and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, report that they find the same correct, and the books accurately kept. We find that the Treasurer has in his hands the sum of eighteen dollars, and that the Grand Recorder has received during the Annual Assembly, the sum of thirty dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,
ADDISON S. LEE, } Com.
JAMES C. MUNDS,

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Councils beg leave to submit the following report: They have examined the returns of Wilmington Council, No. 4, and Enoch Council, No. 5, which they find correct, except that Enoch Council, No. 5, has no seal, but the representatives from that Council inform your committee that one has been ordered, and that in the future the returns will be properly attested with the seal of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE H. MUNSON,
WILLIAM MURDOCH, } Com.
JOHN NICHOLS,

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand officers for the ensuing Masonic year, Comps J. C. Munds, A. S. Lee, and John Nichols, acting as tellers, and the following were elected:

C. M. VAN ORSDELL, ... Most Illustrious Grand Master.
SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE, ... Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
SIDNEY E. ALLEN, ... Grand Principal Con. of Work.
JOHN NICHOLS, ... Grand Treasurer.
DONALD W. BAIN, ... Grand Recorder.
JAMES C. MUNDS, ... Grand Captain of the Guard.
ADDISON S. LEE, ... Grand Conductor of the Council
WILLIAM MURDOCH, ... Grand Steward.

At the request of the Grand Council, Comp. John Nichols, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, installed the Grand officers, assisted by Comp. H. H. Munson. The Grand Master then installed Comp. John Nichols as Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder read a circular from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of the State of California, addressed "to all Royal Arch Chapters and Councils of Royal and Select Masters in California, and to all Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters," embodying the report of a joint committee to the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of California, "appointed for the purpose of petitioning the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, at its ensuing session, to be held at Buffalo, New York, to so amend its constitution as to permit the degrees of Royal and Select Master to be conferred under its sanction and authority."

Comp. John Nichols moved that a committee be appointed on the part of this body to act with a similar committee on the part of the Grand Chapter, in preparing a memorial to the General Grand Chapter, looking to the change of the constitution as indicated in the circular.

The motion prevailed, and Comps John Nichols, Horace H. Munson, and Donald W. Bain were appointed the committee.

On motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, the resolution in reference to memorializing the General Grand Encampment, published on page 8 of Proceedings of last Annual Assembly, was repealed.

The Grand Treasurer asked and obtained further time to carry out the instructions given at the last Annual Assembly to purchase jewels for the Grand Council.

On motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, the thanks of this body were unanimously expressed to St. John's Lodge, No. 3, and Newbern Chapter, No. 46, for the use of their hall in which to hold this Annual Assembly.

Comp. John Nichols was appointed the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the ensuing year.

The Grand Recorder announced the death of Comps John Dove, of Virginia, and George Frank Gouley, of Missouri, and referred to their high characters as men and masons, and their distinguished services to the Fraternity.

The Grand Council here places on record expressions of its sincere sorrow at the death of these eminent countrymen and masons, and sympathy to the Craft in Virginia and Missouri, in the great loss respectively sustained by them.

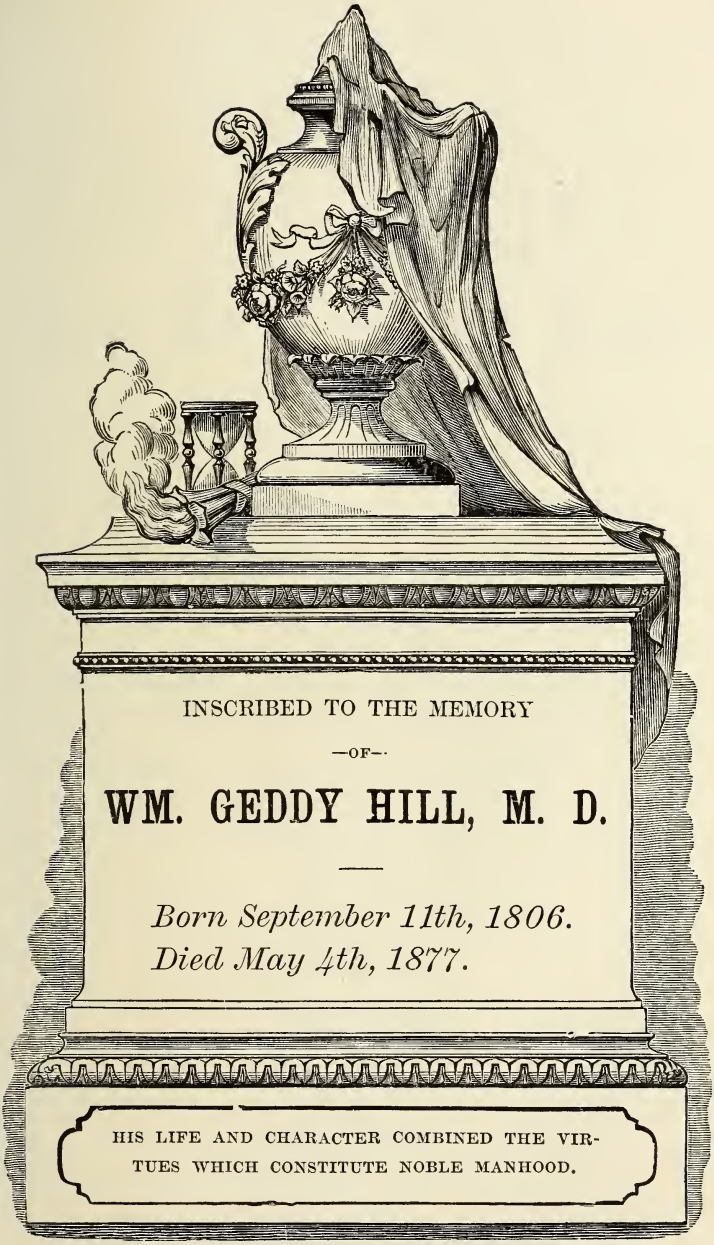
The business of this Annual Assembly having been concluded, the proceedings were read and approved.

The Grand Council was closed in ample form.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.


INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY
—OF—
WM. GEDDY HILL, M. D.
Born September 11th, 1806.
Died May 4th, 1877.
HIS LIFE AND CHARACTER COMBINED THE VIRTUES WHICH CONSTITUTE NOBLE MANHOOD.



RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D. 1877.

GREENSBORO COUNCIL, No. 3.—Greensboro'.

Time of Regular Convocation: Fourth Wednesday night of each month.

OFFICERS:

Thomas J. Sloan, ... T. Illustrious Master.
William E. Edwards, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
P. F. Duffy, ... Principal Con. of Work.
David McKnight, ... Treasurer.
Sidney E. Allen, ... Recorder.
J. N. Nelson, ... Captain of the Guard.
James P. Jones, ... Conductor of the Council.
R. M. Stafford, ... Steward.
William Collins, ... Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

Peter Adams,	George H. Gregory,	George H. Parker,
Sterling Adams,	Robert W. Glenn,	J. H. Pearce,
Daniel E. Albright,	W. H. Heath,	W. H. Phillips,
Wm. Bodenhiemer,	A. F. Hatch,	G. H. Renigar,
O. S Causey,	J. Hildesheimer,	John Sloan,
K. M. Coble,	David Hoskins,	R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
J. R. Cardwell,	J. M. Isley,	John M. Shelly,
R. L. Coltraine,	F. N. Ingold,	William Swaim,
F. P. Cavanah,	Thomas B. Keogh,	J. E. Shultz,

John Chamberlain,	John L. Keeling,	L. T. Smith,
John Donnell,	John J. Kendall,	J. H. Tarpley,
J. C. Dame,	D. N. Pirkpatrick,	C. J. Voorhees,
Stephen A. Douglas,	S. M. Lanier,	J. R. Wilkerson,
J. B. Faircloth,	C. P. Mendenhall,	Samuel Walker,
W. H. Gentry,	W. H. Moore,	E. A. Wilson.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Convocations: Second Monday of each and every month.

OFFICERS:

G. W. Jewett, ... T. Illustrious Master.
M. M. Katz, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
W. H. Chadburn, ... Principal Con. of Work.
R. Greenberg, ... Treasurer.
D. Greenewald, ... Recorder.
W. A. Williams, ... Captain of the Guard.
H. G. Flanner, ... Conductor of the Council.
J. McD. French, ... Steward.
B. G. Bates, ... Sentinel.
George Patterson, ... Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

T. B. Carr,	F. M. Knowles,	J. E. Niemyer,
R. E. Calloway,	W. J. King,	R. W. Price,
A. David,	W. R. Kenan,	S. Solomon,
S. S. Everitt,	W. Larkins,	E. Turlington,
P. W. Fanning,	A. Martin,	W. G. Thomas,
T. M. Gardner,	H. H. Munson,	C. M. Van Orsdell,
B. P. Harrison,	D. McRae,	A. Wronski,
S. Hanstein,	J. I. Macks,	J. Weil.
T. H. Johnson,	James C. Munds,	

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Nichols, ... T. Illustrious Master.
M. Grausman, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
Jonas M. Rosenbaum, ... Principal Con. of Work.
Robert H. Bradley, ... Treasurer.
Isaac Oettinger, ... Recorder.
William J. Hicks, ... Captain of the Guard.
Wayne Allcott, ... Conductor of the Council.
J. C. L. Harris, ... Steward.
Miles Goodwin, ... Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

Donald W. Bain,
Robert W. Best,
James M. Betts,
John C. Blake,
Thomas W. Blake,
Nathaniel L. Brown,
A. P. Bryan,
Daniel R. Coleman,
William H. Dodd,
W. W. Dunn,
A. S Heide,
Albert Johnson,
Chas. Klueppelberg,
Addison S. Lee,
Henry Mahler,
John B. Neathery,
Willie J. Palmer,
G. Rosenthal,
S. H. Rountree,
A. D. Royster,
William Simpson,
William C. Stronach,
William P. Wetherell,
John B. White,
John Whitelaw,
Jack R. Williams.

GRAND RECORDERS AND THEIR ADDRESS.

1.	Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
2.	Arkansas,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
3.	California,	Charles L. Wiggin,	San Francisco.
4.	Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
5.	Florida,	George S. Hallmark,	Warrington.
6.	Georgia,	Charles R. Armstrong,	Macon.
7.	Illinois,	James H. Miles,	Chicago.
8.	Indiana,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
9.	Iowa,	William B. Langridge,	Muscatine.
10.	Kansas,	J. Lee Knight,	Topeka.
11.	Kentucky,	Albert G. Hodges,	Louisville.
12.	Louisiana,	Richard Lambert,	New Orleans.
13.	Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
14.	Maryland,	John T. Gorsuch,	Baltimore.
15.	Massachusetts,	John Haigh,	Somerville.
16.	Michigan,	Garra B. Noble,	Detroit.
17.	Minnesota,	Theo. Burkhard,	Saint Paul.
18.	Mississippi,	John Logan Power,	Jackson.
19.	Missouri,	John W. Luke,	Saint Louis.
20.	Nebraska,	William R. Bowen,	Omaha.
21.	New Brunswick,	Alfred D. Goodwin,	Saint John.
22.	New Hampshire,	John A. Harris,	Concord.
23.	New Jersey,	Thomas J. Corson,	Trenton.
24.	New York,	George Van Vliet,	N. Y., 6 av. & 23d st.
25.	North Carolina,	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
26.	Nova Scotia,	James Gossip,	Halifax.
27.	Ohio,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
28.	Ontario,	James B. Nixon,	Toronto.
29.	Oregon,	Benjamin F. Goodwin,	Portland.
30.	Pennsylvania,	Charles E. Meyer,	Philadelphia.
31.	Rhode Island,	William R. Greene,	Providence.
32.	South Carolina,	Alexander Linstrom,	Charleston.
33.	Tennessee,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
34.	Vermont,	Wm. H. S. Whitcomb,	Burlington.
35.	Wisconsin,	John W. Woodhull,	Milwaukee.

PROCEEDINGS

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ADDRESS

OF

GRAND OFFICERS.

SIDNEY E. ALLEN,

Most Illustrious Grand Master,

WINSTON.

J. I. MACKS,

Deputy Illustrious Grand Master,

WILMINGTON.

M. GRAUSMAN,

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,

RALEIGH.

JOHN NICHOLS,

Grand Treasurer,

RALEIGH.

DONALD W. BAIN,

Grand Recorder,

RALEIGH.

JAMES C. MUNDS,

Grand Captain of the Guard,

WILMINGTON.

H. H. MUNSON,

Grand Conductor of the Council,

WILMINGTON.

J. M. ROSENBAUM,

Grand Steward,

RALEIGH.

PROCEEDINGS.

THE fifteenth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held at the Masonic Hall in the town of Durham, on Wednesday evening, June 4th, A. D. 1879, A. Dep. 2879, and was opened in ample form at 8½ o'clock.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

C. M. Van Orsdell,.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Sidney E. Allen,.....Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
M. Grausman,.....as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
John Nichols,.....Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain,.....Grand Recorder.
James C. Munds,.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
H. H. Munson,.....as Grand Conductor of the Council.
J. I. Macks,.....Grand Steward.
J. D. Wilborn,.....as Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

Comps. H. H. Munson and John Nichols, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters.

Comps. H. H. Munson and S. E. Allen were appointed the committee on Credentials, whose report was submitted as follows and adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Credentials have examined such as have been submitted to them, and report Councils duly represented as follows:

GREENSBORO COUNCIL, No. 3, { Comp. S. E. Allen, proxy for T. I. M.
" " " " " Dep. I. M.
" " " " " P. C. W.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4, { Comp. J. C. Munds, proxy for T. I. M.
" H. H. Munson, proxy for Dep. I. M.
" J. I. Macks, P. C. W.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5, { Comp. John Nichols, T. I. M.
" M. Grausman, Dep. I. M.
" J. M. Rosenbaum, P. C. W.

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY E. ALLEN, }
HORACE H. MUNSON, } Com.

The Grand Master delivered the following address, which was, on motion of Comp. J. I. Macks, accepted, and ordered to be published with these proceedings:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

COMPANIONS: Another year has passed away, and is numbered with the things that were.

The time has again arrived for our Annual Grand Convocation, when, through the All Merciful Providence of a Supreme Being, we are permitted to meet around our sacred altar to renew and acknowledge our love and devotion to the sublimely beautiful principles of our time-honored institution.

But alas! it is with a sad heart that I have to announce to you that Council Masonry has been so seriously affected by the universal financial depression of our State that progress has entirely ceased.

The past year has been one of entire inactivity, so far as I can learn, in all our Subordinate Councils, as well as our Grand Council.

I have not one official act to report for the year, and our only hope is to keep up our organization until the return of prosperity; when I hope to see Council Masonry revive and become as flourishing as the green bay tree.

Companions: I cannot close without offering my sincere and heartfelt thanks, for all the kindnesses, and undeserved partiality you have shown me, and the honors you have conferred on me since I first became a member of your Grand Body.

I can only ask of you to throw the broad mantle of charity, which masonry so beautifully teaches over all failures to be what a Most Illustrious Master should be, and to look upon my errors as of the head and not of the heart.

Companions: I most sincerely hope and pray that my successor in office will be endowed with wisdom and understanding to enable him to bring our Grand Council up to that eminence where it belongs.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL, M. I. Grand Master.

The Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Finance:

Comps. Horace H. Munson and Sidney E. Allen.

On Unfinished Business:

Comps. James C. Munds, J. I. Macks and M. Grausman.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

Comps. John Nichols and Jonas M. Rosenbaum.

The Grand Recorder submitted his Annual Report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance, except so much as notices the death of Comp. Thos. J. Corson, which was unanimously adopted as the expression of this Body:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

I respectfully report as follows:

The proceedings of the last Annual Acsembly were not printed, agreeably to the direction of the Grand Master, owing to the inadequate means to meet the cost of printing, and expenses which had previously accrued.

I have received the annual dues of two Subordinate Councils, viz:

May 24, 1879, Wilmington Council, No. 4, for 1879, - - - - - - - - $15 00
June 4, 1879, Enoch Council, No. 5, for 1879, - - - - - - - - - - 15 00

which I have paid to the Grand Treasurer.

I regret to report that the other Councils are in arrears, but hope that their entire indebtedness to this Body will soon be paid.

Cryptic Masonry has lost one of its most distinguished and valuable members and servants in the death of our Illustrious Companion, Thomas J. Corson, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New Jersey, which occurred on the 10th of May last.

His life and character are known to the Masonic fraternity of the country. His record is sufficient to speak his merit. This Grand Body expresses its deep sorrow in this severe loss to the general Craft.

Fraternally submitted,
DONALD W. BAIN, Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following as his annual report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

JOHN NICHOLS, Grand Treasurer,
In Account with Grand Council of North Cerolina:

June 5, 1878, To balance on hand, - - - - - - - - - - - -	$21 70
June 4, 1879, Cash received from Grand Recorder, - - - - - - -	30 00
	$51 70
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By cash paid for postage, - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1 30
Balance in Treasury, - - - - - - - - - - -	$50 40

Respectfully submitted, JOHN NICHOLS, Grand Treasurer.

The following reports of standing committees were presented and adopted:

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that they have examined the manuscript proceedings of the former Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, and find nothing to be acted upon. Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
J. I. MACKS,
M. GRAUSMAN, } Com.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Councils beg leave to submit the following report: They have examined the returns of Greensboro Council, No. 3, Wilmington Council, No. 4, and Enoch Council, No. 5, which they find correct, except that Greensboro Council, No. 3, and Enoch Council, No. 5, have no seal. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,
J. M. ROSENBAUM, } Com.

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Finance report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct. The Grand Treasurer has received during the past year thirty dollars, and paid out on proper voucher one dollar and thirty cents. The balance added to the amount of twenty-one dollars and seventy cents on hand at the commencement of the financial year, makes a total of fifty dollars and forty cents now in the treasury.

SIDNEY E. ALLEN,
HORACE H. MUNSON, } Com.

On motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., it was

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer pay to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, his expenses incurred in attending this Annual Assembly.

Comp. J. I. Macks introduced the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Council Masonry in North Carolina appears to be languishing and constantly decreasing in numbers, and whereas efforts have been made in the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States to consolidate the degrees of Royal and Select Master and confer them in Subordinate Royal Arch Chapters, therefore be it

Resolved, That we cordially approve of the intended change, deeming it best for the interests of Council Masonry.

Resolved further, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of dissolving the Grand Council and report their views at the next annual assembly of the Grand Council.

Comps. John Nichols, Horace H. Munson, P. G. Ms., and Donald W. Bain, G. R., were appointed the committee provided for in the foregoing resolutions.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, under the superintendence of Comps. J. I. Macks and J. C. Munds, and the following were duly elected:

Sidney E. Allen,	Most Illustrious Grand Master.
J. I. Macks,	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
M. Grausman,	Grand Principal Con. of the Work.
John Nichols,	Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain,	Grand Recorder.
James C. Munds,	Grand Captain of the Guard.
H. H. Munson,	Grand Conductor of the Council.
J. M. Rosenbaum,	Grand Steward.

The Grand Officers were installed by Comp. H. H. Munson, Past Most Ill. G. M., except that he was installed Grand Conductor of the Council by the retiring Grand Master.

D. W. Bain, G. R., moved that the thanks of the Grand Council be tendered to the Masonic Bodies of Durham, for the use of their hall in holding this Annual Assembly, which was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Comp. John Nichols, G. T., the companion acting as Grand Sentinel was allowed one dollar for his services this evening.

The Grand Council concluded its labors. Its proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form.

SIDNEY E. ALLEN,
Grand Master.

Attest :

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D., 1879.

GREENSBORO COUNCIL NO. 3.—GREENSBORO'.

Time of Regular Convocations: 3d Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Thomas J. Sloan,.....T. Illustrious Master.
William E. Edwards,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
P. F. Duffy,.....Principal Con. of Work.
David McKnight,.....Treasurer.
S. E. Allen,.....Recorder.
J. N. Nelson,.....Captain of the Guard.
J. P. Jones,.....Conductor of the Council.
R. M. Stafford,.....Steward.
William Collins,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Peter Adams,
Sterling Adams,
Daniel E. Albright,
Wm. Bodenheimer,
O. S. Causey,
K. M. Coble,
J. R. Cardwell,
R. L. Coltraine,
F. P. Cavanah,
John Chamberlain,
John Clendennin,
John Donnell,
J. C. Dame,
Stephen A. Douglas,
J. B. Faircloth,
W. H. Gentry,
Geo. H. Gregory,
Robt. W. Glenn,
W. H. Heath,
A. F. Hatch.
J. Hildesheimer,
J. M. Isley,
F. N. Ingold.
Thomas B. Keogh,
John L. Keeling,
J. J. Kendall,
D. N. Kirkpatrick,
S. M. Lanier,
C. P. Mendenhall,
W. H. Moore,
George H. Parker,
J. H. Pearce,
W. H. Phillips,
G. H. Renigar,
R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
John M. Shelly,
William Swaim,
J. E. Shultz,
L. T. Smith,
J. H. Tarpley,
C. J. Voorhees,
J. R. Wilkerson,
E. A. Wilson,

Died 1; number of members, 52.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL NO 4.—WILMINGTON.

Time of Regular Convocations: 2d Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

W. H. Chadburn, ... T. Illustrious Master.
W. A. Williams, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
J. I. Macks, ... Principal Con. of Work.
R. Greenburg, ... Treasurer.
Matt. J. Heyer, ... Recorder.
H. G. Flanner, ... Captain of the Guard.
R. W. Price, ... Conductor of the Council.
J. Weill, ... Steward.
B. G. Bates, ... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

R. E. Calloway,
A. David,
S. S. Everett,
J. McD. French,
Thomas M. Gardner,
D. Greenwald,
B. P. Harrison,
S. Hanstein,
T. H. Johnson,
M. M. Katz,
F. M. Knowles,
W. R. Kenan,
William Larkins,
H. H. Munson,
D. McRae,
J. C. Munds,
J. E. Niemyer,
George Patterson,
S. Solomon,
E. Turlington,
W. G. Thomas,
C. M. Van Orsdell,
A. Wronski,
Thomas B. Carr,
P. W. Fanning,
A. Martin,

Died, 1; number of Members; 35.

ENOCH COUNCIL NO. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Convocations: 1st Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols, ... T. Illustrious Master.
M. Grausman, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
J. M. Rosenbaum, ... Principal Con. of Work.
R. H. Bradley, ... Treasurer.
W. P. Wetherell, ... Recorder.
W. J. Hicks, ... Captain of the Guard.
Wayne Allcott, ... Conductor of the Council.
J. C. L. Harris, ... Steward.
Miles Goodwin, ... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

A. P. C. Bryan,
A. D. Royster,
D. W. Bain,
W. H. Dodd,
H. Mahler,
J. B. Neathery,
Albert Johnson,
Alex. S. Heide,
W. J. Palmer,
William Simpson,
Jack R. Williams,
D. R. Coleman,
Nathaniel L. Brown,
W. C. Stronach,
J. C. L. Harris,
John C. Blake,
R. W. Best,
A. S. Lee,
John Whitelaw,
R. H. Bradley.
Isaac Oettinger.

Died, 1; number of Members, 30.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDERS

OF THE SEVERAL GRAND COUNCILS.

STATE.	ORGANIZED.	GRAND RECORDER.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,	1838	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	1860	L. E. Barber,	Little Rock.
California,	1859	Charles L. Wiggin,	San Francisco.
Connecticut,	1819	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Florida,	1858	John Carlovitz,	Milton.
Georgia,	1825	Andrew M. Wolihin,	Albany.
Illinois,	1853	Gil. W. Barnard,	Chicago. (182 Clark St.)
Indiana,	1855	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	1857	Wm. B. Langridge,	Muscatine.
Kansas,	1867	John H. Brown,	Wyandotte.
Kentucky,	1827	A. G. Hodges,	Louisville.
Louisiana,	1856	Richard Lambert,	N. Orleans, (P. O. box 872.)
Maine,	1855	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	1874	.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	1826	John Haigh,	Somerville.
Michigan,	1858	Garra B. Noble,	Detroit. (359 E. Larned St.)
Minnesota,	1870	Gore B. Cooley,	Minneapolis.
Missouri,	1864	John W. Luke,	St. Louis.
Nebraska,	1872	William R. Bowen,	Omaha.
New Brunswick,	1867	A. D. Goodwin,	St. Johns.
New Hampshire,	1862	George P. Cleaves,	Concord. (P. O. box 214.)
New Jersey,	1860	.....	Trenton.
New York,	1809	George Van Vliet,	New York. (Mas'ic Temp.)
North Carolina,	1860	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
Ohio,	1839	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Ontario,	1871	James B. Nixon,	Toronto.
Pennsylvania,	1847	Charles E. Meyer,	Phila. (Masonic Temple.)
Rhode Island,	1860	William R. Greene,	Providence.
South Carolina,	1860	Z. Davis,	Charleston.
Tennessee,	1847	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Vermont,	1845	W. H. S. Whitcomb,	Burlington.
Wisconsin,	1857	John W. Woodhull,	Milwaukee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

WINSTON,

Thursday, June 6th, A. D. 1878, *A. Dep.* 2878.

RALEIGH:
JOHN NICHOLS, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1879.

ADDRESS

OF

GRAND OFFICERS.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,

Most Illustrious Grand Master,

WILMINGTON.

SIDNEY E. ALLEN,

Deputy Illustrious Grand Master,

WINSTON.

ADDISON S. LEE,

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,

RALEIGH.

JOHN NICHOLS,

Grand Treasurer,

RALEIGH.

DONALD W. BAIN,

Grand Recorder,

RALEIGH.

JAMES C. MUNDS,

Grand Captain of the Guard,

WILMINGTON.

THOMAS J. SLOAN,

Grand Conductor of the Council,

GREENSBORO.

J. I. MACKS,

Grand Steward,

WILMINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS.

THE Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, held its Fourteenth Annual Assembly, at the Masonic Hall in the town of Winston, on Thursday, June 6th, A. D. 1878, A. Dep. 2878, at 9 o'clock A. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

C. M. Van Orsdell,.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Thomas J. Sloan,.....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
Sidney E. Allen,.....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
John Nichols,.....Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain,.....Grand Recorder.
James C. Munds,.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
Addison S. Lee,.....Grand Conductor of the Council.
J. I. Macks,.....as Grand Steward.
E. H. White,.....as Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

Comps. H. H. Munson and John Nichols, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

Comps. J. I. Macks and J. C. Munds were appointed the committee on credentials, whose report, as follows, was presented and adopted :

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The committee on Credentials have examined such credentials as have been submitted to them, and report Councils duly represented as follows:

GREENSBORO COUNCIL No. 3.—T. J. Sloan, T. I. M.; John Chamberlain, proxy for D. I. M.; S. E. Allen, proxy for P. C. W.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL No. 4.—J. I. Macks, proxy for T. I. M.; J. C. Munds, proxy for D. I. M.; H. H. Munson, proxy for P. C. W.

ENOCH COUNCIL No. 5.—John Nichols, T. I. M.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS, } Com.
J. I. MACKS, }

The Annual Assemblies are numbered from the year 1860, omitting the years 1861 to 1865, both inclusive, during which the Grand Council did not hold Annual Assemblies, but they have been regularly held from and including the year 1866.

The Grand Master announced that it was unnecessary to submit a written communication on this occasion. He had no recommendations to make which, in the present unsatisfactory condition and anomalous position of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina, he could hope, would have the effect of producing increased zeal and interest in its behalf. He had not been called upon to perform any important official duty during the past year, and, as far as he had observed, and his information extended, this branch of the order had made no progress, but still remained in its inactive state.

The standing committees were appointed as follows:

On Finance.—Comps. A. S. Lee, J. C. Munds and S. E. Allen.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils.—Comps. T. J. Sloan, J. I. Macks and John Chamberlain.

On Unfinished Business.—Comps. H. H. Munson and Jno. Nichols.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows, which was read and referred to the committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

JOHN NICHOLS, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council of N. C.

RECEIPTS.

Received from R. H. Bradley, former Treasurer,	$ 33 00	
Received from Grand Recorder	30 09	
		$ 63 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for printing Proceedings, postage, &c.,	$ 46 30	
Balance on hand	$ 21 70	
		$ 63 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS, *Grand Treasurer.*

June 6th, 1878.

The Grand Recorder presented the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

I respectfully submit the following Report. As in previous years, the duties of this office have been but few. The Proceedings of the last Annual Assembly were printed and distributed as customary.

I have received to this date the annual dues of but two Councils, as follows:

1878.

May 27th, Wilmington Council, No 4, for 1878	$ 15 00
" " Enoch Council, No. 5, for 1878	15 00
Total	$ 30 00

which I have paid to the Grand Treasurer.

As far as heard, Davie Council No 6, at Mocksville, has not worked during the year, notwithstanding the action of the Grand Council at its last Annual Assembly.

Adoniram Council No. 2, Salisbury, is in arrears for dues for two years, and its charter is, therefore, forfeited.

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. BAIN, *Grand Recorder.*

Reports of standing committees were submitted as follows, and concurred in:

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your committee on Unfinished Business, report that they have examined the proceedings of 1877 and find only the Report of the committee appointed to memorialize the General Grand Chapter, looking to a change of the Constitution, &c., and the Report of the Grand Treasurer upon the purchase of jewels for this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

June 6th, 1878.

H. H. MUNSON,
JOHN NICHOLS, } Com.

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The committee on Finance, to whom were referred the reports and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, report that they find the same correct, and the books accurately kept. We find that the Treasurer has in his hands the sum of $21.70, and that the Grand Recorder has received, during the Annual Assembly, the sum of thirty dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. LEE,
JAMES C. MUNDS,
S. E. ALLEN, } Com.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Councils beg leave to submit the following Report:

The following returns we have examined and find correct: Greensboro Council, No. 3, Greensboro; Wilmington Council, No. 4, Wilmington; Enoch Council, No. 5, Raleigh. The latter Council has no seal, but will be provided with one before the meeting of the Grand Council next year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. SLOAN,
J. I. MACKS,
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN, } Com.

The Grand Master announced the election of Grand Officers as the next order of business. The following were duly elected:

C. M. Van Orsdell, - - - -	Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Sidney E. Allen, - - - -	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
Addison S. Lee, - - - - -	Grand Principal Con. of the Work.
John Nichols, - - - - -	Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain, - - - -	Grand Recorder.
James C. Munds, - - - -	Grand Captain of the Guard.
Thomas J. Sloan, - - - -	Grand Conductor of the Council.
J. I. Macks, - - - - -	Grand Steward.

The Grand Officers were installed by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Horace H. Munson, assisted by Comp. John Chamberlain.

The Grand Recorder announced the death of Comp. John A. Harris, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New Hampshire, which took place in the city of Concord, in that State, on the 2d of September last. The Grand Council of North Carolina extends to the Grand Council of New Hampshire, fraternal sympathy in the loss of a member so highly esteemed and useful; and the Grand Recorder adds his expressions of personal regard for the distinguished dead, and testimonial of his high character as a Mason.

On motion of the Grand Recorder, the thanks of the Grand Council were unanimously tendered to Winston Chapter No. 24, for the use of its hall on this occasion, and for personal courtesies extended to members of this Body.

The business of the Annual Assembly having been concluded, the Proceedings were read and approved, and the Grand Council was closed in ample form.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Grand Master.

Attest:

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D., 1878.

GREENSBORO COUNCIL NO. 3.—GREENSBORO'.

Time of Regular Convocations: 4th Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Thomas J. Sloan,	T. Illustrious Master.
William E. Edwards,	Deputy Illustrious Master.
P. F. Duffy,	Principal Con. of Work.
David McKnight,	Treasurer.
S. E. Allen,	Recorder.
J. N. Nelson,	Captain of the Guard.
J. P. Jones,	Conductor of the Council.
R. M. Stafford,	Steward.
William Collins,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Peter Adams,	F. N. Ingold,	J. E. Shultz,
Sterling Adams,	Thomas B. Keogh,	L. T. Smith,
Daniel E. Albright,	John L. Keeling,	J. H. Tarpley,
Wm. Bodenheimer,	John J. Kendall,	C. J. Voorhees,
O. S. Causey,	D. N. Kirkpatrick,	J. R. Wilkerson,
K. M. Coble,	S. M. Lanier,	E. A. Wilson,
J. R. Cardwell,	C. P. Mendenhall,	John Chamberlain,
R. L. Coltraine,	W. H. Moore,	John Donnell,
F. P. Cavanah,	George H. Parker,	J. C. Dame,
Geo. H. Gregory,	J. H. Pearce,	Stephen A. Douglas,
Robt. W. Glenn,	W. H. Phillips,	J. B. Faircloth,
W. H. Heath,	G. H. Renigar,	W. H. Gentry,
J. Hildesheimer,	R. M. Sloan, Jr.,	A. F. Hatch.
David Hoskins,	John Shelly,	
J. M. Isley,	William Swaim,	

Died 2; number of members, 52.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL NO 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Convocations: 2d Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

M. M. Katz, ... T. Illustrious Master.
W. H. Chadburn, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
W. R. Kenan, ... Principal Con. of Work.
R. Greenburg, ... Treasurer.
S. Solomon, ... Recorder.
J. I. Macks, ... Captain of the Guard.
R. W. Price, ... Conductor of the Council.
Thomas H. Johnson, ... Steward.
B. G. Bates, ... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Thomas B. Carr,	B. P. Harrison,	George Patterson,
R. E. Calloway,	S. Hanstein,	E. Turlington,
A. David,	F. M. Knowles,	W. G. Thomas,
S. S. Everett,	William Larkins,	C. M. Van Orsdell,
P. W. Fanning,	A. Martin,	A. Wronski,
H. G. Flanner,	H. H. Munson,	J. Weil,
J. McD. French,	D. McRae,	W. A. Williams.
Thomas M. Gardner,	J. C. Munds,	
D. Greenwald,	J. E. Niemyer,	

Withdrawan, 1; Died, 1; number of Members, 34.

ENOCH COUNCIL NO. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Convocations: 1st Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols, ... T. Illustrious Master.
M. Grausman, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
J. M. Rosenbaum, ... Principal Con. of Work.
R. H. Bradley, ... Treasurer.
Isaac Oettinger, ... Recorder.
W. J. Hicks, ... Captain of the Guard.
Wayne Allcott, ... Conductor of the Council.
J. C. L. Harris, ... Steward.
Miles Goodwin, ... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

A. P. C. Bryan,	Wm. P. Wetherell,	J. C. L. Harris,
A. D. Royster,	W. J. Palmer,	John C. Blake,
D. W. Bain,	William Simpson,	R. W. Best,
W. H. Dodd,	Jack R. Williams,	A. S. Lee,
H. Mahler,	D. R. Coleman,	John Whitelaw,
J. B. Neathery,	Nathaniel L. Brown,	R. H. Bradley.
Albert Johnson,	John B. White,	
Alex. S. Heide,	W. C. Stronach,	

Number of Members, 31.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

ASHEVILLE,

THURSDAY, JUNE 2D, A. D. 1881, A. DEP. 2881.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

RALEIGH, N. C.:
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ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

J. I. Macks,	*Most Illustrious Grand Master,*	Wilmington.
Samuel H. Smith,	*Deputy Illustrious Grand Master,*	Winston.
William L. Wall,	*Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,*	Durham.
William Simpson,	*Grand Treasurer,*	Raleigh.
Donald W. Bain,	*Grand Recorder,*	Raleigh.
William R. Kenan,	*Grand Captain of the Guard,*	Wilmington.
D. P. Mast,	*Grand Conductor of the Council,*	Winston.
Robert H. Bradley,	*Grand Steward,*	Raleigh.
B. G. Bates,	*Grand Sentinel,*	Wilmington.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina held its sixteenth Annual Assembly at the Masonic Hall in the town of Asheville, on Thursday, June 2d, A. D. 1881, A. Dep. 2881. It was opened in ample form at 10½ o'clock A. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

J. I. Macks, D. I. G. M., ...as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
C. M. Van Orsdell,.....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
R. W. Glenn,..... ..as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
William Simpson,.....as Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain,.....Grand Recorder.
William R. Kenan,.....as Grand Captain of the Guard.
Horace H. Munson,.....Grand Conductor of the Council.
A. J. Blair,..... .....as Grand Steward.
E. H. White,.....as Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

Comps. H. H. Munson and C. M. Van Orsdell, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters.

Comp. R. H. Bradley, Past Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master appointed Comps. W. R. Kenan and Wm. Simpson the Committee on Credentials, who submitted their report as follows, which was concurred in:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to make the following report:

We find the following Councils duly represented, viz.:

Greensboro Council, No. 3....	by Comp. R. W. Glenn as proxy for Thos. J. Sloan, T. I. M.
Wilmington Council, No. 4..	by Comps. Wm. R. Kenan as proxy for W. A. Williams, T. I. Master; J. I. Macks, D. I. Master; H. H. Munson as proxy for W. W. Allen, P. C. of W.
Enoch Council, No. 5...	by Comps. Wm. Simpson as proxy for John Nichols, T. I. Master, and R. H. Bradley as proxy for M. Grausman, D. I. M., and J. M. Rosenbaum, P. C. of W.

Comps. James Southgate and W. L. Wall are present from Durham Council, U. D., and Comps. Samuel H. Smith and D. P. Mast, from Winston Council, U. D.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. KENAN,
WM. SIMPSON,
Committee.

The Deputy Illustrious Grand Master delivered an address, which was, on motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., ordered to be published in these proceedings.

ADDRESS.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Comps.:—Owing to unavoidable circumstances the M. I. G. M.—S. E. Allen, is prevented from attending this Annual Assembly, and thus it becomes my duty, as well as pleasure, to preside over your deliberations until the election of officers has been concluded. For want of a quorum, no meeting was held last year at Wilson, and therefore it becomes most desirable that such deliberations be had as to insure in the future full meetings, and perpetuate the beautiful workings of the Cryptic degrees.

From information received of Comp. S. E. Allen, two Councils desire charters, one located at Durham and the other at Winston.

During the past two years, as D. I. G. M., I granted dispensations on two occasions to Wilmington Council, No. 4, to hold elections for officers at times other than the regular time for holding the same.

From information in the possession of the Grand Recorder, we learn that a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the United States, was formed at Detroit, Michigan, on or about the 25th of August, 1880, and that since that time a number of Grand Councils have, at their respective Annual Assemblies, ratified the Constitution of the same and become constituent parts of this new organization.

From the manner in which this General Grand Council was called into existence—it being the offspring of a few Royal and Select Masters, who without any previous notice, to our or any other Grand Council of their intentions, and for these reasons, I would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of North Carolina most fraternally decline to become a constituent part of the General Grand Council of the United States.

COMPS.: In conclusion, it is my earnest hope that our deliberations be of such a character as to insure permanency to our institution and infuse renewed vigor into the subordinate Councils under our charge.

Fraternally,

J. I. MACKS,
D. I. G. M.

On the further motion of Comp. Munson, the resolution recommended in the address, adverse to a connection with the General Grand Council of the United States, was adopted.

The standing committees were announced, as follows:

On Finance:

Comps. A. J. Blair and D. P. Mast.

On Charters and Dispensations:

Comps. H. H. Munson and William Simpson.

On Unfinished Business:

Comps. S. H. Smith and W. R. Kenan.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

Comps. W. L. Wall and C. M. Van Orsdell.

The Grand Recorder presented his annual report, as follows:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

This report is respectfully submitted.

The Annual Assembly was not held for the year 1880.

I have received since my last report, June 4th, 1879, seventy-five dollars from Councils, as follows:

1880.

May 31. Wilmington Council, No. 4, dues for 1880..... $15

1881.

May 28. Wilmington Council, No. 4, dues for 1881..... 15

May 29. Enoch Council, No. 5, dues for 1880..... 15

Fee for warrant for Durham Council, at Durham, received through the Grand Treasurer..... 30

$75

This sum has been accounted for as the law directs.

I am informed that the M. I. Grand Master, S. E. Allen, has established by dispensation, a Council at Winston, which will apply, as will Durham Council, for a charter at this Annual Assembly.

Fraternally submitted,

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Comp. Wm. Simpson, on behalf of the Grand Treasurer, presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

JOHN NICHOLS, *Grand Treasurer,*
In account with the Grand Council of North Carolina.

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June 4, 1879. To balance on hand.....	$ 51 70
June 2, 1880. To cash from Grand Recorder.....	45 00
June 2, 1881. To cash from Grand Recorder.....	30 00
	$126 70

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June 5, 1879.	By cash paid expenses of C. M. Van Orsdell, Grand Master	$ 12 05
June 5, 1879.	By cash paid John D. Wilbon, Grand Sentinel	1 00
Sept. 22, 1879.	By cash paid for printing proceedings of 1878 and 1879	25 00
Sept. 22, 1880.	By cash paid for postage	1 50
Sept. 22, 1880.	By cash paid for printing blank returns for Councils	10 00
June 2, 1881.	By cash on hand	77 15
		$126 70

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS, *Grand Treasurer*,

Per Wm. Simpson.

The special committee appointed at the last Annual Assembly (1879), to take into consideration the propriety of dissolving this Grand Council, with instructions to report at the succeeding Annual Assembly, submitted their report as follows:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The committee appointed under resolutions passed at the last Annual Assembly, to-wit:

"Whereas, Council Masonry in North Carolina appears to be languishing and constantly decreasing in numbers, and *whereas*, efforts have been made in the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, to consolidate the degrees of Royal and Select Master and confer them in subordinate Royal Arch Chapters; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That we cordially approve of the change, deeming it best for the interests of Council Masonry.

"*Resolved further*, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of dissolving the Grand Council, and report their views at the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council," respectfully report that we have maturely considered the resolutions and questions naturally arising in connection therewith, and submit our views as requested by this body.

The history of this Grand Council is contained in its printed transactions in possession of the Grand Recorder. A brief review is here given, as constituting a part of the reasons which lead to the conclusions of the committee.

The Grand Council was first organized in the town of Fayetteville, on the

21st of June, 1822, by a convention of delegates from five Councils, numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, and on Monday, 23d day of June, 1823, in the same town, the first Annual Convocation was held.

The action of those composing the first Grand Council was not such as to evince their faith in the permanency of the organization. The first day they decided to issue a call for a Convention of subordinate Councils, to be held on the 23d day of June, 1824, "for the purpose of so altering and modifying the Constitution of the Grand Council as to provide for its permanent location in some one town," with a view to "more fully promote the prosperity of the degrees of Royal and Select Master in this State, and the welfare of Masonry in general," and on the succeeding day the report of a committee was adopted as follows:

"That they deem it unnecessary to adopt By-Laws, inasmuch as the Grand Council in this State must be supported at the same expense as the Grand Chapter, and there being no absolute necessity for the two having a separate existence, they therefore propose that this Grand Council recommend to the Convention to be assembled at Tarborough, in June next, to place the government of the subordinate Councils in this State under the Grand Chapter, and to dissolve the Grand Council, and at the same time the By-Laws adopted by the Grand Chapter at its present session be adopted by this Grand Council, as far as they can be made applicable thereto."

The convention of delegates from subordinate Councils seems not to have been held in June, 1824, and definite action upon the question of assuming control of the Councils was not taken by the Grand Chapter until the year 1825, when it decided that it was inexpedient to do so.

The original Grand Council held no Convocation subsequent to the year 1823, and we conclude that, from that time until the reorganization of the Grand Chapter in the year 1847, with probably the exception of a few years, the Councils, if any, that maintained an existence, were left to find protection under a questionable sovereignty.

The proceedings of the General Grand Chapter show that that body formerly exercised control over the degrees of Royal and Select Master, as the following action was taken at its triennial Convocation of 1829:

"WHEREAS, It is satisfactorily proved to this General Grand Chapter that the Constitution of Councils of Royal and Select Master Masons, in different parts of the United States, by sundry persons, has been without any legitimate authority; and *whereas*, those degrees are conferred in some Chapters under the authority of the General Grand Chapter; and *whereas*, it was proved that it was the sole intention of the M. E. Companions from whom those degrees

emanated, that they should be conferred under the authority of Royal Arch Chapters; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter cordially recommend to the different Councils in the United States to adopt measures to place those degrees under the authority of the State Grand Chapters.

"*Resolved*, That authority be, and is hereby granted to the several Grand Chapters, to make such arrangements as shall be found necessary for conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Royal Arch Chapters; *provided always*, that no Grand Chapter within the limits of which is a Grand Council, shall authorize the Royal Arch Chapters under its jurisdiction to confer such degrees without the consent of such Grand Council."

We find no record of a subsequent action by that body until the year 1844, when the General Grand Secretary, in his report, made this statement:

"The matter of the Royal and Select Master Mason degrees still continues to be a subject of anxiety and irritation in the Southern and Western States, and the conferring of them, in some instances, a matter of private emolument. It will be recollected that this subject was brought before you at the session in 1829; and, as was supposed, definitely settled. It seems, however, that, notwithstanding the undersigned has taken much pains to promulgate the order of the General Grand Chapter in the premises, there are those who are still uninformed as to the present regulation touching those degrees, or are disposed to disregard it," &c.

This was followed by the report of a committee reiterating the action of the General Grand Chapter in 1829, and recommending the following resolution in order to produce more uniformity in our work, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this General Grand Chapter, that the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Master, should be *subsequent* to that of the Royal Arch Degree."

At the triennial Convocation of 1850, the General Grand Chapter considered the expediency of organizing a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. The committee to whom the subject was referred made a verbal report, suggesting that it was inexpedient for the General Grand Chapter to take any action looking to the formation of a General Grand Council, though no reasons are given by the committee for their conclusions.

The next action we find in the year 1853, when the General Grand Chapter gave its final utterance on the subject in the passage of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That this General Chapter, and the governing bodies of Royal Arch Masonry, affiliating with and holding jurisdiction under it, have no rightful jurisdiction or control over the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter will hereafter entertain no question or matter growing out of the government, or working of those degrees while in their present position."

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted declaring that "the only degrees recognized by this General Grand Chapter, to be conferred in Chapters under its jurisdiction, are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason," which yet remains unrepealed.

We revert to the position of our own Grand Chapter on this subject.

From such information as the records furnish, your committee are of the opinion that the Grand Chapter, for an indefinite number of years, continued its control of these degrees, but we find no positive enactment until 1859, when the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, after due consideration, hereby disclaims for itself and subordinates any and all control over the Royal and Select Masters Degrees."

This action, it seems, led to the organization of a Grand Council in 1860, though no other Annual Convocation was held until 1866 (the war intervening), when it was reorganized and has since held its Annual Assemblies.

The facts presented by your committee show that Cryptic Masonry has never had a clearly defined status or permanently established and unquestioned sovereignty.

We obtain from a recently published communication of Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, President of the National Convention of Royal and Select Masters, information which we deem important, as referring to the general condition of Cryptic Masonry.

He says that these degrees are now conferred in four different ways.

1. In Virginia and West Virginia they are conferred in Chapters as a part of the regular series of degrees, and before the Royal Arch.

2. In Texas they are conferred "in Councils appurtenant to Chapters, but otherwise independent of them." The Grand Council of Texas was dissolved in the year 1864, and "since that time the degrees have been conferred in Councils of a *quasi* voluntary character, claiming to be held under the authority of a Chapter warrant, but entirely separate from the Chapter itself, without control by any Grand body."

3. In Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, Nebraska and Wisconsin, they are conferred "in Councils appurtenant to Chapters, and under

the control and authority of Grand Chapters." The Grand Councils of these States have dissolved after surrendering the degrees to their respective Grand Chapters.

4. In twenty-two other States and in England, Ontario and New Brunswick, they are conferred "in Councils under the jurisdiction of Grand Councils." Measures are now pending in several of the Grand Councils looking to the surrender of the degrees to the Grand Chapters, and some of these Grand Chapters have deferred action, in view of propositions now pending in the General Grand Chapter to amend the Constitution of that body, authorizing the transfer of the degrees, and adopting what is known as the Mississippi plan.

The situation of Cryptic Masonry is so unsettled as to cause, as Comp. Drummond suggests, "unparalleled confusion in the entire policy of the Rite, and necessary conflict, even in the rituals of the different jurisdictions."

In further review of the history of the Grand Council of North Carolina, we cannot speak in flattering terms of its progress. Though manfully struggling to increase the prosperity of its subordinates and maintain a lively existence itself, its career of seventeen years through which it has passed in its several organizations, has not been marked by any degree of advancement. During that period but seven Councils have been organized, only four of which are now working.

The original Councils which constituted the first Grand Council had, we estimate in the absence of data, an aggregate membership equal to that now existing, which is less than two hundred, according to the returns, not accounting for those not affiliated.

It appears from the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter at its Convocation of 1877, that the joint memorial of this body and Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter, on the subject of a transfer of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters to Royal Arch Chapters, was read and postponed until the next triennial Convocation, at which time a revised constitution now pending will, also, be considered.

While the committee are of opinion that the interests of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina would be promoted by the transfer as proposed, yet we suggest that the question is not free from embarrassment. Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter are authorized by the constitution of that body to confer only the four degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch.

As long as this constitutional restriction exists and the Grand Chapter of North Carolina recognizes its fealty to the General Grand Chapter, the assump-

tion by the Grand Chapter of other degrees, involves, in the opinion of the committee, a constitutional question, regardless of the plan under which it may be effected. The committee express the hope that the joint memorial before referred to, now pending in the General Grand Chapter, will receive the favorable action of that body at its approaching Convocation, and that the conclusions of the National Convention of the Council of Royal and Select Masters, called by its President to meet in Detroit, Michigan, on the 23d day of August next, will be such as to commend to the General Grand Chapter the change of policy which is sought to be effected.

The committee recommend that the further consideration of this subject be postponed until the next Annual Assembly.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

The foregoing report was prepared for consideration at the Annual Assembly, 1880, which was not held. The General Grand Chapter has since held its Triennial Convocation. The various memorials and documents which had been addressed to it, relating to the conferring of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees under the authority of Royal Arch Chapters, were considered, and the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, and that it is inexpedient for the General Grand Chapter to take any action concerning them."

In view of this action of the General Grand Chapter, the committee deem it inexpedient to submit a plan for the consolidation of the two systems.

Information has been received that a Provisional General Grand Council was formed in the city of Detroit, Michigan, on the 23d, 24th and 25th of August, 1880, with Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, as General Grand Master. A number of Grand Councils has adopted the constitution of this body and entered into the organization. Your committee do not recommend such action on the part of this Grand Council, in view of the adoption to-day of the recommendation of the Deputy Grand Master, presiding, adverse to it.

The committee are pleased to report indications of increased prosperity of the Cryptic rite in this jurisdiction, as new Councils are organizing and efforts are to be made to resuscitate others now dormant.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,
H. H. MUNSON,
D. W. BAIN,
Committee.

The recommendations of the committee were concurred in.

The several standing committees presented their reports as follows, which were adopted:

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings of subordinate Councils beg leave to submit the following report:

They have examined the returns for 1880, of Greensboro Council, No. 3, Wilmington Council, No. 4, Enoch Council, No. 5, which they find correct, except that Enoch Council, No. 5, has no seal.

They have also examined the returns of subordinate Councils for the year 1881, viz: Greensboro Council, No. 3, Wilmington Council, No. 4, and Enoch Council, No. 5, which they find correct, except that Enoch Council, No. 5, has no seal.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WALL,
C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Committee.

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that they have examined the proceedings of the former Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, and find nothing to be acted upon.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL H. SMITH,
WM. R. KENAN,
Committee.

On Charters and Dispensations:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report that the only matter to which we are enabled to call your attention is information that, during the past two years, dispensations have been granted by the

M. I. G. M. to the Comps. of Winston and Durham to work the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees. We, therefore, recommend that when said Dispensations shall have been returned, the Grand Recorder be authorized to issue a charter to each of said Councils.

Fraternally submitted,

H. H. MUNSON,
WM. SIMPSON,
Committee.

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the reports of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, report that they find the same correct. We find that the Grand Recorder has received from all sources since last report, June, 1879, the sum of seventy-five dollars, which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and that the Grand Treasurer has paid out on proper vouchers, the sum of forty-nine dollars and fifty-five cents, leaving a balance now in hand of Grand Treasurer, of seventy-seven dollars and fifteen cents, including fifty-one dollars and seventy cents reported as balance June 4, 1879.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. BLAIR,
D. P. MAST,
Committee.

On motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., the city of Wilmington was selected as the place for holding the Annual Assembly for the year 1882.

The Grand Council went into the election of Grand Officers, Comps. W. R. Kenan and W. L. Wall acting as tellers, and the following were duly elected:

J. I. MACKS,.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
SAMUEL H. SMITH,.....Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
WILLIAM L. WALL,.....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
WILLIAM SIMPSON,.....Grand Treasurer.
DONALD W. BAIN,.....Grand Recorder.
WILLIAM R. KENAN,.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
D. P. MAST,.....Grand Conductor of the Council.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY,.....Grand Steward.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master elect announced the appointment of Comp. B. G. Bates, Grand Sentinel for the ensuing Masonic year.

The Grand Officers elect were installed by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, C. M. Van Orsdell, assisted by Comp. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., acting as Grand Marshal.

On motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, P. G. M.,

Ordered, That the expenses of the Deputy Grand Master and acting Grand Treasurer in attending this Annual Assembly be paid, and that twenty-five dollars be appropriated to the Grand Recorder for services.

On his further motion, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were appointed a committee to procure suitable jewels for the Grand Officers, after the necessary expenses of the Grand Council have been paid.

On motion of Comp. W. L. Wall, the thanks of the Grand Council were unanimously tendered to the Masonic bodies of Asheville, for the use of their hall at this Annual Assembly.

The Grand Master addressed the Companions, announcing his purpose to give personal attention to the Councils during the year, by visiting them and communicating the work, and submitted suggestions looking to an increased interest and effort in behalf of Cryptic Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. The sentiments were responded to by several present, giving assurance of active aid in promoting the efforts of the Grand Master.

The proceedings were read and approved, and the Grand Council was closed in ample form.

J. I. MACKS,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA,

JUNE, A. D. 1881.

GREENSBORO COUNCIL, No. 3.—GREENSBORO.

Time of Regular Convocations: Third Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS:

Thos. J. Sloan.....T. Illustrious Master.
P. F. Duffy.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
David McKnight.....Treasurer.
Jno. Chamberlain.....Recorder.
J. N. Nelson.....Captain of the Guard.
J. P. Jones.....Conductor of the Council.
R. M. Stafford.....Steward.
Wm. Collins.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

Peter Adams,
Sterling Adams,
D. E. Albright,
Wm. Bodenheimer,
O. S. Causey,
K. M. Coble,
J. R. Cardwell,
Geo. H. Gregory,
Robert W. Glenn,
W. H. Heath,
A. F. Hatch,
J. Hildesheimer,
J. M. Isley,
F. N. Ingold,
J. H. Pearce,
W. H. Phillips,
G. H. Renegar,
R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
Jno. M. Shelly,
Wm. Swaim,
J. E. Shultz,

R. L. Coltraine,
F. P. Cavanah,
John Donnell,
J. C. Dame,
L. A. Douglas,
J. B. Faircloth,
W. H. Gentry,
Thos. B. Keogh,
J. J. Kendall,
D. N. Kirkpatrick,
S. M. Lanier,
C. P. Mendenhall,
W. H. Moore,
Geo. H. Parker,
L. T. Smith,
J. H. Tarpley,
C. J. Voorhees,
J. R. Wilkerson,
E. A. Wilson.

Number of Members, 48.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Convocations: Second Monday in every month.

OFFICERS:

W. A. Williams.....T. Illustrious Master.
J. I. Macks .....Deputy Illustrious Master.
W. W. Allen.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. Greenburg.....Treasurer.
Matt. J. Heyer.....Recorder.
C. M. Van Orsdell.....Captain of the Guard.
R. W. Price.....Conductor of the Council.
E. Turlington.....Steward.
B. G. Bates.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

Thos. E. Bond,
T. B. Carr,
W. H. Chadbourn,
A. David,
J. McD. French,
T. M. Gardner,
D. Greenwald,
B. P. Harrison,
S. Hanstein,
T. H. Johnson,
M. M. Katz,
F. M. Knowles,
W. R. Kenan,
Wm. Larkins,
A. Martin,
H. H. Munson,
D. McRae,
J. C. Munds,
J. E. Neimyer,
Geo. Patterson,
S. Solomon,
W. G. Thomas,
J. Weil.

Admitted, 2; Withdrawn, 1; Died, 1; Number of Members, 32.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Nichols.....T. Illustrious Master.
M. Grausman.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
J. M. Rosenbaum.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. H. Bradley.....Treasurer.
Wm. P. Wetherell.....Recorder.
W. J. Hicks.....Captain of the Guard.
Wayne Allcott.....Conductor of the Council.
J. C. L. Harris.....Steward.
Miles Goodwin.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

D. W. Bain,
R. W. Best,
J. C. Blake,
N. L. Brown,
A. P. Bryan,
D. R. Coleman,
W. H. Dodd,
A. S. Heide,
Albert Johnson,
A. S. Lee,
H. Mahler,
J. B. Neathery,
Isaac Oettinger,
W. J. Palmer,
A. D. Royster,
Wm. Simpson,
Wm. C. Stronach,
Jack R. Williams,
John Whitelaw.

Number of Members, 28.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDERS OF THE SEVERAL GRAND COUNCILS.

STATE.	ORGANIZED.	GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	1838	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	1860	L. E. Barber	Little Rock.
California	1859	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Connecticut	1819	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Florida	1858	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	1825	Andrew M. Wolihin	Albany.
Illinois	1853	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago (182 Clark St.)
Indiana	1855	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Iowa	1857	Wm. B. Langridge	Muscatine.
Kansas	1867	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	1827	A. G. Hodges	Louisville.
Louisiana	1856	Richard Lambert	N. Orleans (P. O. Box 872).
Maine	1855	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	1874	Geo. L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	1826	John Haigh	Somerville.
Michigan	1858	Garra B. Noble	Detroit (359 E. Larned St.)
Minnesota	1870	William Cheney	Minneapolis.
Missouri	1864	Wm. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	1872	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
New Brunswick	1867	A. D. Goodwin	St. Johns.
New Hampshire	1862	George P. Cleaves	Concord (P. O. Box, 214).
New Jersey	1860	Charles Bechtel	Trenton.
New York	1809	George Van Vliet	New York (Masonic Temple).
North Carolina	1860	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Ohio	1839	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Ontario	1871	Daniel Spry	Barrie.
Pennsylvania	1847	Charles E. Meyer	Phila. (Masonic Temple.)
Rhode Island	1860	William R. Greene	Providence.
South Carolina	1860	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	1847	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Vermont	1845	Arthur E. Bosworth	Springfield.
Wisconsin	1857	John W. Woodhull	Milwaukee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

WILMINGTON,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31ST, A. D., 1882, A. DEP. 2882.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

RALEIGH, N. C.:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., STEAM PRINTERS AND BINDERS.
1882.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

J. I. MACKS, ... *Most Illustrious Grand Master*, ... Wilmington.

W. L. WALL, ... *Deputy Illustrious Grand Master*, ... Durham.

M. GRAUSMAN, ... *Grand Principal Conductor of the Work*, .. Raleigh.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, ... *Grand Treasurer*, ... Raleigh.

DONALD W. BAIN, ... *Grand Recorder*, ... Raleigh.

JAMES SOUTHGATE, ... *Grand Captain of the Guard*, ... Durham.

D. P. MAST, ... *Grand Conductor of the Council*, ... Winston.

M. M. KATZ, ... *Grand Steward*, ... Wilmington.

ROBERT H. BRADLEY, .. *Grand Sentinel*, ... Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina held its seventeenth Annual Assembly at St. John's Hall in the city of Wilmington, on Wednesday, May 31st, A. D. 1882, A. Dep. 2882. It was opened in ample form at 8 o'clock P. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

J. I. MACKS,.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
JOHN NICHOLS,.....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
WILLIAM L. WALL,.....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
WILLIAM SIMPSON,.....Grand Treasurer.
DONALD W. BAIN,.....Grand Recorder.
H. H. MUNSON,.....as Grand Captain of the Guard.
D. P. MAST,.....Grand Conductor of the Council.
M. M. KATZ,.....as Grand Steward.
B. G. BATES,.....Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

Comps. Thos. B. Carr, H. H. Munson and John Nichols, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters.

Comps. William Murdoch, T. M. Gardner and J. B. Neathery, P. D. Ill. Grand Masters.

Comp. M. Grausman, P. G. P. C. of W.

Comp. M. M. Katz, Past Grand Recorder.

Comps. J. B. Neathery and W. W. Allen were appointed the Committee on Credentials, whose report was presented as follows and concurred in:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to Report the following Councils represented:

WILMINGTON, No. 4.—J. I Macks, D. I. M.; W. W. Allen, P. C. W.

ENOCH, No. 5.------ { Jno. Nichols, T. I. M.; M. Grausman, D. I. M.; J. B. Neathery, proxy for P. C. W.

DURHAM, No. 7.----- { W. L. Wall, proxy for T. I. M.; James Southgate, D. I. M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. NEATHERY,
W. W. ALLEN,
Committee.

The Grand Master delivered his address and referred the same to a committee composed of Comps. T. B. Carr and J. B. Neathery.

ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Council:

Through the blessings of Divine Providence, we are again permitted to assemble around the sacred altar and renew our fealty, loyalty and devotion to this ancient institution and legislate for the good of the Craft.

I am pleased to *greet* you and trust that the deliberations of this Assembly will redound to the welfare of Cryptic Masonry in the good old North State, and be the means of placing upon a firmer basis our subordinate Councils, and of calling into existence new Councils composed of live and zealous material, so that we can be assured of a strong and lasting institution.

My official acts during the past year have been very few.

On June 27th, last, I signed the charter for the Council at Durham, and decided that it must be signed by the present officers, and not by those who granted the dispensation.

In December last, I was applied to by Comp. Frederick S. Fisher, M. I. G. M. of Vermont, to establish fraternal relations between the two Grand Councils. I regretted that the request could not be complied with: the Grand Council of this State not recognizing the representative system. I trust that you will see fit at this session to adopt the system, tending as it does to bring nearer together those of our Companions who are so far distant and establishing that relation of companionship which should ever exist between Royal and Select Masters wherever dispersed.

During the year I have examined the proceedings of the following Grand Councils:

Alabama,	1880, 1881	Minnesota,	1881
California,	1880, 1881	Missouri,	1880, 1881
Connecticut,	1881	New Hampshire,	1881
Florida,	1881	New Jersey,	1881
Indiana,	1881	New York,	1881
Kansas,	1878—1879—1881	Ohio,	1881
Louisiana,	1881	Pennsylvania,	1881
Maine,	1881	South Carolina,	1881, 1882
Maryland,	1880, 1881	Tennessee,	1879, 1880, 1882
Michigan,	1881, 1882	Vermont,	1881.

The proceedings of the several Grand Councils contain little of general interest to the Craft, being confined mainly to local affairs.

The following Grand Councils have resolved to become constituent parts of the General Grand Council established at Detroit, Michigan, in 1880:

Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee and Vermont.

The Grand Council of New Jersey postponed action until the session of 1882, and in Michigan a committee reported in favor of becoming a part of the General Grand Council, but the Grand Council decided to postpone until the next Assembly, and submit the report to the Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Council of Pennsylvania adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Pennsylvania most fraternally decline to become a member of the General Grand Council of the United States, and in thus declining wish the companions comprising it all prosperity and harmony, and that their fondest hopes may be fully realized.

In the States of Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nebraska, Virginia and West Virginia, the degrees have been surrendered to the Grand Chapters.

In Illinois no definite action has been taken.

The Grand council of Wisconsin in 1878 transferred the Council degrees to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter. This Grand Council was, however, reorganized February 15th, 1881.

Reports on Foreign Correspondence were made by committees in Alabama, Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Vermont. North Carolina is not reviewed by Connecticut.

Comp. Daniel Sayre, Committee on Foreign Correspondence of Alabama, reviews the proceedings of our Grand Council for 1881, and says that he hopes our Grand Council will reverse the decision at our next Assembly not to become a constituent part of the General Grand Council.

Comp. William W. Austin, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of Indiana, reviews at length the proceedings of 1881.

Comp. George L. McCahan, for the Committee in Maryland, notices our proceedings in 1881 at length, and says that we are not without strong hopes that

North Carolina will ere long be one of the great majority of those who are members of the General Grand Council.

Comp. G. B. Noble, for the Committee in Michigan, furnishes a general synopsis of our proceedings in 1881.

Comp. Grove B. Cooley, for the Committee in Minnesota, notices the proceedings of 1881, and in commenting upon the action had by our Grand Council concerning the General Grand Council, says that they regret our action, but hope all will be right in time.

Comp. Charles G. Hudson, for the Committee in New York, writes as follows in relation to the action had at Asheville in refusing to become a part of the General Grand Council: "Comp. Macks recommended that North Carolina most fraternally decline to have any General Grand Council on her plate, because, forsooth, of the manner the aforesaid G. G. C. was called into existence—it being the offspring of a few R. & S. Masters, without any previous notice to the Grand Council of North Carolina. This is the first time that we knew that a few Companions called the G. G. C. into being. We had in our ignorance supposed that they only proposed it, and that the ratification of nine Grand Councils called it into existence. And we really think we were right. As is so often the case, the Grand Council obediently followed the command of the address, and as the G. M. jumped so the whole flock leaped. The General Grand Council can do without North Carolina better than North Carolina can do without it. They stand in their own light."

Comp. W. M. Cunningham, for the Committee in Ohio, presents a synopsis of our proceedings in 1881.

Comp. Ewin Burney, M. I. G. M., of Tennessee, briefly reviews our proceedings of 1881.

The Grand Council has lost one of its oldest Past Grand Officers. Companion Dolphin A. Davis died at his home in Salisbury, N. C., on the 14th of December last, in the 80th year of his age, having been born July 28th, 1802. He was Grand Treasurer in 1860. While his business engagements prevented his attendance upon our Annual Assemblies, he felt a warm interest in the success of this as well as other orders in Masonry. He was an upright man and highly esteemed citizen. I recommend that a page be set apart in these Proceeding as our memorial of him.

And now, Companions, in conclusion, I beg to offer an apology for neglect in not making a visitation to the different Councils throughout the State. It was my firm purpose to do so when we parted last year, but circumstances over which I had no control prevented this pleasant duty. I trust, however, that all will redouble their exertions and make Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina a complete success.

With my grateful thanks to one and all for the confidence reposed in elevating me to this proud position, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

J. I. MACKS,
M. I. G. M.

Standing committees were announced as follows:

On Finance:

Comps. W. L. Wall and D. P. Mast.

On Charters and Dispensations:

Comps. W. W. Allen and T. M. Gardner.

On Unfinished Business:

Comps. James Southgate and M. Grausman.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

Comps. John Nichols and M. M. Katz.

Reports were submitted as follows and referred to the Committee on Finance:

By the Grand Recorder:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

I submit this annual report, which is necessarily brief.

The proceedings of the last annual Assembly were issued without unnecessary delay and distributed in the usual manner.

Since my last annual report I have received dues of Councils as follows:

1882.

May 31st,	Enoch Council, No. 5, for the year 1881,	$15 00
" "	Enoch Council, No. 5, on account of year 1882,	10 00
" "	Durham Council, No. 7, for the year 1882,	15 00
	Total amount,	$40 00

Which I have paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Referring to the resolution of the last Annual Assembly in reference to the procurement of jewels for the Grand Officers, I respectfully report that, on enquiry, I found that the cost would exceed the balance in the Treasury after meeting the ordinary expenses of the Grand Council, and the purchase was deferred, hoping that the resolution could be complied with during the ensuing year.

I regret to report that Greensboro Council, No. 3, at Greensboro, has forfeited its charter and ceased work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

By the Grand Treasurer:

WILLIAM SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer,*
in account with the Grand Council R. & S. Masters of North Carolina:

DR.

June 2, 1881.	To cash from John Nichols, Past Grand Treasurer,	$77 15
May 31, 1882.	To cash from D. W. Bain, Grand Recorder,	40 00
		$117 15

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June 11, 1881.	By cash paid expenses J. I. Macks, T. I. G. M.,	$29 15
Aug. 23, 1881.	By cash paid Jno. Nichols, Post Master, postage,	1 50
Sept 29, 1881.	By cash paid Uzzell & Wiley, printing proceedings, 1881,	25 00
May 31, 1882.	By balance on hand,	61 50
		$117 15

Comp. J. B. Neathery, from the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on M. I. G. Master's Address, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend that the decision of the M. I. G. M. in regard to Durham Council be confirmed.

2. We also recommend that action be taken looking to the establishment of fraternal relations with other Grand Councils in America by adopting the Representative System.

3. We also recommend that this Grand Council become a constituent member, and acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. NEATHERY,
THOS. B. CARR,
Committee.

Read and considered by sections.

Sections 1 and 2 were adopted.

On motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., the Grand Council refused to concur in section 3.

Reports of Standing Committees were presented as follows, and adopted:

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils beg leave to submit the following report:

They have examined the Returns of Wilmington Council, No. 4, Enoch Council, No. 5, and Durham Council, No. 7, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,
M. M. KATZ,
Committee.

On Charters and Dispensations:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations report that nothing has been submitted to them requiring their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. ALLEN,
T. M. GARDNER,
Committee.

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business have examined the proceedings of the Annual Assembly for the year 1881, and find nothing requiring the action of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
M. GRAUSMAN,
Committee.

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct. The Grand Treasurer has received during the past year $117.15, and paid out on proper vouchers $55.65, leaving a balance on hand of $61.50.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WALL,
D. P. MAST.

Comp. John Nichols, P. G. M., introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to appear before the Grand Chapter, at its next Annual Convocation, and request the appointment of a similar Committee on the part of that body, with a view to a joint conference looking to the consolidation of the Capitular and Cryptic systems in this Grand Jurisdiction. This Committee appointed by this body shall submit its report to the next Annual Assembly.

Adopted, and Comps. John Nichols, James Southgate and D. W. Bain were appointed the committee therein provided.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, Comps. M. M. Katz and M. Grausman acting as tellers, with the following result:

J. I. MACKS,.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
WM. L. WALL,.....Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
M. GRAUSMAN,.....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
WILLIAM SIMPSON,.....Grand Treasurer.
DONALD W. BAIN,.....Grand Recorder.
JAMES SOUTHGATE,.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
D. P. MAST,.....Grand Conductor of the Council.
M. M. KATZ,.....Grand Steward.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed Comp. Robert H. Bradley Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were installed by Comp. John

Nichols, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, assisted by Comp. J. B. Neathery as Grand Marshal.

The installation of the Grand Sentinel was deferred on account of his absence.

Comp. W. L. Wall introduced the following resolution, which was read adopted:

Resolved, That twenty-five dollars be appropriated to the Grand Recorder and three dollars to the Grand Sentinel, for services.

On motion of Comp. John Nichols, P. G. M., the Grand Council determined to hold its next Annual Assembly, in the city of Raleigh, during the week of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of Comp. W. L. Wall, the thanks of the Grand Council were expressed to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and Concord Chapter, No. 1, for the use of their hall on this occasion.

The proceedings were read and approved and the Grand Council was closed in ample form.

J. I. MACKS,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:
DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA,

May 31, A. D. 1882.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4.—WILMINGTON.

Time of Regular Convocations: Second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

W. A. WILLIAMS,.....T. Illustrious Master.
J. I. MACKS,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
W. W. ALLEN,.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. GREENBURG,.....Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS,.....Recorder.
T. E. BOND,.....Captain of the Guard.
W. R. KENAN,.....Conductor of the Council.
E. TURLINGTON,.....Steward.
B. G. BATES,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

T. B. CARR,
W. H. CHADBOURN,
A. DAVID,
J. McD. FRENCH,
T. M. GARDNER,
S. HANSTEIN,
M. J. HEYER,
M. M. KATZ,
F. M. KNOWLES,
W. LARKINS,
A. MARTIN,
H. H. MUNSON,
J. E. NEIMEYER,
REV. GEO. PATTERSON,
R. W. PRICE,
S. SOLOMON,
W. G. THOMAS,
C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
J. WEIL.

Admitted, 1: Expelled 1; Number of Members, 28.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.—RALEIGH.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

JOHN NICHOLS,.....T. Illustrious Master.
M. GRAUSMAN,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
J. M. ROSENBAUM,.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. H. BRADLEY,.....Treasurer.
J. B. NEATHERY,.....Recorder.
M. BOWES,.....Captain of the Guard.
J. C. BLAKE,.....Conductor of the Council.
J. M. BETTS,.....Steward.
MILES GOODWIN,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

WAYNE ALLCOTT,
JOHN ARMSTRONG,
D. W. BAIN,
R. W. BEST,
N. L. BROWN,
A. P. BRYAN,
D. R. COLEMAN,
W. H. DODD,
E. GRISSOM,
J. C. L. HARRIS,
A. S. HEIDE,
W. J. HICKS,
ALBERT JOHNSON,
A. S. LEE,
H. MAHLER,
ISAAC ŒTTINGER,
W. J. PALMER,
A. D. ROYSTER,
WM. SIMPSON,
WM. C. STRONACH,
JACK R. WILLIAMS,
JOHN WHITELAW,
W. P. WETHERELL.

Exalted, 2; Number of Members, 32.

DURHAM COUNCIL, No. 7.—DURHAM.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

BERNICE WALKER,.....T. Illustrious Master.
W. T. BLACKWELL,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
C. E. PARRISH,.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
J. F. Freeland,.....Treasurer.
JAMES SOUTHGATE,.....Recorder.
W. L. WALL,.....Captain of the Guard,
J. S. CARR,.....Conductor of the Council.
J. L. MARKHAM,.....Steward.
J. D. WILBON,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

JAMES PARKS, I. R. STRAYHORN, E. J. PARRISH.
L. T. SMITH, ALEX. WALKER,

Royal and Select Masters not Members, 1; Number of Members, 14.

FIVE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL, AS ANNUALLY ELECTED.

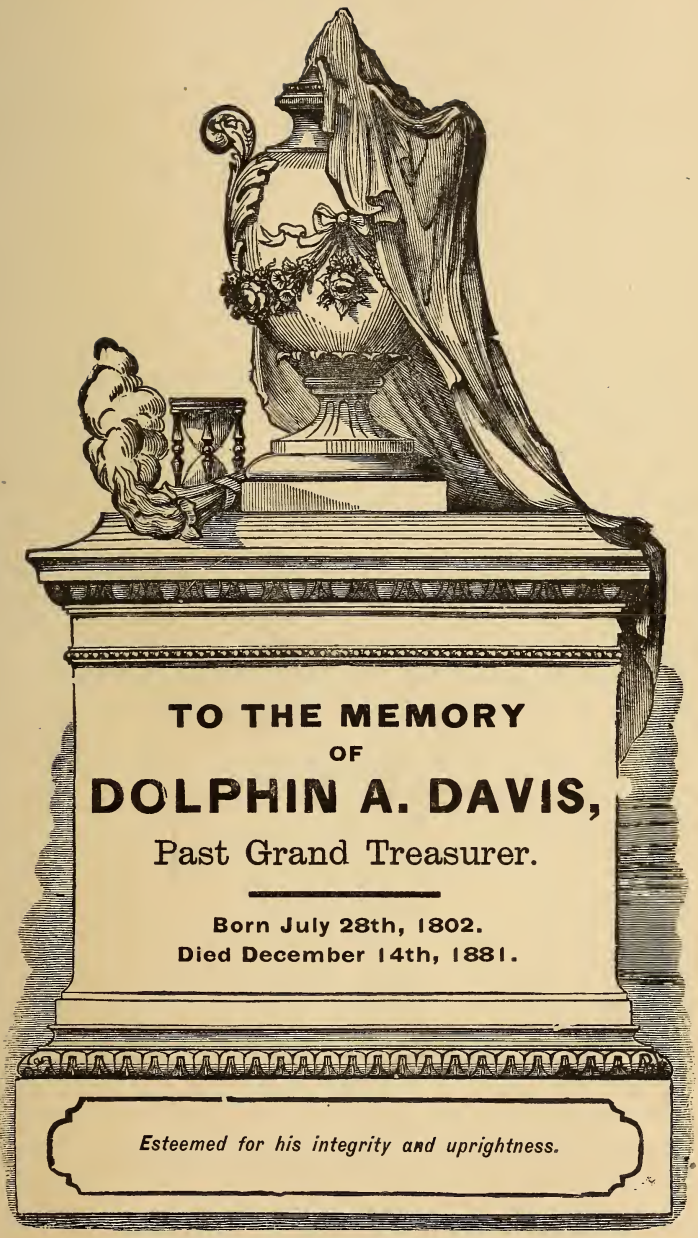
Year.	Grand Masters.	Deputy Grand Masters.	Grand Principal Conductors of the Work.	Grand Treasurers.	Grand Recorders.
*1822	Simmons J. Baker,	Esek Arnold,	George McNeill,	Elisha B. Smith,	John Crusoe.
*1823	Esek Arnold,	Joseph R. Lloyd,	Moses Clements,	Elisha B. Smith,	John Crusoe.
1860	Alexander Murdoch,	John F. Howlett,	William Murdoch,	Dolphin A. Davis,	R. T. Hall.
1866	William J. Hicks,	Luke Blackmer,	Clinton A. Cilley,	Thomas W. Brown,	Thomas B. Carr.
1867	William J. Hicks,	William Murdoch,	Thomas M. Gardner,	Thomas W. Brown,	Thomas B. Carr.
1868	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch,	Thomas M. Gardner,	Thomas W. Brown,	Horace H. Munson.
1869	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Thomas W. Brown,	M. M. Katz.
1870	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Thomas W. Brown,	M. M. Katz.
1871	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch,	Donald W. Bain,	Horace H. Munson,	M. M. Katz.
1872	Horace H. Munson,	John Nichols,	William Murdoch,	Alfred Martin,	M. M. Katz.
1873	Horace H. Munson,	John Nichols,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Alfred Martin,	M. M. Katz.
1874	John Nichols,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Samuel S. Everitt,	Robert H. Bradley,	Donald W. Bain
1875	John Nichols,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Samuel S. Everitt,	Robert H. Bradley,	Donald W. Bain.
1876	C. M. Van Orsdell,	John B. Neathery,	Sidney E. Allen,	John Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1877	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Samuel H. Rountree,	Sidney E. Allen,	John Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1878	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Sidney E. Allen,	Addison S. Lee,	John Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1879	Sidney E. Allen,	J. I. Macks,	M. Grausman,	John Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1880	Annual Assembly not held.				
1881	J. I. Macks,	Samuel H. Smith,	William L. Wall,	William Simpson,	Donald W. Bain.
1882	J. I. Macks.	Wm. L. Wall,	M. Grausman,	William Simpson,	Donald W. Bain.

*The first constitution provided for the election of a Grand Puissant; Deputy Grand Puissant; *Grand Thrice Illustrious;* and "Grand Principal Conductor." Joseph R. Lloyd and George McNeill were elected Grand Thrice Illustrious respectively in 1822 and 1823.

The Grand Council ceased to exist after the year 1823; was re-organized in the year 1860 but failed to hold its Annual Assemblies until 1866. The Annual Assemblies are numbered from and including the year 1866, from which time the Grand Council has sustained a regular existence.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDERS OF THE SEVERAL GRAND COUNCILS.

STATE.	ORGANIZED.	GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,	1838	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	1860	L. E. Barber,	Little Rock.
California,	1859	Thomas H. Caswell,	San Francisco.
Connecticut,	1819	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Florida,	1858	John Carlovitz,	Milton.
Georgia,	1825	Andrew M. Wolihin,	Albany.
Indiana,	1855	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Kansas,	1867	John H. Brown,	Wyandotte.
Louisiana,	1856	Richard Lambert,	N. Orleans (P. O. Box 872.)
Maine,	1855	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	1874	Geo. L. McCahan,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	1826	Alfred M. Chapman,	Boston.
Michigan,	1858	Garra B. Noble,	Detroit (359 E. Larned St.)
Minnesota,	1870	William Cheney,	Minneapolis.
Missouri,	1864	Wm. H. Mayo,	St. Louis.
New Hampshire,	1862	George P. Cleaves,	Concord.
New Jersey,	1860	Charles Bechtel,	Trenton.
New York,	1809	George Van Vliet,	N. York (Masonic Temple.)
North Carolina,	1860	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
Ohio,	1829	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Ontario,	1871	Daniel Spry,	Barrie.
Pennsylvania,	1847	Charles E. Meyer,	Phila. (Masonic Temple.)
Rhode Island,	1860	William R. Greene,	Providence.
South Carolina,	1860	D. D. Moore,	Rock Hill.
Tennessee,	1847	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Vermont,	1854	Arthur E. Bosworth,	Springfield.
Wisconsin,	1857	John W. Woodhull,	Milwaukee.


TO THE MEMORY
OF
DOLPHIN A. DAVIS,
Past Grand Treasurer.
Born July 28th, 1802.
Died December 14th, 1881.
Esteemed for his integrity and uprightness.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

RALEIGH,

THURSDAY, MAY 17TH, A. D., 1883, A. DEP. 2883.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

RALEIGH, N. C.:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., STEAM PRINTERS AND BINDERS.
1883.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 17TH, 1883.

JACOB I. MACKS, ... *Most Illustrious Grand Master*, ... Wilmington.
JAMES SOUTHGATE, ... *Deputy Illustrious Grand Master*, ... Durham.
BERNICE WALKER, ... *Grand Principal Conductor of the Work*, ... Franklinton.
WILLIAM SIMPSON, ... *Grand Treasurer*, ... Raleigh.
DONALD W. BAIN, ... *Grand Recorder*, ... Raleigh.
JAMES C. MUNDS, ... *Grand Captain of the Guard*, ... Wilmington.
J. M. ROSENBAUM, ... *Grand Conductor of the Council*, ... Raleigh.
M. GRAUSMAN, ... *Grand Steward*, ... Raleigh.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY,* ..... *Grand Sentinel*, ... Raleigh.

*Appointed.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, held its Eighteenth Annual Assembly at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Raleigh, on Thursday, May 17th, A. D., 1883, A. Dep. 2883.

It was opened in ample form at 9½ o'clock, a quorum of Councils being represented.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

J. I. MACKS, ... Most Illustrious Grand Master.
WILLIAM MURDOCH, ... as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
M. GRAUSMAN, ... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
WILLIAM SIMPSON, ... Grand Treasurer.
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JAMES SOUTHGATE, ... Grand Captain of the Guard.
JAMES C. UNDS, ... as Grand Conductor of the Council.
J. M. ROSENBAUM, ... as Grand Steward.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY, ... Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

Comp. William Murdoch, Past Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.

Comp. Robert H. Bradley, Past Grand Treasurer.

Comps J. C. Munds and Bernice Walker were appointed the Committee on Credentials, who presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following Councils represented:

WILMINGTON, No. 4.—James C. Munds proxy for officers.
ENOCH, No. 5. ..... { D. W. Bain, proxy for T. I. M.; M. Grausman, D. I. M.; J. M. Rosenbaum, P. C. W.
DURHAM, No. 7. ..... B. Walker, T. I. M.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
B. WALKER,
Committee.

The Grand Master delivered the following address, which was referred to a special committee composed of Comps. William Murdoch and James Southgate :

ADDRESS :

Companions of the Grand Council :

In accordance with a time honored usage, it becomes the duty of the presiding officer to render an account of his stewardship for the past year. Let us invoke the assistance of our Heavenly Grand Master upon our deliberations, and may all our works redound to His glory.

Since last we met, peace and prosperity have prevailed in our good old State, and nothing has occurred to mar the harmony that should always exist.

My official acts have been very few. Not a single dispensation or decision has been applied for during the entire year. Of course, I do not consider this an omen of success. In fact, I am constrained to admit that, unless something can be legally done with the Cryptic degrees, to append them to Chapters, or to amalgamate them with the Chapter degrees, the Grand Council will soon cease to exist. I regret this sincerely, because the work is beautiful, and if properly conferred, would make a deep and lasting impression upon those who receive them. Besides this, there is more or less discussion on this subject among our sister Grand Councils, and the general tendency seems to be on the side of a permanent improvement and the General Grand Council appears to be a settled fact.

The Grand Council of North Carolina has been taken to task for its action in refusing to become a constituent member of the General Grand Council, by several Companions throughout the United States, notably Comp. George J. Pinckard, of Louisiana. He uses very strong language, and without losing temper, I desire to say that the fact of receiving or not receiving the communication of Comp. Drummond, does not affect the position we have taken as to the regularity of the preliminary steps towards the general organization. We have nothing to retract. Aside from this, however, we in North Carolina do not deem it a matter of great importance whether a General Grand Council exists or not. We are more concerned about our own existence, and if our enthusiastic Companion would visit us, perhaps he would coincide with the views of our Grand Council.

We have in this State very few cities, and in the country it is impossible to raise a quorum for the transaction of business, and hence Councils soon disappear and become a thing of the past. The Chapters for the most part have stated meetings, and if the degrees could be conferred in them, perhaps we could augment our numbers.

During the year I issued a commission constituting Comp. John S. Taxis, of Trenton, New Jersey, as the Representative of the Grand Council near the

Grand Council of New Jersey, upon the recommendation of Comp. John M. Knapp, M. I. G. M., of that State.

Through the courtesy of the Grand Recorder, I have perused the proceedings of the Grand Councils of Alabama, California, Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Vermont.

ALABAMA, 1882.

Grand Master W. D. Wadsworth reports accessions to the ranks, and a general prosperity among the Craft. He decided that a T. I. M. may call a special assembly of his Council to confer the degrees on Sunday. That this action would not be unmasonic or illegal. Seven Subordinate Councils were represented. A report on Correspondence by Comp. Daniel Sayre includes a review of our proceedings for 1882, and he regrets that the Grand Council refused to adopt the representative system. Our Companion is in error, for the system was, upon my recommendation, re-established.

Comp. W. W. McCollum, M. I. G. M. Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA, 1882.

Seven Subordinate Councils represented. M. P. Grand Master Edward Richards Hedges reports a measurable degree of prosperity in his jurisdiction, "all the Councils have done more or less work, some of them conferring more degrees than during any previous year, and exhibiting a cheering and hopeful revival of interest. Comp. Thomas H. Caswell, Grand Recorder, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. He takes North Carolina to task for its action in 1881 in declining to become a "constituent part of the General Grand Council of the United States," and says we acted under a misapprehension of the facts in the case. Such an important matter would not be treated with indifference, or acted upon without due consideration. We insist that it makes no difference whether North Carolina was duly notified or not of the contemplated formation of the General Grand Council, our action was taken advisedly, and was not inconsistent with our ideas of the circumstances which led to the organization. We do not admit ignorance of some notice, and claim to have acted understandingly. While we do no injustice to the motives of the respective Companions who inaugurated and promulgated the movement in the direction of a general organization, we are not alone in our views of irregularity in the movement. It will do no good, however, to discuss the matter further in this connection. We hope for the best interests of the Rite.

Comp. John Wm. Rock elected M. I. G. M., and Comp. Caswell re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT, 1882.

Eighteen Subordinate Councils represented. M. I. G. M Chester Tilden, in his address, says peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and that his labors were (like mine) very easy. The committee appointed at the last Annual Assembly to take into consideration the subject of the General Grand Council, submitted a lengthy report with the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Council that the interests of Cryptic Masonry would not be promoted by its becoming a member of the General Grand Council under its present constitution.

Comp. W. W. Lee presented a report on correspondence, which touched on North Carolina for 1881 lightly. He says " 'we don't want any help from the General Grand Council; think they are strong enough 'to go it alone,' and voted not to unite with it.' "

Comp. Dwight Waugh M. I. G. M., and Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA, 1882.

Thirty-five Subordinate Councils represented. Comp. Perry W. Gard, M. I. G. M. In calling the attention of the Grand Council to the condition of Cryptic Masonry in the jurisdiction, he says " he finds no cause for disparagement. Peace and harmony, and a measurable degree of prosperity reign throughout." He says the organization of the General Grand Council has done much to arrest the disaffection that seemed to exist in certain quarters, and to stay the ravages of the Mississippi plan.

Comp. W. W. Austin presented a report on correspondence, reviewing among others, North Carolina for 1882. He regrets the action of our Grand Council at the last Annual Assembly in appointing a committee to appear before the Grand Chapter concerning the degrees. He says: " Why my good Companions, you have entirely failed to post up. Against you take your seat and get out your hymn book, the preacher and choir will be home enjoying all the good things of the reunion feast. Grant that committee time to report *sine die;* let the Grand Master forget to call it up. Come in; the door's wide open." He reports that eighteen out of twenty-five Grand Councils have become members of the General Grand Council. Illinois, New Jersey and Rhode Island have postponed action. Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin refuse to ratify.

Comp. Albert Hayward elected M. I. G. ' ., and Comp. John M. Bramwell re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY, 1882.

Eight Subordinate Councils. The Grand Council was convened in consequence of the Grand Chapter having surrendered the degrees. The Grand Council was re-organized and very little besides transacted.

Comp. Charles E. Dunn was elected M. I. G. M., and Comp. L. D. Croninger was elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA, 1883.

Assembled in New Orleans February 15th. Four Subordinate Councils represented. Comp. Alfred Shaw in his address does not show any degree of prosperity in his jurisdiction. He reports having borrowed forty dollars to print the proceedings of the previous year. He attributes the stagnancy in the Cryptic Rite to the Chapters and Blue Lodges, but expects and hopes for better times. He expects beneficial results from the accomplished formation of the General Grand Council. Nothing was transacted excepting to declare the charters of four Subordinate Councils forfeited for having failed to make returns for over two years, and to listen to the reports of the officers. As stated in the opening portion of this address, Comp. Pinckard presented a report on correspondence. We admire the Companion's zeal but think his efforts should be enlisted in behalf of the Grand Council of Louisiana instead of the General Grand Council, although he is the third principal officer of the latter. He takes occasion to ridicule my address of last year by terming it a review of the other Grand Councils, and takes me to task for saying that in the examination of the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils "they contain little of general interest to the Craft, being confined mainly to local affairs." I am constrained to say, notwithstanding the opinion of the distinguished Companion, that, in reviewing the proceedings of the different Grand Councils, I find nothing that could be considered as being of general interest. With these few lines I dismiss the proceedings of Louisiana.

Comp. Alfred Shaw was re-elected M. I. G. M., and Richard Lambert was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE, 1882.

Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly held at Portland, May 3d. Eight Councils were represented. Comp. A. B. Marston presided as Grand Master. He says Cryptic Masonry in Maine during the year had maintained an "unbroken quiet."

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils are reviewed; North Carolina for 1881 was noticed. He considers at some length the "condi tion of the Rite," commenting in many instances upon its status and pros

pects in many of the jurisdictions. We cannot follow the Companion through his discussion ; his position is known generally. In his reference to our action in 1881 in the appointment of a committee to confer with the Grand Chapter on the question of consolidation, he says : "As the Chapters have all they can do to confer their own degrees, we doubt if they will take an additional load ; we believe that it would be better to give up the Council degrees altogether, if they cannot support themselves, rather than hang them, like a mill-stone, upon the neck of the Chapter."

The Grand Master was re-elected, as well as Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1882.

Assembled in Boston December 13th. Fifteen Councils represented. Comp. John Haigh presented an address, reporting prosperity in the jurisdiction He says "the successful formation of the General Grand Council has given new life and vigor to quite a number of sister jurisdictions who had fallen into a despondent state, and followed the Mississippi plan." No decisions were rendered by him during the year. Routine business alone was transacted.

Comps. John Haigh and Alfred F. Chapman were elected M. I. G. M., and Grand Recorder respectively.

MICHIGAN, 1883.

Assembled in Detroit January 15th, 1883, forty-one Subordinate Councils represented. Comp. William G. Hudson, M. I. G. M., delivered an address. He says the past year has been one of peace and harmony. During the term he arrested the charters of five Councils for failing to make returns and paying dues. A resolution was adopted that any Companion who receives the Cryptic degrees in any body under the control of a Grand Chapter shall be considered as clandestinely made and cannot be received with fraternal greeting, nor can any Council in the jurisdiction hold any Masonic intercourse with such a Royal and Select Master.

Comp. G. B. Noble made a report for the Committee on Correspondence. The same reviews the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, in the list being North Carolina for 1882. Commenting upon the resolution adopted last year to appoint a committee with a similar committee from the Grand Chapter, with a view to consolidation, he says : "We trust North Carolina will not at at this late date commit suicide on Mississippi-tide. If they cannot adopt the General Grand Council system, they can stand on their own bottom."

Comp. George H. Greene elected M. I. G. M., and Comp. G. B. Noble re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA, 1882.

Thirteenth Annual Assembly held at St. Paul, October 9th, 1882, seven Councils represented. Comp. Grove B. Cooley, M. I. G. M., presided and presented an address, in which he reports peace and harmony. He very sensibly says that to make Subordinate Councils prosperous there must be officers selected who are willing to attend to their duties. No decisions were rendered.

The appendix contains the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence by Comp. Grove B. Cooley, M. I. G. M. Thirty Grand Councils are reviewed, among them North Carolina for 1882. He advises Comp. John Nichols to keep cool and not get mad and slop over.

Comps. Grove B. Cooley and William Cheney were respectfully re-elected M. I. G. M. and Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1882.

The twenty-first Annual Assembly was held in Concord, May 15th, 1882; seven Subordinate Councils represented. Comp. Edward H. Currier, M. I. G. M., delivered an address. He refers in appropriate language to the death of Comp. James Adams, Grand Chaplain. He says "the record of my official acts during the past year is a very brief one. No question has been presented me for adjustment, no decision has been called for, no controversy arisen."

Comp. George P. Cleaves presented the first report on Foreign Correspondence ever made in the Grand Council of New Hampshire. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils; North Carolina for 1881 being in the list.

Comp. R. O. Wright elected M. I. G. M., and Comp. George P. Cleaves re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY, 1882–'83.

At the Assembly of 1882, Comp. Charles Belcher, Jr., presided and four Subordinate Councils only were represented. The Grand Master's address shows that during the year three Councils surrendered their charters, and that the outlook in the jurisdiction was gloomy. The committee appointed in 1881 to consider the expediency of becoming a constituent part of the General Grand Council made a report, recommending a postponement of action until the Assembly of 1883, which was adopted.

Comp. Charles Bechtel presented a report on correspondence; North Carolina for 1881 being briefly noticed.

Comp. John M. Knapp elected M. I. G. M., and Comp. Charles Bechtel re-elected Grand Recorder.

In 1883 the Grand Council held its twenty-fifth Annual Assembly in the City of Trenton, January 16th. Seven Subordinate Councils were represented.

Comp. John M. Knapp addressed the Grand Council. He reinstated three Councils during the year and made a large number of official visitations. No decisions were rendered during the year. He appointed Comp. Thomas B. Carr, Grand Representative near North Carolina. He recommends that the Grand Council should decline to become a member of the General Grand Council. He refers to the deaths of Comps. Marshall B. Smith, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council, and George E. Wentworth, Representative near the Grand Council of Florida.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report briefly and say that they have received the reports from all the Grand Councils with whom they are in correspondence. That nearly all have adopted the constitution of the General Grand Council, thus becoming subordinate to that body. The Grand Councils formerly "sick unto death" with the "Mississippi fever," have all recovered with the exception of Mississippi, and judging from the work exhibited, are more vigorous since their recovery, and bid fair to live long and prosper. The committee take pleasure in being able to state that a generally prosperous condition of the Cryptic Rite appears from the proceedings and is encouraging.

Comp. John S. Taxis, Representative of North Carolina, presented his credentials and was duly welcomed as such.

Comp. Jerome B. Borden was elected M. I. G. M. and Comp. Chas. Bechtel was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK, 1882.

We have before us the proceedings of the Grand Council of New York, which held its Assembly in the City of New York, September 5th, 1882; twenty-six Subordinate Councils were represented. Comp. John J. Martin, M. I. G. M., delivered an address, in which he says that prosperity is reigning and in the general thrift Cryptic Masonry, thanks to the General Grand Council and love of the Companions, received its full share. He refers to the death of Comp. F. L. Bunting, P. M. I. G. M., of New York, in appropriate terms. Also to the death of Comp. John R. Wiltsie, Grand Representative of South Carolina near the Grand Council of New York. He says the General Grand Council is a success. Eighteen Grand Councils have ratified and become a part of said body, and a number of others are preparing to come in under its provisions.

Comp. George M. Osgoodby presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. Thirty-five Grand Councils are reviewed, and the report is an excellent production. This Companion is Deputy Illustrious Grand Master of the General Grand Council, and consequently is enthusiastic in his support of the same He says of our proceedings of 1882: "Cryptic Masonry is languishing in this jurisdiction. A committee was appointed and will report next year, whether the Grand Council can surrender and the Grand Chapter receive the

degrees. This question has been settled by some twenty Grand Councils in the negative. Is it possible that a Solomon will appear in judgment at this late day on that question? Go slow in that direction, Companions, there are many pitfalls in the way and dead men's bones are scattered around the entrance to that harbor, which can be so justly termed a Morgue in which to display the remains of those who commit harikari. Before deciding the question look up the present position of the Body elsewhere, and don't try to milk a dry cow. This subject has been well and thoroughly investigated and the conclusion arrived at is nearly unanimous.

Comps. John J. Martin, M. I. G. M., and George VanVliet, Grand Recorder, were re-elected.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1882.

Thirty-sixth Annual Assembly at Lancaster, February 15th. Eight Councils represented. Comp. Geo. C. Johnstone presided as Grand Master, by whom a brief address was delivered reviewing his official acts.

A brief report on Foreign Correspondence was presented (by whom it is not stated) in which the following appears:

It caused us the greatest pleasure to receive such a large number of proceedings, more particularly as among the number were several we mourned as dead, and we rejoiced to find that they were but, as it were, in a dream, a trance, a sleep bearing all the impress of death, but from which there was a glorious awakening. We would ask our Companions to join with us in thanksgiving for the lives that were spared—California, Missouri, North Carolina and Wisconsin. Thrice welcome again to our Secret Vault. Let the past be forgotten; we will never mention it again to wound you. We have cut off your names from our memorial tablet, and were it not a matter of solemn reverence for your sleeping, not departed sisters, Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi and Nebraska, we would raze the stone to the earth and grind it to powder, and scatter the dust to the four winds of heaven, so there might not remain among men or Masons the least trace to point to the fact of the fainting or dying by the wayside when there was so much work to be done. Sisters, let us again grasp your hands in life, let the sound of your trowels once again reach us in the vaults of our Cryptic Sanctum Sanctorum.

The committee say, "the formation of the General Grand Council has resulted in much good." Pennsylvania, however, stands aloof rather than surrender even a portion of her sovereignty, and as is poetically said of her, she

Will play her hand alone.

Comp. J. S. Barber elected Grand Master. Comp. Charles E. Meyer re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE, 1882.

Thirty-second Annual Assembly in Nashville February 3d, 1882. Ten Councils were represented. Comp. Ewin Burney presided as Grand Master, with Comp. John Frizzell as Grand Recorder.

Referring to the organization of the General Grand Council, the Grand Master says:

So that out of thirty Grand Councils eighteen have become members, and within the next twelve months we expect the five halting bodies to join with us, and after the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter we may expect and hope to see the Cryptic and Capitular Degrees separated in the four Grand Chapters now conferring them together, and then the three Grand Councils that have heretofore refused, seeing the good results arising from our union in a General Grand Council, will join hands with us, and from ocean to ocean, from the lakes to the Gulf, will be one solid union, which will perpetuate and dignify our beautiful system.

He pays a deserved tribute to the memory of the deceased Companion George Stodart Blackie, whose services to Masonry were valuable, the loss of which is recognized not only in Tennessee, but throughout the country.

The Grand Master presented the report on "Correspondence." He reviewed briefly the proceedings of nearly all the Grand Councils, among them North Carolina for 1881.

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

VERMONT, 1882.

Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly at Burlington June 13th. Rev. Frederick S. Fisher, Grand Master, presided. Eighteen Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is lengthy and interesting. He notices various subjects affecting the Cryptic rite, and discusses them intelligently and practically. He speaks encouragingly of the prospects of this branch of the Order in Vermont, although it has not as yet reached that point of progress which indicates any considerable activity in the Councils. In noticing the "Rite in General, he says:

Not all of the loyal have acknowledged the General Grand Council, some because they do not believe in a Supreme Body, to whom we say, neither did we until we saw that it must be this or death to the less strong others because they did not need the support of this body, again we say neither did we, yet we were not selfish to refuse to give others the aid which our own condition did not need. Still we blame none who are loyal to the principles which we with them guard, and some of those not members of the General Council are among our strongest and most honored Grand Councils. There are about twenty Subordinates to the General Council, a number which will increase as new Grand Councils are formed, some revived and others throw off the Chapter mis-alliance. Meanwhile we cannot receive in our sanctuaries any Companion greeted or in membership in a Council allied to any other Rite, without previous healing. One case like this has occurred in our jurisdiction the past year and is recorded.

Comp. W. H. S. Whitcomb presented a brief report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing fifteen Grand Councils, North Carolina not among the number.

The Grand Master was re-elected. Comp. Elihu B. Taft, of Burlington, was elected Grand Recorder.

This concludes the review of the proceedings of our Sister Grand Councils, so far as they have come to hand.

And now, Companions, again permit me to tender you my grateful acknowledgments for the courtesies received at your hands, ever assuring you that they will at all times be a pleasant recollection and be enshrined in my memory as long as life shall last.

I regret that my services have not been productive of better results, yet I trust you will cover my shortcomings with the broad mantle of charity.

Fraternally submitted,

J. I. MACKS,
Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

On Finance:

Comps. Bernice Walker and William Murdoch.

On Charters and Dispensations:

Comps. J. C. Munds and J. M. Rosenbaum.

On Unfinished Business:

Comps. James Southgate and M. Grausman.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

Comps. J. C. Munds and William Simpson.

Reports of Standing Committees were submitted as follows and adopted:

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils beg leave to submit the following report: They have examined the Returns of Wilmington Council, No. 4, Enoch Council, No. 5, and Durham Council, No. 7, and find them correct. Fraternally submitted,

J. C. MUNDS,
WM. SIMPSON,
Committee.

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that, upon examination of the proceedings of the last Annual Assembly, we find the only subject to be considered as unfinished business, is that of consolidation of the Capitular and Cryptic degrees, upon which a committee has been appointed and by which a report is to be made to this Annual Assembly.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES SOUTHGATE.
M. GRAUSMAN,
Committee.

Special Committee on Grand Master's Address:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master beg leave to report that they have considered the different subjects alluded to, and recommend that so much as refers to the consolidation of the Council and Chapter degrees be referred to the Committee on Consolidation, which is now considering that matter.

That so much as refers to the appointment of a Grand Representative near the Grand Council of New Jersey be approved.

We regret to notice that nothing has been done to make us hope that our Grand Council can ever be revived, but glad to know that peace abounds if prosperity does not reign.

Fraternally submitted, WM. MURDOCH,
JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Committee.

The following report of a special committee of this Grand Body appointed at the last Annual Assembly, was presented and read:

RALEIGH, N. C., May 17th, 1883.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

At your last Annual Assembly we were appointed a committee for the purpose set forth in the resolution then passed as follows, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to appear before the Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation, and request the appointment of a similar committee on the part of that body, with a view to a joint conference looking to the consolidation of the Capitular and Cryptic systems in this Grand Jurisdiction. This committee appointed by this body shall submit its report to the next Annual Assembly."

We communicated to the Grand Chapter your action and asked the appointment of a committee on the part of that body to confer with us with the view to carry out, if practicable, the purposes of your resolution.

The Grand Chapter having entertained our communication and appointed its committee, we met in joint conference, and after fully considering the subject, failed to agree upon any definite arrangement. The committee of the Grand Chapter reported that fact to its Body, and the Grand Chapter considered the question upon a definite proposition submitted by one of its members. The following was adopted by that Body, as certified to us by its Grand Secretary, and we herewith present it for your consideration.

JOHN NICHOLS,
JAMES SOUTHGATE,
D. W. BAIN,
Committee.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Office of Grand Secretary,
Raleigh, May 17th, 1883.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters:

The Grand Chapter adopted the following resolutions at its session last evening:

Resolved, That, in view of the report of the committee of this Grand Body that the joint committee representing the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, could not agree upon any recommendation to this Grand Body on the subject of consolidating the two systems, this Grand Body will receive the degrees of Royal and Select Master under its jurisdiction if requested to do so by the Grand Council.

Resolved, That the four principal officers of this Grand Body and the three principal officers of the Grand Council, said Grand Council assenting, be appointed a joint committee to agree upon terms of transfer of the degrees of the Council to the Grand Chapter, and that their action shall be final."

A correct copy from the records.

D. W. BAIN,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of Comp. Bernice Walker, it was

Ordered, That the Grand Chapter be requested to receive under its jurisdiction the degrees of Royal and Select Master upon such terms as may be agreed upon, in the manner set forth in the report of the committee just presented.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

I report as follows: During the year nothing of special interest has demanded my attention. On the 29th of December last, I issued a commission to Comp. John S. Taxis, of Trenton, N. J., as Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of New Jersey.

I have received since my last report the dues of only one Council, viz.: Wilmington, No. 4, thirty dollars, for the two years, 1882 and 1883, ending this date. The dues owing by Enoch Council, No. 5, and Durham Council, No. 7, are expected, and will be paid. The amount received has been paid to the Grand Treasurer. Fraternally submitted,

D. W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

WILLIAM SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Council of North Carolina:*

1882.		DR.	
June 1,	To cash on hand,		$61 50
1883.			
May 17,	To cash from Grand Recorder,		30 00
			$91 50
1882.		CR.	
June 1,	By cash paid B. G. Bates, Grand Sentinel,		$ 3 00
" 1,	By cash paid William Simpson, Grand Treasurer,		8 35
Aug. 1,	By cash paid Edwards, Broughton & Co.,		23 60
May 17,	By cash expenses J. I. Macks, T. I. G. M.,		12 00
	By cash on hand,		44 55
			$91 50

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer and find them correct. The Grand Treasurer has received during the past year $30, and paid out as per vouchers $46.95, leaving a balance on hand of $44.55, adding the balance of previous year. Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM MURDOCH,
BERNICE WALKER,
Committee.

The Grand Council, looking to a continued organization in the event of a failure of the joint committee of grand officers to effect terms of consolidation, proceeded to the election of Grand officers. Comps. J. C. Munds and J. M. Rosenbaum were appointed tellers. The following were elected:

JACOB I. MACKS, ... Most Illustrious Grand Master.
JAMES SOUTHGATE, ... Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
BERNICE WALKER, ... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
WILLIAM SIMPSON, ... Grand Treasurer.
DONALD W. BAIN, ... Grand Recorder.
JAMES C. MUNDS, ... Grand Captain of the Guard.
J. M. ROSENBAUM, ... Grand Conductor of the Council.
M. GRAUSMAN, ... Grand Steward.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Comp. Robert H. Bradley Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers were installed by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master John Nichols, Comp. Wm. Murdoch, acting as Grand Marshal.

The Grand Recorder moved that should the Grand Council hold its Annual Assembly for the year 1884, Elizabeth City be designated as the place for such Assembly.

Comp. J. C. Munds introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay the expenses of the Most Illustrious Grand Master in attending this Annual Assembly, and the Grand Sentinel three dollars for services.

The Grand Council having concluded its business the proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form.

J. I. MACKS,
Grand Master.

Attest:
DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA,

May 17, A. D. 1883.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4.—WILMINGTON.

Time of Regular Convocations: Second Monday in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS:

W. W. ALLEN,.....Thrice Illustrious Master.
W. R. KENAN,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
T. E. BOND,.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. GREENBURG,.....Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS,.....Recorder.
J. McD. FRENCH,.....Captain of the Guard.
S. SOLOMON,.....Conductor of the Council.
R. W. PRICE,.....Steward.
B. G. BATES.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

T. B. CARR,
W. H. CHADBOURN,
A. DAVID,
T. M. GARDNER,
S. HANSTEIN,
M. J. HEYER,
M. M. KATZ,
F. M. KNOWLES,
W. LARKINS,
A. MARTIN,
H. H. MUNSON,
J. I. MACKS,
J. E. NEIMEYER,
REV. GEO. PATTERSON,
E. TURLINGTON,
W. G. THOMAS,
C. M. VANORSDELL,
J. WEIL,
W. A. WILLIAMS.

Number of members, 2

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Nichols,.....Thrice Illustrious Master.
M. Grausman,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
J. M. Rosenbaum,.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. H. Bradley,.....Treasurer.
J. B. Neathery,.....Recorder.
M. Bowes,.....Captain of the Guard.
Charles Klueppelberg,.....Conductor of the Council.
M. Goodwin,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

Wayne Allcott,
John Armstrong,
D. W. Bain,
R. W. Best,
J. C. Blake,
T. W. Blake,
N. L. Brown,
A. P. Bryan,
D. R. Coleman,
W. H. Dodd,
E. Grissom,
J. C. L. Harris,
A. S. Heide,
W. J. Hicks,
Albert Johnson,
A. S. Lee,
H. Mahler,
Isaac Œttinger,
W. J. Palmer,
A. D. Royster,
Wm. Simpson,
Wm. C. Stronach,
Jack R. Williams,
John Whitelaw,
W. P. Wetherell.

Number of Members, 33.

DURHAM COUNCIL, No. 7.—DURHAM.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

BERNICE WALKER,	Thrice Illustrious Master.
W. T. BLACKWELL,	Deputy Illustrious Master.
C. E. PARRISH,	Principal Conductor of the Work.
J. F. FREELAND,	Treasurer.
JAMES SOUTHGATE,	Recorder.
W. L. WALL,	Captain of the Guard.
J. S. CARR,	Conductor of the Council.
JOHN L. MARKHAM,	Steward.
J. D. WILBON,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

JAMES PARKS,	L. T. SMITH,	ALEXANDER WALKER.
E. J. PARRISH,	I. R. STRAYHORN,	

Number of Members, 14.

ARRANGEMENT OF TRANSFER OF COUNCIL DEGREES TO THE JURISDICTION OF GRAND CHAPTER.

To all Royal Arch Masons and Royal and Select Masters in the State of North Carolina:

The joint committee appointed by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, at their recent Annual Convocation and Assembly in the city of Raleigh, to determine an arrangement for the transfer of the degrees of Royal and Select Master to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, report the following as terms of transfer, which are in effect from the date hereto affixed.

1st. Subordinate Councils of Royal and Select Masters shall cease to exist as such, and their members shall become members of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction they reside.

2d. The charters, records, seals, and other property of the several subordinate Councils, shall be deposited with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council for preservation, except such paraphernalia as may be necessary for conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master, which shall be transferred to the Chapter within whose jurisdiction each Council existed. The same disposition shall be made of the funds of the several Councils not necessary to pay their existing debts. Annual dues now owing to the Grand Council shall be paid to the Grand Recorder and accounted for by him as formerly.

3rd. The degrees of Royal and Select Master shall be conferred after the degree of Most Excellent Master and before that of Royal Arch, and such part of the ceremony of either of the degrees of Royal and Select Master as may be inconsistent with this arrangement shall be eliminated, and the work adopted by the Grand Council is hereby modified to that extent.

4th. All Royal Arch Masons who have not received the degrees of Royal and Select Master, who are members in good standing at this date, of their respective Chapters, shall receive the same without charge. If, however, there should not be in any Chapter a sufficient number of Royal and Select Masters to confer said degrees, a Grand Lecturer or some other competent Companion shall, by request of the High Priest of the Chapter, confer or communicate them upon, or to, any number assembled in a duly constituted Royal Arch Chapter. After the Chapter shall have become qualified to confer said degrees, in no case shall they be communicated, but shall be conferred according to the work of the Grand Council.

5th. The Crand Chapter is hereby requested to amend its constitution so as to constitute the permanent members of the Grand Council permanent members of the Grand Chapter.

6th. A copy of this arrangement, certified by the Grand Secretary of the

Grand Chapter, shall be transmitted to each Chapter as an edict, which will be its sufficient authority to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto affixed our official signatures this 30th day of May, 1883, and the Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder hath attested the same.

For the Grand Chapter:

EUGENE GRISSOM, *Grand High Priest.*
GEORGE W. BLOUNT, *Dep. Grand High Priest.*
ISAAC PATTERSON, *Grand King.*
JAMES C. MUNDS, *Grand Scribe.*

For the Grand Council:

JACOB I. MACKS, *Grand Master.*
JAMES SOUTHGATE, *Deputy Grand Master.*
BERNICE WALKER, *Grand Prin. Con. of the Work.*

[L. S.] Attest:

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder.

FIVE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL, AS ANNUALLY ELECTED.

Year.	Grand Masters.	Deputy Grand Masters.	Grand Principal Conductors of the Work.	Grand Treasurers.	Grand Recorders.
*1822	Simmons J. Baker,	Esek Arnold,	George McNeill,	Elisha B. Smith,	John Crusoe.
*1823	Esek Arnold,	Joseph R. Lloyd,	Moses Clements,	Elisha B. Smith,	John Crusoe.
1860	Alexander Murdoch,	John F. Howlett,	William Murdoch,	Dolphin A. Davis,	R. T. Hall.
1866	William J. Hicks,	Luke Blackmer,	Clinton A. Cilley,	Thomas W. Brown,	Thomas B. Carr.
1867	William J Hicks,	William Murdoch,	Thomas M. Gardner,	Thomas W. Brown,	Thomas B. Carr.
1868	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch,	Thomas M. Gardner,	Thomas W. Brown,	Horace H. Munson.
1869	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Thomas W. Brown,	M. M. Katz.
1870	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Thomas W. Brown,	M. M. Katz.
1871	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch,	Donald W. Bain,	Horace H. Munson,	M. M. Katz.
1872	Horace H. Munson,	John Nichols,	William Murdoch,	Alfred Martin,	M. M. Katz.
1873	Horace H. Munson,	John Nichols,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Alfred Martin,	M. M. Katz.
1874	John Nichols,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Samuel S. Everitt,	Robert H. Bradley,	Donald W. Bain.
1875	John Nichols,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Samuel S. Everitt,	Robert H. Bradley,	Donald W. Bain.
1876	C. M. Van Orsdell,	John B. Neathery,	Sidney E. Allen,	John Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1877	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Samuel H. Rountree,	Sidney E. Allen,	John Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1878	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Sidney E. Allen,	Addison S. Lee,	John Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1879	Sidney E. Allen,	J. I. Macks,	M. Grausman,	john Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1880	Annual Assembly not held.				
1881	J. I. Macks,	Samuel H. Smith,	William L. Wall,	William Simpson,	Donald W. Bain
1882	J. I. Macks,	Wm. L. Wall,	M. Grausman,	William Simpson,	Donald W. Bain.
1883	J. I. Macks,	James Southgate,	Bernice Walker,	William Simpson,	Donald W. Bain.

*The first constitution provided for the election of a Grand Puissant; Deputy Grand Puissant; *Grand Thrice Illustrious;* and "Grand Principal Conductor." Joseph R. Lloyd and George McNeill were elected Grand Thrice Illustrious respectively in 1822 and 1823.

The Grand Council ceased to exist after the year 1823; was re-organized in the year 1860, but failed to hold its Annual Assemblies until 1866. The Annual Assemblies are numbered from and including the year 1866, from which time the Grand Council has sustained a regular existence.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDERS OF THE SEVERAL GRAND COUNCILS.

State.	Organized.	Grand Recorders.	Address.
Alabama,	1838	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	1860	L. E. Barber,	Little Rock.
California,	1859	Thomas H. Caswell,	San Francisco.
Connecticut,	1819	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Florida,	1858	John Carlovitz,	Milton.
Georgia,	1825	Andrew M. Wolihin,	Albany.
Illinois,	1853	Gil. W. Barnard,	Chicago.
Indiana,	1855	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Kansas,	1867	John H. Brown,	Wyandotte.
Kentucky,	1827	L. D. Croninger,	Covington.
Louisiana,	1856	Richard Lambert,	N. Orleans (P.O. Box 872.)
Maine,	1855	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	1874	Geo. L. McCahan,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	1826	Alfred M. Chapman,	Boston.
Michigan,	1858	Garra B. Noble,	Detroit (359 E. Larned St.)
Minnesota,	1870	William Cheney,	Minneapolis.
Missouri,	1864	Wm. H. Mayo,	St. Louis.
New Hampshire,	1862	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey,	1860	Charles Bechtel,	Trenton.
New York,	1809	George Van Vliet,	N. York (Masonic Temple.)
Ohio,	1829	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Ontario,	1871	Daniel Spry,	Barrie.
Pennsylvania,	1847	Charles E. Meyer,	Phila. (Masonic Temple.)
Rhode Island,	1860	William R. Greene,	Providence.
South Carolina,	1860	D. D. Moore,	Rock Hill.
Tennessee,	1847	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Vermont,	1854	Elihu B. Taft,	Burlington.
Wisconsin,	1857	John M. Woodhull,	Milwaukee.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

—OF—

NORTH CAROLINA,

—HELD IN—

CHARLOTTE

THURSDAY, MAY 10TH, 1894 A. DEP. 2894.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1895.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 10, 1894.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,..*Most Illustrious Grand Master*,.....Durham.

W. W. ALLEN,.... *Deputy Illustrious Grand Master*,.....Greensboro.

W. SIMPSON, ...*Grand Principal Conductor of the Work*,.Raleigh.

G. W. BLOUNT,.....*Grand Treasurer*,.....Wilson.

JAMES C. MUNDS,...*Grand Recorder*, ... Wilmington.

D. G MAXWELL,.. .*Grand Captain of the Guard*. .... Charlotte.

W. A. WITHERS, ...*Grand Conductor of the Council*, ...Raleigh.

W. N. PRATHER,. ..*Grand Steward*, ...Charlotte.

R. H. BRADLEY... *Grand Sentinel*,.....Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Charlotte, on Thursday, May 10, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894, and was opened in ample form at 10 o'clock, A. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,...D. I. M. as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
H. H. MUNSON,.....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
G. W. BLOUNT, ...as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. SIMPSON,.....Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS, ...as Grand Recorder.
J. W. THOMPSON, ...as Grand Captain of the Guard.
W. E. STORM. .....as Grand Conductor of the Council.
W. W. ALLEN, ...as Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY,.....Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

H. H. MUNSON,.....Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.
R. H. BRADLEY. .....Past Grand Treasurer.

Comps. Allen, Thompson and Blount were appointed the Committee on Credentials, whose report was submitted, as follows, and adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Credentials report the following Councils duly represented as follows:

MUNSON COUNCIL No 4, ... W. W. Allen, proxy. T. I. M.
ENOCH " " 5, ... J. W. Thompson " " "
DURHAM " " 7, ... J. Southgate, Representative.

Fraternally submitted,

W. W. ALLEN.
J. W. THOMPSON,
G. W. BLOUNT,
Committee.

The M. I. G. Master addressed the Grand Council saying that inasmuch as the Grand Council has been dormant for years, and as this was a meeting for reorganization, there were no reports from the Grand Officers. He alluded to the death of Comp. D. W. Bain, our former Grand Recorder, which sad event occurred since our last assembly

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year with Comps. Prather and Thompson as Tellers. The following were duly elected:

JAMES SOUTHGATE ..... Most Illustrious Grand Master.
W. W. ALLEN ..... Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. SIMPSON ..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
G. W. BLOUNT, ... Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS ..... Grand Recorder.
D. G. MAXWELL ..... Grand Captain of the Guard.
W. A. WITHERS ..... Grand Conductor of the Council.
W. N. PRATHER ..... Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY ..... Grand Sentinel.

There being no Council of Royal and Select Masters in the City of Charlotte, and certain Companions being desirous of forming one, the Grand Council, in order that one might be formed, upon petition of sundry Companions, conferred the degrees of Royal and Select Masters upon them.

The Grand officers were then installed by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, H. H. Munson.

On motion of Comp. W. W. Allen, it was resolved that this Grand Council surrender the degrees of Royal and Select Master to the Grand Chapter, provided the Grand Chapter will receive them.

Comp. Munson moved that action be deferred until our next Annual Convocation, which was adopted.

It was moved that the thanks of the Grand Council be tendered to the Masonic Bodies of Charlotte for the use of their hall in holding this Annual Assembly, which was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Council having concluded its labors, the proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form, to meet next year at same place as the Grand Chapter does.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Master.

Attest:

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

—OF—

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

DURHAM,

FRIDAY, 17TH MAY, A. D. 1895. A. DEP. 2895.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1895.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 17, 1895.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,..*Most Illustrious Grand Master*,.....Durham.

W. SIMPSON,.....*Deputy Illustrious Grand Master*,.....Raleigh.

W. E. STORM,.....*Grand Principal Conductor of the Work*,.Wilmington.

C. C. TAYLOR.....*Grand Treasurer*,.....Durham.

JAMES C. MUNDS,...*Grand Recorder*,.....Wilmington.

GEO. H. KING,.....*Grand Captain of the Guard*,..... Charlotte.

W. A. WITHERS, ...*Grand Conductor of the Council*, ...Raleigh.

H. H. MUNSON.....*Grand Steward*, ...Wilmington.

R. H. BRADLEY,.. .*Grand Sentinel*,.....Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held in the City of Durham, on Friday, May 17, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,...D. I. M. as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
J. H. HACKBURN.....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. SIMPSON,.....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
M. S. WILLARD,..... as Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS,..... Grand Recorder.
W. E. STORM, ...as Grand Captain of the Guard.
W. H. BAIN,..... as Grand Conductor of the Council.
C. C. TAYLOR, ... as Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY,.....Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

H. H. MUNSON,.....Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.
SAM. ROUNTREE,.....Past Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.

Comps. Hackburn, Storm, and Willard were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Credentials report Councils duly represented as follows:

MUNSON COUNCIL No 4, ... W. E. STORM, T. I. M.
M. S. WILLARD, P. C. W.
ENOCH " " 5, ... W. SIMPSON.
DURHAM " " 7, ... J. SOUTHGATE.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. HACKBURN,
W. E. STORM.
M. S. WILLARD,
Committee.

The M. I. G. Master read his Annual Address as follows, which was ordered to be published with the proceedings:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

You are welcome to this, the twenty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of North Carolina. and I trust we meet with thankful hearts, that we are alive as a Grand Body. Through many vicissitudes have we come, and often have we been faint by the way and well nigh despaired of life; but through all the darkness and gloom, the star of hope gleams and beckons on to more labor and toil in preserving from utter annihilation the beautiful and impressive Degrees of Royal and Select Master.

During the two or three years of the Merger there was but little done, very few Chapters caring to be troubled with these degrees, while others believed it was not in keeping with the obligations to the Royal Arch to insert them either before or after the Most Excellent Degree.

Last year, at Charlotte, we re organized as a Grand Council. the Merger having failed, and we are now, we trust, upon safe and solid ground once more, to work out our destiny or be buried in oblivion.

My duties in the office of Grand Master, as you may suppose, have not been onerous; nor have I been called upon to inspect any work or preside at any called meetings. I have had a quiet, peaceful year as your Grand Master, but ever ready to answer any call or perform any duty.

NECROLOGY.

I have not been officially informed of the death of any members of this Grand Council, and while we should be thankful that the Grim Reaper has spared our field, we should mourn with those who have been stricken in other jurisdictions and drop the tear of sympathy over the graves of their departed ones.

DISPENSATIONS.

I am happy to report that a Dispensation was asked for at Charlotte, May 3rd, 1895, to open a Council, and it was cheerfully granted, Geo. H. King being named as Thrice Illustrious Master, T. R. Robertson, Deputy Illustrious Master, D. G. Maxwell Principal Conductor of the Work.

There are several points in our State at which Councils should be established, and especially where Commanderies of Knights Templar are located. If there are enough Royal Arch Masons to form a Commandery, surely there are enough to form a Council; and this will be done in all cases if the Grand Encampment should ordain that the Royal and Select Degrees are necessary before the Order of the Red Cross can be given.

MERGER.

Much has been said and written in regard to incorporating the Cryptic Degrees with those of the Chapter but in only a few States are these Degrees so placed, and in one or two it is now a question of a few years only when they will be given up and allowed to return to their own Councils where they rightly belong.

I have been favorably impressed with the disposition of the Council in one Grand Jurisdiction where it has not been merged into but made appendant to the Chapter. After the Chapter is closed theCouncil is immediately opened, and the work of the Council proceeded with, just as in the case of passing from one degree to another in Lodge or Chapter. The plan seems to work charmingly, and if our Chapters would agree to thus assist the Councils we could soon have strength enough to work independently. I trust some such scheme may be considered at this meeting to carry out this or some other plan to arouse the members of the Cryptic Rite to greater interest and larger growth. We may be considered the lowest on the roll of Grand Councils in the United States, and this should stimulate us to greater diligence and a livelier interest.

CORRESPONDENCE.

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, the Proceedings of Connecti-

cut, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Vermont, and the General Grand Council United States for 1894, and Pennsylvania, Kansas, and Tennessee for 1895. The general condition of Cryptic Masonry seems to be good in most of these States and in others fair. Nineteen States have united with the General Grand Council and twelve have not, and North Carolina is included among the latter. This question may come up for your consideration at this meeting.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Nearly all the States keep up the system of appointing well informed Masons near other Grand Bodies to represent them. While there are many individuals who are opposed to the system, yet, when brought up for consideration by a Grand Body, it is generally continued. I have, in accordance with the usual custom, appointed and commissioned Companion V. A. McCutchen to represent the Grand Council of North Carolina near the Grand Council of Kentucky. Also Companion B. B. Farnsworth to represent this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Maine.

Four Foreign Grand Councils, viz: Canada, England and Wales, New Brunswick, and Scotland are in correspondence and fraternal relations with this Grand Council, and the fact that the Masonic world seems to be largely interested in the preservation and perpetuation of the Cryptic Rite, should encourage us to shake off our lethargy and "keep up with the procession."

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

I regret that I have nothing encouraging to report. There are now four Councils in the entire jurisdiction, viz.: Munson at Wilmington, Enoch at Raleigh, Durham at Durham, and Charlotte, U. D. It is reported that one meeting has been held at Wilmington and Raleigh, each, but the one at Durham is practically dormant, there not being enough members living in the city to form a quorum. This is a sad commentary and should nerve us to action. There is ample material to build up the Councils, and by making the fee for the degrees nominal, or allowing them to be conferred free, depending upon dues for revenue, at least for one year, it might stimulate the members to work more heroically to redeem the Royal and Select Degrees from the sad state into which they have fallen.

CONCLUSION.

I thank you, Companions of the Cryptic Rite, for your kindness in promoting me to the exalted honor of Grand Master, and at the close of

my administration, I feel that I have done nothing to merit your consideration. I trust my successor will be able to accomplish much in bringing darkness to light and making crooked things straight, and that soon prosperity and peace may reign where now chaos seems to envelope our horizon and darken our sky.

The Grand Council of North Carolina can now proceed to business.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Master.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following as his Annual Report, which was received and ordered spread upon the minutes:

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

I submit my Annual Report. I have received the following amounts:

1894—May	10.	From Sundry Companions in Charlotte for the Royal and Select Masters Degrees	19 00
1895—May	3.	From Dispensation Charlotte Council.	25 00
	8.	" Dues, Munson Council, No. 4.	15 00
			59 00

which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

I have endeavored to get possession of the Seal, Books, and Papers of the Grand Council, but have not succeeded. No trace of them can be found among the effects of the late Grand Recorder. I would recommend that a new seal be procured.

On April 25th, 1895, by direction of the M. I. G. Master, I issued Commissions to Ill. Comp. V. A. McCutchen, as Representative of the Grand Council of North Carolina near the Grand Council of Kentucky, and to Ill. Comp. B. B. Farnsworth as Representative of the Grand Council of North Carolina near the Grand Council of Maine.

May 3rd, 1895, I received Commissions of Ill. Comp. William Simpson as Representative of the Grand Council of Kentucky and Ill. Comp. H. H. Munson as Representative of the Grand Council of Maine, both near this Grand Council.

May 3rd, 1895, received from Sundry Companions in Charlotte a petition for Dispensation to form a Council. I forwarded the same to the M. I. G. Master, and by his direction the Dispensation was issued.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

On motion a Charter was granted Charlotte Council, U. D., to be known as Charlotte Council No. 8.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year and the following were duly elected and installed:

JAMES SOUTHGATE ..... Most Illustrious Grand Master.
W. SIMPSON ..... Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. E. STORM. ..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
C. C. TAYLOR ..... Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS. ..... Grand Recorder.
GEO. H. KING ..... Grand Captain of the Guard.
W. A. WITHERS ..... Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. MUNSON ..... Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY ..... Grand Sentinel.

On motion the M. I. G. Master was empowered to take such action as he may deem necessary to carry out the suggestions contained in his Address relative to making the degrees of Royal and Select Master appendent to those of the Chapter.

A number of Companions being desirous of receiving the Royal and Select Masters Degrees, and not being able to obtain them at their homes, upon petition the Grand Council conferred the degrees upon them.

It was moved that the thanks of the Grand Council be tendered the Masonic bodies of Durham for the use of their hall during the Annual Assembly.

The Grand Council having concluded its labors, the proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form, to meet next year in Newbern in the second week in May at the call of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Master.

Attest:

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

Working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council of North Carolina, 1st May, 1895.

MUNSON COUNCIL, No. 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Convocations: Second Monday in January, April, July, and October.

OFFICERS.

W. E. Storm ..... Thrice Illustrious Master.
M. C. S. Noble ..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
M. S. Willard ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. H. Chadburn ..... Treasurer.
James C. Munds ..... Recorder.
E. S. Martin ..... Captain of the Guard.
U. M. Robinson ..... Conductor of the Council.
J. C. Loder ..... Steward.
T. H. Johnson ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

W. W. Allen,
E. P. Bailey,
J. C. Chase,
C. I. Comfort,
J. L. Cantwell,
G. Z. French,
R. H. Grant,
A. J. Howell,
S. G. Hall,
J. B. Hanks,
J. W. Jackson,
W. C. Jones,
W. R. Keenan,
W. A. Martin,
H. H. Munson, P.M.I.G.M.
J. W. Monroe,
M. M. Patrick,
R. W. Price,
F. H. Stedman,
W. P. Toomer,
J. L. Toon,
W. A. Williams.

Number of Members 31.

ENOCH COUNCIL No. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols.....Thrice Illustrious Master.
M. Bowes.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
Chas. Kleappelberg.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. Simpson.....Treasurer.
B. R. Lacy,.....Recorder.
W. E. Faison.....Captain of the Guard.
J. W. Thompson.....Conductor of the Council.
John Whitelaw.....Steward.
R. H. Bradley.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Wayne Alcott,
Thomas Badger,
W. H. Bain,
T. W. Blake,
J. F. Cuthrell,
W. H. Dodd,
J. C Drewey,
H. B. Greason,
E. G. Harrell,
W. J. Hicks,
Albert Johnson,
Z. P. Smith,
Jacob Ueltschi, Jr,,
Chas. Wallen,
F. A. Watson,
W. P. Wetherell,
W. A. Withers.

Number of Members 26.

DURHAM COUNCIL, No. 7.—Durham.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Bernice Walker	Thrice Illustrious Master.
W. T. Blackwell	Deputy Illustrious Master.
C. E. Parish	Principal Conductor of the Work.
J. F. Freeland	Treasurer.
James Southgate	Recorder.
W. L. Wall	Captain of the Guard.
J. S. Carr	Conductor of the Council.
Jno. S. Markham	Steward.
Jno. D. Wilbon	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

James Parks, E J. Parish, Alex. Walker.

Number of Members 12.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

COUNCILS.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	T. I. M.	RECORDER.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	DUES FOR 1895.	AMOUNT PAID.
Munson	4	Wilmington.	W. E. Storm.	Jas. C. Munds.	31	15 00	15 00
Enoch	5	Raleigh	John Nichols	R. B. Lacy	26	15 00	.....
Durham	7	Durham	B. Walker	J. Southgate.	12	15 00	.....
Charlotte	8	Charlotte	G. H. King	.....	..	.....	.....
						45 00	15 00

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.		GRAND COUNCILS.	TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.		GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.				
		GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL		
		ALABAMA		
		ARKANSAS.	W. A. Williams.	Wilmington.
		CALIFORNIA.		
W. P. Anderson	Palatka	FLORIDA	W. W. Allen	Greensboro.
John J. Seay,	Rome	GEORGIA	D. G. Maxwell	Charlotte.
Chas. Balch		INDIANA	P. A. Wilson	Winston.
R. E. Torrington	Wichita	KANSAS.	Geo. Howard, Jr.,	Tarboro.
Geo. O. Elms	Opelousa	LOUISIANA	Jas. Southgate	Durham.
B. R. Farnsworth	Portland.	MAINE	H. H. Munson	Wilmington.
J. James Fable	Cambridge	MARYLAND.	J. J. Whitaker	Enfield.
J. B. Gardner	Roxbury.	MASSACHUSETTS.	J. S. Carr	Durham.
A. Brandenburg	Fergus Falls	MINNESOTA	D. E. Allen	Charlotte.
		MISSOURI.		
		NEBRASKA.		
John Hatch	Greenland	NEW HAMPSHIRE.	J. L. Cantwell	Wilmington.
Rev. W. D'O. Doty	Rochester	NEW YORK	E. S. Martin	Wilmington.
E. M. Colver.	Sandusky	OHIO.	W. S. Liddell	Charlotte.
Z. H. Davis	Corvallis	OREGON.	W. P. Toomer	Wilmington.
H. C. Moses	Sumter	SOUTH CAROLINA	W. C. Jones	Wilmington.
T. O. Morris,	Nashville	TENNESSEE.	W. R. Keenan.	Wilmington.
		VERMONT.		
		WASHINGTON		

INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.

Jethro C. Stanford	Durango	COLORADO	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
R. H. Tucker	Ansonia	CONNECTICUT	J. R. Williams	Wilmington.
J. M. Pearson	Godfrey	ILLINOIS	John Nichols	Raleigh.
V. A. McCutchen	Paducah	KENTUCKY	W. Simpson	Raleigh.
Traverse Phillips	Hastings	MICHIGAN	F. Ulrich	Newbern.
		MISSISSIPPI		
Jno. S. Taxis	Trenton	NEW JERSEY	W. L. Wall	Durham.
		PENNSYLVANIA.		
A. H. Armington	Providence	RHODE ISLAND	J. W. Thompson	Raleigh.
		WISCONSIN.		

FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.

		CANADA		
		ENGLAND AND WALES		
J. T. Whitlock	St. Stephens	NEW BRUNSKICK.	J. L. Toon	Wilmington.
		SCOTLAND.		

GRAND COUNCILS AND ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

GRAND COUNCILS.	GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESSES.
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.		
General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Alabama	H. Clay Armstrong	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thos. H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	A. M. Wolihin	Macon.
Indiana	W. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Kansas	A. M. Callaham	Topeka.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Geo. L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Seranus Bowen	Boston.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Missouri	Wm. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha
New Hampshire	Geo. P. Cleaves	Concord.
New York	Geo. VanVliet	New York.
Ohio	W. E. Evans	Chillicothe.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	W. A. Clendenning	Nashville.
Vermont	W. G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Washington	E. R. Hare	Tacoma
INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.		
Colorado	Thos. E. Shears,	Denver
Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford.
Illinois	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago.
Kentucky	L. D. Cronenger	Covington.
Michigan	Garra B. Noble	Detroit.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
New Jersey	Charles Becktel	Trenton.
North Carolina	James C. Munds	Wilmington.
Pennsylvania	J. L. Lyte	Lancaster.
Rhode Island	W. R. Greene	Providence.
Wisconsin	J. W. Loftin	Milwaukee.
FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.		
Canada	Sydney J. Sanford	Barrie, Ont.
England	Chas. F. Matier	London, W. C.
New Brunswick	Robert Marshall	St. John.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown	Edinburg.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina.

ORGANIZATION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Grand Council shall consist of the following officers, viz: Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Steward, and Grand Sentinel, together with the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work, Past Grand Treasurers, and Past Grand Recorders, and the three principal officers for the time being of the several Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council; all of whom shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Council: *Provided*, That when any Past Grand Officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Council, his membership in this Grand Council shall cease.

REGULAR ASSEMBLIES.

ART. 2.—The Annual Assemblies of this Grand Council shall be held at such places as may be designated by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for holding its Annual Convocations, immediately before, during, or succeeding, the sessions of the Grand Chapter. And in case of the absence of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Deputy Illustrious Grand Master or Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, or either of them, shall preside, taking precedence according to rank. In the absence of all the above named officers, then the oldest Grand Officer of those grades present; and if there be none of the Past Grand Officers of the rank above named present, then the first officer of the oldest Subordinate Council present shall have power and authority to preside, and the representatives of three Subordinate Councils shall constitute a quorum. If, on the

day of meeting, there be not a quorum present, the presiding officer may adjourn the Grand Council from day to day, until the close of the fourth day, when, if there be not a quorum present, the meeting shall be adjourned until the day for the next Annual Assembly, unless sooner or specially convened.

TIME AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ART. 3.—The officers of this Grand Council shall be chosen at each regular Annual Assembly for the term of one year. But should the Annual Assembly not be held at the stated time, they shall hold their offices until others are chosen, and the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or in his absence, the Deputy Illustrious Grand Master for the time being, shall have power to call special assemblies whenever they may deem it expedient, of which all the Subordinate Councils shall have due and timely notice.

VOTES.

ART. 4.—All questions before this Grand Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES.

ART. 5.—The constitutional officers of this Grand Council shall be elected by ballot, except the Grand Sentinel, who, together with the Grand Lecturer, shall be appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master. All of whom shall be installed before the closing of the Grand Assembly. And in case of the death or removal from this jurisdiction of any of the officers of rank below the then superior Grand Officer, the vacancy may be filled by such superior officer.

REPRESENTATIVES.

ART. 6.—None but Royal and Select Masters, holding membership in a Subordinate Council, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, shall act as a representative. Nor shall any person represent more than two Subordinate Councils at any Grand Assembly.

VOTING.

ART. 7.—The Constitutional Grand and Past Grand officers shall each have one vote, and each Subordinate Council, by its representative or representatives, three votes in this Grand Council. When the three principal officers are present, representing their Councils, they shall each have one vote; if only two, the highest in rank shall have two votes and the other one; if but one be present, he shall cast the vote of the Council, and should any Subordinate Council fail to appoint a delegate in season,

the Thrice Illustrious Master, for the time being, if unable to attend, shall have power to appoint a proxy to represent his Council.

GRAND LECTURER.

ART. 8.—The Grand Lecturer shall be furnished with a commission by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Council, attested by the Grand Recorder; and the Councils by which he may be employed shall make him such compensation as may be agreed upon by the parties. He shall make no alterations in the work and lectures adopted by this Grand Council.

TREASURER AND RECORDER.

ART. 9.—The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall have their books ready for examination at the commencement of each Annual Assembly, and a committee shall be appointed on the first day of the meeting for that purpose, who shall report before any election takes place.

DISPENSATIONS.

ART. 10.—Petitions for warrants to open new Councils must be signed by nine Select Masters, living within the jurisdiction, and accompanied by a certificate from the Council within the State, nearest the contemplated location of the new Council, vouching for the masonic abilities and moral character of the petitioners, and recommending that a charter be granted; and the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or the Deputy Illustrious Grand Master may, upon such petition, if approved, grant his dispensation for the same, to remain in force until the first Grand Annual Assembly succeeding, when said Council shall petition for a charter, unless, for good and satisfactory reasons, this warrant shall be continued, and if no application is made at the suceeding Grand Annual Assembly for a charter, said warrant shall then be revoked.

FEE FOR DISPENSATION.

ART. 11.—The fees for a warrant for a new Council, shall be Thirty Dollars, of which the Grand Recorder shall receive Five Dollars; and no warrant shall be granted until the fee is paid, which fee shall be in full, both for the warrant and charter, should one be issued.

DUES OF SUBORDINATES.

ART. 12.—The several Councils under this Grand Council, shall pay for the support thereof into the hands of the Grand Recorder, annually, the sum of Fifteen Dollars: *Provided*, That Councils under dispensation shall pay nothing for the time that may elapse between the date of such

dispensation, and the next succeeding Grand Annual Assembly. But in case of the extension of the warrant, they shall pay the fee as a Council under charter, for the time that the warrant may have been extended.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

ART. 13.—No Council under this jurisdiction shall change its location without the concurrence of this Grand Council, and the recommendation of the Council nearest the place to which it is proposed to be removed.

RETURNS.

ART. 14.—Every Council under this Grand jurisdiction shall make returns annually to the Grand Recorder, at each Grand Annual Assembly, of the names of their officers and members, together with all admissions, deaths, suspensions, expulsions and withdrawals. And if any Council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble during any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Council for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make returns as above and pay its dues, then, and in that case, the said Council shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Council its Charter, Records, Jewels and Furniture, together with its money, and all other property of every kind and description.

APPLICATIONS.

ART. 15.—The application of every candidate for the degrees, in any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and recommended by a member of said Council, and the said application shall lay over for the consideration of the members at least one meeting, unless by a unanimous vote of the members present, it shall be determined to ballot on said petition at the time it is presented; and no Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees for a less sum than Five Dollars, which fee must, in all cases, accompany the petition.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 16.—No Council under this jurisdiction shall admit to membership any person who is a member of, or in arrears to, another Council, nor without a demit from the Council of which he was last a member.

DEGREES AND JURISDICTION.

ART. 17.—No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees or entertain the petition of any person who is a resident of another Grand or Subordinate jurisdiction, without the written permission and recommendation of the Council nearest his place of residence.

IRREGULAR COUNCILS.

ART. 18.—No Council within this jurisdiction, acting without a warrant from this Grand Council, shall be deemed lawful, and all communication with such Council, and any person made therein, is hereby strictly forbidden, under a penalty of expulsion; or, in the case of a Council, the arrest of its Charter.

JURISDICTION.

ART. 19.—This Grand Council shall have original jurisdiction over all matters of controversy between its Subordinate Councils, and appellate jurisdiction in all matters of controversy arising therein.

TRIALS.

ART. 20.—The trial of all masonic offences before any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be conducted according to the rules laid down in the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, under Article 24.

AMMENDMENTS.

ART. 21.—No alteration or ammendment of this Constitution shall be made at any other than an Annual Assembly.

REPEAL.

ART. 22.—All former Constiutions of this Grand Council are hereby repealed.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

HELD IN

NEWBERN,

Thursday, 14th May, 1896, A Dep. 2896.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1897.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 14, 1896.

JAMES SOUTHGATE.	*Most Illustrious Grand Master*	Durham.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.	*Deputy Illustrious Grand Master*	Raleigh.
W. S. LIDDELL.	*Grand Principal Conductor of the Work*	Charlotte.
E. P. BAILEY	*Grand Treasurer*	Wilmington.
JAMES C. MUNDS	*Grand Recorder*	Wilmington.
R. B. DEVAULT	*Grand Captain of the Guard*	Raleigh.
W. C. FRENCH	*Grand Conductor of the Council*	Greensboro.
R. B. LACY	*Grand Steward*	Raleigh.
R. H. BRADLEY	*Grand Sentinel*	Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Twenty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held in the City of Newbern, on Thursday, May 14, A. Dep. 2896.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

JAMES SOUTHGATE ..... Most Illustrious Grand Master
WILLIAM SIMPSON ..... Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. E. STORM ..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. B. DEVAULT .....as Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS ..... Grand Recorder.
W. C. FRENCH .....as Grand Captain of the Guard.
W. A. WITHERS ..... Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. MUNSON ..... Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY ..... Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

H. H. MUNSON ..... Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed Companions F. Ulrich, R. B. Lacy, and E. P. Bailey a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee reported as follows:

To the Grand Council R. and S Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Credentials report Councils duly represented as follows:

MUNSON COUNCIL, No. 4..... ....W. E. Storm, T. I. M.
M. S. Willard. P. C. W.
ENOCH COUNCIL No. 5.....R. B. DeVault.
DURHAM COUNCIL No. 7 .....J. Southgate.
CHARLOTTE COUNCIL No. 8. .....W. S. Liddell.

Fraternally Submitted,

F. ULRICH,
R. B. LACEY,
E. P. BAILEY.
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master read his Annual Address as follows:

Grand Master's Address.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS :

Through a kind Providence we are assembled for the twenty-first time in Grand Council, and while we have but little to communicate as your presiding officer, yet some advance has been made.

I have had but little to engage my attention during the year.

NECROLOGY.

Death, the dread Messenger, has visited the ranks of our Grand Body, and I have to record the fact that Companion George W. Blount, the Past Grand Treasurer of this Grand Council, departed this life, November 29th, 1895, in the town of Wilson, where he had spent the greater portion of his useful life. He had received many honors from the Craft, being

Past Grand Master of Masons and Past Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons.

He was a true friend, a devoted husband and father, and highly respected by all who knew him.

Other Grand Jurisdictions were called upon to mourn their distinguished dead and we drop with them the sympathetic tear.

DISPENSATIONS

On the 6th of June, 1895, in answer to an enquiry I made of the Companions at Greensboro, N. C., I granted a Dispensation to Companion J. J. Thornton and others to reorganize Greensboro Council No. 3. I am informed that the Council was opened and Degrees conferred upon seven candidates. The election of officers was held and the Council put on its feet again. This Council will be represented at this assembly.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

While our advancement is slow yet we are in better condition than at this time last year. Durham Council has affiliated six new members and conferred the Degrees upon four Companions and this taken in connection with the fact that it had not held a meeting for nearly two years, is encouraging.

The Charlotte Council which was reorganized last year is alive yet and will send a report to this meeting.

The Companions at Asheville are yet in a quandary what they can do, in view of the fact that several years ago they raised the money to pay for a Dispensation to start a Council, but the Companion who received the funds left the State without accounting for them, and nothing has been done since looking towards starting a Council. It may be perhaps well for the Committee on Charters and Dispensations to inquire into this matter and make arrangements to induce these Companions to organize a Council.

I had hoped Councils would have been started at Winston and Wilson where flourishing Chapters are located and possibly arrangements will be made the coming year to inaugurate measures looking to that much desired end.

CONCLUSION.

I am deeply sensible Companions of the high honor conferred upon me and although I have served you through some of the darkest hours ever

experienced by this Grand Council, yet I have the satisfaction of believing that my labors have not been in vain and that the seed planted during my administration may spring up, grow and produce fruit.

The Grand Council is now ready to proceed to business.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Master.

The M. I. G. M. appointed the following Committees:

On Finance--W. Simpson, E. P. Bailey, P. A. Wilson, Jr.
On Returns and Proceedings—W. E. Storm, W. C. French, W. A. Withers.

The Grand Treasurer made his report, which was referred to the Finance Committee, as follows:

Grand Treasurer's Report.

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1895.		
May	Balance from former Grand Treasurer	20 85
17	Received from Grand Recorder	26 00
1896.		
May 3	Received from Grand Recorder	30 00
		76 85

DR.

1895.		
May 8	M. S. Heinsberger	70
18	S. G. Hall	5 45
June 6	Jackson & Bell	9 25
	Myers & Lewis	4 75
	J. H. McRee	2 00

June22	Postage	2 00
Sept.10	Postage	3 00
Nov. 25	S. G. Hall	20 85
1896.		
Apl. 13	S. G. Hall	9 15
	C. W. Yates	4 53
	Postage	1 00
May 14	Grand Recorder	3 50
	Balance	10 67
		76 85

Fraternally submitted.

C. C. TAYLOR,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder made his Annual Report which was referred to the Finance Committee:

Grand Recorder's Report.

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

I submit my report as follows:

I have received the following amounts—

1895—May	1,	Dues Munson Council, No. 1	15 00
	17,		11 00
1896—May	5,	Dues Durham Council No. 7	30 00

which have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

The Charter for Charlotte Council No. 8 was issued soon after our last Assembly.

The following Councils—Greensboro No. 3, Enoch No. 5, and Charlotte No. 8—failed to make returns.

The following Councils owe dues, as follows: Greensboro No. 3, 15.00, Munson No. 4, 15.00, Enoch No. 5, 20.00, and Charlotte No. 8, 15.00.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

The Finance Committee reported as follows, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder would respectfully report that they have examined the vouchers and books and find them correct as reported.

Fraternally submitted,

W. SIMPSON,
E. P BAILEY,
P. A. WILSON, JR.
Committee.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of Munson Council No, 4, and Durham Council No. 7, and find them correct.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. STORM,
W. C. FRENCH,
W. A. WITHERS.
Committee.

The following Grand Representatives were received with honors:

Indiana	P. A. Wilson, Jr.
Louisiana	Jas. Southgate.
Maine	H. H. Munson.
Ohio	W. S. Liddell.
Kentucky	W. Simpson.
Michigan	F. Ulrich.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with Companions DeVault and Bailey as Tellers. The following were duly elected:

JAMES SOUTHGATE .....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
WILLIAM SIMPSON .....Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. S. LIDDELL .....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
E. P. BAILEY. .....Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS. .....Grand Recorder.
R. B. DEVAULT .....Grand Captain of the Guard.
W. C. FRENCH .....Grand Conductor of the Council.
R. B. LACY. .....Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY. .....Grand Sentinel.

Comp. H. H. Munson, Past M. I. G. M., then installed the newly elected officers.

It was moved that the thanks of the Grand Council be tendered the Masonic bodies of Newbern for the use of their Hall during this Annual Assembly.

The Grand Council having concluded its labors, the proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form to meet next year in Wilmington, on Wednesday, 12th of May, or at the call of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Master.

[Attest.]
JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

HELD IN

WILMINGTON,

Wednesday, 12th May, 1897, A. Dep. 2897.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1897.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 12, 1897.

W. S. LIDDELL.... *Most Illustrious Grand Master*..... ... Charlotte.
J. H. HACKBURN.. *Deputy Illustrious Grand Master*..... Newbern.
W. F. RANDOLPH.. *Grand Principal Conductor of the Work* Asheville.
E. P. BAILEY..... *Grand Treasurer*..... Wilmington.
JAMES C. MUNDS . *Grand Recorder*..... Wilmington.
W. E. STORM..... *Grand Captain of the Guard* .. .. Wilmington.
JNO. W. THOMPSON *Grand Conductor of the Council*..... Raleigh.
H. H. MUNSON.... *Grand Steward*..... Wilmington.
R. H. BRADLEY... *Grand Sentinel*..... ..... Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Twenty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held in the City of Wilmington, on Wednesday, May 12, A. Dep. 2897.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

JAMES SOUTHGATE..... Most Illustrious Grand Master
JNO. W. THOMPSON.....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. S. LIDDELL..... ..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
E. P. BAILEY..... .... Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS..... Grand Recorder.
W. F. RANDOLPH .....as Grand Captain of the Guard.
M. S. WILLARD .....as Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. MUNSON... .....as Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY .. .. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

H. H. MUNSON ... . Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Comp. J. T. Barron, Past Most Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council of South Carolina was introduced and received with the Grand Honors

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed Companions A. J. Wills and M. S. Willard a Committee on

Credentials, who reported the following Councils represented by proper delegates, as follows:

MUNSON COUNCIL, No. 4.....W. E. Storm, T. I. M. M. S. Willard. P. C. W.
ENOCH COUNCIL No. 5.....J. W. Thompson, proxy.
DURHAM COUNCIL No. 7.....J. Southgate. "
CHARLOTTE COUNCIL No. 8.....W. S. Liddell.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

Auditing Committee--Comps. H. H. Munson and M. S. Willard.
Committee on Jurisprudence—Comps. H. H. Munson, John Nichols, and Wm. Simpson.
Committee on Charters--Comps. W. S. Liddell, J. W. Thompson, W. E. Storm.
Returns of Subordinate Councils—Comps. A. J. Wills, E. P. Bailey, J. W. Thompson.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master read his Annual Address as follows:

Grand Master's Address.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

We have met in this our twenty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and we welcome you one and all in this place, made famous in years past as being the home of Masonry, and whose influence has had much to do with keeping alive the interest in our beautiful degrees and rekindling the almost extinguished fires upon our altars. While returning thanks to a kind Providence for the many and varied blessings we have enjoyed during the year just closed, we must not forget that we continually need the guiding, though unseen hand of Him who is all powerful, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercies.

DISTINGUISHED DEAD.

We have to record the death of one of our Grand Council during the year just passed.

R. B. DeVault departed this life in early manhood in the city of Raleigh, N. C., December 27th, 1896. In his life he exemplified in a high degree the principles of our noble order and was a devoted member of Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. At the time of his death he was Grand Captain of the Guard of this Grand Council and we are called upon to mourn the loss of a faithful Christian Mason.

We have notice of the death of Illustrious Companion Chas. H. Butterfield, who passed away suddenly at Evansville, Indiana, Jan. 13th, 1897 in his sixty-third year.

Ohio was called upon to mourn the loss of Companion Rev. Thomas Jefferson Melish, Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, who died also suddenly at his home in Clifton, Cincinnati, on November 11th, 1896 in his seventy-fifth year.

Pennsylvania records the death of one of her most gifted Companions, viz.: Illustrious Companion Thomas Millspaugh, R. P. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania who departed this life August 31st., 1896. He also died suddenly and at his post of duty.

This Grand Jurisdiction was stricken a second time in the death of Past M. P. Grand Master Illustrious Companion David A. Stevenson,

who after a short illness passed peacefully away Jan. 8th, 1897, at his home in Pittsburg leaving many friends to mourn his loss. All of these were bright, particular stars in the masonic firmament and we trust may shed radiant light about the pathway of many a traveler who is seeking to grope his way through the darkness of earth to the realms of happiness in the great beyond.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have not been called upon to grant any special dispensations to do work out of the usual time for the reason perhaps that no work has been done or degrees conferred. I was pleased to grant a Dispensation on the 6th of October, 1896, to establish a Council U.D.at Asheville, N. C., to be known as Ionic Council U. D. naming Companions W. F. Randolph Th. Ill. Master; A. J. Wells, Deputy Ill. Master; and A. H. Stubbs, Principal Conductor of the Work. From a report made by Companion Randolph we have hope that the Cryptic Rite is safe in his hands and that ere long he will have the most flourishing Council in the State.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

While I cannot report the Cryptic Rite in a very healthy condition, yet there are some indications of a revival of interest in the beautiful Degrees of Royal and Select Master, and we long for the time when we can plant their banner on every eminence where the Royal Arch has a tent. I trust the next Grand Master will have great success in the work of spreading the influence of this Grand Council all over our State and bring to light the hidden mystries of the "Secret Vault" to many weary sojourners in search of light.

CONCLUSION.

I have for the third time to thank you Companions, for conferring upon me the distinguished honor of presiding at your meetings. I have survived the abundant (?) labors and turn over to you the affairs of the Grand Council in better shape than when I found them three years ago. Then we had three Councils but now we have five, and while we have nothing to boast of yet we can be thankful for what we are, what we have, and hope for better days and brighter skies.

The Grand Council of North Carolina can now proceed to business.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Master.

The Grand Treasurer then submitted the following report:

Grand Treasurer's Report.

To the Grand Council R. and S Masters of N. C.:

I herewith present my report:

RECEIPTS.

1896.		
May 14	Received from former Grand Treasurer.....	10 67
	Received from Grand Recorder.....	16 00
1897.		
May 11	Received from Grand Recorder	15 00
12	" " " "	6 00
		47 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.		
May 4	C. W. Yates.....	3 00
	Balance to New Acc't.....	44 67
		47 67.

Fraternally submitted,

E. P. BAILEY,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder submitted his report, as follows:

Grand Recorder's Report.

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

I have received the following amounts—

1896.		
May 14,		16 00
1897.		
May 11,	Durham Council No. 7	15 00
12,		6 00
	Total	37 00

which have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were referred to the Auditing Committee, who, after examination, reported as follows:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder respectfully report that they have performed that duty and found them correct.

Fraternally submitted,

H. H MUNSON,
M. S. WILLARD,
Committee.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report which was received and adopted:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations having under consideration only that of Ionic Council, recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to issue a Charter to Ionic Council, upon return of Dispensation, assigning to said Council, No. 9.

Fraternally submitted.

W. S. LIDDELL,
J. W. THOMPSON,
W. E. STORM,
Committee.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils reported as follows:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Councils beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the returns of Munson Council No. 4 and Durham Council No. 7 and find them correct.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. WILLS,
E. P. BAILEY.
J. W. THOMPSON,
Committee.

The following Grand Representatives were received with honors:

Georgia	D. G. Maxwell.
Indiana	P. A. Wilson, Jr.
Louisiana	Jas. Southgate.
Maine	H. H. Munson.
Maryland	J. J. Whitaker.
New Hampshire	J. L. Cantwell.
Ohio	W. S. Liddell.
Rhode Island	J. W. Thompson.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with Companions Wills and Whitaker as Tellers. The following were duly elected:

W. S. LIDDELL ..... Most Illustrious Grand Master.
J. H. HACKBURN ..... Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. F. RANDOLPH. ..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
E. P. BAILEY. ..... Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS. ..... Grand Recorder.
W. E. STORM ..... Grand Captain of the Guard.
J. W. THOMPSON ..... Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. MUNSON ..... Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY. ..... Grand Sentinel.

Comp. J. T. Barron, Past M. I. G. M., of South Carolina, then installed the newly elected officers.

The Grand Council having concluded its labors, the proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form to meet in Raleigh on Wednesday, 11th of May, 1898, or at the call of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

W. S. LIDDELL,
Grand Master.

[Attest.]
JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

Returns of Councils.

Working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council of North Carolina, May 1, 1897.

MUNSON COUNCIL, No. 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Convocations: Second Monday in January, April, July, and October.

OFFICERS.

W. E. Storm ..... Thrice Illustrious Master.
M. C. S. Noble ..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
M. S. Willard ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. H. Chadbourn ..... Treasurer.
James C. Munds ..... Recorder.
E. S. Martin ..... Captain of the Guard.
U. M. Robinson ..... Conductor of the Council.
J. C. Loder ..... Steward.
T. H. Johnson ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

W. W. Allen,	S. G. Hall,	J W. Monroe.
E. P. Bailey,	J. B. Hanks,	M. M. Patrick,
J. C. Chase,	J. H. Hackburn,	R. W. Price.
C. I. Comfort,	J. W. Jackson,	F. H. Stedman,
J. L. Cantwell,	W. C. Jones,	W. P. Toomer,
J. B. Clark,	W. R. Kenan,	J. L. Toon,
G. Z. French,	W. A. Martin,	F. Ulrich,
R. H. Grant,	H.H.Munson,P.M.I.G.M.,	W. A. Williams.
A. J. Howell.		

Number of Members 34.

DURHAM COUNCIL, No. 7.—Durham.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

C. C. Taylor..... Thrice Illustrious Master.
W. A. Slater. ..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
E. J. Parish ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
F. E. Cheek ..... Treasurer.
H. J Bass ..... Recorder.
J. S. Burch ..... Captain of the Guard.
M. H. Jones ..... Conductor of the Council.
A. Walker ..... Steward.
W. P. Rollins ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

W. T. Blackwell, J. F. Freeland, B. Walker,
W. B. Brown, C. H. Norton, W. L. Wall.
J. S. Carr, J. Southgate, J. D. Wilbon.

Number of Members 18.

IONIC COUNCIL, No. 9.—Asheville.

Time of Regular Communications: Second Thursday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

W. F. Randolph ..... Third Illustrious Master.
A. J. Wills..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
A. H. Stubbs ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
H. C. Fagg ..... Treasurer.
J. E. Dickerson..... Recorder.
A. H. Cobb. ..... Captain of the Guard.
J. A. Wagner ..... Conductor of the Council.
C. H. Miller ..... Steward.
J. W. Schartle ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

F. L. Jacobs, D. W. Newell.

Number of Members 11.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

COUNCILS.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	T. I. M.	RECORDER.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	DUES FOR 1897.	AMOUNT PAID.
Munson.....	4	Wilmington..	W. E. Storm ...	Jas. C. Munds..	31	15 00	15 00
* Enoch.....	5	Raleigh	John Nichols..	R. B. Lacy.....	26	15 00	.....
Durham.....	7	Durham.....	C. C. Taylor ...	H. J. Bass	18	15 00	15 00
* Charlotte...	8	Charlotte	G. H. King.....	.....	..	15 00	.....
Ionic.....	9	Asheville.....	W. F. Randolph	J. E. Dickerson.	11	.....	.....

*No returns made this year.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.		GRAND COUNCILS.	TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.		GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUENTS OF THE UNITED STATES				
.....	.....	GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.	.....	
.....	.....	ALABAMA	.....	
.....	.....	ARKANSAS	W. A. Williams.	Wilmington
W. H. Davis	Sacramento	CALIFORNIA	W. F. Randolph	Asheville.
W. P. Anderson	Palatka	FLORIDA	W. W. Allen	Greensboro.
John J. Seay	Rome	GEORGIA	D. G. Maxwell	Charlotte.
Chas. Balch	Terre Haute	INDIANA	P. A. Wilson, Jr.	Winston.
John Rennie	Lehigh	INDIAN TERRITORY	R. B. Lacy	Raleigh.
R. E. Torrington	Wichita	KANSAS	Geo. Howard, Jr.	Tarboro.
Geo. O. Elms	Opelousa	LOUISIANA	Jas. Southgate	Durham.
B. B. Farnsworth	Portland	MAINE	H. H. Munson	Wilmington
J. James Fable	Cambridge	MARYLAND	J. J. Whitaker	Enfield.
J. B. Gardner	Roxbury	MASSACHUSETTS	J. S. Carr	Durham.
A. Brandenburg	Fergus Falls	MINNESOTA	D. E. Allen	Charlotte.
W. H. Barrett	Harrisonville.	MISSOURI	.....	
..	.....	NEBRASKA	.....	
John Hatch	Greenland	NEW HAMPSHIRE	J. L. Cantwell	Wilmington
Rev. W. D'O. Doty	Rochester	NEW YORK	E. S. Martin	Wilmington
E. M. Colver	Sandusky	OHIO	W. S. Liddell	Charlotte.
Z. H. Davis	Corvallis	OREGON	W. P. Toomer	Wilmington
H. C. Moses	Sumter	SOUTH CAROLINA	W. C. Jones	Wilmington
T. O. Morris	Nashville	TENNESSEE	W. R. Kenan	Wilmington

.....	....	.....VERMONT.....	....	
.....	....	.....WASHINGTON.....	....	

INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.

Jethro C. Stanford..	Durango .. .	.....COLORADO...	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
R. H. Tucker .	Ausonia.....	.....CONNECTICUT.....	J. R. Williams ...	Wilmington
J. M. Pearson.....	Godfrey... ..	..... ILLINOIS.....	John Nichols	Raleigh.
V. A. McCutchen..	Paducah.....	.....KENTUCKY.....	W. Simpson.....	Raleigh.
Traverse Phillips ..	Hastings	..... MICHIGAN.....	F. Ulrich	Newbern.
Jno. S. Taxis.....	Trenton	.....NEW JERSEY.....	W. L. Wall	Durham.
F. J. Collins.....	Bradford.	.....PENNSYLVANIA.....	E. J. Parish	Durham.
A. H. Armington...	Providence...	..... RHODE ISLAND	J. W. Thompson..	Raleigh.
.....	.....	..... WISCONSIN	....	

FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.

.....	.....	.....CANADA.....	....	
.....	.....	...ENGLAND AND WALES...	.....	
J. T. Whitlock.....	St. Stephens	.....NEW BRUNSWICK.....	J. L. Toon..... .	Wilmington
.....	.....	..... .SCOTLAND.....	....	

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF

Year.	Most Illustrious Grand Master.	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.
1860	Alex. Murdoch.	John F. Howlett.	Wm. Murdock.	D. A. Davis.
1866	W. J. Hicks.	Luke Blackmer.	C. A. Cilley.	Thos. W. Brown
1867	W. J. Hicks.	Wm. Murdock.	Thos. M. Gardner	Thos. W. Brown
1868	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	Thos. M. Gardner	Thos. W. Brown
1869	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	C. M. VanOrsdell	Thos. W. Brown
1870	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	C. M. VanOrsdell	Thos. W. Brown
1871	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	D. W. Bain.	H. H. Munson.
1872	H. H. Munson.	John Nichols.	Wm. Murdock.	A. Martin.
1873	H. H. Munson.	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell	A. Martin.
1874	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. S. Everett.	R. H. Bradley.
1875	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. S. Everett.	R. H. Bradley.
1876	C. M. VanOrsdell	J. R. Neathery.	S. E. Allen.	John Nichols.
1877	C. M. VanOrsdell	L. H. Rountree.	S. E. Allen.	John Nichols.
1878	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. E. Allen.	A. S. Lee.	John Nichols.
1879	S. E. Allen.	J. I. Macks.	M. Grausman.	John Nichols.
1881	J. I. Macks.	S. H. Smith.	W. L. Wall.	W. Simpson.
1882	J. I. Macks.	W. L. Wall.	M. Grausman.	W. Simpson.
1883	J. I. Macks.	Jas Southgate.	Bernice Walker.	W. Simpson.
1894	Jas. Southgate.	W. W. Allen.	W. Simpson.	G. W. Blunt.
1895	Jas. Southgate.	W. Simpson.	W. E. Storm.	C. C. Taylor.
1896	Jas. Southgate.	W. Simpson	W. S. Liddell.	E. P. Bailey.
1807	W. S. Liddell.	J. H. Hackburn.	W. F. Randolph.	E. P. Bailey.

NORTH CAROLINA FROM 1860 TO DATE.

Grand Recorder.	Grand Captain of the Guard.	Grand Conductor of the Council.	Grand Steward.	Grand Sentinel.
R. T. Hall.	John L. Cole.	H. W. Robinson.	W. B. McMillan.	
Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	E. F Watson.	P, N. Smith.	
Thos. B. Carr.	John Nichols.		J. H. Separk.	E. Turlington.
H. H. Munson,	W. A. Smith.	Thos. B. Keogh.	J. B. Neathery.	E. Turlington.
M. M. Katz.	W. A. Smith.	E. H. White	John Nichols.	E. Turlington
M. M. Katz.	W. A. Smith.	John Nichols.	W. Simpson.	E. Turlington.
M. M. Katz	C. M. VanOrsdell	W. Simpson.	A. Martin.	E. Turlington.
M. M. Katz.	C. M. VanOrsdell	W. A. Smith.	Peter Adams.	B. G. Bates.
M. M. Katz.	S. S. Everett.	J. M. Shelly.	T. B. Carr.	B. G. Bates.
D. W. Bain.	J. M. Shelly.	Thos. B. Carr.	M. M Katz.	J. H. Separk.
D. W. Bain.	T. J. Sloan.	J. M. Shelly.	W. Murdock.	C. C. Smith.
D. W. Bain.	M. M. Katz.	E. A. Wilson.	W. Murdock.	R. H. Bradley.
D W. Bain.	James C Munds.	A. S. Lee.	W. Murdock.	E. H. White.
D. W. Bain.	James C Munds.	T. J. Sloan.	J. I. Macks.	J. D. Wilborn.
D. W. Bain.	James C. Munds.	H. H. Munson.	J. M Rosenbaum	E. H. White.
D. W. Bain.	W. R. Kenan.	D. P. Mast.	R. H. Bradley.	B. G, Bates.
D. W. Bain.	Jas. Southgate.	D. P. Mast.	M. M. Katz.	R. H. Bradley.
D. W. Bain.	James C. Munds.	J. M. Rosenbaum	M. Grausman.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	D. G. Maxwell.	W. A. Withers.	W. N. Prather.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	Geo. H. King.	W. A. Withers	H. H. Munson.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	R. B. DeVault.	W. C. French.	R. B. Lacy.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	W. E. Storm.	J. W. Thompson.	H. H. Munson.	R. H. Bradley.

GRAND COUNCILS AND ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

GRAND COUNCILS.	GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESSES.
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.		
General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thos. H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	A. W. Wolihin	Macon.
Indiana	W. H. Smy.he	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka.
Kansas	A. M. Callaham	Topeka.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Geo. L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Seranus Bowen	Boston.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Missouri	Wm. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha.
New Hampshire	Geo. P. Cleaves	Concord.
New York	Geo. VanVliet	New York.
Ohio	W. E. Evans	Chilicothe.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	W. A. Clendenning	Nashville.
Vermont	W. G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Washington	E. R. Hare	Tacoma.
INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.		
Alabama	H. Clay Armstrong	Montgomery.
Colorado	Thos. E. Shears	Denver.
Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford.
Illinois	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago.
Kentucky	L. D. Cronenger	Covington.
Michigan	Garra B. Noble	Detroit.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
New Jersey	Charles Becktel	Trenton.
North Carolina	James C. Munds	Wilmington.
Pennsylvania	J. L. Lyte	Lancaster.
Rhode Island	W. R. Greene	Providence.
Wisconsin	J. W. Loftin	Wilwaukee.
FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.		
Canada	Sydney J. Sandford	Barrie, Ont,
England	Chas. F. Matier	London, W. C.
New Brunswick	Robert Marshall	St. John.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown	Edinburg.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND * COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

Held in

RALEIGH,

Tuesday, 19th May, 1898, A. Dep. 2898.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1898.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 19, 1898.

W. S. LIDDELL ....*Most Illustrious Grand Master* .....Charlotte.
J. H. HACKBURN...*Deputy Illustrious Grand Master*.....Newbern.
W. F. RANDOLPH..*Grand Principal Conductor of the Work*.Asheville.
E. P. BAILEY. .....*Grand Treasurer*. ....Wilmington
JAMES C. MUNDS...*Grand Recorder*..... .....Wilmington
W. E. STORM..... .*Grand Captain of the Guard* .....Wilmington
JNO. W. THOMPSON.*Grand Conductor of the Council*. .....Raleigh.
H. H. MUNSON.....*Grand Steward*..... .....Wilmington
R. H. BRADLEY....*Grand Sentinel*..... ..Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The twenty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held in the City of Raleigh, on Thursday, May 19, A. Dep. 2393.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

W. S. Liddell	Most Illustrious Grand Master.
J. H. Hackburn	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. F. Randolph	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. Simpson	as Grand Treasurer.
James C. Munds	Grand Recorder.
W. E. Storm	Grand Captain of the Guard.
Jno. W. Thompson	Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. Munson	Grand Steward.
R. H. Bradley	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

H. H. Munson	Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Jas. Southgate	Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Jno. Nichols	Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.
W. Simpson	Past Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.

A constitutional number of Councils being represented the Grand Council was opened in ample form.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Companions M. S. Willard and T. W. Dewey, a Committee on Credentials who reported the following Councils represented by proper delegates, as follows:

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2.....W. S. Liddell, proxy.
MUNSON COUNCIL, No. 4.....W. E. Storm, T. I. M.
M. S. Willard, P. C. W.
ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.....Jno. Nichols, T. I. M.
M. Bowes, D. I. M.
Chas. Kleuppelberg, P. C. W.
DURHAM COUNCIL, No. 7.....Jas. Southgate, proxy.
CHARLOTTE COUNCIL, No. 8..... .....W. S. Liddell, proxy.
IONIC COUNCIL, No. 9.....W. F. Randolph, T. I. M.
A. J. Wills, D. I. M.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

Doings of Grand Officers—Comps. J. Southgate, D. E. Allen, M. Bowes.
Jurisprudence—Comps. John Nichols, E. S. Martin, A. J. Wills.
Returns of Subordinate Councils—Comps. W. E. Storm, W. Simpson, M. S. Willard.
Fraternal Correspondence—Comp. E. S. Martin.
Necrology—Comps. H. H. Munson, W. F. Randolph, F. Ulrich.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master read his Annual Address, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

Grand Master's Address.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

COMPANIONS: It seems to me indeed remarkable that we are again assembled in Grand Council, but the further statement that it will be very strange if one year from now we are not assembled in the most interesting session we have ever held, may strike you as stranger still, and certainly inconsistent. Yet, I firmly believe that one year hence we will

assemble in a Grand Council, whose deliberations will interest all, and whose printed proceedings will be preserved as a history of the revival of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina.

When a year ago you elected me as the head of the Order in North Carolina, I accepted the trust, believing that my own willingness to work for the Council, in season and out of season, and to expend money in visiting any towns in the State, taking with me bright and experienced Council Masons for the purpose of establishing new Councils, not less than seven or eight Councils would be added to our number, and that interest would be revived in those already existing; but when at the close of the year only one town had responded to my proposal, and it at the twelfth hour, and my own Council had failed to hold one meeting during the year, and discouraging reports had been received from a majority of the new Councils of the jurisdiction, do you think it strange that I should have despaired altogether, and that I should expect no Council to assemble at this time.

Do you think it strange that I should have experienced such a complete revulsion of feeling, and that I should prophecy so bright a future for us, when before me are men from every section of our State, full of words of encouragement and promises of hearty co-operation. I have been promised, by those who realize what a promise means, that at our next assembly every Council in the State will be represented, those now dorment will be re-established and fall into line, and that new Councils will be formed in Newbern, Wilson, and perhaps Hamilton. Winston no doubt will have done what she should have done years ago, and report a flourishing Council also; and to this add that the necessary steps will be taken at this session to place the Grand Council of North Carolina under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, and then tell me if I am not warranted in expecting great things during the coming year. Companions, for transforming me from a state of gloomy despondency to one of joyous expectancy, I thank you.

DISTINGUISHED DEAD.

The only notice of death among our number that I have received is that of Companion W. B. Brewer, of Durham Council, No. 7. and this contains no date. I trust that the Committee on Necrology will see that proper tribute is paid to his memory, and also to the memory of the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions. I have received official notice of the following:

Alexander Thomas, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Indiana, died at Terre Haute, July 26, 1897.

George Spronson Jones, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Indiana, died at Covington, August 26, 1897.

William H. Stanzberry, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Missouri, died at Harrisonville, August 23, 1897.

Wm. Abram Love, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia, died in Atlanta, February 15, 1898.

DISPENSATION.

On May 4, 1898, I granted Dispensation to Companion E. B. Neave and others, of Salisbury, to re-organize Adoniram Council, No. 2. The following clipping from the "Daily Sun" shows what was done:

NEW MASONIC COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS ORGANIZED LAST NIGHT.—After a lapse of more than a quarter of a century the local Masonic Council of Royal and Select Masters, was reorganized last night. Among the well known Masons who were present to organize the Council were Major Fugle, of Columbia, S. C., Grand High Priest J. A. Barron, of South Carolina, and Thrice Illustrious W. S. Liddell, of Charlotte. After the institution of the Council a banquet was served the Masons at the Central Hotel. Those who took the Council Degrees last night, upon the institution of the new Council, were:

I. Lichenstein, T. C. Linn, W. B. Smoot, A. H. Caldwell, P. H. Bernhardt, S. J. Shuping, J. T. Sossoman, O. W. Spencer, and P. A. Frercks.

The following members of the Salisbury Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, had previously taken the Degree: M. C. Quinn, E. B. Neave, R. G. Kizer, J. A. Holt, and A. L. Smoot.

The following officers were elected and installed:

I. Lichtenstein, Thrice Illustrious Master.
E. B. Neave, Deputy Illustrious Master.
T. C. Linn, Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. B. Smoot, Conductor of the Council.
A. H. Caldwell, Captain of the Guard.
P. A. Frercks, Treasurer,
R. G. Kizer, Recorder.
P. H. Bernhardt, Steward.
S. J. Shuping, Sentinel.

In the year 1851, the Supreme Council of the Southern States, sitting at Charleston, granted to Alexander Murdoch, D. A. Davis, and F. C.

Shafter, all of this city, a Warrant of Constitution, under seal, conferring upon them the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, and authorizing and empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in Salisbury. They did so, organizing Adoniram Council, No. 2, which was the second Council organized in North Carolina. The Council was broken up by the civil war, but was reorganized under happy auspices last night.

Salisbury Council, Royal Arch Masons, recently discovered in its archives the original Warrant of Constitution granted to Murdoch, Davis and Shafter. This relic was displayed in the Council Hall last night.

The Masonic Orders of the city are in a flourishing condition and are growing rapidly.—Salisbury Daily Sun.

NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

I have appointed and commissioned a number of Companions in other jurisdictions to represent the Grand Council of North Carolina near their respective Grand Councils, which is a custom I heartily approve. Their names will appear in the Report of the Graud Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

And now, Companions, I thank you one and all for the honor you have conferred on me, and especially for the new hopes you have inspired in me. May you all return to your homes feeling as blissful as you have made me feel. And may the blessing of the Almighty remain with you always.

WALTER S. LIDDELL,
Grand Master.

The Grand Treasurer then submitted the following report:

Grand Treasurer's Report.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.

I herewith present my annual report:

RECEIPTS.

1897.		
May 12,	Balance from last report.....	44 67
1898.		
May 19,	Received from Grand Recorder.....	60 00
		104 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid three Vouchees for.....	62 00
Balance to New Account.....	42 67
	104 00

Fraternally Submitted,

E. P. BAILEY,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder submitted his Report, as follows:

Grand Recorder's Report.

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

COMPANIONS Immediately after our last assembly I had the Proceedings of 1896 and 1897 printed, and distributed them as usual.

I have received the following amounts:

Adoniram Council, No. 2	15.00
Munson Council, No. 4	30.00
Charlotte Council, No. 8	15.00
Total	60.00

which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Zealously Submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils reported, as follows:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Councils report that they have examined the returns of Adoniram Council, No. 2; Munson Council, No. 4; Enoch Council, No. 5; Durham Council, No. 7; Charlotte Council, No. 8; and find them correct. We find no returns from Ionic Council, No. 9. We also find that Enoch Council, No. 5, owes four years dues; Durham Council, No, 7, Charlotte Council, No. 9, and Ionic Council, No. 9, owe one year's dues each.

Fraternally Submitted,

W. E. STORM,
W. SIMPSON,
M. S. WILLARD,
Committee.

The following Grand Representatives were received:

California	W. F. Randolph.
Louisianna	Jas. Southgate.
Maine	H. H. Munson.
Maryland	J. J. Whitaker.
Minnesota	D. E. Allen.
New York	E. S. Martin.
Ohio	W. S. Liddell.
Colorado	J. C. Drewry.
Illinois	John Nichols.
Kentucky	W. Simpson.
Michigan	F. Ulrich.
Rhode Island	J. W. Thompson.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers made the following report:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masons of N. C.:

Your Committee to whom was referred the interesting Address of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Master beg leave to report that they are highly pleased at the prospect of the revival of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina, and we believe that under the guidance of the skillful hand of the Grand Master that the beautiful degrees of Royal and Select Master will be preserved and brought to a high state of usefulness in this State.

We approve of the transfer of this Grand Council to the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council of the United States.

We recommend that so much of the address that refers to the distinguished dead of our own and other jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

We approve most heartily the dispensation granted to Adoniram Council, No. 2, to re-organize at Salisbury, and sincerely hope that in the near future it may become a successful Council.

The appointment of Companions to represent the Grand Council of North Carolina near other Grand Councils meets our approval.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
For the Committee.

The Committee on Necrology reported as follows:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

COMPANIONS: Your Committee on Necrology respectfully report that only one member in this Grand Jurisdiction, W. B. Brewer, of Durham Council, No. 7, has passed beyond the vail, September 17, 1896, aged 28 years.

Companion Brewer was a devoted Mason, and a true and constant friend, a valuable citizen, ready and anxious at all times to succor the needy, visit the sick, and do good unto all men.

Among the departed in other Grand Jurisdictions we note the name of Past Grand Master Alex. Thomas, of Indiana, whose record among the Masons of that Grand Jurisdiction is beyond praise.

Of George Spronson Jones, also Past Grand Master of Indiana, who passed from death to life at Covington, Aug 26, 1897, whose noble char-

acter left its impress on all with whom he came in touch. The various offices through which he passed from Master Mason to Grand Master of Indiana, testifies to the confidence reposed in him as a master thoroughly skilled in the work.

Of William H. Stanzberry, Past Grand Master of Missouri, who died at Harrisonville, Missouri, August 22, 1898. In his death the Companions of that Grand Jurisdiction "have lost one of their most zealous and devoted members and the community one of its most respected citizens."

William Abram Love, Deputy Grand Master of Georgia. died at Atlanta, January 22, 1898. We can do no better than to quote from those who knew him best. "No one more eloquently pointed out the beauties of Masonry, or more zealously followed its teachings. His life beautifully illustrated the principles of our Order, and no one stood more grandly as an exponent of its illustrious virtues."

"There is a stream we all must cross,
The river of death, so cold;
Where the lights of earth are seen no more,
And the green moss turns to mould;
When a hand of ice shall push one back,
Out on the swelling tide,
When friends will leave us alone in the dark,
Alone on the waters wide."

Fraternally Submitted,

H. H. MUNSON,
For Committee.

The following resolution offered by Companion Willard was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of North Carolina hereby ratifies the Constitution of the General Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and requests to be enrolled as a constituent of the said General Grand Council.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The following Companions were duly elected:

W. S. LIDDELL .....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
J. H. HACKBURN .....Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. F. RANDOLPH .....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
E. P. BAILEY ....Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS... .....Grand Recorder.
W. E. STORM..... .....Grand Captain of the Guard.
J. W. THOMPSON .....Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. MUNSON .....Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY .....Grand Sentinel.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, James Southgate then installed the new elected officers.

The Grand Council having concluded its labors, the proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form, to meet in Asheville, on Thursday the 14th June, A. D. 1899, or at the call of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

W. S. LIDDELL,
Grand Master.

[Attest.]
JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

In Memoriam.

W. B. BREWER,

Durham Council, No. 7.

DIED:

September 17, 1896.

IN MEMORY

OF THE

FRATERNAL DEAD

OF

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

Returns of Councils.

Working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council of North Carolina, May 1, 1898.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2.—Salisbury.

Time of Regular Assemblies: First and Third Mondays in each Month.

OFFICERS.

J. Lichtenstein ..... Thrice Illustrious Master.
E. B. Neave ..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
T. C. Linn ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
P. A. Frercks ..... Treasurer.
R. G. Kizer ..... Recorder.
A. H. Caldwell ..... Captain of the Guard.
W. B. Smoot ..... Conductor of the Council.
P. H. Bernhardt ..... Steward.
S. J. Shuping ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

J. A. Holt. A. L. Smoot. M. C. Quinn.
O. W. Spencer. O. T. Sassaman.

Number of Members 14.

MUNSON COUNCIL No. 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Assembly; Second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

W. E. Storm ..... Thrice Illustrious Master.
M. C. S. Noble ..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
M. S. Willard ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
J. T. Munds ..... Treasurer.
James C. Munds ..... Recorder.
E. S. Martin ..... Captain of the Guard.
U. M. Robinson ..... Conductor of the Council.
E. P. Bailey ..... Steward.
T. H. Johnson ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

W. W. Allen.	S. G. Hall.	J. E. Matthews.
E. V. Baltzer.	J. B. Hanks.	J. W. Monroe.
C. C. Brown.	J. H. Hackburn.	E. Norden.
W. H. Chadbourn.	J. W. Jackson.	M. M. Patrick.
C. I. Comfort.	W. C. Jones.	R. W. Price.
J. L. Cantwell.	W. R. Kenan.	F. H. Stedman.
J. McD. French.	J. C. Loder.	E. O. Toomer.
G. Z. French.	E. S. Latimer.	W. P. Toomer.
R. H. Grant.	W. A. Martin.	J. L. Toon.
A. J. Howell.	H.H.Munson, P.M.I.G.M.	W. A. Williams.

Number of Members 39.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Assembly: At the close of Regular Convocation of Chapter.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols ..... Thrice Illustrious Master.
M. Bowes ..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
Chas. Klemppelberg ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. Simpson ..... Treasurer.
John C. Drewry ..... Recorder.
W. E. Faison ..... Captain of the Guard.
J. W. Thompson ..... Conductor of the Council.
John Whitelaw ..... Steward.
R. H. Bradley ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Wayne Allcott.	D. S. Hamilton.	C. P. Snuggs.
Thomas Badger.	E. G. Harrell.	Jacob Ulloche, Jr.
W. H. Bain.	W. J. Hicks.	S. D. Waitt.
T. W. Blake.	W. E. Jones.	Chas. Wallen.
W. H. Bragg.	B. R. Lacy.	F. A. Watson.
J. F. Cuthrell.	Thos. Pence.	W. P. Wetherell.
W. H. Dodd.	A. Rosengarten.	W. A. Withers.
H. B. Greason.	Z. P. Smith.	C. A. Woodruff.

Number of Members 33.

DURHAM COUNCIL, No. 7.—DURHAM.

Time of Regular Assembly: First Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

C. C. Taylor.....Thrice Illustrious Master.
W. A. Slater.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
E. J. Parish.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
T. E. Cheek.....Treasurer.
H. J. Bass.....Recorder.
J. S. Burch.....Captain of the Guard.
M. H. Jones.....Conductor of the Council.
A. Walker.....Steward.
W. P. Rollins.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

W. T. Blackwell.	N. M. Johnson.	B Walker.
J. S. Carr.	C. H. Norton.	W. L. Wall.
J. F. Freeland.	J. Southgate.	J. D. Wilbon.

Number of Members 18.

CHARLOTTE COUNCIL, No. 8.—Charlotte.

Time of Regular Assembly: Fifth Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Geo. H. King.....Thrice Illustrious Master.
D. E. Allen.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
D. G. Maxwell.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
S. A. Kelly.....Treasurer.
T. S. Franklin.....Recorder.
W. Anderson.....Captain of the Guard.
S. H. Hilton.....Conductor of the Council.
R. E. McDonald.....Steward.
E. M. Purefoy.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

J. M. Belk.	G. Meridith.	J. F. Robertson.
W. H. Belk.	J. F. Misenheimer.	T. R. Robertson.
W. S. Liddell.	Geo. A. Page.	

Number of Members 17.

IONIC COUNCIL, No. 9.—Asheville.

Time of Regular Assembly: Second Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

W. F. Randolph.....Thrice Illustrious Master.
A. J. Wills.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
A. H. Stubbs.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
H. C. Fagg.....Treasurer.
J. E. Dickerson.....Recorder.
A. H. Cobb.....Captain of the Guard.
J. A. Wagner.....Conductor of the Council.
C. H. Miller.....Steward.
J. W. Schartle.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

F. L. Jacobs. D. W. Newell.

Number of Members 11.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

COUNCILS	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	T. I. M.	RECORDER.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	AMOUNT DUE.	AMOUNT PAID.
Adoniram	2	Salisbury	J. Lichtenstein.	R. G Kizer	14	15 00	15 00
Munson	4	Wilmington	W. E. Storm	Jas. C. Munds	39	30 00	30 00
Enoch	5	Raleigh	John Nichols	J. C. Drewry	26	60 00	.....
Durham	7	Durham	C. C. Taylor	H. J. Bass	18	15 00	.....
Charlotte	8	Charlotte	G. H. King	T. S. Franklin	17	30 00	15 00
* Ionic	9	Asheville	W. F. Randolph	J. E. Dickerson.	11	15 00	.....
Total	..	.....	.....	.....	125	165 00	60 00

*No returns made this year.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.		GRAND COUNCILS.	TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.		GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.				
....	.....	GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....ALABAMA.....	....	....
J R. Dunnell.....	Cenway.....	.....ARKANSAS.....	W. A. Williams..	Wilmington
W. H. Davis.....	Sacramento ..	....CALIFORNIA.....	W. F. Randolph..	Asheville.
W. P. Anderson....	Palatka	.....FLORIDA.....	W. W. Allen.....	Greensboro.
John J. Seay.....	Rome	.....GEORGIA.....	D. G. Maxwell...	Charlotte.
Chas. Balch.....	Terre Haute..	.....INDIANA.....	P. A. Wilson, Jr..	Winston.
John Rennie.....	Lehigh	.....INDIAN TERRITORY.....	R. B. Lacy.....	Raleigh.
R. E. Torrington...	Wichita.....	..... KANSAS.....	Geo. Howard Jr..	Tarboro.
Geo. O. Elms.....	Opelousa.....	.....LOUISIANA	Jas Southgate....	Durham.
B B. Farnsworth ...	Portland	.....MAINE..... ...	H. H. Munson...	Wilmington
J. James Fable.....	Cambridge...	.....MARYLAND.....	J. J. Whitaker...	Enfield.
J. B. Gardner.....	Roxbury	.....MASSACHUSETTS	J. S. Carr.....	Durham.
A. Brandenburg....	Fergus Falls..	.....MINNESOTA.	D. E. Allen.....	Charlotte.
W. H. Barrett.....	Harrisonville.	... .MISSOURI.....	.....	.....
.....	....	.....NEBRASKA	.....	.....
John Hatch.....	Greenland....	.....NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	J. L. Cantwell....	Wilmington
Rev. W. D'O.Doty..	Rochester	.....NEW YORK..... .	E. S. Martin.....	Wilmington
William E. Banta..	Springfield...	.....OHIO.....	W. S. Liddell....	Charlotte.
Z. H. Davis.....	Corvallis.....	..... OREGON.....	W. P. Toomer....	Wilmington
H. C. Moses.....	Sumter.....	.....SOUTH CAROLINA.....	W. C. Jones.....	Wilmington
T. O. Morris.....	Nashville.....	.....TENNESSEE.....	W. R. Kenan.....	Wilmington

.....	.....	.....VERMONT.....	.....	
.....	.....	.....WASHINGTON.....	.....	

INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.

Jethro C. Stanford.	Durango.....	.....COLORADO.....	John C. Drewry..	Raleigh.
R. H. Tucker.....	Ansonia.....	.....CONNECTICUT.....	J. R. Williams...	Wilmington
J. M. Pearson.....	Godfrey.....	.....ILLINOIS.....	John Nichols.....	Raleigh.
V. A. McCutchen..	Paducah.....	.....KENTUCKY.....	W. Simpson.....	Raleigh.
Traverse Phillips...	Hastings.....	....MICHIGAN.....	F. Ulrich.....	Newbern.
Jno. S. Taxis.....	Trenton.....	.....NEW JERSEY.....	W. L. Wall.....	Durham.
F. J. Collins.....	Bradford.....	.....PENNSYLVANIA.....	E J. Parish.....	Durham.
A. H. Armington...	Providence...	.....RHODE ISLAND.....	J. W. Thompson..	Raleigh.
....	....	.....WISCONSIN.....	.....	.....

FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.

.....	.....	.....CANADA.....	.....	.....
....	....	...ENGLAND AND WALES...	.....	.....
J. T. Whitlock.....	St. Stephens..	.....NEW BRUNSWICK.....	J. L. Toon.....	Wilmington
.....	....	.....SCOTLAND.....	.....	.....

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF

Year.	Most Illustrious Grand Master	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.	Gr'd Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.
1860	Alex. Murdoch.	John Howlett.	Wm. Murdock.	D. A. Davis.
1866	W. J. Hicks.	Luke Blackmer.	C. A. Cilley.	Thos. W. Brown
1867	W. J. Hicks.	Wm. Murdock.	Thos. M. Gardner	Thos. W. Brown.
1868	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	Thos. M. Gardner	Thos. W. Brown.
1869	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	C. M. VanOrsdell	Thos. W. Brown.
1870	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	C. M. VanOrsdell	Thos. W. Brown.
1871	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	D. W. Bain.	H. H. Munson.
1872	H. H. Munson.	John Nichols.	Wm. Murdock.	A. Mrtain.
1873	H. H. Munson.	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell	A. Martin
1874	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. S. Everett.	R. H. Bradley.
1875	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. S. Everett.	R. H. Bradley.
1876	C. M. VanOrsdell	J. R. Neathery.	S. E. Allen.	John Nichols.
1877	C. M. VanOrsdell	L. H. Rountree.	S. E. Allen.	John Nichols.
1878	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. E. Allen.	A. S. Lee.	John Nichols.
1879	S. E. Allen.	J. I. Macks.	M. Grausman.	John Nichols.
1881	J. I. Macks.	S. H. Smith.	W. L. Wall.	W. Simpson.
1882	J. I. Macks.	W. L. Wall.	M. Grausman.	W. Simpson.
1883	J. I. Macks.	Jas. Southgate.	Bernice Walker.	W. Simpson.
1894	Jas. Southgate.	W. W. Allen.	W. Simpson.	G. W. Blount.
1895	Jas. Southgate.	W. Simpson.	W. E. Storm.	C. C. Taylor.
1896	Jas. Southgate.	W. Simpson.	W. S. Liddell.	E. P. Bailey.
1897	W. S. Liddell.	J. H. Hackburn	W. F. Randolph.	E. P. Bailey.
1898	W. S. Liddell.	J. H. Hackburn	W. F. Randolph.	E. P. Bailey.

NORTH CAROLINA FROM 1860 TO DATE.

Grand Recorder.	Grand Captain of the Guard.	Grand Conductor of the Council.	Grand Steward.	Grand Sentinel.
R. T. Hall.	John L. Cole.	H. W. Robison.	W. B. McMillan.	....
Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	E. F. Watson.	P. N. Smith.	.....
Thos. B. Carr.	John Nichols.	....	J. H. Separk.	E. Turlington.
H. H. Munson.	W. A. Smith.	Thos. B. Keogh.	J. B. Neathery.	E. Turlington.
M. M. Katz.	W. A. Smith.	E. H. White.	John Nichols.	E. Turlington.
M. M. Katz.	W. A. Smith.	John Nichols.	W. Simpson.	E. Turlington.
M. M. Katz.	C. M. VanOrsdell	W. Simpson.	A. Martin.	E. Turlington.
M. M. Katz.	C. M. VanOrsdell	W. A. Smith.	Peter Adams.	B. G. Bates.
M. M. Katz.	S. S. Everett.	J. M. Shelly.	T. B. Carr.	B. G. Bates.
D. W. Bain.	J. M. Shelly.	Thos. B. Carr.	M. M. Katz.	J. H. Separk.
D. W. Bain.	T. J. Sloan.	J. M. Shelly.	W. Murdock.	C. C. Smith.
D. W. Bain.	M. M. Katz.	E. A. Wilson.	W. Murdock.	R. H. Bradley.
D. W. Bain.	James C. Munds.	A. S. Lee.	W. Murdock.	E. H. White.
D. W. Bain.	James C. Munds.	T. J. Sloan.	J. I. Macks.	J. D. Wilborn.
D. W. Bain	James C. Munds.	H. H. Munson.	J. M. Rosenbaum	E. H. White.
D. W. Bain.	W. R. Kenan.	D. P. Mast.	R. H. Bradley.	B. G. Bates.
D. W. Bain.	Jas. Southgate.	D. P. Mast.	M. M. Katz.	R. H. Bradley.
D W. Bain.	James C. Munds.	J. M. Rosenbaum	M. Grausman.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	D. G. Maxwell.	W. A. Withers.	W. N. Prather.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	Geo. H. King.	W. A. Withers.	H. H. Munson.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	R B. DeVault.	W. C. French.	R. B. Lacy.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	W. E. Storm.	J. W. Thompson	H. H. Munson.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	W. E. Storm.	J. W. Thompson	H. H. Munson.	R. H. Bradley.

GRAND COUNCILS AND ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

GRAND COUNCILS.	GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESSES.
GENERAL GRAD COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.		
General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thos. H Caswell	San Francisco.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Indiana	W. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka.
Kanas	A. M. Callaham	Topeka.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Geo. L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Seranus Bowen	Boston.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Missouri	Wm. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha.
New Hampshire	Geo. P. Cleaves	Concord.
New York	Geo. VanVliet	New York.
Ohio	W. E. Evans	Chilicothe.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	W. A. Clendenning	Nashville.
Vermont	W. G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Washington	E. R. Hare	Tacoma.
INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.		
Alabama	H. Clay Armstrong	Montgomery.
Colorado	Thos. E. Shears	Denver.
Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford.
Illinois	Gil W. Barnard	Chicago.
Kentucky	L. D. Cronenger	Covington.
Michigan	J. S. Conover	Cold Water.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
New Jersey	Charles Becktel	Trenton.
North Carolina	James C. Munds	Wilmington,
Pennsylvania	J. L. Lyte	Lancaster.
Rhode Island	W. R. Greene	Providence.
Wisconsin	J. W. Loftin	Milwaukee.
FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.		
Canada	J. B. Nixson	Toronto.
England	Chas. F. Matier	London, W. C.
New Brunswick	Robert Marshall	St. John.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown	Edinburg.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL and SELECT MASTERS,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

HELD IN

CHARLOTTE,

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JUNE, 1900.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1901.

PROCEEDINGS.

The twenty-fourth Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina was held in the City of Charlotte on Wednesday, June 13, 1900, A. Dep. 2900.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

W. S. LIDDELL ..... M. I. Grand Master.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....as Deputy I. Grand Master.
W. F. RANDOLPH..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
JOHN C. DREWRY.....as Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS .... Grand Recorder.
W. E. STORM ... . Grand Captain of the Guard.
D. E. ALLEN .....as Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. MUNSON..... ... Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY..... Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

H. H. MUNSON..... ..... Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.
JAS. SOUTHGATE ..... " " " " "
W. SIMPSON .... " Deputy " " "

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

California ....W. F. Randolph.
Indiana ....P. A. Wilson.
Louisiana. ....James Southgate.
Maine... ....H. H. Munson.
Ohio ....W. S. Liddell.
Colorado..... .....John C. Drewry.
Kentucky ....W. Simpson.
Michigan ....F. Ulrich.

A constitutional number of Councils being represented the Grand Council was opened in ample form.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Comps. John C. Drewry and D. E. Allen a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following Councils represented by proper delegates, as follows:

Adoniram Council, No. 2	W. S. Liddell, proxy.
Munson Council, No. 4	W. E. Storm, T. I. M.
Enoch Council, No. 5	R. H. Bradley, proxy.
Durham Council, No. 7	Jas. Southgate, proxy.
Charlotte Council, No. 8	G. H. King, T. I. M.
	D. G. Maxwell, D. I. M.
	G. A. Page, P. C. W.
Ionic Council, No. 9	W. F. Randolph, T. I. M.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

Doings of Grand Officers—Jas. Southgate, D. E. Allen, G. H. King.

Jurisprudence.—H. H. Munson, John Nichols. E. S. Martin.

Returns—John C. Drewry, W. E. Storm, D. G. Maxwell.

Fraternal Correspondence—Jas. Southgate.

Necrology—W. Simpson, W. F. Randolph, J. C. Drewry.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master made a verbal address to the Grand Council, expressing his regrets that so little had been done in this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year, and expressed his hope that more interest would be manifested in the future.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

I herewith present my Annual Report:

RECEIPTS.

1899		
	Bal. from last report	42.67
	Received from Grand Recorder	30.00
1900		
June 13	" " " "	45.00

DISRURSEMENTS.

Paid Vouchers 5, 6, and 7	64.00	
Balance to new account	53.67	
	117.67	117.67

Fraternally submitted,

E. P. BAILEY,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Proceedings of 1898 were printed and distributed soon after the close of the Grand Assembly of that year.

Last year (1899) for want of a quorum, we failed to assemble.

The receipts for two years have been:

Adoniram Council, No. 2	30.00
Munson " " 4	15.00
Charlotte " " 8	30.00
Total	75.00

Which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils reported as follows;

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils beg leave to report that they have examined the Returns of Adoniram Council No. 2, Munson Council No. 4, and Charlotte Council No. 8, and find them correct.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. C. DREWRY,
W. E. STORM.
D. G. MAXWELL,
Committee.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers reported as follows:

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee would report that they find nothing requiring especial notice.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
D. E. ALLEN,
G. H. KING,
Committee.

The Committee on Necrology made their report which was received and adopted:

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Necrology begs leave to report:

We extend our warmest sympathies to Sister Jurisdictions for the Companions who have been called from labor to rest since our last Assembly, and recommend that a page of the Journal be set apart to their memory.

Fraternally Submitted,

WM. SIMPSON,
W. F. RANDOLPH,
JOHN C. DREWRY,
Committee.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election

of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The following Companions were duly elected and installed:

W. S. LIDDELL.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
J. H. HACKBURN..... Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. F. RANDOLPH .....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
E. P. BAILEY .....Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS.....Grand Recorder.
W. E. STORM.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
J. W. THOMPSON ... . Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. MUNSON .... Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY. .....Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Council having concluded its labors, the proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form, to meet in Greensboro on Wednesday, 14th May, 1901, or at the call of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

W. S. LIDDELL,
Grand Master.

Attest:

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL and SELECT MASTERS,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

HELD IN

GREENSBORO,

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MAY, 1901.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1901.

PROCEEDINGS.

The twenty-fifth Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina was held in the City of Greensboro on Wednesday, May 14, 1901, A. Dep. 2901.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

W. S. LIDDELL ..... Most Illustrious Grand Master.
F. ULRICH .....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. F. RANDOLPH..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
WM. SIMPSON.....as Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS .... Grand Recorder.
A. B. ANDREWS, JR..... as Grand Captain of the Guard.
H. G. SMALLBONES.....as Grand Conductor of the Council.
W. ANDERSON. ..... as Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY..... Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

JAS SOUTHGATE ..... Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.
JOHN NICHOLS ..... " " " " "
W. SIMPSON .... " Deputy " " "

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

California ....W. F. Randolph.
Louisiana ....James Southgate.
Minnesota ....D. E. Allen.
Ohio ....W. S. Liddell.
Colorado..... .....John C. Drewry.
Illinois ....John Nichols.
Kentucky ....Wm. Simpson.
Michigan ....F. Ulrich.

A constitutional number of Councils being represented the Grand Council was opened in ample form.

The M. I. Grand Master announced the appointment of the following Committees:

Credentials—A. B. Andrews, Jr., E. Norden, J. D. Helms.

Returns of Subordinate Councils—J. H. Drakeforth, J. K. Norfleet, D. E. Allen.

Jurisprudence—John Nichols, Jas. Southgate, E. S. Martin.

Fraternal Correspondence—James Southgate.

The Committee on Credentials made their report as follows:

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following Councils duly represented:

Adoniram Council, No. 2.....W. S. Liddell, proxy.
Munson Council, No. 4.....E. O. Toomer, prox. T. I. M.
H. G. Smallbones, proxy, D. I. M.
E. Norden, proxy, P. C. W.
Enoch Council, No. 5.....John Nichols, T. I. M.
A. B. Anprews, Jr., proxy, T. I. M.
W. Simpson, proxy, P. C. W.
Durham Council, No. 7..... ... .Jas. Southgate, proxy.
Charlotte Council, No. 8 .....W. Anderson, proxy, T. I. M.
D. E. Allen, D. I. M.
Ionic Council, No 9.....W. F. Randolph, T. I. M.
J. H. Drakeforth, proxy, D. I. M.

Fraternally submitted,

A. B. ANDREWS. JR.,
E. NORDEN,
J. D. HELMS,
Committee.

ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

The Thrice Illustrious Grand Master made a verbal address to the Grand Council, in which he deplored the lethargy manifested in the Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction. Little work had been accomplished. No questions had been submitted for his decision, no dispensations were granted, and he made no visitations.

In concluding, he admonished us not to be disheartened at the gloomy review of the past, but urged us to infuse into Cryptic Masonry some of the life and vim with which the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery are blessed.

The address was well received, and upon its conclusion the Representatives of all the Councils present pledged their earnest support for the coming year.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

I herewith present my Annual Report for year ending this day:

RECEIPTS.

1900			
	Bal. from last report		53.67
1901			
	Received from Grand Recorder		30.00
	DISBURSEMENTS.		
	Paid Warrants 8, 9, 10, and 11	34.25	
	Balance to new account	49.42	
		83,67	83.67

Fraternally submitted,

E. P. BAILEY,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder submitted his report:

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

COMPANIONS:

No proceedings were issued last year, but they will be printed with this years.

I have received dues of

Adoniram Council, No. 2	.....	15.00
Charlotte " " 8	.....	15.00
Total	.....	30.00

Which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils reported as follows;

REPORT OF COMMITTE ON RETURNS.

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils beg leave to report that they have examined the Returns of Adoniram Council No. 2, Munson Council No. 4, Enoch Council No. 5, and Charlotte Council No. 8, and find them correct.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. H. DRAKEFORTH,
J. K. NORFLEET.
D. E. ALLEN,
Committee.

The election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year was then gone into and the following Companions were duly elected:

W. S. LIDDELL ..... Most Illustrious Grand Master
W. F. RANDOLPH .....Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
A. B. ANDREWS, JR.....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
E. P. BAILEY .....Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS.....Grand Recorder.
F. ULRICH.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
W. ANDERSON..... ..Grand Conductor of the Council.
E. O. TOOMER .....Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY.....Grand Sentinel.

Companion James Southgate, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, then installed the elected Grand Officers.

No further business appearing the minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Council was closed in ample form, to meet in Winston, on Wednesday, 11th June, 1902.

W. S. LIDDELL,
Grand Master.

Attest:

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

In Memoriam.

JAS. McD. FRENCH,

Munson Council No. 4,

Died 22nd July, 1900.

H. H. MUNSON,

Munson Council No. 4,

Died 9th September, 1900.

THOMAS PENCE,

Enoch Council, No. 5,

Died 18th March, 1901.

IN MEMORY

OF THE

FRATERNAL DEAD

OF

SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS.

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRANDCOUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA, APRIL 1ST, 1901.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL No, 2.—SALISBURY.

Time of Regular Assembly: First Tuesday Night in each Month.

OFFICERS.

W. B. Smoot. .....Thrice Illustrious Master.
E. B. Neave .....Deputy Illustrious Master.
T C. Linn .....Principal Conductor of the Work.
P. A. Frercks .....Treasurer.
R G. Kizer .....Recorder.
J. R. Monroe. .....Captain of the Guard.
J. C. Sowers .....Conductor of the Council.
P. H. Bernhardt .....Stewart.
F. M. Tarrh .....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

W. S. Bridgers,	J. A. Holt,	A. L. Smoot,
A. H. Caldwell,	D. Hutchinson,	J. T. Sassamon,
W. C. Conghenour,	J. Lichtenstein,	S. J. Shuping,
Bismark Capps,	M. C. Quinn,	W. W. Taylor.
C. R Cumming,	T. L. Ross,	
J. D. Heilig,	O. N. Spencer,	

Number of Members 25.

MUNSON COUNCIL, No. 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Assembly: Second Monday in each month,

OFFICERS.

A. J. Howell ..... Thrice Illustrious Master.
E. Norden ..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
W. A. Williams ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
J. T. Munds..... Treasurer.
James C. Munds ..... Recorder.
E. P. Bailey..... Captain of the Guard.
H. G. Smallbones ..... Conductor of the Council.
C. C. Brown..... Steward.
T. H. Johnson.. ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

E. V. Baltzer.	W. C. Jones,	U. M. Robinson,
J. L. Cantwell,	W. R Kenan,	W. E. Storm,
W. H. Chadbourn,	J. C. Lodor,	F. H. Stedman,
A. David,	E. S. Latimer,	S. Solomon,
G. Z. French,	W. A. Martin.	W. P. Toomer,
R. H. Grant,	J. W. Munroe,	J. L. Toon,
S. G. Hall,	E. S. Martin,	E. O. Toomer,
J. B. Hanks,	J. E. Matthews,	F. Ulrich,
J. H. Hackburn,	M. C. S. Noble,	M. S. Willard.
J. W. Jackson,	R. W. Price,	

Number of Members 38.

ENOCH COUNCIL No. 6.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Assembly: Tuesday evening after Third Monday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols, ... Thrice Illustrious Master.
M. Bowes..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
Chas. Kleappelberg ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. Simpson ..... Treasurer.
D. S. Hamilton ..... Recorder.
W. E. Faison ..... Captain of the Guard.

Jno. W. Thompson .....Conductor of the Council.
Jno. Whitelaw.....Steward.
R. H. Bradley.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

A. B. Adams, Jr.	H. B. Greason,	C. P. Suggs,
E. W. Ayres,	W. T. Harding,	L. D. Terrell,
Thos. Badger,	E. G. Harrell,	S. D. Wait,
W. H. Bain,	W. J. Hicks,	Chas. Wallen,
T. W. Blake,	F. H. Hunnecutt,	F. A. Watson,
W. H. Bragg,	W. E. Jones,	W J. Weir,
James Cuthrell,	B. R Lacy,	W. P. Wetherell,
W. X. Coley,	A. Rosengarten,	W. A. Withers,
W. H. Dodd,	Ike Selegson,	C. A. Woodruff.
J. Worth Elliott,	Z. P. Smith,	

Number of Members 38.

CHARLOTTE COUNCIL No, 8.—Charlotte.

Time of Regular Assembly: Every Fifth Tuesday.

OFFICERS.

T. S. Franklin .....Thrice Illustrious Master.
B. H. Dillon .....Deputy Illustrious Master.
G. A. Page.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
Tom Griffith .....Treasurer.
R. H. Ramsey.....Recorder.
A. E. McCausland.....Captain of the Guard.
C. H. Dudley.....Conductor of the Council.
R. W. Smith .....Steward.
B. F. Powell .....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

D. E. Allen,	S. A. Kelly,	J. F. Misenheimer,
W. Anderson,	G. H. King,	E. M. Purefoy,
I. M Belk,	W. S. Liddell,	J. F. Robertson,
W. H. Belk,	R. E. McDonald,	T. R. Robertson.
S. H. Hilton,	D. G. Maxwell,	
R. H. Jordan,	G. Merridith,	

Number of Members 25.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

COUNCILS.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	T. I. M.	RECORDER.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.
Adoniram	2	Salisbury	W. B. Smoot	R. G. Kizer	25
Munson	4	Wilmington	A. J. Howell	Jas. C. Munds	38
Enoch	5	Raleigh	John Nichols	D. S. Hamilton	38
* Durham	7	Durham	C. C. Taylor	H. J. Bass	18
Charlotte	8	Charlotte	T. S. Franklin	R. H. Ramsey	25
* Ionic	9	Asheville	W. F. Randolph	J. E. Dickerson	11
Total					155

* No returns made this year.

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM 1860 TO DATE.

Year.	Most Illustrious Grand Master.	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1860	Alex. Murdoch.	John Howlett.	Wm. Murdoch.	D. A. Davis.	R. T. Hall.
1866	W. J. Hicks.	Luke Blackmer.	C. A. Cilley.	Thos. W. Brown.	Thos. B. Carr.
1867	W. J. Hicks.	Wm. Murdoch.	Thos. M. Gardner.	Thos. W. Brown.	Thos. B. Carr.
1868	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdoch.	Thos. M. Gardner.	Thos. W. Brown.	H. H. Munson.
1869	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdoch.	C. M. VanOrsdell.	Thos. W. Brown.	M. M. Katz.
1870	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdoch.	C. M. VanOrsdell.	Thos. W. Brown.	M. M. Katz.
1871	Thos. B. Carr,	Wm. Murdoch.	D. W. Bain.	H. H. Munson,	M. M. Katz,
1872	H. H. Munson.	John Nichols.	Wm. Murdoch.	A. Martin.	M. M. Katz.
1873	H. H. Munson.	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell.	A. Martin.	M. M. Katz.
1874	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell.	S. S. Everett.	R. H. Bradley.	D. W. Bain.
1875	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell.	S. S. Everett.	R. H. Bradley.	D. W. Bain.
1876	C. M. VanOrsdell.	J. R. Neathery.	S. E. Allen.	John Nichols.	D. W. Bain.
1877	C. M. VanOrsdell.	S H. Rountree.	S. E. Allen.	John Nichols.	D. W. Bain.
1878	C. M. VanOrsdell.	S. E. Allen.	A. S. Lee.	John Nichols.	D. W. Bain.
1879	S. E. Allen.	J. I. Macks.	M. Grausman.	John Nichols.	D. W. Bain.
1881	J. I. Macks.	S. H. Smith.	W. L. Wall.	W. Simpson.	D. W. Bain.
1882	J. I. Macks	W. L. Wall.	M. Grausman.	W. Simpson.	D. W. Bain.
1883	J. I. Macks.	Jas. Southgate.	Bernice Walker.	W. Simpson.	D. W. Bain.
1894	Jas. Southgate.	W. W. Allen.	W. Simpson.	G. W. Blount.	James C. Munds.
1895	Jas. Southgate.	W. Simpson.	W. E. Storm.	C. C. Taylor.	James C. Munds.
1896	Jas. Southgate.	W Simpson.	W. S Liddell.	E. P. Bailey.	James C. Munds.
1897	W. S. Liddell.	J H. Hackburn.	W. F. Randolph.	E. P. Bailey.	James C. Munds.
1898	W. S. Liddell.	J. H. Hackburn.	W. F. Randolph.	E. P. Bailey.	James C. Munds.
1900	W. S. Liddell.	J. H. Hackburn.	W. F. Randolph.	E. P. Bailey.	James C. Munds.
1901	W. S. Liddell.	W. P. Randolph.	A. H. Andrews, Jr	E. P. Bailey.	James C. Munds.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.		GRAND COUNCILS.	TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.		GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.
.....	.....	.....ALABAMA.....	.....	.....
J. R. Dunnell	Conway.....	.....ARKANSAS.....	W. A. Williams..	Wilmington.
W. H. Davis	Sacramento..	..... CALIFORNIA	W. F. Randolph..	Asheville.
.....	.....	.....CANADA.....	.....	.....
Jethro C. Stanford .	Durango	..... COLORADO	John C. Drewry ..	Raleigh.
R. H. Tucker.....	Ansonia.....	..... CONNECTICUT	J. R. Williams ...	Wilmington.
.....	.....	.. ENGLAND AND WALES ..	.....	.....
W. P. Anderson....	Palatka	..... FLORIDA	.....	.....
John J. Seay .	Rome	..... GEORGIA	D. G. Maxwell ...	Charlotte.
J. M. Pearson	Godfrey.....	.....ILLINOIS.....	John Nichols.....	Raleigh.
Chas. Balch.....	Terre Haute..	.....INDIANA	P. A. Wilson.....	Winston.
John Rennie	Lehigh	... INDIAN TERRITORY	R. B. Lacy	Raleigh.
.....	.....	..... IOWA	.....	.....
R. E. Torrington ...	Wichita.....	.....KANSAS	Geo. Howard, Jr..	Tarboro.
.....	.....	..... KENTUCKY.....	W. Simpson	Raleigh.
Geo. O. Elms.....	Opelcusa.....	..... LOUISIANA	Jas. Southgate...	Durham.
B. B. Farmsworth..	Portland.....	.....MAINE	A. B. Andrews, Jr.	Raleigh.
J. James Fable.....	Cambridge ...	..... .MARYLAND	J J. Whitaker ...	Enfield.
J. B. Gardner	Roxbury	.....MASSACHUSETTS	J. S. Carr	Durham.
Traverse Phillips ..	Hastings	..... MICHIGAN	F. Ulrich.....	Newbern.
A. Brandenburg....	Fergus Falls..	.....MINNESOTA	J. T. Munds.....	Wilmington.
.....	.....	.....MISSISSIPPI.....	.....	.....
W. H. Barrett.....	Harrisonville.	..... MISSOURI	.....	.....
.....	.....	.... NEBRASKA	.....	.....
J. T. Whitlock	St. Stephen's..	..... NEW BRUNSWICK	J. L. Toon	Wilmington.

John Hatch	Greenland	NEW HAMPSHIRE	J. L. Cantwell	Wilmington.
		NEW JERSEY	W. L. Wall	Durham
E W. VanVranken.	Brooklyn	NEW YORK.	E. S. Martin	Wilmington.
William E. Banta	Springfield	OHIO.	W. S. Liddell	Charlotte.
Z. H. Davis	Corvalis	.OREGON	W. P. Toomer	Wilmington.
F. J. Collins	Bradford	PENNSYLVANIA		
A. H. Arrington	Providence	RHODE ISLAND	J. W. Thompson	Raleigh.
		SCOTLAND.		
J. T. Barron	Columbia	SOUTH CAROLINA	Sam'l G. Hall	Wilmington.
P. N. Matlock	Kinton	TENNESSEE.	W. R. Kenan	Wilmington.
		VERMONT	W. H. Baine	Raleigh.
		WASHINGTON		
		WISCONSIN		

GRAND COUNCILS AND ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

GRAND COUNCILS.	GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESS.
General Grand Council..	Henry W, Mordhurst...	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Alabama...	H. Clay Armstrong	Montgomery.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
California.	W. A. Davies	San Francisco.
Canada	S. J. Stanford	Barrie, Ontario.
Colorado	E. L. N. Foster	Denver.
Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford.
England and Wales	Chas. F. Matier	London, W. C.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Illinois	Gil. W. Bernard	Chicago.
Indiana	C. W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory.	J. S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa..	Alf. Wingate	Des Moines.
Kansas	W. M. Shaver	Topeka.
Kentucky	Jas. W. Staton	Brooksville.
Louisiana.	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine.	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Geo. L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts..	J. Gilman Waite	Boston.
Michigan	J. S. Conover	Cold Water.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	Wm. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	F. E. White	Omaha.
New Brunswick	John A Watson.	St. John.
New Hampshire	F. D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Charles Becktel	Trenton.
New York	Geo. VanVliet	New York.
North Carolina	James C. Munds	Wilmington.
Ohio	W E. Evans	Chilicothe.
Oregon	Seth L Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	J. L. Lyte	Lancaster.
Rhode Island	W. R. Greene	Providence.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown	Edinburg.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	W. A. Clendenning	Nashville.
Vermont	W. G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Washington	E. R. Hare	Tacoma.
Wisconsin	W. W. Perry..	Milwaukee.

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THE

PROCEEDINGS OF A CONVENTION

HELD AT

FAYETTEVILLE, JUNE 21, 1822,

For the Formation

OF A

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Select and Royal Masters

FOR THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

WITH THE

CONSTITUTION

Adopted for its Government.

1823.

PROCEEDINGS.

At a meeting of the Delegates from the several Councils of this State, held at the Masonic Hall in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on the 21st June, 1822.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS DELGATES PRESENT:

Roanoke Council, No. 1,.....Edmund B. Freeman and Elisha H. Eure.
Winslow Council, No. 2,.....Robert Strange and Esek Arnold.
William R. Davie Council, No. 3,..Alex'r MacRae, John Walker and Lewis Gomez.
Concord Council, No. 4,.....Benjamin B. Hunter.
Meherrin Council, No. 6,.....James Morgan and Thomas O'Gready.

Comp. R. Strange was chosen Chairman, and Comp. James Morgan appointed Secretary.

When the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That it is expedient to establish a Grand Council of Select Masters within and for the State of North Carolina.

Resolved, That a committee composed of one Delegate from each Council, be appointed to draft a Constitution for the Grand Council.

Companions T. O'Gready, Arnold, Eure, Gomez and Hunter were elected to compose the Committee.

Resolved, That a committee composed of three be appointed to draft regulations for the government of this Convention.

Companions O'Gready, Freeman and Strange were appointed on said Committee.

Convention adjourned to meet again on Saturday at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, June 22, 1822.

Convention met according to adjournment. Delegates all present.

The committee who were appointed to draft rules and regulations for the government of the Convention, reported the following, which was adopted, viz:

RULE 1. When the hour arrives to which the meeting of the Convention may have been adjourned, some member thereof shall be appointed chairman

by nomination, who shall preside over the Convention during that meeting. He shall preserve order and decorum, and decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to a majority of the meeting.

Rule 2. Every member wishing to express his opinion, or to submit a motion, proposition or resolution, shall rise and respectfully address the chairman.

Rule 3. All questions shall be decided by ballot, each Council being entitled to three votes.

Respectfully submitted, &c.,

Thomas O'Gready, *Chairman.*

The Committee who were appointed to draft a Constitution for the government of the Grand Council, reported progress, and obtained leave to report on Monday next.

The Convention adjourned to meet again on Monday next at 8 o'clock, A. M.

Monday, June 24, 1822.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Elisha H. Eure in the Chair, and James Morgan, Secretary.

The Committee who were appointed to draft a Constitution for the Grand Council, reported the following, which was read and adopted:

CONSTITUTION

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

Article 1. The Grand Council shall consist of a Grand Puissant, Deputy Grand Puissant, Grand Thrice Illustrious, Grand Principal Conductor, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Chaplain, Grand Steward, and Tyler, and likewise of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Masters, Deputy Illustrious Grand Master and Principal Conductor, for the time being, of the several Subordinate Councils under this jurisdiction.

Art. 2. This Grand Council shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Councils within this State, may assign their limits and settle all controversies that may arise between Subordinate Councils or between any such Councils and individual companions.

Art. 3. Every Council of Royal and Select Masters shall have a warrant of constitution from the Grand Council under the seal thereof, and under the sign manual of the Grand Puissant, Deputy Grand Puissant, and Grand Thrice Illustrious, countersigned by the Grand Recorder, or letters of dispensation from the Grand Puissant or Deputy Grand Puissant, under his private seal, and no Council shall be deemed legal without such warrant or letters of dispensation, and Masonic communication is hereby interdicted and forbidden, either in public or private, between any Council under this jurisdiction or any member thereof, and any Council that may be so illegally opened or holden, or any member thereof, or any person advanced and acknowledged in such illegal Council. But nothing in this article shall be construed to affect any Council which has been hitherto legally established.

Art. 4. The Grand Puissant and Deputy Grand Puissant shall have power to issue letters of dispensation under their private seals, only during the recess of the Grand Council, and such letters of dispensation shall cease to be effective after the succeeding regular meeting of the Grand Council, to which the officer granting such letter of dispensation shall make report.

Art. 5. The number of Councils established by this Jurisdiction shall not

at any time exceed the number of Royal Arch Chapters which may then be established in this State.

Art. 6. The several Councils in this State shall be numbered according to the dates of their respective charters, and each Council which may be hereafter constituted by this authority shall, previous to receiving a charter or letter of dispensation pay to the Grand Treasurer, for the use of the Grand Council, the sum of twenty-five dollars, and also a fee of five dollars to the Grand Recorder.

Art. 7. No charter or dispensation shall be granted except on the petition, in writing, of nine regular select Masters, accompanied by a recommendation from the Council nearest to the place where such new Council is proposed to be established, vouching for the moral character and Masonic qualifications of the petitioners.

Art. 8. An assembly of the Grand Council of this State shall be holden annually, on the 23d day of June, in the town of Fayetteville and Tarborough alternately, and special assemblies may be convened by the Grand or Deputy Grand Puissant, at such times or place as they may severally deem expedient.

Art. 9. The officers of the Grand Council shall be elected annually, at the stated meeting in June.

Art. 10. Each Council shall be entitled to three votes in all elections and decisions made by the Grand Council: *Provided*, That no individual member shall represent the officers of more than one Council.

Art. 11. For defraying the expenses of this Grand Council, each subordinate Council in the State shall pay to the Grand Treasurer the rate of fifty cents for each and every member thereof annually: *Provided*, That no such Council shall pay less than five dollars, or more than ten dollars, annually.

Art. 12. Every Council shall have power to confer degrees of Royal and Select Masters, upon such persons as possess the constitutional qualifications, for such fees as the by-laws of such Council may prescribe: *Provided*, That the same shall not be less than five dollars.

Art. 13. If any Council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council shall forfeit or surrender its charter, the funds, furniture, jewelry, and clothing of such Council, shall become the property of this Grand Council.

Art. 14. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except at a Convention assembled for that purpose, at the request of two-thirds of the subordinate Councils.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisha H. Eure, *Chairman.*

The Convention then adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Monday Evening, 4 o'clock.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Robert Strange in the Chair, and James Morgan, Secretary.

The first business that came before the Convention, was that of appointing officers for the term of one year, when the following were duly elected, viz: Dr. Simmons J. Baker, Grand Puissant; Joseph R. Lloyd, G. Thrice Illustrious; George MacNeill, Grand Principal Conductor; Moses Clements, G. Capt. of Guards; Elisha B. Smith, G. Treasurer; John Crusoe, Grand Recorder; William Green, Grand Chaplain; Dillon Jordan, G. Steward and Tyler.

The Convention then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, the 26th.

WEDNESDAY, June 26th, 1822.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Comp. Strange in the Chair; John Crusoe, G. R., being present, was appointed Secretary.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to draft rules and regulations for the government of the Subordinate Councils.

The Committee are Companions Strange, Arnold and MacNeill.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Deputy Puissant issue letters of dispensation, countersigned by the Grand Recorder, to the several Councils subordinate to this Grand Council, empowering them to work until the first meeting of the Grand Council, and to such other Councils as may solicit admission, signifying their assent to the authority of the Grand Council.

Resolved, That one hundred copies of the proceedings of this Convention, and one hundred copies of the Constitution of the Grand Council, be printed and distributed to the officers of the subordinate Councils, members of this Convention and Grand Officers.

Companions Strange, Arnold and MacNeill were appointed to carry the same into effect.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the officers and members of the Phœnix Lodge for their liberality in granting to them the use of their rooms.

Resolved, That such of the members of this Convention as may be members of the Legislature of North Carolina, at its next session, be requested to obtain a Charter of Incorporation of this Grand Council.

Resolved, That a ticket be presented to Comp. Dillon Jordan for services rendered as Steward of this Convention, signed by the Grand Recorder, and countersigned by the Deputy Grand Puissant, authorizing him to receive from the Grand Treasurer the sum of ten dollars, and that the thanks of this Convention be presented therewith.

ROBERT STRANGE, *Chairman*.

JOHN CRUSOE, *Secretary*.

FIRST ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

Fayetteville:

1823.

PROCEEDINGS.

Pursuant to the 8th Article of the Constitution adopted by the Convention, holden at Fayetteville, June 21st, 1822, and in the year of Deposit, 2822, the Grand Council of North Carolina convened at Mason Hall, in the town of Fayetteville, on Monday, the 23d day of June, A. D. 2823.

PRESENT :

T. I. Comp. Esek Arnold, ...D. G. P.
" " Joseph R. Lloyd,. .....G. T. I.
" " Robert Strange,.....G. P. C. p. t.

MEMBERS:

Winslow Council, No. 2, Fayetteville—T. I. Comp. Robert Strange, T. I. G. M.

William R. Davie Council, No. 3, Wilmington—I. Comp. N. Bird, P. C.; I. Comp. Alex. McRae, proxy of James F. McRae, G. M.

Edgecombe Council, No. 2, Tarborough—T. I. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd, T. I. G. M.

A constitutional number being present, the Grand Council was opened in ample form.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft by-laws for the government of this Grand Council: Companions Esek Arnold, John W. Wright, Nathan Bird, are appointed.

On motion, Grand Council adjourned until Wednesday, at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 25th, A. D. 2823.

Grand Council convened pursuant to adjournment.

Present:—T. I. Comp. Esek Arnold, D. G. P.; T. I. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd; T. I. Comp. Robert Strange, G. P. C. p. t.

The Grand Council now proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were duly elected, viz:

T. I. Comp.	Esek Arnold,	.....	G. P.
" "	Joseph R. Lloyd,	.....	D. G. P.
" "	George McNeil,	.....	G. T. I.
I. "	Moses Clements,	.....	G. P. C.
I. "	Alexander McRae,	.....	G. C. G.
I. "	Elisha B. Smith,	.....	G. T.
I. "	John Crusoe,	.....	G. R.
Rev. "	William Green,	.....	G. Chap.
I. "	Dillon Jordan,	.....	G. S. & T.

Committee appointed to draft by-laws for the government of this Grand Council, report progress, and beg further time to compile their report, which was agreed to.

On motion,

Resolved, That Comp. Strange recommend some suitable device for a common seal for the use of this Grand Council.

The following resolutions were submitted to the Grand Council, severally read and agreed to:

Resolved, That it would more fully promote the prosperity of the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters in this State, and the welfare of Masonry in general that the Grand Council should be permanently located in some one town.

Resolved That the Grand Council recommend to the Subordinate Councils the propriety of meeting in convention at Tarborough, on the 23d day of June next, A. D. 2824, for the purpose of so altering and modifying the constitution of the Grand Council, as to attain the aforesaid object; and to

make such other alterations therein as the convention, in its wisdom, may think most advantageous to masonry in general.

On motion, •

Resolved, That this Grand Council issue charters to the several Subordinate Councils, which have acknowledged the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, and that the said Subordinate Councils surrender to this Grand Council, the dispensations or charters under which they have heretofore worked.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Puissant issue letters of dispensation to the Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council authorizing them to work until they shall have received charters.

The following resolution was submitted to the Grand Council for their concurrence:

Resolved, That Eureka Council, in Newbern, be admitted into the Grand Council of North Carolina, on the same terms with other Subordinate Councils, acknowledging the jurisdiction of this Grand Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That this subject be postponed until a future meeting.

Grand Council adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 26th, A. D. 2823.

Grand Council convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

T. I. Comp. Esek Arnold, ...G. P.
" " Joseph R. Lloyd, ...D. G. P.
" " Robert Strange, ...T. I. G. M. p. t.

M. E. Joseph R. Lloyd, T. I. G. M., of Edgecombe Council, No. 4, Tarborough; M. E. Comp. Robert Strange, T. I. G. M., of Winslow Council, No. 2, Fayetteville, now surrender the dispensations under which their respective Councils have heretofore worked, agreeable to a resolution adopted by this Grand Council at a former meeting.

On motion,

Resolved, That further time be granted to William R. Davie Council, No. 3, Wilmington, to make their return to this Grand Council until the first day of August next.

M. E. Comp. Robert Strange, to whom was referred the subject of a seal suitable for this Grand Council.

Reported, That he has had the same under consideration, and submits the following, viz: A seal of copper, two inches in diameter, engraved; a triangle with a trowel in the centre, surrounded by rays of glory, as represented in the 44th page of the Masonic Chart. the whole to be encircled by the words "Grand Council of North Carolina."

Respectfully submitted, R. STRANGE.

The report was read and concurred in.

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of drafting By-Laws for the government of this Grand Council, Report:

That they deem it unnecessary to adopt By-Laws inasmuch as the Grand Council in this State must be supported at the same expense as the Grand Chapter, and there being no absolute necessity for the two having a separate existence. they therefore propose that this Grand Council recommend to the Convention to be assembled at Tarborough, in June next. to place the government of the Subordinate Councils in this State under the Grand Chapter, and to dissolve the Grand Council, and at the same time the By-laws adopted by the Grand Chapter, at its present session, be adopted by this Grand Council, as far as they can be made applicable thereto.

Respectfully submitted, ESEK ARNOLD, *Chairman.*

Which report was read and unanimously concurred in.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolution passed at this Convocation of the Grand Council, directing charters to issue to the Subordinate Councils be rescinded, and that they be directed to work under the dispensation they receive from the Grand Puissant.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Puissant be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for such moneys as may be necessary to defray the contingent expenses of this Grand Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That each Subordinate Council shall pay to the Grand Recorder the sum of one dollar, for issuing a dispensation.

On motion,

Resolved, That the resolution submitted to the Grand Council, relative to the admission of Eureka Council into the Grand Council, on the same terms with other Subordinate Councils, be adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That one hundred copies of the proceedings of this Convocation of the Grand Council, be printed and distributed to the officers of the Subordinate Councils, members of this Grand Council, Grand officers, and to such other Councils as may exist in the United States, and that the Grand Recorder carry the same into effect.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be allowed the sum of five dollars for carrying the aforesaid resolution into effect.

No further business being before this Grand Council, it was closed in ample form. JOHN CRUSOE, *Grand Recorder.*

In the discharge of a duty assigned to me by a resolution, I have honor of communicating to you the Proceedings of the Grand Council of North Carolina, at its first Annual Convocation, accompanied by a copy of the Proceedings of a Convention for its formation, together with the Constitution of the said Grand Council.

With respect,
I have the honor to be,
Yours, Fraternally,
JOHN CRUSOE, *Grand Recorder.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

CONVOCATION

OF

Royal and Select Masters.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING

A GRAND COUNCIL

FOR THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN WILMINGTON ON THE 6TH DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1860,
A. L. 5860, A. DEP. 2860.

PROCEEDINGS.

WILMINGTON, June 6, 1860.

Pursuant to appointment, the following ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS were present, viz:—

Comps. S. A. Neal and R. T. Hall, Wadesboro'.
Comps. Alex. Murdoch, William Murdoch and W. B. McMillan, Salisbury.
Comp. John F. Howlett, Greensboro'.
Comp. E. F. Watson, Alamance.
Comp. John M. Wolfe, Hillsboro'.
Comps. W. Martin, R. G. Rankin and P. W. Fanning, Wilmington.

A Council of Select Masters was opened by Dr. A. G. Mackey, S. G. I. G., of 33d deg., when Comp. John F. Howlett was appointed Chairman, and R. T. Hall, Secretary.

The following Committee on credentials was then appointed, viz:

Comps. Alexander Murdoch, S. W. Neal and R. T. Hall, who reported that the following delegates were present:—

From Alpha Council, No. 1.—Comps. S. W. Neal, T. I. G. M., and Comp. R. T. Hall, proxy for I. H. T., and P. C. W.
From Adoniram Council, No. 2.—Comps. Alexander Murdoch, T. I. G. M., Comp. William Murdoch, proxy for I. H. T., and Comp. W. B. McMillan, proxy for P. C. W.
From Greensboro' Council, No. 3.—Comp. John F. Howlett, T. I. G. M., and proxy for I. H. T., and P. C. W.

Comp. Alexander Murdoch then offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:—

Whereas, It appears from the Report of the Committee on Credentials, that three subordinate Councils, duly organized by the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, are represented in this Convention, therefore
Resolved, That we do now proceed to organize a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of North Carolina.
Resolved, That we adopt as a provisional Constitution, the provisional Constitution of the Grand Council of South Carolina, and that a committee of three be appointed to report a permanent Constitution and By-Laws at our next meeting.
Resolved, That we now proceed to the election of Officers.

An election was then held, which resulted in the choice of the following Officers:

Comp. Alex. Murdoch, Most Puissant Grand Master.
" John F. Howlett, Thrice Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.
" William Murdoch, Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Works.
Comp. D. A. Davis, Grand Treasurer.
" R. T. Hall, Grand Recorder.
" John L. Cole, Grand Captain of the Guards.
" H. W. Robinson, Grand Conductor of the Council.
" W. B. McMillan, Grand Steward.

By request of the companions, Dr. Albert G. Mackey, S. G. I. G., then installed the above Officers, Companions Martin, Fanning and Wolfe being installed respectively as proxies of Treasurer, Captain of the Guards and Conductor of the Council.

Comp. S. W. Neal then offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to the Companions Royal and Select Masters of Wilmington, without charge, authorizing them to open a Council, to be known and designated in our Register as Wilmington Council, No. 4.

The Most Puissant Grand Master then appointed the following Companions as the committee on the Constitution and By-Laws, viz:

Comps. A. Martin, R. G. Rankin and F. C. Schafer, with instructions to report at our next meeting.

The Thrice Illustrious Deputy Grand Master then offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the next Convocation of this Grand Council be held in Wilmington during the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, in the first week of June, 1861.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council was closed in ample form.

R. T. HALL, *Grand Recorder.*

NOTE.—On account of a miscarriage in the mails, the proceedings of the Grand Council did not reach the Secretary of the Grand Chapter in time to be printed with the proceedings.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS:

ALEX. MURDOCH, M. P. G. M., - - - - - Salisbury, N. C.
JOHN F. HOWLETT, T. I. D. G. M., - - - - Greensboro', N. C.
WILLIAM MURDOCH, G. P. C. W., - - - - Salisbury, N. C.
R. T. HALL, G. Recorder, - - - - - - - Wadesboro', N. C.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS:

1874--'75.

JOHN NICHOLS,	*Most Illus. Grand Master*,	RALEIGH.
C. M. VAN ORSDELL,	*Deputy Grand Master*,	WILMINGTON.
S. S. EVERETT,	*Grand Prin. Con. Work*,	"
ROB'T. H. BRADLEY,	*Grand Treasurer*,	RALEIGH.
DONALD W. BAIN,	*Grand Recorder*,	"
J. M. SHELLY,	*Grand Capt. of Guard*,	GREENSBORO.
THOMAS B. CARR,	*Grand Con. of Council*,	WILMINGTON.
M. M. KATZ,	*Grand Steward*,	"
JOS. H. SEPARK,	*Grand Sentinel*,	RALEIGH.

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

St. John's Hall, Wilmington,
June 5th, 1866, A. Dep. 2866.

A Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in form.

Comp. Alfred Martin (by request of Comp. Murdock,).....M. P. G. M., *pro tem.*
" C. A. Cilley, 32 .·., ...T. I. D. G. M., *pro tem.*
" Wm. Murdock,.....G. P. C. W.
" L. H. Bullock,.....G. T., *pro tem.*
" T. B. Carr,.....G. R., *pro tem.*
" Wm. J. Hicks, 32 .·., ...G. C. G., *pro tem.*
" M. Bowes, 32 .·., ...G. C. of the Council *p. t.*
" P. M. Smith,.....G. S., *pro tem.*

Visitors: J. W. Blount, E. F. Watson 32 .·., and G. B. Waterhouse, 33 .·.

The M. P. G. M. appointed Comp. T. B. Carr Committee on Credentials, who submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following representatives as legally entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

Comp. A. Martin, T. I. G. M., Wilmington Council, No. 4.
" Wm. Murdock, I. H. T., Adoniram " No. 2.
" C. A. Cilley, Proxy for T. I. G. M., " " "
" P. N. Smith, Representative, Alpha " No. 1.

THOS. B. CARR, *Committee.*

Comp. A. Martin, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws (appointed at the last Annual Convocation), presented the following, which was adopted as the Constitution and By-Laws, for the government of this Grand Council:

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

Adopted June 7th, 1866.

ORGANIZATION.

ART. 1. This Grand Council shall consist of the following officers, viz: Most Puissant Grand Master, Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master, Ill. G. P. Cond. of the Works, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Cap. of the Guard, Grand C. of the Council, Grand Steward, and Grand Sentinel, together with the past Most P. Grand Masters, T. I. Deputy Grand Masters, Ill. G. P. Cond. of the Work, and the three principal officers for the time being, of the several Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council. All of whom shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Council: *Provided*, That when any past Grand Officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Council, his membership in this Grand Council shall cease.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

ART. 2. The regular convocations of this Grand Council shall be held in Wilmington, N. C., on the first Tuesday in June, of each and every year. And in case of the absence of the M. P. Grand Master, the Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master or Ill. G. P. C., or either of them, shall preside, taking precedence according to rank. In the absence of all the above named officers, then the oldest Grand Officer of those grades present; and if there be none of the Past Grand Officers of the rank above named present, then the first officer of the oldest Subordinate Council present shall have power and authority to preside, and the representatives of Three Subordinate Councils shall constitute a quorum. If, on the day of meeting, there be not a quorum present, the presiding officer may adjourn the Grand Council from day to-day, until the close of the fourth day, when, if there be not a quorum present, the meeting shall be adjourned until the day for the next Annual Convocation, unless sooner or especially convened.

TIME OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ART. 3. The officers of this Grand Council shall be chosen at each regular Annual Convocation for the term of one year. But should the Annual Convocation not be held at the stated time, they shall hold their offices until others are chosen, and the Most Puissant G. Master, or in his absence the Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master for the time being, shall have power to call special meetings whenever they may deem it expedient, of which all the Subordinate Councils shall have due and timely notice.

VOTES.

ART. 4. All questions before this Grand Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES.

ART. 5. The Constitutional Officers of this Grand Council shall be elected by ballot, except the Grand Sentinel, who, together with the Grand Lecturer, shall be appointed by the Most Puissant G. Master. All of whom shall be installed before the closing of the Grand Communication. And in case of the death or removal from this jurisdiction of any of the officers of rank below the then superior Grand officer, the vacancy may be filled by such superior officer.

REPRESENTATIVES.

ART. 6. None but Royal and Select Masters, holding membership in a Subordinate Council, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, shall act as representative. Nor shall any person represent more than two Subordinate Councils, at any Grand Communication.

VOTING.

ART. 7. The Constitutional Grand and past Grand officers shall, each, have one vote, and each Subordinate Council, by its representative, or representatives, three votes in this Grand Council. When the three principal officers are present, representing their Councils, they shall each have one vote; if two only, the highest in rank shall have two votes, and the other one vote. If but one be present he shall cast the vote of the Council, and should any Subordinate Council fail to appoint a delegate in season, the Thrice Ill. Master, for the time being, if unable to attend, shall have power to appoint a proxy to represent his Council.

GRAND LECTURER.

ART. 8. The Grand Lecturer shall be furnished with a commission by the Most Puissant G. Master, under the seal of the Grand Council, attested by the Grand Recorder; and the Councils by which he may be employed shall make him such compensation as may be agreed upon by the parties. He shall make no alterations in the work and lectures adopted by this Grand Council.

TREASURER AND RECORDER.

ART. 9. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall have their Books ready for examination at the commencement of each Annual Communication, and a committee shall be appointed on the first day of the meeting for that purpose, who shall report before any election takes place.

DISPENSATIONS.

ART. 10. Petitions for warrants to open new Councils must be signed by nine Select Masters, living within the jurisdiction, and accompanied by a certificate from the Council within the State, nearest the contemplated location of the new Council, vouching for the Masonic abilities and moral character of the petitioners, and recommending that a charter be granted; and the Most Puissant Grand Master, or the Ill. Deputy Grand Master may, upon such petition, if approved, grant his Dispensation for the same, to remain in force until the first Grand Annual Communication, succeeding, when said Council shall petition for a charter, unless, for good and satisfactory reasons, this warrant shall be continued, and if no application is made at the succeeding Grand Annual Communication, for a charter, said warrant shall then be revoked.

FEE FOR DISPENSATION.

ART. 11. The fees for a warrant for a new Council shall be Thirty Dollars, of which the the Grand Recorder shall receive Five Dollars; and no warrant shall be granted until the fee is paid, which fee shall be in full, both for the warrant and charter, should one be issued.

DUES OF SUBORDINATES.

ART. 12. The several Councils under this Grand Council, shall pay for the support thereof into the hands of the Grand Recorder, annually, the sum of Ten Dollars: *Provided*, That Councils under dispensation shall pay nothing for the time that may elapse between the date of such Dispensation, and the next succeeding Grand Annual Communication. But in case of the extension of the warrant, they shall pay the fee as a Council under charter, for the time that the warrant may have been extended.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

ART. 13. No Council under this jurisdiction shall change its location without the concurrence of this Grand Council, and the recommendation of the Council nearest the place to which it is proposed to be removed.

RETURNS.

ART. 14. Every Council under this Grand jurisdiction shall make returns annually to the Grand Recorder, at each Grand Annual Convocation, of the names of their officers, and members, together with all admissions, deaths, suspensions, expulsions and withdrawals. And if any

Council, under this jurisdiction, shall fail to assemble during any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Council for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make returns as above and pay its dues, then and in that case, the said Council shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Council, its Charter, Records, Jewels and Furniture, together with its money, and all other property of every kind and description.

APPLICATIONS.

ART. 15. The application of every candidate for the degrees, in any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and recommended by a member of said Council, and the said application shall lay over for the consideration of the members at least one meeting, unless by a unanimous vote of the members present it shall be determined to ballot on said petition at the time it is presented; and no Council, under this jurisdiction, shall confer the degrees for a less sum than Ten Dollars, which fee must, in all cases, accompany the petition.

ADMISSIONS TO MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 16. No Council, under this jurisdiction, shall admit to membership, any person who is a member of, or in arrears to another Council, nor without a demit from the Council of which he was last a member.

DEGREES AND JURISDICTION.

ART. 17. No Council, under this jurisdiction, shall confer the degrees or entertain the petition of any person who is a resident of another Grand or Subordinate Jurisdiction, without the written permission and recommendation of the Council nearest his place of residence.

IRREGULAR COUNCILS.

ART. 18. No Council within this jurisdiction acting without a warrant from this Grand Council, shall be deemed lawful, and all communication with such Council, and with any person made therein, is hereby strictly forbidden, under a penalty of expulsion; or, in the case of a Council, the arrest of its Charter.

JURISDICTION.

ART. 19. This Grand Council shall have original jurisdiction over all matters of controversy, between its Subordinate Councils, and appellate jurisdiction in all matters of controversy arising therein.

TRIALS.

ART. 20. The trial of all Masonic offences before any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be conducted according to the rules laid down in the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, under Article 24.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 21. No alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be made at any other than a regular Communication.

REPEAL.

ART. 22. All former Constitutions of this Grand Council are hereby repealed.

On motion of Comp. Murdock, it was

Resolved, That all Select Masters present be invited to seats in this Grand Council.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Comp. W. J. Hicks, 32 .·., ...M. P. G. Master.
" Luke Blackmer,.....T. I. G. M.
" C. A. Cilley, 32 .·., ...I. G. P. C. W.
" T. W. Brown,.....G. Treas.
" T. B. Carr,.....G. Recorder.
" Wm. Murdock,.....G. C. G.
" E. F. Watson, 32 .·., ...G. C. C.
" P. N. Smith,.....G. S.

Comps. J. W. Blount and L. H. Bullock, were healed.

On motion of Comp. Cilley, it was

Resolved, That all dues in arrears from Subordinate Councils be remitted on the payment of Ten Dollars by each Council.

On motion of Comp. Bowes, it was

Resolved, That Ill. Comp. Geo. B. Waterhouse, Sov. G. Ins. Gen. of the 33d .·., be invited to install the officers of this Grand Council.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That all the Subordinate Councils, in this jurisdiction, now under dispensation, be required to surrender their dispensations to this Grand Council, at its next Annual Convocation, and receive at that time a Charter from this Grand Body.

The Grand Officers were then installed by Ill. Comp. Geo. B. Waterhouse, S. .·. G. .·. I. .·. G. .·. 33d .·.

The M. P. appointed Comp. C. A. Cilley Grand Lecturer.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council was closed in form.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Recorder.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

For 1867.

St. John's Hall, Wilmington, N. C., }
June 6, 1867, A. Dep., 2867. }

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

PRESENT:

Comp. W. J. Hicks,.....M. P. G. M.
" Alfred Martin,.....T. I. D. G. M., *pro tem.*
" J. W. Howlett,.....G. P. C. W.
" Thos. W. Brown,.....G. Treasurer.
" Thos. B. Carr,.....G. Recorder.
" Wm. Murdock,.....G. C. G.
" John Nichols,.....G. C. C., *pro tem.*
" J. H. Separk,.....G. Steward, *pro tem.*
" E. Turlington,.....G. S., *pro tem.*
Comps. H. H. Munson and Thos. M. Gardner.

The M. P. G. M. appointed Comps. Carr and Nichols a Committee on Credentials, who made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report:

They have examined the credentials presented to them, and find the following Councils represented:

Alpha Council, No. 1—Thos. B. Carr, Proxy for Representative.

Adoniram Council, No. 2—Wm. Murdock, Representative.

Greensboro' Council, No. 3—J. W. Howlett, "

Wilmington Council, No. 4—A. Martin, Th. Ill. G. M., T. M. Gardner, Ill. H. T., and H. H. Munson, P. C. W.

THOS. B. CARR, }
JOHN NICHOLS, } *Committee.*

The M. P. G. M. presented his Annual Address as follows:

My Illustrious Companions

of the Grand Council of North Carolina:

By the providence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe we have been permitted to assemble again in Grand Council, to consult as to what will best advance the interest of this Grand Council, and most calculated to benefit its subordinates.

During the past year there has been nothing brought to my notice calculated to disturb the peace and harmony heretofore existing in this Grand Jurisdiction.

On the 28th of June, 1866, Raleigh Council, No. 5, surrendered their dispensation, together with their records, they having no other lodge furniture, and their money being in Confederate currency and therefore not necessary to be turned over for the use of this Grand Council. I have handed all the papers over to the Grand Recorder.

During the past year I have granted dispensations upon the application of a Constitutional number of Companions and properly recommended by the nearest Councils, as follows: On the 26th day of July, 1866, Enoch Council, to be held at Raleigh, Wake County, with Companion J. R. Harrison for their first Th. Ill. G. M., Companion W. J. Palmer for their first Ill. H. of T., and Companion A. P. C. Bryan for their first P. C. of the W.

February 7th, 1867, Davie Council, to be held at Mocksville, Davie County, with Companion A. A. Harbin for their first T. Ill. G. M., Companion John M. Clement for their first Ill. H. of T., and Companion J. A. Kelly for their first P. C. of the W.

May 31st, a dispensation to Enoch Council, U. D., at Raleigh, to hold their regular meeting on the 1st instead of the 3rd of June, 1867.

Permit me to return you my warmest thanks for the high honor you have conferred upon me, the remembrance of which will ever be a source of great pleasure, and will tend much to smoothe the rough and rugged path of declining years.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. HICKS, 32.·.

The M. P. G. M. announced the following Committees:

On Unfinished Business—Comps. J. H. Separk and William Murdock.

On Returns and Proceedings—Comps. John Nichols and H. H. Munson.

On Charters and Dispensations—Comps. J. W. Howlett and H. H. Munson.

On Finance—Comp. A. Martin.

The Committtee on unfinished business presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of the last Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and find no unfinished business.

WM. MURDOCK, } *Committee.*
J. H. SEPARK, }

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

The Committee on Returns beg leave to Report that they have examined the returns of the following Councils and find them correct: Alpha, No. 1; Greensboro', No. 3; Wilmington, No. 4; Enoch, U. D.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. H. MUNSON, } *Committee.*
JNO. NICHOLS, }

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations have discharged the duty assigned them and beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the by-laws and proceedings of Enoch Council, U. D., and find them correct. We therefore recommend that a Charter be granted them.

Alpha Council, No. 1, having surrendered their warrant of Constitution as required by this Grand Council, are entitled to a Charter.

Wilmington, No. 4, having also returned their dispensation, are entitled to a Charter.

J. W. HOWLETT, } *Committee.*
H. H. MUNSON, }

Comp. Murdock offered the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

Resolved, That the representatives of those Councils to whom Charters have been granted be admitted as regular members of this Grand Council.

Comp. John Nichols offered the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to report at our next annual convocation the correct titles for the Grand Officers, and also the titles for officers of subordinate Councils, and also the work in the degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

Committee—Companions A. Martin, T. B. Carr and T. M. Gardner.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 6, 1867.

TO THE M. P. GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your Grand Recorder begs leave to submit the following as his annual report:

I had the proceedings of your last Grand Convocation printed as soon as practicable, and the bill, amounting to eighteen dollars, has been paid by the Grand Treasurer.

I have received, as dues from Wilmington Council, No 4,.....	$20 00
For dispensation for Enoch Council,.....	30 00
For dues from Adoniram Council, No. 2,.....	20 00
	$100 00

This amount has been paid to your Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Recorder.*

The Report of the Grand Treasurer was read and adopted:

Grand Council of North Carolina in account with T. W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer.*

DR.

1866.			
Aug.	16	To paid bill printing Proceedings,.....	$18 00
June	6	" " " Dispensations, ...	7 50
"	"	" balance carried to new account,.....	74 50
			$100 00

CR.

1866.			
Aug.	16	By received from Grand Secretary,.....	$20 00
June	6	" " " "	80 00
			$100 00
1867.			
June	6	By balance on hand brought down,.....	$74 50

THOS. W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer.*

Wilmington, N. C., 6th June, 1867.

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

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary and find them correct, and the entries thereon sustained by proper vouchers.

The balance remaining in the hands of the Grand Treasurer they find to be seventy-four dollars and fifty cents. They have been informed by the Grand Secretary that there is a bill for printing charters that has not yet been presented, amounting to about forty-seven dollars.

Respectfully submitted.

ALFRED MARTIN, *Committee.*

On motion of Comp. Martin, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Council proceed to an election of officers.

The M. P. appointed Comps. Gardner and Nichols, Tellers.

An election was accordingly held, which resulted as follows:

Comp. W. J. Hicks,.....M. P. G. M.
" Wm. Murdock,.....Th. Ill. D. G. M.
" Thos. M. Gardner, ...G. P. C. W.
" Thos. W. Brown,..... .....G. Treasurer.
" Thos. B. Carr,.....G. Recorder.
" John Nichols,.....G. C. G.
" J. H. Separk, ...G. S.

The M. P. G. M. made the following appointments:

Grand Lecturer—Thos. M. Gardner.
Grand Sentinel—E. Turlington.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be permitted to serve the Grand Council, during the ensuing year, "without the hope of fee or reward."

On motion of Comp. Martin, it was

Resolved, That the dispensation of Davie Chapter be continued another year.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Sentinel be allowed three dollars for his services.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council of North Carolina was closed in ample form.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Recorder.*

Returns of Subordinate Councils.

ALPHA COUNCIL, No. I—Wadesboro'.

OFFICERS.

Comp. S. W. Neal, ... T. I. K. S.
" H. W. Robinson, ... I. H. T.
" E. F. Kendall, ... P. C. W.
" Jno. A. Gale, ... Treasurer.
" R. T. Hall, ... Secretary.
" Frank Darley, ... C. G.
" W. A. Smith, ... C. C.
" Thos. Gullege, ... Steward.
" E. Hutchison, ... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

E. H. Streater,
B. D. Kendall,
John Ruscoe,
B. C. Hutchison,
Jas. C. Carraway.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Rev. T. M. Kennedy, 32.°.
Rev. P. N. Smith.

Admitted 6; deaths none; suspensions none; expulsions none; withdrawals none; whole number 14.

GREENSBORO' COUNCIL, No. III—Greensboro'.

OFFICERS.

Comp. J. W. Howlett, ... T. I. G. M.
" John L. Cole, ... I. H. T.
" John Donnell, ... P. C. W.
" Wm. Fraish, ... M. E.
" W. E. Edwards, ... M. D.
" J. W. S. Parker, ... C. G.
" S. Clark, ... C. C.
" W. Collins, ... Steward.

MEMBERS.

George Parker,
David Kirkpatrick,
James Kirkman,
Robert Stafford,
J. R. Tarply,
J. S. Scott,
J. R. Cardwell,
W. H. Moore,
R. S. Coltrane,
O. F. Hatch,
J. J. Collier,
J. R. Wilkerson,
S. R. Simmons,
John Sloan,
J. Hildsheimer,
J. Glenn,
W. S. Swaim,
B. Bodenheimer,
J. Kellogg,
J. W. Hobbs.

Deaths 2.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. IV—Wilmington.

OFFICERS.

Comp.	Alfred Martin,	T. I. G. M.
"	Thomas M. Gardner,	D. I. G. M.
"	H. H. Munson,	P. C.
"	C. M. Vanorsdell,	Treasurer.
"	A. Paul Repiton,	Recorder.
"	H. Ryttenberg,	C. G.
"	Thos. B. Carr,	C. C.
"	M. M. Katz,	Steward.
"	E. Turlington,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Alex. Boon,	J. D. Ryttenburg,
W. J. Price,	Jacob Lyon,
J. Nutt,	Alex. McRae, Jr.,
Julius W. Wright,	W. E. Freeman.

Degrees conferred 6; healed 2.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. V—Raleigh.

OFFICERS.

Comp. J. R. Harrison,.....T. I. G. M.
" W. J. Palmer,.....I. H. T.
" A. P. C. Bryan,.....P. C. W.
" J. M. Rosenbaum,.....M. E.
" A. Kline,.....M. D.
" John Nichols,.....C. G.
" A. D. Royster.....C. C.
" J. M. Betts,.....Steward.

MEMBERS.

D. W. Bain,
W. H. Dodd,
M. Grausman,
J. H. Separk,
A. Johnson,
C. W. D. Hutchings,
H. Mahler,
J. B. Neathery,
J. A. Moore,
R. H. Rountree,
W. C. Brown.

Note.—There being a difference in the titles of the officers of Subordinate Councils, a Committee has been appointed to report the proper titles at the next Annual Grand Convocation.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ST. JOHN'S HALL,
Wilmington, N. C., June 5th, 1868, A. Dep., 2868.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

Comp. Wm. Murdock,..... { Th. Ill. D. G. M., / M. P. G. M. pro. tem.
" Alfred Martin,.....D. G. M., pro. tem.
" Thomas M. Gardner,.....G. P. C. W.
" Thos. W. Brown,.....G. Treasurer.
" Thos. B. Carr,.....G. Recorder.
" A. Paul Repiton,.....G. C. C. pro. tem.
" W. A. Smith,.....G. C. G. pro. tem.
" M. M. Katz,.....G. S. " "
" Julius W. Wright,.....G. Tyler. " "

Visitors.—Comps. H. H. Munson, J. B. Russell, C. M. Vanorsdell, and I. D. Ryttenberg.

Comp. H. K. Nash, of Hillsboro', was introduced and healed.

The M. P. G. Master appointed Comps. H. H. Munson and J. B. Russell, a Committee on Credentials.

The committee on Credentials reported the following Councils represented as follows:

Alpha Council, No. 1....W. A. Smith, Rep.
Adoniram, No. 2.....Wm. Murdock, Rep.
Greensboro', No. 3.....Thos. B. Carr, Rep.
Wilmington, No. 4.....{ Alfred Martin, T. I. G. M. / T. M. Gardner, D. G. M. / H. H. Munson, P. C. W. } Reps.
Davie, U. D.....Thos. B. Carr, Rep.

On motion, their report was received and adopted, whereupon, the Grand Council of North Carolina was declared duly organized.

The M. P. G. M. appointed the following Committees:

On Unfinished Business—Comps. Nash and Munson.

On Returns and Proceedings—Comps. Ryttenberg and Vanorsdell.

On Charters and Dispensations—Comps. J. W. Wright and M. M. Katz.

On Finance—Comp. Alfred Martin.

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

The committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report, that they have examined the proceedings of the last Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and find that the only unfinished business is the report of the Committee appointed to "report to this Convocation" "the correct titles for the Grand Officers," also "the titles for officers of subordinate councils," and "the work in the degrees of Royal and Select Masters."

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY K. NASH,
HORACE H. MUNSON, } *Committee.*

The committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report which was received and adopted:

GRAND COUNCIL OF NOTRH CAROLINA—

Your committee on Charters and Dispensations, having under consideration only that of Davie Council, recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to issue a charter to

Davie Council No. 6, upon the reception of their proceedings, petition, annual dues and return of Dispensation, assigning to said Council, No. 6.

Respectfully submitted.

M. M. KATZ,
JULIUS W. WRIGHT, } *Committee.*

The committee on Returns presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee on Returns, beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of the following councils, and find the return of Wilmington Council No. 4, correct.

Greensboro' Council No. 3, reports seven members more than they account for.

Enoch Council No. 5, reports one member more than they account for.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. D. RYTTENBERG,
C. M. VANORSDELL, } *Committee.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the return of Greensboro' Council No. 3, and Enoch Council No. 5, be returned with instructions to said Councils to amend the same, and forward them to the Grand Recorder, in season to have them printed with the proceedings of the present Convocation.

The following resolutions, offered by Comp. H. K. Nash, were adopted:

Be it resolved, By the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, that article two of the Constitution of said Grand Council, be amended by striking out the words "on the first Tuesday in June of each and every year," and insert in their stead the words "on the Thursday after the last Monday in November of each and every year," after the year 1868.

Resolved further, That article fifteen of said Constitution be amended by striking out the word "ten," and inserting the word "five" in its stead.

The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation,

to report the correct titles of Grand Officers, and also the titles of officers of subordinate Councils, and the work of the degrees, respectfully report the following:

WHEREAS, We find that throughout the various Grand Jurisdictions, there is a very great diversity in the titles of both Grand and subordinate Councils, and also numerous systems of work both in the Northern and Southern Grand Jurisdictions. *And, whereas,* There is a General Convention to be held at St. Louis, within a few months from this time, the principal object of which is to harmonize all these conflicting forms and ceremonies, and establish uniformity in these matters, therefore,

Resolved, That this committee be continued, and their report deferred until our next Grand Convocation.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of a delegate to the Convention of Royal and Select Masters to be held in St. Louis in September next, and that Companion Thos. B. Carr be appointed delegate to represent this Grand Council in said Convention.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their reports, which were adopted, as follows:

T. W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer,*

In Account with Grand Council of North Carolina.

Dr.		*Cr.*	
1867.		1867.	
To cash printing dispensations,	$7 50	By Balance,	$74 50
" " Charters,	47 00		
" " Blank book...	75		
" " Tyler,	3 00		
" Balance on hand...	16 25		
	$74 50		$74 50

1868.—By Balance, ... $16 25
June 5, Cash of Gr. Recorder, ... 20 00

Grand Council of North Carolina,

1866. *In Account with Thos. B. Carr, G. Recorder.*

Aug 16—To paid Grand Treasurer,.....$20 00
1867.
June 6.—To paid Grand Treasurer,..... 80 00
1868.
June 5—To paid Grand Treasurer,..... 20 00

Cr. $120 00

1866.
Aug 16—By dues of Wilmington Council No 4,.....$20 00
1867.
June 6—By Dispensation Enoch Council No. 5..... 30 00
" " " " Davie " 30 00
" Dues Adoniram Council No. 2,..... 20 00
1868.
June 5—" Dues Greensboro' Council No. 3,..... 20 00

$120 00

NOTE BY G. R.—The account for 1866 and 1867 is republished, there being an error in the printed report of last year.

The committee on Finance submitted their report which was adopted.

The Finance Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Recorder, and find them correct and in proper form.

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer show a balance in his hands of thirty-six dollars and twenty-five cents, and those of the Grand Recorder, that there is due from subordinate councils the sum of ninety dollars, viz: Alpha Council No. 1. thirty dollars; Adoniram No. 2, ten dollars; Greensboro', No. 3, ten dollars; Wilmington No. 4, ten dollars; Enoch, No. 5, twenty dollars; Davie, U. D., ten dollars.

ALFRED MARTIN.

The Grand Council then proceeded to an election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Comp. Thos. B. Carr,.....M. P. G. M.
" Wm. Murdock,.....T. I. D. G. M.
" Thos. M. Gardner,.....G. P. C. W.
" Thos. W. Brown,.....G. Treasurer.
" H. H. Munson,.....G. Recorder.
" W. A. Smith,.....G. C. G.

Comp. Thomas B. Keogh,.....G. C. C.
" J. B. Neathery,.....G. Steward,
" E. Turlington,.....G. Sentinel;

who were, with the exception of Comps. Neathery and Keogh, duly installed.

The Most Puissant appointed Comp. E. Turlington, Grand Sentinel.

No more business appearing the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council of North Carolina closed in ample form.

H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Recorder.*

RETURN

Of Greensboro' Council, No. 3, to the Grand Council of North Carolina, for the year 1868:

J. W. Howlett,.....Thr. Ill. G. M.
J. Hiedsheimer,.....Ill. H. of T.
John Sloan,.....P. C. W.
F. P. Cavanah,.....W. E.
H. G. Kellogg,.....M. D.
George Parker,.....C. G.
Wm. E. Edwards,.....C. C.
Wm. Collins,.....Steward.

MEMBERS.

J. L. Cole,
Jno. Donnell,
W. Frericks,
S. Clark,
D. Kilkpatrick,
J. Kirkman,
J. E. Schottz,
R. M. Stafford,
J. H. Tarpley,
J. R. Cardwell,
W. H. Moore,
R. S. Coletrain,
T. Boderheimer,
J. W. Hobbs,
Thos. B. Keogh,
R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
W. P. Hatch,
J. M. Jerley,
L. Turner Smith,
D. Albright,
Jno. W. Pierce,
P. Adams,
Geo. Gregory,
J. B. Faircloth,

J. I. Collier,	J. B. Runneghan,
W. A. Gentry,	O. S. Causey.
J. R. Wilkinson,	W. W. Phillips,
Robt. Gleno,	S. Adams,
W. S. Swain,	Jno. A. Sloan.

During the year we have received and acknowledged as Royal and Select Masters, seven.

Whole number of Masters forty-two.

J. W. HOWLETT, *Thr. Ill. G. M*
R. M. SLOAN, *M. of D. pro tem.*

RETURN

Of the Officers and Members of Wilmington Council No. 4, R. and S. Masters located at Wilmington, N. C., established by the authority of a charter from the M. E. Grand Council of North Carolina, bearing date, June 7th, A. D., 1867, A. I., 2397, A. Dept. 1867, made at its annual convocation, to be held in Wilmington, N. C., June 20th, A. D. 2868, A. Dept. 1868.

OFFICERS.

Alfred Martin,..... T. Ill. G. M.
Thos. M. Gardner,.....D. Ill. G. M.
H. H. Munson,.....P. C. of Work.
H. Ryttenberg,.....Capt. of the Guard,
C. M. Vanorsdell,.....Treasurer,
I. D. Ryttenberg,.....Recorder,
T. B. Carr, ...C. of the Council,
M. M. Katz,.....Steward,
E. Turlington,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Thos. W. Brown, G. Treasurer, Julius W. Wright,

Alex. Boon,	J. Nutt,
Jacob Lyon,	W. J. Price,
Wm. E. Freeman,	A. Paul Repiton,
P. W. Fanning,	Jos. B. Russell.

Admitted, none ; exalted, none ; rejected, none ; withdrawn,

none; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; whole number, nineteen. Regular time of meeting, first Wednesday in each month.

I. D. RYTTENBERG, *Recorder.*

RETURN

Of the Officers and Members of Enoch Council No. 5, located at Raleigh, North Carolina., established by authority of a Charter from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina, bearing date 6th of June, A. D. 1867, A. Dept. 2867, made at its Annual Convocation, held in the city of Wilmington, N. C., June, 1868, A. Dept. 2868.

OFFICERS.

Comp. Jno. Nichols,.....T. I. G. M.
" J. B. Neathery,.....I. H. T.
" A. D. Royster,.....P. C. W.
" A. Kline,.....M. D.
" J. M. Rosenbaum,.....M. E.
" J. H. Separk,.....C. G.
" M. Grausman,.....C. C.
" J. M. Betts,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Jno. R. Harrison, P. T. I. G. M. J. A. Moore,
A. P. C. Bryan, W. J. Palmer,
A. Johnson, W. P. Wetherell,
D. W. Baine, W C Brown,
W. H. Dodd, S. H. Rountree,
Isaac Oettinger, W. W. Dunn,
H. Mahler, Rufus Bobbitt.

Degrees conferred, five; admitted, one; whole number, twenty-one.

A. KLINE, *M. D.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

WILMINGTON, N. C. DECEMBER 2D & 3D, 1869, A. DEP., 2869.

RALEIGH, N. C.
NICHOLS & GORMAN, BOOK & JOB PRINTERS,
1870.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

St. John's Hall,
Wilmington, N., C., Dec. 2d, 1869, A. Dep., 2869.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in ample form.

PRESENT:

Comp. Thos. B. Carr.....M. P. G. M.
" Wm. Murdock.....T. I. D. G. M.
" Alfred Martin.....G. P. C. W. *pro tem.*
" Thos. W. Brown.....G. Treasurer.
" P. W. Fanning.....G. Recorder, "
" Wm. G. Hill.....G. C. C., "
" W. A. Smith.....G. C. G.
" Jno. Nichols.....G. S., "
" E. Turlington.....G. Tyler.

The M. P. G. M. appointed Comps. Alfred Martin, H. H. Munson and W. A. Smith a Committee on Credentials.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council was called off till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Council resumed labor.

PRESENT:

Comp. Thos. B. Carr .....M. P. G. M.

Comp. Wm. Murdock.....T. I. D. G. M.
" Alfred Martin..... G. P. C. W., *pro tem.*
" Thos. W. Brown.....G. Treas.
" H. H. Munson .....G. Recorder.
" P. W. Fanning.....G. C. C., "
" C. M. VanOrsdell.... ..... G. C. G., "
" M. M. Katz.....G. S., "
" E. Turlington.....G. Tyler.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

The Committee on Credentials have examined returns and proxies placed in their hands and find the following Councils duly represented, viz:

Alpha Council No. 1.....W. A. Smith, G. M., Rep.
Adoniram " " 2.. ....W. Murdock, D. G. M., Rep.
Wilmington " " 4.....Alfred Martin, G. M., Rep.
Enoch " " 5.....Jno. Nichols, G. M., Rep.

Respectfully submitted.

ALFRED MARTIN, *Chairman.*

On motion the report was adopted.

Comp. W. A. Smith had leave of absence for remainder of the session, and appointed Comp. VanOrsdell as his proxy.

Comp. Nichols had leave of absence for the remainder of the session, and appointed Comp. Murdock as his proxy.

The M. P. G. M. submitted the following:

ADDRESS.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:

By the kind care of our Almighty Father, we are once more permitted to assemble in Grand Convocation, to renew our congratulations and vows around our common Altar, and to consider what legislation may be necessary for the prosperity of this branch of our beloved Order. Our first care should be to return our "unfeigned and hearty thanks" to Him who has preserved *our* select numbers complete. While the grim tyrant, Death, has been reaping his harvest all around us, so far as I am informed, he has not, during the past year, invaded our ranks.

I have not been called upon during the time that I have been honored to serve you as your presiding officer, to perform any official act.

The hope expressed at our last Convocation, that there would be a sufficient amount of funds in the Treasury to defray the expenses of a delegate to a Convention of R. and S. Masters, which was appointed to be held at St. Louis in September, 1868, was not realized We learn from the report of those who were there at that time that no Convention was held. The time of the Companions was so fully occupied with the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Encampment, to-

gether with the enjoyment of the princely hopitality of the "Sir Knights of St. Louis," that the Convention of Royal and Select Masters was allowed to go by default.*

This is much to be regretted, as there are some questions of interest to our body which cannot well be settled except in General Convention. One of these questions has been under consideration by this Grand Council for two years, and we hope the Committee appointed to report the proper titles for officers of the Councils will be able to make a satisfactory report to this Convocation.

Another question which has excited considerable interest during the past few years, is that of the adoption of the Super-Excellent Masters Degree. This degree has been adopted (as we learn from a report of Ill. Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine,) by fifteen of the twenty-nine Grand Councils. Two only have rejected it. Finding that the degree was attracting considerable interest, we last year received it, while on a visit to New York, and have since conferred it upon one member of this body. Should it be deemed advisable, a Committee can be appointed to consider its merits and report thereon. The only advantage, in my estimation, to be derived from its adoption, would be, that members from this jurisdiction would not then be excluded by those Grand Councils which demand a knowledge of this degree as a prerequisite to admission to their Councils.

I have the honor to announce that I have received credentials from the Grand Council of New Brunswick, advising me of my appointment as representative of that Grand Council in the Grand Council of North Carolina. I would recommend the reciprocation of this favor by the appointment of a representative near that Grand Council, and nominate as a suitable person, Ill. Comp. D. R. Munro, of St. John, N. B.

I recommend that the Constitution of this Grand Council be republished, with your printed proceedings of this Convocation, inasmuch as some amendments have been made to it since its last publication, and also because but few copies of it can now be found.

In conclusion, Companions, permit me to return to you my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me, and rest assured that it is my ardent desire that our labors here in the secret vault may be prosecuted with fervency and zeal, so that, when completed, we may return to our homes with the proud satisfaction of having faithfully performed our duty to the Craft.

*Since the close of the Grand Council, I have been officially notified that the Grand Council of Alabama, at its last Assembly, December, 1869, adopted the following resolution, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Puissant of this Grand Council, or any proxy appointed by him, be and he is hereby appointed as a delegate to meet other delegates of the several Grand Councils of the United States and the British Provinces, in a General Convention in the city of New York, on the 1st Monday in September, 1870, or at such other place and time as may be agreed upon, to consult upon the interests of Cryptic Masonry, and especially as to Work, Titles and Degrees."

I have addressed the Grand Recorder of Alabama, informing him that I approve the call for a Convention, as well as the time and place.

THOS. B. CARR, *M. P. G. M.*

On motion of Comp. Fanning, the Address was received, spread upon the minutes and referred to a special Committee of three.

The M. P. G. M. appointed as that Committee Comps. Martin, Fanning and VanOrsdell.

The M. P. G. M. appointed the following Committees:

On Returns and Proceedings—Comps. Martin and Fanning.

On Unfinished Business—Comps. Murdock and Brown.

On Finance—Comps. Martin, Fanning and Brown.

The Grand Recorder submitted his Report, which on motion, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 3d, 1869.

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

In accordance with a resolution passed at your last Communication, I, on June 10th last, transmitted to Greensboro' Council No. 3, and Enoch Council No. 5, their last returns, with instructions to correct the same and forward to me. The former Council paid no attention, seemingly, to our request. The latter returned theirs in the original form, without comment.

By direction of the Most Puissant Grand Master, I, on Aug. 17th last, notified each Council of the amount of their dues, and requested a speedy adjustment. None have as yet replied.

I herewith submit my financial statement:

Grand Council of North Carolina,
In Account with H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Recorder.*

June 10, 1869,	Paid for Stationery	$ 1 40
" " " " "	Postage	1 84
" " " " "	Gr. Treas. as per Vouchers	26 76
June, 1869, Cr.		$30 00
Aug. 4, By dues from Enoch Council No. 5		$20 00
Aug. 1, " " " Davie " " 6		10 00
		$30 00

The following Councils are indebted to this Grand Council in sums hereto annexed:

Alpha Council No. 1	$ 40 00
Adoniram Council No. 2	20 00
Greensboro' Council No. 3	20 00
Enoch Council No. 5	10 00
Davie Council No. 6	10 00
	$100 00

Respectfully submitted,
H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Recorder.*

Comp. E. H. White was admitted and healed.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following Report, which, on motion of Comp. Fanning, was received and adopted:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of our last Grand Convocation, and find the only Unfinished Business to come up is the Report of the Committee on Officers' Titles and the Work of the Degrees.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. MURDOCK,
THOS. W. BROWN, } *Committee.*

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings submitted their Report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings beg leave to report that the only returns from Subordinate Councils that have come into their hands are those of Wilmington Council No. 4, Wilmington, N. C.; Enoch Council No. 5, Raleigh, N. C., which have been examined and found to be correct and in due form.

ALFRED MARTIN, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed on T. I. G. M. Address presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

The Committee appointed to consider the several subjects embraced in the Address of the Thrice Ill. G. Master, and recommended to the consideration of the Grand Council, have examined the same, and in regard to the Sup. Ex. Master's Degree, recommend that this matter be referred to a special Committee, to report at our next Annual Convocation. The Committee recommend that the Ill. Comp. D. R. Munro, of St. John's, N. B., be duly appointed and commissioned as representative of this Grand Council in the Grand Council of New Brunswick, in accordance with the recommendation of the Th. Ill. Gr. Master.

The Committee approve the recommendation of the Th. Ill. Gr. Master, in regard to printing the amended Constitution, provided there are sufficient funds in the Treasury to justify the additional expense necessary to print so large

a number as will be necessarily embraced in the proceedings if printed with those of the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted.

A. MARTIN,
P. W. FANNING. } *Committee.*

The Committee appointed on Titles and Work two years since, reported as follows:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

The Committee appointed two years since, to report to this Grand Body the correct Titles of Council Officers and the Work of the Council Degrees, beg leave to report that they find so much discrepancy in the Titles of the Officers in different jurisdictions that they are unable to determine whether any nomenclature in use is preferrable to that we now have, and therefore recommend that no change be made in this respect, in this Grand Council, until the Work is adopted.

The Committee are prepared to report the Work whenever the Grand Council desire to have it.

Respectfully submitted.

ALFRED MARTIN,
THOS. B. CARR. } *Committee.*

On motion of Comp. Martin, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Work be postponed until the next Annual Convocation, in order that when it is reported, it may be adopted by a sufficient number to insure permanency, and that the Committee be continued.

On motion of Comp. Martin:

WHEREAS, Wilmington Council No. 4, paid eighteen dollars for printing the proceedings of this Grand Council for 1867; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be authorized to receive the said bill for printing as so much on account of the dues of said Wilmington Council.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

TREASURER OF GRAND COUNCIL'S REPORT.

1868.			1868.		
July 25, Hart & Bailey's bill...	$ 1	50	June 5, Balance brought down.	$16	25
" " Blank Book.....		90	" " Cash.....	20	00
" " bill, Engelhard & Price.	36	00	Feb. 4, '69, Cash from Sec'y...	20	00
" " bill, T. B. Carr	2	00	" " " " " " ...	6	76
	40	40			
Cash to balance	22	61			
	$63	01		$63	01

Dec., 1869, By balance brought down due Grand Council.....$22 61

The Committee on Finance reported, which was, on motion, adopted:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

The Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Recorder and find them correct and in proper form.

We find by the Treasurer's account, that he has received, including balance in hand at last Convocation, $63 01, and that he has expended $40 40, leaving a balance now on hand of $22 61.

It will be seen by the Grand Recorder's Report that sundry Subordinate Councils are indebted to this Grand Council the sum of $100.

Respectfully submitted.

P. W. FANNING, }
ALFRED MARTIN, } *Committee.*

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Comp. Thos. Carr .....M. P. G. M.
" Wm. Murdock .....T. I. D. G. M.
" C. M. VanOrsdell.....G. P. C. W.
" Thos. W. Brown .....G. Treasurer.
" M. M. Katz.....G. Recorder.
" W. A. Smith.....G. C. G.
" E. H. White.....G. C. C.
" John Nichols.....G. Steward.
" E. Turlington.....G. Tyler.

On motion, it was resolved that the officers of this Grand Council be installed to-night at 7 o'clock.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand

Council was called from labor to refreshment till to-night at 7 o'clock.

H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Recorder.*

FRIDAY, 7 o'CLOCK, P. M.

Grand Council met and resumed labor.

Officers present as in the morning.

The hour appointed for installation having arrived, the officers elect, excepting Comps. Smith, White and Nichols, were installed by P. M. P. G. M. Alfred Martin.

On motion of Comp. Alfred Martin, it was

Resolved, That, until otherwise ordered, the fee of the Grand Recorder for attaching to diplomas, his seal of office, be one dollar.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That in consideration of the impoverished condition of Alpha Council No. 1, thirty dollars of their dues be remitted.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council of North Carolina closed in ample form.

H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Recorder.*

RETURN

Of Officers and Members of Wilmington Council No. 4, located at Wilmington, N. C., by authority of a Charter from the Grand Council of North Carolina, re-issued June 6, 1867, made at the Annual Convocation, held Dec 2d, 1869, A. D., 2869.

OFFICERS.

Comp. Alfred Martin	T. I. G. M.
" Thos. M. Gardner	D. I. G. M.
" H. H. Munson	P. C. W.
" H. Ryttenberg	C. G.
" C. M. VanOrsdell	Treasurer.
" I. D. Ryttenberg	Recorder.
" Thos. B. Carr	C. C.
" M. M. Katz	S.
" E. Turlington	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Thos. W. Brown,	Julius C. Wright,
P. W. Fanning,	Jacob Lyon,
Alex. Boon,	Alex. McRae, jr.,
W. J. Price,	W. E. Freeman,
A. Paul Repiton,	Jos. B. Russell,
J. Nutt,	W. G. Thomas.

Admitted, 1; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; whole numher, 21. Regular time of meeting, 1st Wednesday in each month.

THOS. B. CARR, *Recorder, pro tem.*

RETURN

Of the Officers and Members of Enoch Council No. 5, located at Raleigh, N. C., established by authority of a charter from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina, dated 6th of June, A. D. 1868, A. Dep., 2868, made at the Annual Convocation of said Grand Council, in the city of Wilmington, N. C., November, 1869, A. Dep. 2869.

OFFICERS.

Comp. John Nichols.....T. I. G. M.
" J. H. Separk .....Ill. H. of T.
" D. W. Bain.....P. C. W.
" M. Grausman .....M. D.
" Wm. H. Dodd.....M. E.
" M. Rosenbaum.....C. G.
" Isaac Oettinger..... ... .C. C.
" J. M. Betts.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

J. B. Neathery,	S. H. Rountree,
A. D. Royster,	W. W. Dunn,
H. Mahler,	Alex. S. Heide,
A Johnson,	J. A. Moore,
A. P. C. Bryan,	W. J. Palmer,
W. C. Brown,	Wm. B. Wetherell,
R. W. Rountree,	Rufus Bobbitt.

Exalted, 1; admitted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, 1; number of Officers, 8; number of Members, 14; whole number, 22. Regular time of meeting, 1st Monday night in each month.

M. GRAUSMAN, *M. D.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

Adopted June 7th, 1866.

ORGANIZATION.

ART. 1. This Grand Council shall consist of the following officers, viz: Most Puissant Grand Master, Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master, Ill. G. P. Cond. of the Works, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Cap. of the Guard, Grand C. of the Council, Grand Steward, and Grand Sentinel, together with the past Most P. Grand Masters, T. I. Deputy Grand Masters, Ill. G. P. Cond. of the Work, and the three principal officers for the time being, of the several Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council. All of whom shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Council: *Provided*, That when any past Grand Officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Council, his membership in this Grand Council shall cease.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

ART. 2. The regular convocations of this Grand Council shall be held in Wilmington, N. C., on the Thursday after the last Monday in November of each and every year. And in case of the absence of the M. P. Grand Master, the Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master or Ill. G. P. C., or either of them, shall preside, taking precedence according to rank. In the absence of all the above named officers, then the oldest Grand Officer of those grades present; and if there be none of the Past Grand Officers of the rank above named present, then the first officer of the oldest Subordinate Council present shall have power and authority to preside, and the representatives of three Subordinate Councils shall constitute a quorum. If, on the day of meeting, there be not a quorum present, the presiding officer may adjourn the Grand Council from day to day, until the close of the fourth day, when, if there be not a quorum present, the meeting shall be adjourned until the day for the next Annual Convocation, unless sooner or especially convened.

TIME OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ART. 3. The officers of this Grand Council shall be chosen at each regular Annual Convocation for the term of one year. But should the Annual Convocation not be held at the stated time, they shall hold their offices until others are chosen, and the Most Puissant G. Master,

or in his absence, the Thrice Ill. Deputy Grand Master for the time being, shall have power to call special meetings whenever they may deem it expedient, of which all the Subordinate Councils shall have due and timely notice.

VOTES.

Art. 4. All questions before this Grand Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES.

Art. 5. The Constitutional Officers of this Grand Council shall be elected by ballot, except the Grand Sentinel, who, together with the Grand Lecturer, shall be appointed by the Most Puissant G. Master. All of whom shall be installed before the closing of the Grand Communication. And in case of the death or removal from this jurisdiction of any of the officers of rank below the then superior Grand Officer, the vacancy may be filled by such superior officer.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Art. 6. None but Royal and Select Masters, holding membership in a Subordinate Council, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, shall act as representative. Nor shall any person represent more than two Subordinate Councils, at any Grand Communication.

VOTING.

Art. 7. The Constitutional Grand and Past Grand officers shall, each, have one vote, and each Subordinate Council, by its representative, or representatives, three votes in this Grand Council. When the three principal officers are present, representing their Councils, they shall each have one vote; if two only, the highest in rank shall have two votes, and the other one vote. If but one be present he shall cast the vote of the Council, and should any Subordinate Council fail to appoint a delegate in season, the Thrice Ill. Master, for the time being, if unable to attend, shall have power to appoint a proxy to represent his Council.

GRAND LECTURER.

Art. 8. The Grand Lecturer shall be furnished with a commission by the Most Puissant G. Master, under the seal of the Grand Council, attested by the Grand Recorder; and the Councils by which he may be employed shall make him such compensation as may be agreed upon by the parties. He shall make no alterations in the work and lectures adopted by this Grand Council.

TREASURER AND RECORDER.

Art. 9. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall have their Books ready for examination at the commencement of each Annual Communication, and a committee shall be appointed on the first day of the meeting for that purpose, who shall report before any election takes place.

DISPENSATIONS.

Art. 10. Petitions for warrants to open new Councils must be signed by nine Select Masters, living within the jurisdiction, and accompanied by a certificate from the Council within the State, nearest the contemplated location of the new Council, vouching for the masonic abilities and moral character of the petitioners, and recommending

that a charter be granted; and the Most Puissant Grand Master, or the Ill. Deputy Grand Master may, upon such petition, if approved, grant his Dispensation for the same, to remain in force until the first Grand Annual Communication, succeeding, when said Council shall petition for a charter, unless, for good and satisfactory reasons, this warrant shall be continued, and if no application is made at the succeeding Grand Annual Communication for a charter, said warrant shall then be revoked.

FEE FOR DISPENSATION.

ART. 11. The fees for a warrant for a new Council shall be Thirty Dollars, of which the Grand Recorder shall receive Five Dollars; and no warrant shall be granted until the fee is paid, which fee shall be in full, both for the warrant and charter, should one be issued.

DUES OF SUBORDINATES.

ART. 12. The several Councils under this Grand Council, shall pay for the support thereof into the hands of the Grand Recorder, annually, the sum of Ten Dollars: *Provided*, That Councils under dispensation shall pay nothing for the time that may elapse between the date of such Dispensation, and the next succeeding Grand Annual Communication. But in case of the extension of the warrant, they shall pay the fee as a Council under charter, for the time that the warrant may have been extended.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

ART. 13. No Council under this jurisdiction shall change its location without the concurrence of this Grand Council, and the recommendation of the Council nearest the place to which it is proposed to be removed.

RETURNS.

ART. 14. Every Council under this Grand jurisdiction shall make returns annually to the Grand Recorder, at each Grand Annual Convocation, of the names of their officers and members, together with all admissions, deaths, suspensions, expulsions and withdrawals. And if any Council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble during any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Council for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make returns as above and pay its dues, then and in that case, the said Council shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Council, its Charter, Records, Jewels and Furniture, together with its money, and all other property of every kind and description.

APPLICATIONS.

ART. 15. The application of every candidate for the degrees, in any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and recommended by a member of said Council, and the said application shall lay over for the consideration of the members at least one meeting, unless by a unanimous vote of the members present, it shall be determined to ballot on said petition at the time it is presented; and no Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees for a less sum than Five Dollars, which fee must, in all cases, accompany the petition.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 16. No Council under this jurisdiction shall admit to membership any person who is a member of, or in arrears to, another Council, nor without a demit from the Council of which he was last a member.

DEGREES AND JURISDICTION.

ART. 17. No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees or entertain the petition of any person who is a resident of another Grand or Subordinate jurisdiction, without the written permission and recommendation of the Council nearest his place of residence.

IRREGULAR COUNCILS.

ART. 18. No Council within this jurisdiction, acting without a warrant from this grand Council, shall be deemed lawful, and all communication with such Council, and with any person made therein, is hereby strictly forbidden, under a penalty of expulsion; or, in the case of a Council, the arrest of its Charter.

JURISDICTION.

ART. 19. This Grand Council shall have original jurisdiction over all matters of controversy, between its Subordinate Councils, and appellate jurisdiction in all matters of controversy arising therein.

TRIALS.

ART. 20. The trial of all masonic offences before any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be conducted according to the rules laid down in the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, under Article 24.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 21. No alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be made at any other than a regular Communication.

REPEAL.

ART. 22. All former Constitutions of this Grand Council are hereby repealed.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

WILMINGTON, N. C.,

DECEMBER 1st, A. L., 5870, A. I., 2400, A. D., 1870.

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OF

Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ST. JOHN'S HALL, WILMINGTON, N. C.,
December 1st, 1870, A. Dep., 2870.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

Comp.	Thomas B. Carr,	M. P. G. M.
"	Wm. Murdoch,	T. I. D. G. M.
"	C. M. VanOrsdell,	G. P. C. W.
"	Thomas W. Brown,	G. T.
"	M. M. Katz,	G. R.
"	H. H. Munson,	G. C. C. *pro tem.*
"	Wm. Simpson,	G. C. G. "
"	John Nichols,	G. S.
"	E. Turlington,	G. Tyler.
"	Wm. W. Dunn, P. W. Fanning, Alfred Martin.	

The M. P. G. M. appointed Comp. John Nichols, A. Martin and M. M. Katz, a committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of R. and S. M. of N. C.:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find the following Councils duly represented:

Wilmington Council, No. 4.—Represented by Comp. T. B. Carr.

Adoniram Council, No. 2.—Represented by Comp. Wm. Murdoch.

Enoch Council, No. 5.—Represented by Comp. John Nichols, T. I., Comp. W. W. Dunn, Proxy for I. D., Comp. W. Simpson, Proxy for P. C. W.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,
A. MARTIN,
M. M. KATZ,
} *Com.*

On motion, the report was adopted.

The M. P. G. M. appointed the following Committees:

On Unfinished Business—Comp. Wm. Murdoch, C. M. VanOrsdell.

On Finance—Comp. A. Martin, Wm. Simpson, T. W. Brown.

On Returns and Proceedings—Comp. John Nichols, C. M. VanOrsdell.

No other business appearing, the G. C. called from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock this evening.

M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

THURSDAY EVENING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Council met and resumed labor.

PRESENT.

Officers as this afternoon.

Comp. J. Lyon, T. M. Gardner, W. W. Dunn.

The M. P. G. M. submitted the following address:

To the M. P. G. Council of R. and S. M. of N. C.

It is my pleasure again to greet you in Annual Assembly with the exchange of fraternal salutations. We meet around this altar to renew our vows of fidelity to each other and to the institution we so much love, and to consult together concerning the welfare and prosperity of our order. And first it becomes us to return our unfeigned thanks to the Giver of all Good who has preserved our select numbers complete through another year.

During the past year I have been unable to visit any of our subordinate Councils except the one in Wilmington. So far as I have been able to learn, but little work has been accomplished in any of our Councils. I have been called upon to perform but one official act during the entire year. Our Raleigh Companions having failed to elect officers at the appointed time, applied to me for a dispensation empowering them to elect at a subsequent meeting, which was granted.

I think that the principal cause of the lethargy manifest in most Councils is justly attributable to the fact that our Companions have suffered themselves to become weary in well doing, and find it difficult to grope their way through the intricate recesses of our cryptic arches.

If they could content themselves to remain at our Annual Assembly, long enough to see the work exemplified, I think they would be enabled to prosecute their labors with far greater zeal and interest.

The Committee appointed two years since to report the Council work are prepared to submit the fruit of their industry and skill and I hope that time will be allowed them to exemplify it.

Companions—the hour is at hand when it becomes me to surrender to your keeping the authority, which you have seen proper to confer upon me. I return you my thanks for the honor bestowed with the hope that you will be able to place the emblem of power in the hands of some Companion, who will be able to inspire the institution with more vitality so that if we are spared to meet here another year we may be cheered with the announcement that peace and prosperity prevail throughout our jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. CARR, M. P. G. M.

On motion of Comp. Nichols, the address was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

On motion of Comp. Simpson, the following amendment to the Constitution was adopted:

Resolved, That Article 2 of this Grand Council be so amended as to read "*on the Wednesday after the first Monday in June*" instead of "*Thursday after the last Monday in November.*"

The Committee on unfinished business reported:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of last year, and the only unfinished business is the Report of the Committee on Work.

Fraternally submitted,
WM. MURDOCH.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings reported:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings beg leave to report that the only returns from subordinate Councils that have come into their hands are those of Wilmington Council No. 4, Adoniram Council No. 2, Enoch Council No. 5, and Davie Council No. 6, which have been examined and found correct.

JOHN NICHOLS,
C. M. VANORSDELL, } *Com.*

The Grand Recorder submitted his Report to the Finance Committee, as follows:

WILMINGTON, N. C., }
Dec. 1, A. D. 1870. }

The Most P. G. Council of North Carolina, in Account with M. M. Katz, G. R.:

Dr.

June 1st.—Paid for Stationery,	-	$ 75	
" Postage,	- -	1 60	
Dec. 1st.—Paid G. T. as per Voucher,		47 65	
do. do.,		24 61	
			$ 74 61

Cr.

By Cash, (last year,)	-			$ 24 61	
Nov. 29.—	"	Adoniram,	C. No. 2,	30 00	
Dec. 1.—	"	Davie	" 6,	10 00	
Dec. 1.—	"	Wilmington	" 4,	10 00	
					$ 74 61

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of North Carolina:

COMPANIONS:—The Finance Committee have examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find that the Grand Secretary has received from subordinate Councils the sum of $74 61. That he has paid out on proper vouchers the sum of $2 35 and to the Grand Treasurer the sum of $72 26.

We find that there is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of $47 65, he having paid out on proper vouchers the sum of $24 61. We also find that there is due from Alpha Council No. 1, - - - $20 00
Greensboro' Council No. 3, - - 30 00
Enoch Council No. 5, - - - 20 00
Davie Council No. 6, - - - 10 00

Making the sum of arrearages, - - - $80 00

ALFRED MARTIN, }
THOS. W. BROWN, } *Com.*

The Report of the Committee on Work was received, and, on motion of Comp. Nichols, consideration of the same was postponed until the next regular Communication of the Council.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Comp.	Thomas B. Carr, of Wilmington,	M. P. G. M.
"	Wm. Murdoch, of Salisbury,	T. I. D. G. M.
"	C. M. VanOrsdell, of Wilmington,	G. P. C. W.
"	T. W. Brown, of Wilmington,	G. Treas.
"	M. M. Katz, of Wilmington	G. R.
"	W. A. Smith, Ansonville,	G. C. G.
"	John Nichols, Raleigh,	G. C. C.
"	William Simpson, Raleigh,	G. S.
"	E. Turlington, Wilmington,	G. Sentinel.

The Officers elect were duly installed.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council of North Carolina closed in ample form.

M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

DECEMBER, A. D., 1870.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2—Salisbury.

OFFICERS.

Luke Blackmer,	T. I. G. M
William Murdoch,	D. I. G. M.
Josephus W. Hall,	P. C. W.
Dolphin A. Davis,	C. G.
John M. Coffin,	Treas.
Obadiah Woodson,	Rec.
Samuel E. Linton,	C. C.
R. P. Bessent,	St.
P. A. Frercks,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

John W. Bitting,
Delevan Bates,
Frederick Benjamin,
Daniel Coleman,
Clinton A. Cilley,
Carnes A. Henderson,
David W. Honeycutt,
Christopher S. Moring,
Andrew Murphy,
Hugh Murdoch,
Edward B. Neave,
Charles L. Partee,
George H. Suydam,
F. C. Schaffer,
William L. Vanderwater.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, 4; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number of Council Masons now living in jurisdiction, 24. Regular time of meeting, 2d Wednesday night in each month, and Friday night of each Court.

OBADIAH WOODSON, *Recorder.*

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4—Wilmington.

OFFICERS.

T. B. Carr,	T. I. G. M.
S. D. Wallace,	D. I. G. M.
W. G. Thomas,	P. C. W.
T. M. Gardner,	C. G.
C. M. Van Orsdell,	Treas.
J. B. Russell,	Rec.
A. Martin,	C. C.
M. M. Katz,	St.
E. Turlington,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

T. W. Brown,
P. W. Fanning,
A. Boon,
W. J. Price,
A. P. Repiton,
H. H. Munson,
J. Nutt,
H. Ryttenberg,
J. W. Wright,
J. D. Ryttenberg,
J. Lyon,
A. McRae, Jr.,
W. E. Freeman.

SUMMARY.

Whole number, 22.—Admitted, none; exalted, none; died, none; suspended, none.

J. B. RUSSELL, *Recorder.*

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5—RALEIGH.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols,	T. I. G. M.
J. H. Separks,	D. I. G. M.
D. W. Bain,	P. C. W.
J. M. Rosenbaum,	C. G.
W. H. Dodd,	Treas.
A. S. Heide,	Recorder.
A. D. Royster,	C. C.
A. P. C. Bryan,	St.
J. M. Betts,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

John R. Harrison,	Nat L. Brown,
M. Grausman,	Jno. B. White,
H. Mahler,	W. C. Stronach,
J. B. Neathery,	J. C. L. Harris,
Albert Johnson,	John C. Blake,
Isaac Oettinger,	W. C. Brown,
W. P. Wetherell,	R. W. Rountree,
W. J. Palmer,	S. H. Rountree,
Wm. Simpson,	W. W. Dunn,
Jack R. Williams,	Rufus Bobbitt,
D. R. Coleman,	

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, none; exalted, 8; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, 1; expelled, none; suspended, none;

whole number of Council Masons now living in jurisdiction, 33. Regular time of meeting, 1st Monday evening in each month.

A. S. HEIDE, *Recorder.*

DAVIE COUNCIL, No. 6—Mocksville.

OFFICERS.

F. M. Johnson,	T. I. G. M.
J. M. Johnson,	D. I. G. M.
J. A. Kelly,	P. C. W.
T. T. Maxwell.	Recorder.
D. C. Clement,	Treas.
A. Henley,	C. G.
J. N. Charles,	C. C.
Charles Sain,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

B. Bailey,
J. M. Clement,
A. A. Harbin, P. T. I. G. M.,
S. A. Kelly,
G. W. Johnson,
Rev. J. E. Mann,
W. O. Smith,
H. X. Dwire,
J. W. Wiseman.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted none; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, 1; expelled, none; suspended, resident Council Masons not members, 1; whole number of R. and S. M. now living in jurisdiction, 18.

J. E. MANN, *Recorder.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

WILMINGTON, N. C.,

June 7th, A. L., 5871, *A. I.*, 2401, *A. D.*, 1871.

RALEIGH:
NICHOLS & GORMAN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
1870.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF MISSOURI.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ST. JOHN'S HALL, WILMINGTON, N. C.,
June 7th, 1871, *A. Dep.*, 2871.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in ample form.

PRESENT:

Comp. Thomas B. Carr, of Wilmington, M. P. G. M.
" Wm. Murdoch, of Salisbury, T. I. D. G. M.
" C. M. Van Orsdell, of Wilmington, G. P. C. W.
" H. H. Munson, of Wilmington, G. T., *pro tem.*
" M. M. Katz, of Wilmington, G. R.
" R. H. Bradley, of Raleigh, G. C. C.
" John Nichols, of Raleigh, G. C. G.
" William Simpson, of Raleigh, G. S.
" E. Turlington, of Wilmington, G. Tiler.

Companions A. S. Lee, D. W. Bain, of Raleigh; Alfred Martin, P. M. P. G. M., P. W. Fanning, P. M. P. G. M.

The Most Puissant appointed Comps. John Nichols and H. H. Munson, a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find Councils represented as follows:

ADONIRAM, No. 2.—W. Murdoch, Rep.

WILMINGTON, No. 4.—T. B. Carr, Rep.

ENOCH, No. 5.—John Nichols, Th. Ill. G. M., Wm. Simpson, Proxy for Dep. Ill. G. M., D. W. Bain, P. C. W.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS, } *Com.*
H. H. MUNSON, }

On motion, the report was adopted.

The M. P. G. M. appointed the following Committees:

On Unfinished Business—Comp. Wm. Murdoch, C. M. Van Orsdell.

On Finance—Comps. H. H. Munson, William Simpson, Robert H. Bradley.

On Returns and Proceedings—Comps. John Nichols, A. S. Lee.

The M. P. G. M. submitted the following address:

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS: Permit me to congratulate you, as assembled again around our Mystic Altar, with ranks unbroken, our hearts ascend in gratitude to our Supreme Grand Master who has so mercifully preserved us since last we met in this place.

While I am unable to report to you that any great progress has been made in the construction of our Arches during the past six months, yet I have reason to believe that those previously reared, have been strengthened and supported by the addition of good material, well cemented together.

My official duties since my last report to you have not been very burdensome, simply extending to the issuing of dispensations to some of our Companions, who were unable to meet at their stated terms for the transaction of their business.

In February last I received a Commission from the Grand Council of Tennessee appointing me their Representative at this Grand Council and conferring upon me the Rank of Past Deputy Grand Master in the Grand Council of Tennessee.

In March last I received a similar appointment from the Grand Council of Missouri.

I recommend the reciprocation of these honors by this Grand Council and nominate as suitable Companions to represent us in their re-

spective Grand Councils, Companion Joseph Megowan Towler, of Tennessee, and Comp. George Frank Goulev, of Missouri.

I have received and perused with much pleasure the proceedings of most of our Sister Grand Councils. With scarcely an exception they all look with favor upon the proposition to hold a Convention of Grand Councils for the purpose of agreeing upon a common nomenclature and system of work. I had made arrangements to be present at the Convention appointed to assemble in New York last fall, but finding that owing to insufficient notice or other causes, the attendance there at that time would be too small to accomplish any good, I concluded not to go. The Grand Council of Maine at its Annual Convocation on 3d of May last authorized Comp. Drummond (who has labored very assiduously for years in the endeavor to procure harmony of work and titles among the several Grand Councils) to call a Convention, which he has done as follows:

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 10, 1871.

M. P. Companion:

At the session of the Grand Council of Maine, held on the third instant, after a conference with Companions from Massachusetts, I was directed to call a convention of Representatives from the several Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters to meet in New York in June, 1872, for the purpose of securing uniformity in the ritual, &c., of the Cryptic Rite.

Accordingly, I have fixed upon the second Wednesday in June of that year, and your Grand Council is hereby invited to be represented on that occasion: or if your Grand Council declines or neglects to act in the premises, we shall be happy to meet there any of the Companions in your State.

Massachusetts and Maine will be there prepared to exemplify their ritual, even if they have only themselves to witness it.

Due notice of the place of meeting will be given.

Yours fraternally,

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND.

I recommend that this Grand Council make suitable provision for representation at that Convention.

One of the principal items of discussion in the Reports on Foreign Correspondence of the various Grand Councils is the Super Excellent Master's degree. I think it probable that this degree, as conferred in Rhode Island for the last fifty years, possesses more of importance and interest to the Craft than attaches to it, as it has been received by a few in this jurisdiction. Unless such shall appear to be the fact when the subject comes before the attention of a Convention of Grand Councils, I should oppose its adoption by us, except it might be for the purpose of conforming to the wishes of other Grand Councils.

The most important business to come before us at this time is the Report of the Committee on Work.

Therefore, let me urge upon you, Companions, to devote sufficient time and attention to this subject in order that you may return to your homes with the proud satisfaction of having faithfully performed your duty to the Craft.

I have thus concluded an account of my stewardship as your Grand Master, and I trust that you will, at this communication, place the Gavel in the hands of some Companion, better qualified than myself to direct your labors, and who will draw such designs upon your triple board as shall result in laying the foundations of a Temple, as eternal as the blue arch of heaven.

THOMAS B. CARR, M. P. G. M.

On motion of Comp. Nichols, the address was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and the suggestions therein contained adopted.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings beg leave to report that the only returns, which have been submitted to them are those from Adoniram Council, No. 2; Wilmington Council, No. 4, and Enoch Council, No. 5, which have been examined and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS, } *Com.*
A. S. LEE, }

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of last year, and the only unfinished business is the report of the Committee on Work.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM MURDOCH, } *Com.*
C. M. VAN ORSDELL, }

The Committee on Work presented their Report and Exemplified the same.

On motion of Comp. Nichols, the further consideration of it was postponed until after the Grand Convocation of all the Grand Councils of the different States, to meet in New York in 1872, and that Comp. Carr be requested to attend the same, and represent this Grand Body.

No further business appearing, the Grand Council called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon, four o'clock.

M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FOUR O'CLOCK.

The Council met and resumed labor.

PRESENT:

Officers as this morning.

Comps. A. S. Lee, D. W. Bain, P. W. Fanning, P. M. P. G. M., Alfred Martin, P. M. P. G. M.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report:

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 7th, 1871, A. Dep., 2871.

The M. P. Grand Council of North Carolina, in account with M. M. Katz, G. R.:

DR.

For Postage and Stationery, - - - - - -	$ 1 50	
June 7—Paid Grand Treasurer, as per Voucher, -	48 50	
		$50 00

CR.

June 7—By Dues, Adoniram, No. 2, - - -	$10 00	
" " Wilmington, No. 4, - - -	10 00	
" " Enoch, No. 5, - - - - -	30 00	
		$50 00

Respectfully submitted,
MORRIS M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

It was, on motion, referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

To the M. P. Grand Council of North Carolina:

COMPANIONS: The Finance Committee, whose duty it is to examine the Books and Accounts of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer, have performed that duty and beg leave to submit the following report:

We find that the Grand Recorder has received from all sources fifty dollars, and that he has expended for postage and stationery, one dollar and fifty cents, leaving a balance on hand of forty-eight dollars and fifty cents, which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, for which he holds his receipt.

We find on examining the Books of the Grand Treasurer that he has a balance on hand from last year of thirty-eight dollars and forty-one cents, that he has received from the Grand Recorder forty-eight dollars and fifty cents, making eighty-six dollars and ninety-one cents, and that he has paid out, as per vouchers, twenty dollars, leaving a balance on hand of sixty-six dollars and ninety-one cents.

We find that there is still due from Alpha Council, No. 1, $30 00
Greensboro' do, No. 3, 40 00
Davie do, No. 6, 20 00

$90 00

H. H. MUNSON,
WM. SIMPSON,
R. H. BRADLEY, } *Finance Com.*

Which was adopted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

Comp. Nichols offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to furnish a copy of Article 14 of the Constitution of the Grand Council, to all Councils in arrears for two years, and inform them that unless their returns are made, and dues paid within the next three months that said article will be enforced, unless good cause is shown for a non-compliance with the same.

Which was adopted.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Comp.	Thomas B. Carr, of Wilmington,	M. P. G. M.
"	Wm. Murdoch, of Salisbury,	T. I. D. G. M.
"	D. W. Bain, of Raleigh,	G. P. C. W.
"	H. H. Munson, of Wilmington,	G. T.
"	M. M. Katz, of Wilmington,	G. R.
"	C. M. Van Orsdell, of Wilmington,	G. C. G.
"	William Simpson, of Raleigh,	G. C. C.
"	Alfred Martin, of Wilmington,	G. S.
"	E. Turlington, of Wilmington,	G. Tiler.

The officers elect were duly installed.

Comp. Bain moved that the M. P. G. M. be requested to review the proceedings of our sister Grand Councils in his next annual address.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina closed in ample form.

MORRIS M. KATZ,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D., 1871.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2—Salisbury.

OFFICERS.

Luke Blackmer,	T. I. G. M.
William Murdoch,	D. I. G. M.
Josephus W. Hall,	P. C. W.
Dolphin A. Davis,	C. G.
John M. Coffin,	Treasurer.
Obadiah Woodson,	Recorder.
Samuel E. Linton,	C. C.
R. P. Bessent,	S.
P. A. Frercks,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

John W. Bitting,	Andrew Murphy,
Delevan Bates,	Hugh Murdoch,
Frederick Benjamin,	Edward B. Neave,
Daniel Coleman,	Charles L. Partee,
Clinton A. Cilley,	George H. Snydam,
Carnes A. Henderson,	F. C. Schaffer,
David W. Honeycutt,	William L. Vanderwater.
Christopher S. Moring,	John S. Haigler.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, 1; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident of R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number of R. and S. M., now living in jurisdiction, twenty-five. Regular time of meeting, second Wednesday night in each month, and Friday night of each Court.

OBADIAH WOODSON, *Recorder.*

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4—WILMINGTON.

OFFICERS.

Thomas B. Carr,	T. I. G. M.
W. G. Thomas,	D. I. G. M.
T. M. Gardner,	P. C. W.
H. H. Munson,	C. G.
C. M. Van Orsdell,	Treasurer.
S. D. Wallace,	Recorder.
Alfred Martin,	C. C.
M. M. Katz,	S.
E. Turlington,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Thomas W. Brown,
P. W. Fanning,
Alexander Boon,
W. J. Price,
A. P. Repiton,
J. Nutt,
W. Rittenberg,
Julius W. Wright,
J. D. Ryttenberg,
Jacob Lyons,
A. McRae, Jr.,
Jos. B. Russell,
Donald McRae.

S. D. WALLACE, *Recorder.*

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5—Raleigh.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols,	T. I. G. M.
J. H. Separks,	D. I. G. M.
Donald W. Bain,	P. C. W.
J. M. Rosenbaum,	C. G.
William H. Dodd,	Treasurer.
John C. Blake,	Recorder.
A. D. Royster,	C. C.
A. P. C. Bryan,	S.
James M. Betts,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

N. L. Brown,	Isaac Oettinger,
Robert W. Best,	Willie J. Palmer,
Daniel R. Coleman,	William Simpson,
J. C. L. Harris,	W. C. Stronach,
A. S. Heide,	W. P. Wetherell,
M. Grausman,	Jack R. Williams,
J. R. Harrison,	J. B. White,
Albert Johnson,	John Whitelaw,
C. W. Brown,	R. W. Rountree,
W. W. Dunn,	S. H. Rountree,
A. S. Lee,	R. H. Bradley.
John B. Neathery,	Henry Mahler,

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, 4; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number of R. and S. M., now living in jurisdiction, 33. Regular time of meeting, first Monday evening in each month.

JOHN C. BLAKE, *Recorder.*

DAVIE COUNCIL, No. 6—Mocksville.

OFFICERS.

F. M. Johnson,	T. I. G. M.
J. M. Johnson,	D. I. G. M.
J. A. Kelly,	P. C. W.
T. T. Maxwell,	C. G.
D. C. Clement,	Treasurer.
W. O. Smith,	Recorder.
A. Henly,	C. C.
Charles Sain,	S.
H. X. Dwire,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

J. M. Clement,
J. E. Mann,
S. A. Kelly,
B. Bailey,
B. Ijams,
Beal I. Smith,
George W. Johnson,
J. W. Wiseman,
J. N. Charles.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, 1; expelled, none; suspended, none; whole number of R. and S. M., now living in jurisdiction, —. Regular time of meeting—No meeting during the last 12 months.

W. O. SMITH, *Recorder.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

WILMINGTON, N. C.,

June 7th, A. L., 5872, A. I.. 2402, A. D., 1872.

RALEIGH:
NICHOLS & GORMAN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
1872.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

St. John's Hall, Wilmington, N. C.,
June 7th, 1872, *A. Dep.*, 2872.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in ample form.

PRESENT:

Comp.	Thomas B. Carr, -	- M. P. G. M.
"	S. S. Everett, -	- *as* T. I. D. G. M.
"	G. W. Jewett, -	- *as* G. P. C. W.
"	H. H. Munson, -	- G. T.
"	M. M. Katz, -	- - G. R.
"	C. M. Van Orsdell, -	- G. C. C.
"	P. W. Fanning, P. M. P. G. M.,	*as* G. C. G.
"	A. Martin, P. M. P. G. M.,	- G. S.
"	E. Turlington, -	- - G. Tiler.

Companions B. G. Bates, Jacob Lyon, S. Solomon.

The Most Puissant appointed Comps. A. Martin and G. W. Jewett, a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee reported as follows:

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Credentials find that the following Councils are duly represented, to-wit:

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5, Raleigh.—Comps. C. M. Van Orsdell, proxy for John Nichols, T. I. G. M.; G. W. Jewett, proxy for D. W. Bain, P. C. W.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4, Wilmington.—Comps. Thos. B. Carr, T. I. G. M., and Alfred Martin, P. C. W.

GREENSBORO' COUNCIL, No. 3, Greensboro'.—Comps. C. M. Van Orsdell, proxy for J. Hildesheimer, T. I. G. M., and Peter Adams, I. D. G. M.; S. S. Everett, proxy for R. M. Sloan, Jr., P. C. W.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MARTIN, } *Com.*
G. W. JEWETT, }

On motion, the report was adopted.

The M. P. G. M. appointed the following Committees:

On Unfinished Business.—Comps. C. M. Van Orsdell and S. S. Everett.
On Finance.—Comp. P. W. Fanning and S. S. Everett.
On Returns and Proceedings.—Comps. A. Martin and H. H. Munson.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings submitted the following reports, which was adopted.

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings beg leave to report that the only returns, which have been submitted to them are those from:

Adoniram Council, No. 2, and Wilmington Council, No. 4, which have been examined and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. MUNSON, } *Com.*
A. MARTIN, }

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report, which was adopted.

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of last year, and the only unfinished business, is the following resolution offered by Comp. Nichols:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to furnish a copy of Article 14 of the Constitution of the Grand Council, to all Councils in arrears for two years, and inform them that unless their returns are made, and dues paid within the next three months that said article will be enforced, unless good cause is shown for a non-compliance with the same.

Fraternally submitted,
C. M. VAN ORSDELL, } *Com.*
S. S. EVERETT, }

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

WILMINGTON, N. C., *June 8th*, 1872.

The M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

IN ACCOUNT WITH H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Treasurer.*

CR.

June 7, 1871.	By cash from former Treasurer,	$66 91	
June 7, 1872.	By cash from Grand Recorder,	18 50	
			$85 41

DR.

June 10, 1871.	Paid for Blank Book, - -	$ 2 25	
June 5, 3872.	Paid Nichols & Gorman, per order M. P. G. M., - - - -	22 50	
			24 75
			$60 66

Respectfully submitted,
H. H. MUNSON, *Grand Treas.*

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

WILMINGTON, N. C., *June 7th*, 1872.

The M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

IN ACCOUNT WITH M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

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For Postage and Stationery, - - - -		$ 1 50	
June 7.	Paid Grand Treasurer, as per voucher,	18 50	
			$20 00

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June 7.	By Dues, Adoniram, No. 2, - - -	$10 00	
"	" Wilmington, No. 4, - -	10 00	
			$20 00

The following Councils owe as follows:

Alpha, No. 1, $40; Greensboro', No. 3, $50; Enoch, No. 5, $10, and Davie, No. 6, $30.

According to a Resolution passed at our last Convention, I have sent a copy of Article 14 of By-Laws to Greensboro' Council, No. 3, and Alpha Council, No. 1, and have not received any answers.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

The Finance Committee made the following report, which was adopted.

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C:

The Committee on Finance have examined the books of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, as for their several accounts submitted to this Grand Council, and find them correct:

The report of the Grand Recorder also makes the following exhibit:

By cash received of Adoniram Council, No. 2,	$10 00	
" " " Wilmington Council, No. 4,	10 00	
		$20 00
To cash paid Postage and Stationery, - - -	$ 1 50	
" " over to Grand Treasurer, - -	18 50	
		$20 00

The following Councils are represented in arrears, as follows:

Alpha, No. 1, - - - - -	$40 00
Greensboro', No. 3, - - - -	50 00
Enoch, No. 5, - - - - -	10 00
Davie, No. 6, - - - . -	30 00
Amounting to - - - - - -	$130 00

The Grand Treasurer makes the following exhibit:

By cash received from the ex-Grand Treasurer, -	$66 91	
" " " Grand Recorder, - -	18 50	
		$85 41
To amount disbursed for Blank Book, $2.25, Nichols & Gorman, $22.50, - - - - - -		$24 50
Leaving a balance on hand of - - - -		$60 66

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING, } *Com.*
S. S. EVERETT, }

Comp. Munson introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to correspond with all Subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction who are two years, in arrears, and inform them that if they do not send their dues and returns by the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Body, Article 14 of the By-Laws, will be strictly enforced against them.

The M. P. G. M. submitted and read his Address and Review on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Comp. Munson, the Address of the M. P. G. M. was referred to a Committee of two.

The M. P. appointed Comps. Munson and Fanning, the Committee, who reported as follows :

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee appointed upon the M. P. G. M.'s address, beg leave to report that they find two recommendations therein, requiring your action; first, advocating a representation of this Grand Council, at a Convention of Grand Councils, to be held in the City of New York, on the second Wednesday of the present month; second, that a committee be appointed to report a complete record of the History of the Grand Council of North Carolina.

Your Committee are of the opinion, that in the present state of our finances, it would be impracticable to adopt the first recommendation of the M. P. G. M., but would recommend that a Committee of three be appointed under his second recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. MUNSON,
P. W. FANNING, } *Com.*

On motion of Comp. Jewett, Comp. Carr was requested to attend the meeting of the different Grand Councils in New York this month and represent this Grand Body, which was adopted.

On motion of Comp. Munson, the Address and Review of the M. P. G. M. was ordered to be spread on the minutes.

Illustrious Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

By the merciful Providence of our Supreme Grand Master, I am again permitted to welcome you to our Annual Convocation. If I cannot assure you that *great* prosperity has attended our labors during the

past year, yet I am confident many efficient co-workers have been added to our select numbers and no unwelcome intruder has invaded the secret vault or interrupted the work so happily begun.

A few days since I received a communication from Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, of Portland, Maine, informing me that the Convention of Representatives of Grand Councils to which I was appointed Representative last year, would assemble at Council Hall, No. 8 Union Square, New York, at ten, A. M., on the second Wednesday of June. I trust that you will, at this time, make the necessary arrangements to be represented at that meeting by my successor in office. I think it very desirable that such a Convention should be held in order that a uniform ritual and nomenclature may be agreed upon

In accordance with request, made last year, I will now proceed to review as briefly as can properly be done the proceedings of other Grand Councils.

ALABAMA.

This Grand Council met in Montgomery, December 6, 1871. From the address of Grand Master, we learn that the Grand Council of New Brunswick has assumed jurisdiction over the degree of Red Cross Knight and that the Grand Master of Templars of the United States recognizes this action as legitimate.

The Committee on Work made a report, which was concurred in.

A representation to the Convention of Grand Councils was appointed.

Comp. Dan'l Sayre presented an excellent report on Foreign Correspondence. He argues very conclusively against cheap Masonry and against the practice of conferring degrees by the Grand Council.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Council met November 2, 1871, at Little Rock, George A. Donnelly, Grand Master. There was no address and no report on Foreign Correspondence. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred on seven candidates elected by the Grand Council.

CONNECTICUT.

The last assembly of this Grand Council of which we have intelligence was held in May, 1871. The Grand Master, C. W. Stearns, urges the impropriety of granting dispensation to confer degrees in less than the usual times prescribed by the by-laws. He considers Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction to be in a prosperous condition.

No report on Correspondence, in consequence of the death of the

Committee, Comp. Wm. Storer, whose loss is greatly deplored wherever his able reports on Correspondence have been received during the past twenty-five years.

GEORGIA.

Annual Convocation, April 26, 1871.

The Grand Master was appointed Representative to the Convention next month. The representative system was adopted. We quote from the address of the Grand Master, as follows:

The necessity for uniformity in Cryptic Masonry is patent to every member of the Order. Since the relinquishment of all jurisdiction in territories possessing Grand Bodies by the Supreme Grand Council of the A. & A. Scottish Rite at their meeting in Baltimore last May, the work of the degrees should conform exactly to that as practiced in that Rite. Again, it is important to know whether Cryptic Masonry claims two or three degrees, without going into the discussion of the relevancy of the Super-Excellent degree, an authoritative declaration from a Convention of all the Grand Councils might put this much vexed question at rest. The nomenclature of titles, although not rising to the dignity of work in the degrees, yet if we could have uniformity, would lessen greatly the confusion now existing.

ILLINOIS.

We have the Proceedings of the 18th and 19th Assemblys, October, 1870 and 1871. There are fifty-three subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction and Cryptic Masonry is in a most flourishing condition. This Council works the Super-Excellent Master's degree as third in the series. No report on Correspondence.

INDIANA.

Sixteenth Annual Assembly, October, 1871.

The Grand Master, Comp. W. W. Austin, in his address reviews the Proceedings of sister Grand Councils. We quote the following as a sample: "The spirit of Masonry cannot be imbibed in one evening's *work*, and the Master must not expect to turn out a good square Mason like the turner does a top, by a few motions of the chisel. If we expect to be the instrument in making others love a work, we must first become filled with the love of it ourselves—if we want to make Masons, we must feel that we are such an one ourselves, and this we can *only* do by a thorough study of its history, its principles and its aims. We have too many *virtual* Masters, too few *actual*."

IOWA.

We have heard nothing from this jurisdiction since their Annual Convention, October 17, 1871.

The address by the Grand Master, Benj. Crabb, shows that he accomplished a good deal of official work during the year. He ventures the assertion (and who will dispute it ?) "that if the officers connected with the different subordinate Councils will faithfully do their duty, and learn the work, they will appreciate it. The ceremonies of the degrees in Council Masonry are equal in beauty and impressiveness to any in our Order." This we think correct as far as it goes, but we will *venture* to add that the Lectures of the Royal and Select Master's degrees exceed in beauty and Masonic lore any that we have ever heard in any Masonic institution.

KANSAS.

We have in one small pamphlet the proceedings of this Grand Council from 1868 to 1871 inclusive. The meagreness of their published proceedings may be accounted for by the following from the address of Comp. John L. Philbrick in 1871:

At our last Annual Convocation nothing was done but to meet, elect officers, and close. The whole entire session did not last one hour. If such a practice is continued for a few years the usefulness of the Grand Council will be destroyed,—the shadow may be maintained but the substance will be wanting, and the interests of the Craft in Cryptic Masonry must go unprovided for within this jurisdiction.

And again:

I am fully satisfied that the work in our Councils would be greatly improved and benefited if many of the little twigs which have been cast away from this branch of the old tree of Masonry, or have been torn off from the parent branch by the storms of time, or have fallen from it for the want of sufficient nourishment to sustain life, could be gathered together again and restored to the limb where they formerly grew, and the green shoots and thrifty suckers, now so numerous, were cut off and cast away.

Some of these young shoots are truly beautiful, but who will say that the old twigs were not equally so ? besides, they had age to recommend them, which to the Craft generally has ever been, and always should be, deemed an essential quality.

There is no report on Correspondence. We can see in their proceedings a glimering of a brighter day in the future for our Council Companions of Kansas.

KENTUCKY.

The last Proceedings received, are dated October, 19, 1870.

The Grand Puissant, in his address, says:

Several of our Subordinates I am informed have ceased to hold their meetings, and, to which I beg leave to call your attention, the Grand Recorder will designate them; the others are in a healthy and prosperous condition and nothing has occurred during the past year to disturb our harmony.

He quotes from Comp. A. G. Mackey as follows:

"It is certain that there is nothing in the degree (Super-Excellent) which throws any light on the symbolism of Freemasonry, as a speculative science, or which it is at all necessary to the more complete understanding of its philosophy. Nothing is more undeniable than that Freemasonry has, in the present day, assumed an elevated position as a system of philosophy engaged in the investigation of the *Lost* and the *Recovered Word*, not in itself of as great importance, but as the ground work of a symbolism which teaches the ineffable truth of the *Lost* and the *Recovered Life*. There is every where about it a dualism, which has reference to this change of condition. Borrowing the idea from the Ancient Mysteries, where this symbolic resurrection was taught, it has its *aphanism* or *loss*, *euresis* or its *discovery*—its *darkness* and its *light*—its *ignorance* and its *knowledge*—its *death* and its *life*—its *mortality* and its *immortality*. All this is clearly indicated in the Lodge, is fully developed in the Chapter, and the necessary commentary or explanation is given in the Council. But the degree of Super-Excellent Master adds nothing to this beautiful and consistent system. * * It is a development of a principle of fondness for ceremony, simply as ceremony, without any reference to its applicability to any given healthy purpose, which if encouraged may, and I fear must, end in a total destruction of the identity of American Masonry with that of other countries, and with that which was practiced by our fathers."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence were "not prepared to report."

LOUISIANA.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Council, February, 1871.

The address of the Grand Master, Rufus L. Bruce, is short and confined to a simple report of his official acts.

The report on Correspondence, by Comps. Joseph P. Horner and Samuel M. Todd, is short and concise. Of Alabnma they say:

In his address he refers to the fact that he had decided that a Royal Arch Mason who had received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in a Chapter in Virginia, could visit Councils in Alabama, and that his petition for affiliation accompanied by his demit from his Chapter, should be received and acted upon. Such ruling is destructive of our independent existences and at variance with every opinion we ever heard on the subject, and it is a matter of great regret that the Grand Council of Alabama either took notice or action upon it.

So say we. Let their irregularities first be healed.

In the report of Michigan, we find the following:

Noticing that Ill. Comp. Swasey's report of that year is only about thirteen lines in length, says that it is "*just as well.*" We are a little puzzled whether this is a compliment or not, and if yea, whether intended for the proceedings of the Grand Councils generally or for Ill. Comp. Swasey!

We are "a little puzzled" to understand his review of North Carolina, which is comprized in the following:

The Committee on Work announced themselves ready to report, but it and all action thereon was postponed.

MAINE.

A very interesting and instructive report of the proceedings of this Grand Council, May, 1871.

The address of the Grand Master, Gordon R. Garden, evidences that he has not been an idle officer. He reports, having witnessed the work of several subordinate Councils and compliments them on their skill. Of the importance of the Cryptic Degrees, he says:

There has been considerable discussion during the year in reference to this Rite. More attention has been called to it, and more interest in it manifested. *We* know that no Royal Arch Mason can fully understand the degrees he has received, without the possession of these degrees. For this reason, our Virginia and Maryland Companions confer them before the Royal Arch. But in my humble judgment, this reverses the whole plan of masonry, and is an unanswerable reason, when properly considered, for the opposite course—the one adopted by us in common with nearly all the other jurisdiction. The whole plan of masonic teaching is that the explanations follow what is explained; the symbol is first taught, and afterwards its meaning.

It is obvious that we cannot test masonic legends by history; the historical relation may be true or false, fact or fancy; masonry is not intended to teach history; its legends are lessons to illustrate and enforce its principles, and the symbolism of its ceremonies and legends teaches its lessons without regard to historical accuracy. Therefore, in testing the arrangement of the degrees, regard is to be paid, not so much to the order in which history would place the events, as to their effectiveness in teaching masonic principles, and the general plan of masonic symbolism.

The report on Correspondence, by Comp. J. H. Drummond, is remarkably short *for him*, though one of the best on our table. We like his argument relation to the power and authority of Grand Council:

He still insists that subordinate Councils are the fountain of power, and that Grand Councils have only the powers granted to them by subordinates. But does he know of a Council that has not a charter from a Grand Council, *creating* it and *investing* it with all the powers it possesses? Did not the Grand Council of Iowa charter Councils in

Minnesota with certain prescribed powers, and when they transferred their allegiance to the Grand Council of Minnesota did they gain any more powers than their charters conferred? And does not the Grand Council of Minnesota become their governing body? Comp. L. is led away by the idea of making masonic government "a blundering imitation" of the Government of the United States, when the fundamental principles of the two are entirely different."

It is fortunate for the Craft that we have so indefatigable a statistician in our order as Comp. Drummond. As his tables, which are not prepared without much labor, are freely given to the Craft, we copy them without further apology:

STATISTICS.

We give our Table of Statistics—wofully deficient for want of the Proceedings of some Grand Councils, and the want of Statistics of the Proceedings that are received:

Grand Councils.	No. of Councils.	No. mak'g returns.	Members.	Rec'd, &c.	Remarks.
Alabama,	27	23	873	63	
Arkansas,	21	13	302	64	
California,	10	10	551	127	For 1867.
Connecticut,	24	24	2,132	146	
Florida,					
Georgia,	18	16	539	40	
Illinois,	50	50	1,828	318	
Indiana,	34	31	1,253	122	
Iowa,	17	17	453	94	
Kansas,	3	3	86		For 1867.
Kentucky,	27	17	749		No recapitulation.
Louisiana,	8	8	523	46	
Maine,	12	11	617	114	
Massachusetts,	14	14	1,670		
Michigan,	31	27	1,463		No recapitulation.
Minnesota,	3				No Proceedings received.
Mississippi,	32	25	882	101	
Missouri,	7	7	377	20	
New Brunswick,	6	6	118		
New Hampshire,	6	6	492	59	
New Jersey,	7	7	393		
New York,	39	38	2,072	465	
North Carolina,	4	4	97	8	
Ohio,	52	51	2,275	235	
Pennsylvania,	35	17	1,270	186	
Rhode Island,	4	4	486	61	For 1867.
South Carolina,					
Tennessee,	59	59	1,938	155	
Vermont,	14	14	710		
Wisconsin,	6	6	217	6	For 1867.
Total,	570	508	24,361	2,430	

MASSACHUSETTS.

The proceedings of the Grand Council of this State at their Annual Convocation, December 13, 1871, are replete with valuable information.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports that he had officially visited all the chartered Councils in that jurisdiction during the year, and found them all (fifteen in number.) in a prosperous condition. This Grand Council requires its subordinates to provide themselves with suitable regalia.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. Edw'd B. Moore, M. D., is the most complete, we have found since we commenced our present labor. He reviews in a dignified and impartial manner the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, and we regret that our limits forbid extended quotations from his report. In his review of the New Brunswick proceedings he says:

Past M. P. Grand Master, Robert Marshall, put in a "special plea," for the adoption of the *Red Cross Degree*, by the Grand Council, and that Degree is now, part and parcel of the Council Degrees, in that jurisdiction. What the result will be, time must determine. Last year I characterized the adoption of the Degree by the Grand Council, *an unwarrantable assumption!* As yet, I take nothing back. *Unformity of work, Degrees and Titles*, has, for some time past, been the principal theme of remark in all the Grand Councils; and now, the Grand Council of New Brunswick, one of the youngest sisters in the Cryptic family, 'takes upon herself, without consultation with other Grand Councils, the *responsibility of appropriating one of the Commandery Degrees;* recognized as such, in the United States, for nearly a century. *Perhaps* the Commanderies will give it up, without a struggle or a remonstrance; if so, I mistake their mettle If the Degree could not be obtained in a Commandery of Canada, why not ask of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the institution of a Commandery in St. John? Then all "good men and true," who desired it, could have received the Degree, without trespassing upon the rights of others. "Consistency, thou art a jewel!"

We learn from this report that, in several Grand Jurisdictions, the Select Master's degree is conferred before the Royal Masters. In several States this order has been adopted recently. To us this arrangement appears very much like harnessing the cart before the horse, but we will not express our opinion until we are illuminated by the Drummond light of Maine at the Convention next week.

This Grand Council disapproves "of the system of appointing representatives to other Grand Councils, but will recognize and receive those appointed by other Grand Councils"

MICHIGAN.

Proceedings of January 2, 1872. The Grand Puissant, in his address, says:

In consequence of a great misfortune entirely beyond my control I have not been able to visit any of the Subordinate Councils, which I very much regret; but from the information received, through inquiry from the different sections of our jurisdiction, I am happy to state, that no disturbing element has been allowed to enter the secret vault to disturb the peace and harmony of the workmen; and the sentiment of Brotherly love appears to be unsparingly spread throughout our jurisdiction.

The Grand Council appointed three representatives (to attend at their own expense) to the Convention of Grand Councils. A report recommending the adoption of the Super-Excellent Master's degree was referred to a Committee to report next year:

The committee upon that portion of the T. I. G. P.'s address relating to the Grand Council of Ontario made the following report:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the T. I. G. P.'s address in regard to the communication of the Grand Council of R. and S. M. of Ontario, make the following report:

While we are very happy to receive from our friends of Ontario their very friendly regards, and as happy to return them ours, we can only say that, as far as Masonry itself is found in their Order of R. and S. Masters we fully endorse. Any other matter foreign to our teachings in this jurisdiction we have nothing to do with; therefore ignore.

Which was accepted and adopted.

The returns of their thirty-five subordinates indicate a membership of 1728.

Comp. Garra B. Noble presented a very good report on Correspondence, but our limits forbid more extended notice of it, the principal items of interest having been already mentioned in the review of other Grand Councils.

MINNESOTA.

This Grand Council held its first Annual Convocation, January 11, 1871. There was no address by the Grand Master, Comp. J. C. Terry, and no report on Foreign Correspondence. We welcome this young sister to our family circle, and hope she will make her importance known.

MISSOURI.

Grand Council met October 6, 1871. Martin Collins, M. P. G. M. From his address we quote as follows:

We are not standing still, dead-locked, while all the rest of the world are driving past us. The Grand Council of Missouri is going along too, at a good square pace, on the highway of progress, with a fair prospect of reaching the same goal of practical results to which other branches of the Masonic order are bound. There has been a wonderful advance within a year in the Cryptic rites in Missouri. The Councils have more than doubled in number, and spirit in the work has increased in proportion. The new law that you in your wisdom passed last year for the purpose of extending a knowledge of the Council degrees, and establishing Councils in places where there are abundant materials for work, has done all that was expected of it in so short a time, and even surpassed the anticipation of many who were most hopeful of the movement. The regulation to which I have reference, provides that a lawful number of Royal and Select Masters, acting under the authority of the Grand Puissant, may repair to a place where it is desirable to plant a Council, open a Grand Council, receive and act upon the petitions of a sufficient number of Royal and Select Masters, and Royal Arch Masons who are agreed among themselves to form a Council—having already petitioned for that purpose—confer the degrees, instruct the Companions in the work, and set them at work under dispensation.

It has already proved to be a good, healthy law. Its merits have been fully tested, but its great benefits have but just begun to be developed. Its final result will be to establish a Council wherever there is a thriving Royal Arch Chapter, and then the necessity for the law exist no more, and it may be repealed.

As a result of this new law nine new Councils were organized in one year. We would be glad to see some plan adopted, which would lead to similar results in our own State, and commend the subject to your serious consideration.

Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley presented the report on Correspondence. He thus "explains" in his review of Louisiana:

"We rise to explain." No one can doubt the power of the Grand Council to give the Grand Master authority to grant a dispensation to nine Royal and Select Masters to open a Council to confer the degrees upon such as may be elected. No one can doubt the right that these nine *new* Royal and Select Masters have to file a regular petition for a new Council, and of the Grand Master to issue a dispensation therefor, which the Deputy has with him, and which he fills up with the proper officers and then and there institutes them and instructs them in the work thoroughly, when he leaves for home and they "go on" swimmingly.

Ain't it nice? Every good working Chapter should have a Council, and as we have seventy of the former, we will soon have at least fifty of the latter—then it would not be so "anomalous" as it used to be, for the law will then probably be repealed, as Royal Arch Masons will not have to go five hundred miles to get ten dollars' worth of degrees. Try it in Louisiana, and you will soon have more than five chartered Councils sitting down at your at your annual feast.

MISSISSIPPI.

We regret that we have not received the proceedings of this Grand Council. We learn from other reports that, in January, 1871, a resolution was adopted, submitting to their subordinate Councils the question of the propriety of abandoning the Council degrees to the Chapters. We suggested in a former report that such a course would be well, *provided it could be done by unanimous consent.* Now that the Supreme Grand Council, thirty-third degree, has renounced all jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master, such disposition of the Council degrees is more feasable than formerly, as one very formidable objection is out of the question. It was formerly argued that if the Council organization was abandoned the degrees would revert to their original possessors from whom we derived them. We doubt whether the majority of the Grand Councils will consent to abandon their organization and unless they do, we had better adopt a plan to increase the number of our subordinates.

Since concluding our report we have received the proceedings of this Grand Council, January, 1872. The Grand Master, in his address, despairs of obtaining uniformity of work throughout the United States and recommends the adoption of a work. He thinks the Super-Excellent Degree "stands in the same relation to Cryptic Masonry that the Good Samaritan does to the Royal Arch." What he means we can only *guess*, but reckon we do not differ much about it. He received the thanks of the Grand Council for his opinion on the subject.

The proposition of the previous year to dispense with Councils of R. and S. Masters was voted down by vote of 52 to 47.

The Committee on M. P. Grand Master's address recommended that a Committee of three be appointed to adopt such measures as to them may seem best to secure uniformity of work.

Comp. Wm. S. Patton presented an excellent report on Correspondence. Of North Carolina he says: "We know our North Carolina Companions are of the true metal, and if they will but arouse from their slumber, all will be right by the next meeting." Time was when it was very fashionable to call North Carolina, Rip Van Winkle, but we have heard but littler said of him of late years. In fact we think we are pretty well woke up, if we except one of our number, who is addicted to sleeping at times, as is evidenced to all who have heard him snore!"

NEW BRUNSWICK.

We are indebted to the Correspondence report of Comp. Corson, of New Jersey, for our intelligence from this Grand Chapter.

In August, 1870, the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That hereafter all Councils working under warrant from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada shall have power and authority to confer the degree of 'Red Cross' or 'Babylonish Pass,' provided, always, however, that applicants shall first have received the degree of 'Select,' 'Royal' and 'Super-Excellent Master,' and further

"*Resolved*, That the Constitution and By-Laws shall be and are hereby altered and amended to meet this provision, any rule to the contrary being hereby declared null and void, and further

"*Resolved*, That the work of the degree of 'Red Cross,' or 'Babylonish Pass,' practiced in Canada, and now in the possession of the officers of the Grand Council, be hereby adopted, and that officers of the respective Councils of Select Masters, under this jurisdiction, shall severally hold by virtue thereof the corresponding office in the said Councils of 'Red Cross,' or 'Babylonish Pass,' and further

"*Resolved*, That nothing in the foregoing shall be considered as tending to prevent Encampments of Knights Templar working within the Dominion of Canada, communicating the said degree, under any special authority, for the purpose of enabling Fratres of said Encampments, visiting Encampments where the possession of this degree is made a prerequisite."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Grand Council met May 17, 1871. The proceedings possess only local interest. There was no report on Correspondence.

NEW JERSEY.

We have in one neat volume, the proceedings of the thirteenth and fourteenth Annual Assemblies, January, 1871 and 1872.

At the first of these but little was done, four months only elapsed since their preceding meeting.

The address is short and of only local interest, and there was no report on Correspondence.

From the M. P. G. Master's address to the last assembly, we learn that Cryptic Masonry is progressing favorably in that jurisdiction.

The new Grand Councils of Minnesota and Ontario were cordially welcomed into fraternal fellowship and a Committee of seven was appointed to attend the Convention of Grand Councils next week.

We find, in the report on Foreign Correspondence, a valuable table, prepared by Comp. J. H. Drummond, which we deem worthy of republishing for the benefit of the Craft:

(From the Grand Council of Maine)

ORGANIZATION OF GRAND COUNCILS.

From Report of Comp. J. H. Drummond, of Maine.

Alabama.—Organized in 1838 by twenty-seven R. and S. Masters.

Arkansas.—Organized in 1860 by representatives of four Councils, chartered by the Supreme Council 33rd degree, Southern Jurisdiction, at whose invitation the Council was held.

California.—Organized in 1860 by delegates from four Councils, two chartered by the Grand Council of Alabama, one by that of Tennessee and one by that of Texas.

Connecticut.—Organized in 1819 by eight of the nine Councils then existing in the State.

Florida.—Organized in 1858 by three Councils, having charters from the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, S. J.

Georgia.—A Grand Council was organized in 1825 or 1826, by Councils established by the Southern Supreme Council, 33rd degree, but it became extinct soon after and no record of it can be found. The present Grand Council was organized in 1841.

Illinois.—Organized in 1853 by three Councils, supposed to have been chartered by the G. Council of Kentucky, but it afterwards appearing that one of the Councils had not then been chartered, it was reorganized in 1854.

Indiana.—Organized in 1855 by two Councils chartered by the G. Council of Ohio, and one chartered by the G. Council of Kentucky.

Iowa.—Organized in 1857 by three Councils chartered by the Grand Council of Illinois.

Kansas.—Organized in 1867 by three Councils chartered by the G. Council of Missouri.

Kentucky.—Organized in 1827 by six or seven Councils.

Louisiana.—The present Grand Council was organized in 1856 by four Subordinates, a former G. Council having become extinct.

Maine.—Organized in 1855 by three Councils holding charters from the G. Council of Massachusetts.

Massachusetts.—Organized in 1826 by seven Councils, no one of which then had a charter.

Michigan.—Organized in 1858 by three Councils chartered by the G. Council of Connecticut.

Minnesota —Organized in 1870 by three Councils.

Mississippi.—Organized in 1856 by seven Councils chartered by the G. Council of Princes of Jerusalem for Mississippi, which derived its authority from the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, S. J.

Missouri.—Organized in 1864 by three Councils chartered by the G. Council of Illinois.

New Brunswick.—Organized in 1867 by three Councils chartered by the G. Council of Maine.

New Hampshire.—Organized in 1823.

New Jersey.—Organized in 1860 by three Councils, two of which were chartered by Pennsylvania and one by G. Council of New York.

New York.—One G. Council organized in 1807, another in 1854. In 1860 the two united, forming the present G. Council.

North Carolina.—Organized in 1822 by four Councils.*

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*The Grand Council of North Carolina was re-organized in Wilmington in 1860 by three Councils, located in Wadesboro', Salisbury

Ohio.—Organized in 1830 by five Councils.
Ontario.—Organized in 1871 by four Councils.
Pennsylvania.—Organized in 1847—re-organized in 1854.
Rhode Island.—Organized in 1860 by three Councils.
South Carolina.—Organized in 1860 by nine Councils chartered by the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, S. J.—re-organized in 1869.
Tennessee.—Organized in 1847 by five Councils, two chartered by the G. Council of Kentucky, two by the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, S. J., and one by the G. Council of Alabama.
Texas.—Organized in 1856 by three Councils, one chartered by the G. Council of Kentucky, one by Alabama and one by New York.
Vermont.—Organized in 1854 by four Councils.
Virginia.—Organized in 1820—the jurisdiction of the degrees was surrendered to the G. Chapter in 1841 and the G. Council disbanded.
Wisconsin.—Organized in 1857 by three Councils chartered by the G. Council of Ohio.

We find on examination that the recorded history of the Grand Council of North Carolina, is very imperfect and recommend that a Committee be appointed to report a complete record at our next Convocation.

The report on Correspondence is by Dr. Corson, and as heretofore he does full justice to the subject. We agree with him that "any Companion has the right to dimit when he pleases, if his dues are paid. Masonry is voluntary, and we have no right to force membership upon any one."

NEW YORK.

We have been interested, instructed and amused by a perusal of the proceedings of the Grand Council at its Assembly in February, 1871, and we regret that time and space will not permit us to do justice in our review of them. As most of the subjects mentioned therein have been noticed in preceding portions of this report, we trust that we may be excused from details.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports ten Dispensations granted for new Councils. He advocates the adoption by the Grand Council of a system for paying its officers and representatives, and thinks such a plan would insure a full representation from its subordinates, and make the Grand Council independent of other Grand Bodies meeting about the same time and place.

Comp. C. Craig presents two reports on Correspondence, one for

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and Greensboro'. These Councils were organized under dispensations from the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction A. and A. Rite.

In consequence of the war, no meeting was again held until June, 1866, when a Constitution was adopted.

Since that time the Grand Council has met annually. Charters were granted to Councils, No. 1, 4 and 5 in 1867, No. 6 in 1868.

1869 which he calls supplemental, the other for 1871. Both are well written documents, a little *crispy* at times, but generally his quotations are well selected and his criticisms just. Here is the estimate in which he holds some of the members of the Mutual Admiration Society:

Give us Drummond for an historical report; Thornton, for a well-written one; Reynolds, for an argumentative and statistical one; Storer, for one filled with splendid selections; Corson, for one composed of ill-intended, back-handed compliments; Gouley, for an anti-Scotch Rite; but for all, give us Comp. Austin.

We think Comps. Corson and Gouley deserve higher seats than are here assigned them.

There is more truth than poetry in the following, which he quotes from Comp. Wm. W. Austin, of Indiana:

Of Pennsylvania, speaking of Ill. Comp. Creigh's address, who calls "Pennsylvania: a State pre-eminently great—morally, scientifically, religiously, and Masonically"—

"Merit, clothed in a garb of modesty, is fair to look upon, but when she blows her horn and announces her approach in this grandiloquent style, we ask time enough 'to get on a fence and see her go by,' that we may not be crushed by her majesty." "Truly doth *the* poet warble:

> "Never, never can there be
> Pure and perfect Masonry.
> Except in Pennsylvan[illegible]e;
> Nowhere Masons can you see
> Of such *excessive* modesty,
> As those of Pennsylvani[illegible]a."

There are many good things in this report, but our trainer cries "*Time.*"

OHIO.

We have no intelligence from this Grand Council since September, 1870, when fifty-three subordinate Councils were represented at Grand Council.

They conclude:

"From the recent discussions as to the source whence we have received the degrees of R. and S. Master, it is manifest that any jurisdiction over these degrees exercised by a Chapter of R A. M. can only be assumed, and can in no sense constitute such Chapter 'a Council established by proper authority.'"

They think that the Super-Excellent Master's Degree "adds nothing" to our system of Free Masonry.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We have not been favored with a copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Council, but as it has been suggested by previous quotations

that there are some peculiarities about our "*friends*" (we allude to those who say "thee" and "thy") we appropriate from the report of Comp. Blackie, of Tennessee:

Annual Session, the twenty-fourth, was held at Williamsport on the 14th June, 1870. Ill. Comp. Christian F. Knapp, M. P. G. Master. Eleven Councils represented, and eight "Giblemites" in attendance.

Proceedings. The Most Puissant has been at work. Immediately after his installation, he appointed twenty-seven Giblemites for the nine Arches, each of whom he expected to make report. These Illustrious Companions he had clothed as follows:

It being necessary that the Giblemites in their Grand visitations should be properly clothed, and being called upon to decide what Regalia and Jewel should be worn, and in the absence of any law on the subject, I decided that the Jewel should be a union between the Grand Officers of similar rank of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, for the reason that, as the Council degrees are explanatory of the Lodge and Chapter, our Jewel should combine both.

The Jewel being of gold, consisting of a circle, in the circle a triangle, and in the center of the triangle the sun; on back of the Jewel engraved the name of the Giblemite, the number of the arch, when appointed, and by whom.

The Collar—purple, edged with gold lace, nine embroided gold stars. The Apron—white lamb skin, trimmed with purple, edged with gold lace, and the Jewel embroided in center, in gold, and the trowel in flap of the same. Several Giblemites have procured said Jewel and Regalia, and trust you will approve the same.

He recommended that the Grand Council procure Regalia and Jewels for its officers (but we wish he would not use the word Regalia); that some notice be taken of the untiring labors of Sir Alfred Creigh in the Grand Council; that a Committee on Foreign Correspondence be appointed; that the new degree, unearthed by that assiduous Companion, Alfred Creigh, and styled the Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master's Degree, be exemplified and, if approved, adopted; and that all the Councils be required to clothe and equip themselves in becoming manner. He had made 43 visitations; initiated 91 persons and conferred 273 degrees; spent 86 days; traveled 3,813 miles, and expended over and above what some of the Councils contributed, $155.70; and for printing, stationery, postage and express, $57.45. Who can say that he has not done his duty? He believes that the great evil in the jurisdiction is the want of instruction, and believes it to be imperatively necessary that provisions be made to have this regularly and systematically imparted. His recommendations were all adopted, and the "Giblemites" submitted their reports, which however are not published. A new set of twenty-seven were appointed before the close of the Session.

Statistics. Councils, 17; members, 1,270; received, 186.

Elections. Christian F. Knapp, Bloomsburg, M. P. Grand Master; Thomas W. Wright, of Pittsburgh, Grand Recorder.

We have a great respect for *some* of the peculiarities of our Pennsylvania Companions, while we think *they* might improve by adopting some things in which others differ from them.

RHODE ISLAND.

No report of Proceedings received.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Proceedings of February, 1871 and 1872, in one volume.

In 1871 the M. P. Grand Master, A. G. Mackey, was not present, but sent his address, in form of a letter, from his new home in Washington, D. C.

From it we extract the following:

The Super-Excellent degree continues to be used in many of our sister jurisdictions, but my more enlarged experience on the subject, only leads me to a stronger conviction of the correctness of the opinion I have formerly expressed, and which you have unanimously endorsed, that it would be both improper and inexpedient to adopt it as a part of our system.

The suggestion made by some of the Grand Councils, that the Royal and Select degrees should be merged in the Chapter, is one which I am sure you will not think worthy of your attention, unless it be emphatically to repudiate. The Grand Chapter of South Carolina, long ago expressed its opinion on this subject—adversely to a similar proposition, made in the year 1826 by the Grand Chapter of Maryland. You have no right to abandon your jurisdiction over degrees which you received from your predecessors; nor, if you had, would the Grand Chapter, I am certain, receive the unwelcome gift. The obligation of allegiance which you have all taken to the Grand Council, is one which cannot be conscientiously set aside; and any act, tending to destroy its existence, would be a violation of that obligation.

It will be necessary that you should repeal the clause of your Constitution which gives certain prerogatives to Inspectors General, or, if it remains, it must be as a dead letter; for the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third degree, at its last meeting, in May, 1870, formally relinquished all control over the degrees of Royal and Select Master. An Inspector General, in South Carolina, now possesses no more rights or privileges, in Cryptic Masonry, than any other member of the Grand Council.

As the history of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina is very similar to the following, we will, at the risk of being tedious, copy again from the same address:

The Royal and Select degrees were first introduced into South Carolina in the year 1783, and were conferred by the Lodge of Perfection, in the City of Charleston, under the authority of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and for a very long time were conferred under no other authority.

The first Council established in the State was Adoniram Council, No. 1, which was organized by me in the year 1850, in my capacity as a Grand Inspector General, and under the immediate authority of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Subsequently, and by the same authority, I established Councils at Laurensville,

Cokesbury, Anderson, Columbia, Lancaster, Flint Hill, York and Cheraw. Some of these are still living, and a few of them extinct.

In the year 1860, these nine Councils met on the 15th February, in the City of Charleston, and formed a Grand Council. The supervention of the war was disastrous to the progress of Cryptic Masonry in South Carolina, as it was to the other branches of the order, but it has since revived, and I think that the report of the Grand Recorder will show that it is in a favorable condition.

In 1872 this Grand Council adopted the following:

The 1st Article of the Constitution of this Grand Council, was framed in accordance with the warrants derived from the Supreme Council, 33d degree, and hence limited. In consequence of the renunciation, and to make such Article conform to the existing condition of the Council degrees, the Committee recommend that the last clause of said Article be stricken out, and, in lieu thereof, there be inserted as follows: "But the Supreme Council aforesaid, having now renounced all jurisdiction over the Council degrees, that this Grand Council do now assume to itself, and retain in itself, all the rights inherent in such bodies." And, also, that the words "At the hands of a Sovereign Grand Inspector General," in Article 2, be stricken out.

They decline to recognize the Grand Council of Ontario in the following dignified language:

As adopted by the Grand Council of Ontario, Section 5, of the Article on Subordinate Councils under its jurisdiction, declares that such Subordinate Councils shall not admit to membership any Companion who has not received the degrees of Super-Excellent Master and Red Cross. If such Councils cannot admit to membership, it must follow that they cannot admit to visit Companions who have not received those degrees. The degrees of Super-Excellent Master and Red Cross, are neither conferred nor recognized in this jurisdiction, hence, it follows that a Companion instructed here, could not visit there, and there can be no reciprocity. While lamenting the want of uniformity, yet it appears to interpose an unpassable objection to the recognition of the Grand Council of Ontario by this Grand Council.

Article second of their Constitution appears to us a little defective. It reads as follows:

No Royal and Select Master shall ever be acknowledged as regular, or admitted to visit any Council in the State, if he has been made under the authority of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, nor unless he has received the degrees in a just and legally constituted Council, or being a Royal Arch Mason.

Sanitary laws and Quarantine regulations are very right and proper but would not such a law as the following be rather unnecessarily severe, "No person having been sick with cholera shall ever be permitted to enter any port in the United States." People sometimes get well of cholera and after they are *healed*, there is no danger of contagion.

TENNESSEE.

Convocation, November, 1871. A. V. Warr, T. I. G. M., reports in his address a large amount of official labor. Dispensations were issued to four new Councils. We think he is in error on the following:

In some Councils the T. I. M. informs the newly admitted Companion that he is not a member of any Council until he signs the By-Laws, and that if he so prefers he need not belong to any Council. I would recommend the same rule on this point as governs Lodges and Chapters.

The Committee, to whom the address was referred, paid no attention to the recommendation. We have observed frequently of late in the proceedings of different Grand Bodies, a diversity of opinion on the question of membership. We hold that membership like every thing else in Masonry is voluntary. Men apply *for degrees*, not membership. After they have gotten the degrees they may, if they are pleased with the by-laws of the particular institution in which they received the degrees, become members *by signing the by-laws*. If, however, they find, upon examination, that the by-laws are burdensome (either from unexpected excess of dues or any other requirement,) they may decline to become subject to them. A person may obtain degrees just as he is about to remove to some other jurisdiction. In In that case it would be better for him to apply for membership at his new home, and it would be quite superfluous for him to join a Council, and then immediately apply for a dimit.

If membership is voluntary then a failure to perform the requirements of membership should be punished by dismembership. In other words—If a member fails to comply with the by-laws in the matter of paying dues, his name should be *stricken from the roll of members*, and he, from that time, forfeits the privileges of membership. But to suspend or expel, and that without trial as is done in some jurisdictions, for non-payment of dues, is to our mind *unmasonic* at least. As well hang a man for petty larceny.

Representatives were appointed to the Convention proposed for next week.

We find, in the report on Correspondence, a very valuable history of Cryptic Masonry, compiled by Comp. J. H. Drummond, of Maine, in 1870. We cannot resist the temptation to re-publish for the benefit of the Craft in this State:

There can be no doubt that the three degrees, now known as the Cryptic Rite, were originally all "side" or detached degrees of the Ancient Accepted Rite, or Rite of Perfection, and that the possessors of them were authorized to confer them at pleasure (as is the case with all "side degrees") upon those qualified to receive them—Royal Arch Masons, or Masons of the Ninth Arch.

They were introduced and disseminated into this country from several different sources.

1. Henry Andrew Francken brought them with him in 1767, and conferred them upon Samuel Stringer, who afterwards removed to Maryland, and Moses M. Hayes, who was afterwards Grand Master in Massachusetts. Through Hayes the degrees—one or more of them—were disseminated in Massachusetts and the adjoining States, and it is probable that the founders of the Council in New Hampshire in 1815, and of those first formed in Massachusetts, received the degrees directly or indirectly from Hayes. They certainly received them before the advent of Cross, and we have been unable to find any evidence whatever of their receiving them from any other source than from Hayes.

2. Joseph Myers, at the foundation of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Charleston in 1778, deposited a copy of these degrees in its archives, and they were conferred, in 1783, in the Lodge of Perfection there, upon several brethren, three of whom were living in 1827, when a Report was made in the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, in reply to the Maryland Circular, which we shall notice hereafter. The Supreme Council, at its formation in 1801, took charge of these degrees, and by its agents, disseminated them widely through the South and West. Indeed, a large majority of the Grand Councils derive their existence, directly or indirectly, from this source, as the historical facts, given in this Report, show.

It is stated that in the earlier charters for Lodges of Perfection, authority was given to confer these as side degrees. In an appendix to an oration delivered by Dalcho, in the Lodge of Perfection in 1807, he states that there are detached degrees connected with the regular degrees of the Lodge, and among them he enumerates the degree of Select Master.

3. Joseph Cerneau brought them in 1807 from France to New York, and established a Grand Council there. This Grand Council refused to recognize those receiving the degrees from any other source. But its Subordinates, *out of New York*, united with Councils chartered from other sources. In this Grand Council, the Super-excellent degree was one of the series, and was conferred in its Subordinates from a very early date.

4. Philip P. Eckel, of Maryland, as early as 1812, obtained the Select degree in some manner unknown. It has been supposed that he obtained it from a German who came from Berlin and lived with him; others have supposed he obtained it from Stringer, who brought it from Albany; others, that he received it from Myers, who also visited Baltimore. The evidence upon this point is unsatisfactory; but he received it in such manner as led him to believe that he had the control of it.

Comp. Harry R Taylor, of Florida, states that Ebenezer Wodsworth, of New York, told him that he assisted in 1819 in conferring the Royal Master's degree upon Comps. Eckel and Eddes, of Maryland, and Salem Town, of New York. There is no mention of any other of these degrees than the *Select Master* in connection with Eckel or his associates or agents till after that date (1819). It was conferred by him, and under his authority, for several years, sometimes by communication and sometimes in a Council regularly, but temporarily organized by him for that purpose. Comp. Hezekiah Niles was associated with him. In November, 1817, the Grand Chapter of Maryland received a communi-

cation from Comp. Niles, then D. G. H. P., and, in accordance with his recommendation, adopted a resolution empowering its subordinates to "open and hold Chapters of Select Masters, and confer the degree of Select Master Mason on such as they may deem worthy of receiving the same." This we understand to be the first action of that Grand Chapter in relation to any of these degrees. We have not a full file of its Proceedings, but the next action we find is in 1820, when a resolution was passed ordering that whereas some Chapters consider it obligatory to confer the degrees of Royal Master and Noah's Ark previous to conferring the Royal Arch, and whereas those degrees are very imperfectly understood, Chapters may in their discretion omit conferring them. In 1824 the constitution was revised, and the degrees to be conferred are given in it, as M. Master Select Mason (in one place, Select Master), M. E. Master and Royal Arch. Returning now to Eckel, we find that in the autumn of 1816, he conferred the degree of Select Master upon Jeremy L. Cross, a native of New Hampshire residing in Connecticut, who had just been appointed Grand Lecturer of the General Grand Chapter, and authorized him to confer this degree without fee, on all Royal Arch Masons. Cross started on a tour through Kentucky, Ohio, and Missisippi, in which States he conferred the degree and established Councils of Select Masters. We are indebted to Comp. John A. Harris, of New Hampshire, for access to a pamphlet published by Cross in the summer of 1819, in which he gives a list of the Councils he had organized. It is a copy of the same pamphlet which Comp. John Dove says James Cushman took to Virginia in 1820. According to this pamphlet, he had organized, between November 23, 1816, and that summer, two Councils in Kentucky, one in Ohio, one in Missisippi, two in Vermont by himself and seven by proxy (Cotton), two in Massachusetts, one in New Hampshire, one in New Jersey, three in Delaware, two in Virginia, and eleven in Connecticut—in all, *thirty-three*. Some of these had already been formed, but took a warrant from him; many of these survived but a few years. Before publishing this pamphlet and after the first of the year 1818, Cross seems to have obtained the Royal Master's degree. In his warrant granted to John Dove and others, December 25, 1817, he undertakes "by the High Powers in me vested by the Thrice Illustrious and Grand Puissant in the Grand Council of *Select Masons*, held at Baltimore," to empower the Companions "to form themselves into a regular Council of *Select Masters;*" while in the warrant granted September, 1819, in Rhode Island, we have seen that he undertakes "by the High Powers in me vested by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, held in the City of Baltimore," to empower the Companions "to form themselves into a regular Council of Royal and Select Masters." The Vermont warrants were like the Virginia warrant, and in one of the Councils the Royal Master's degree was not recognized till the formation of the Grand Council in 1854. A Council was formed in New York under the authority of Cross, but as late as 1821, when it was merged in the Cerneau Council, it did not possess the degree of Royal Master. Cross received fees for conferring these degrees and organizing Councils, and was evidently something of an adventurer. We find no evidence of his conferring the R. M. degree before the publication of the pamphlet to which we have referred. We are satisfied that he acquired that degree in 1819, remodeled his "High Powers" by including it, published this pamphlet and set out on a new campaign to establish Councils of *Royal* and *Masters*, as he did in Rhode Island. Cushman

moved to Virginia and did the same thing there. So matters went on till 1827, when the G. H. Priest of Maryland submitted to his Grand Chapter a paper purporting to be an authority to Jeremy L. Cross, empowering him to grant warrants to Councils of Royal and Select Masters in States therein named. This document (which is not given in the Proceedings, we regret to say) was read and referred to a committee, who recommended the sending of a circular to other Grand Chapters in relation to it. This was done; and in the circular it was stated that the Select degree existed in that State under the authority of a distinguished chief, *without being recognized by the Grand Chapter till* 1824. when it was formally recognized; that they had learned that Councils of Select Masons had been instituted "through a great mistake or actual abuse of any authority delegated, or meant to be delegated;" and that they recommended the Grand Chapters to take charge of it The authors of the circular evidently supposed that the sole origin of the degree was in Maryland.

To this circular the Grand Chapter of South Carolina replied, showing the error of our Maryland Companions, as we have quoted in our review under the head of South Carolina. The Grand Councils of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Virginia replied substantially that, as there was a Grand Council in existence in their respective States, they could not interfere. No Grand Chapter, so far as we can learn, replied favorably. In this connection, one matter should be noticed, not so much for its importance in this discussion, as to vindicate the truth of history. It has been stated, and recently repeated in an able article in reference to these degrees that the Grand Chapter of Maryland, at the suggestion of the General Grand Chapter, expelled or suspended Cross for his share in the transactions above recited. This statement is incorrect. No such action is found in the published Proceedings of either body. And Comp. Charles Gilman, in 1848, declared that the records of *both bodies* were in his possession, and that "nothing of the kind appears among them." And he suggests further, that Cross never having been a resident of Maryland, but of Connecticut, Maryland had no jurisdiction; and also that then (1848) Cross was in good standing We will add to this, that however much he had abused the confidence of Eckel and Niles, he had committed no offence against the General Grand Chapter, or the Grand Chapter of Maryland, as neither of them had then taken charge of these degrees, or any of them. It has been claimed, (and the claim recently re-asserted) especially by our Virginia Companions, that all Grand Councils and their subordinates now existing, derive their authority, directly and indirectly, from Cross; and, therefore, as he had no authority to form Councils, they are all illegal, and the degrees should be remitted to the Chapters, where Eckel, their original chief, placed them From the historical facts hereinbefore stated, it will be perceived that in this claim there are several fundamental errors. 1. Eckel never had any authority, or claimed to have any, over the R. M. degree. 2. He was by no means their original chief in this country, as they were disseminated from at least three other independent sources. 3. A very large majority of the Councils now existing do not derive their authority, directly or indirectly from Cross; the Councils which organized the Grand Councils of Connecticut, Vermont and Virginia, were established by him, or under his authority; the latter has dssolved; Vermont has established no Councils out of the State; Connecticut established (of those which took part in forming Grand Councils) three

in Michigan, one in New Hampshire, (and perhaps the other two were founded by Cross) three in New York, (which formed the second Grand Council there that was merged in the other) and one in Rhode Island, (and one of the others was founded by Cross). In addition to these, some of the Councils in Massachusetts may have been founded by him. *But these are all in the country which derive their authority, directly or indirectly,* from Jeremy L. Cross. As Eckel first placed the degree of Select Master under control of the Grand Chapter in 1824, when there were three or four Grand Councils of *Royal and Select Masters,* with at least sixty subordinates, it will be perceived that the claim of the Grand Chapters to control all these degrees is utterly without foundation.

It has generally been admitted that those Councils organized by Cross were illegal, and the Grand Councils formed by them no more regular, but it has been held, that by the lapse of time, and general acquiescence, they have acquired control of these degrees. But we submit the following considerations, as establishing a different view. The degrees were side degrees unorganized, which any possessor of them might confer at pleasure upon competent candidates. Or instead of so doing, several could unite and confer them in a formal manner. Eckel himself called an assembly for that purpose a Council. It was entirely competent for such a Council to have rules and regulations for its government, and make itself a permanent body, and to do this, not by virtue of a warrant, but by the consent of those composing it. It was also competent for the possessors of the degrees to agree among themselves that these degrees should be conferred in no other way. When one body was formed in this way, another could easily adopt the same rules; when several were formed in a State, they could form a Grand Council for the government of the degrees in such State. It is in such manner only that any Rite can be organized in the first instance; and it is the only way confusion can be prevented. For instance, various Councils were established by the Companions in Virginia, and a Grand Council formed. The rules of this Grand Council were the law in that jurisdiction, and the authority which any Companion might otherwise have had to confer the degrees were restricted. As this was almost universally done, it has become the law of the Rite. It is evident that all the possessors of *any* side degree (which any one could confer at pleasure) may agree together that it shall be conferred only in a certain described manner, and thus organize it, and all who received it afterwards would be bound by their action. So, while we hold that the warrants of Cross conferred no authority, we also hold that the bodies which adopted his code of laws by the consent of the members, and worked under them, were legitimate, and the Grand Councils formed by them, the Supreme power of the Rite, in the particular jurisdiction.

Much confusion has arisen from the erroneous assumption, that the degrees sprang from a single source in this country; and we think we have shown that there were several sources, and one as legitimate as any other.

When the Grand Chapter of Virginia assumed control of these degrees in 1841, she ordered them to be conferred *before* that of Most Excellent Master—the first instance we can find in which this was done. In 1824, Maryland placed the Select degree between the Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees, for the first time, so far as the published record shows; but up to 1848, it had never been conferred (as Comp. Gilman says) *before* the Most Excellent.

We have given so much of the history of the Rite as the means within our reach allow. We trust the Companions in the respective jurisdictions will examine the records of their oldest Councils and give us all the facts which tend to throw light upon this subject. Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Kentucky and Connecticut can do much in this behalf.

VERMONT.

Proceedings of June 15, 1871. The following from the opening address of the M. P. Grand Master is too beautiful to be lost:

In the hushed silence of our arches let us kneel with a humble and contrite spirit in praise of Him whose manifold goodness and fatherly protection we have ever enjoyed, remembering with gratitude, which shall be unfailing and constant, that "The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy."

We agree with him in the opinion that:

No Companion who has been exalted should be without that knowledge, the possession of which can only be obtained within our secret vault; and I hope that active measures may soon be taken to institute Councils in the vicinity of all of our Chapters, believing that such action would lead to the most beneficent results, and that the Craft would be generally profited thereby.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. T. F. Stewart, is far above mediocrity, and we regret to see from his concluding paragraph that he contemplates, retiring from the repertorial corp. As we find nothing in his report to dissent from, and, as we have already expressed in other portions of this report our opinion of the various subjects, mentioned by him further comment would be superfluous.

We have thus, my Companions, endeavored to give you a general idea of the transactions of our sister Grand Councils. We are consious of many defects in the report, but, such as it is, we commend it to the charity of our fellows trusting that another year the duty may devolve upon one better able to do justice to the subject.

On motion of Comp. Van Orsdell, the Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year, which resulted as follows:

Comp. H. H. Munson, of Wilmington,		M. P. G. M.
" John Nichols, of Raleigh,	-	T. I. D. G. M.
" Wm. Murdoch, of Salisbury,	-	G. P. C. W.

Comp. Alfred Martin, of Wilmington, G. T.
" M. M. Katz, of Wilmington, - G. R.
" C. M. Van Orsdell, of Wilmington, G. C. G.
" W. A. Smith, of Ansonville, - G. C. C.
" Peter Adams, of Greensboro', - G. Steward.

On motion of Comp. Fanning, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council are richly merited, and are hereby tendered to our very worthy P. G. I., Thos. B. Carr, for his untiring devotion to the advancement of the Royal art, in the various responsible duties disposed upon him.

Those of the officers elect present were duly installed by P. M. P. G. M., Thomas B. Carr.

The M. P. G. M. appointed Comp. B. G. Bates as Grand Tiler for the ensuing year, who was duly installed.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council closed in ample form.

M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D., 1872.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2—SALISBURY.

OFFICERS.

Luke Blackmer,	T. I. G. M.
William Murdoch,	D. I. G. M.
Dolphin A. Davis,	P. C. W.
Edward B. Neave,	C. G.
John M. Coffin,	Treasurer.
Obadiah Woodson,	Recorder.
Andrew Murphy,	C. C.
R. P. Bessent,	S.
Josephus W. Hall,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS

John W. Bitting,
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John S. Haigler,
Samuel E. Linton,
Hugh Murdoch,
Charles L. Partee,
George H. Suydam,
F. C. Schaffer,
William L. Vanderwater.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, none; honored, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; of resident R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number of R. and S. M., now living in jurisdiction, 24. Regular time of meeting: second Wednesday night in each month, and Friday night of each Court.

OBADIAH WOODSON, *Recorder.*

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4—WILMINGTON.

OFFICERS.

Thomas B. Carr,	T. I. G. M.
W. G. Thomas,	D. I. G. M.
A. Martin,	P. C. W.
S. S. Everett,	C. G.
C. M. Van Orsdell,	Treasurer.
S. D. Wallace,	Recorder.
H. H. Munson,	C. C.
S. Solomon,	S.
E. Turlington,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Thomas W. Brown,	William E. Freeman,
P. W. Fanning,	James B. Russell,
Alexander Boon,	D. McMillan,
W. J. Price,	B. P. Harrison,
A. P. Repiton,	Donald McRae,
Thomas M. Gardner,	A. Wronski,
M. M. Katz,	R. Greenberg,
John Nutt,	George Patterson,
W. Rittenberg,	William Larkins,
Julius W. Wright,	G. W. Jewett,

Isaac D. Rittenberg,
Jacob Lyon,
Alexander McRae, Jr.,
B. G. Bates,
F. M. Knowles.

SUMMARY.

Number healed, 2; honored, 7; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident of R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number of R. and S. M., now living in jurisdiction, 34. Regular time of meeting: second Monday in each month.

S. D. WALLACE, *Recorder.*

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5—RALEIGH.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols,	T. I. G. M.
Joseph H. Separks,	D. I. G. M.
Donald W. Bain,	P. C. W.
J. M. Rosenbaum,	C. G.
William H. Dodd,	Treasurer.
John C. Blake,	Recorder.
A. D. Royster,	C. C.
A. P. C. Bryan,	S.
James M. Betts,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Nathaniel L. Brown,
Robert W. Best,
Robert H. Bradley,
Daniel R. Coleman,
W. W. Dunn,
M. Grausman,
J. C. Logan Harris,
John B. Neathery,
Isaac Oettinger,
Willie J. Palmer,
R. W. Rountree,
S. H. Rountree,
William Simpson,
William C. Stronach,

A. S. Heide,
John R. Harrison,
Albert Johnson,
A. S. Lee,
Henry Mahler,
W. P. Wetherell,
Jack R. Williams,
J. B. White,
John Whitelaw,

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, 0; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, 1; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident of R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number of R. and S. M., now living in jurisdiction, 32. Regular time of meeting: first Monday evening in each month.

JOHN C. BLAKE, *Recorder.*

DAVIE COUNCIL, No. 6—Mocksville.

OFFICERS.

A. A. Harbin,	T. I. G. M.
S. A. Kelly,	D. I. G. M.
A. Henley,	P. C. W.
J. A. Kelly,	C. G.
B. Bailey,	Treasurer.
J. M. Johnson,	Recorder.
W. O. Smith,	C. C.
Charles Sain,	S.
Thomas T. Maxwell,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

F. M. Johnson, P. T. I. G. M.
G. W. Johnson,
J. N. Charles,
J. W. Wiseman,
D. C. Clement,
J. E. Mann,
J. M. Clement,
Casper Sain.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, none; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident of R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number of R. and S. M., now living in jurisdiction, 18. Regular time of meeting: second Friday night in each month, and Wednesday night of each Court week.

J. M. JOHNSON, *Recorder*.

GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Officers' Addresses for 1872.

H. H. MUNSON,	Most Puissant Grand Master,	*Wilmington.*
JOHN NICHOLS,	Thrice Illustrious Deputy Grand Master,	*Raleigh.*
WILLIAM MURDOCH,	Grand Principal Conductor of Work,	*Salisbury.*
ALFRED MARTIN,	Grand Treasurer,	*Wilmington.*
M. M. KATZ,	Grand Recorder,	*Wilmington.*
C. M. VAN ORSDELL,	Grand Captain of the Guard,	*Wilmington.*
W. A. SMITH,	Grand Conductor of the Council,	*Ansonville.*
PETER ADAMS,	Grand Steward,	*Greensboro'.*
B. G. BATES,	Grand Tiler,	*Wilmington.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

WILMINGTON, N. C,

June 7th, A. L., 5873, A. I., 2403, A. D., 1873.

RALEIGH:
JOHN NICHOLS & CO., BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
1873.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ST. JOHN'S HALL, WILMINGTON, N. C.,
June 7th, 1873. *A. Dep.* 2873.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was opened in ample form.

PRESENT:

Comp. H. H. Munson, of Wilmington,	-	M. P. G. M.
" John Nichols, of Raleigh,	-	T. I. D. G. M.
" D. W. Bain, of Raleigh,	- -	P. C. W.
" A. Martin, of Wilmington,	-	G. T.
" M. M. Katz, of Wilmington,	-	G. R.
" C. M. VanOrsdell, of Wilmington,		G. C. G.
" S. S. Everett, of Wilmington,	*as*	G. C. C.
" J. B. Neathery, Raleigh	- *as*	G. Steward.
" B. F. Bates, Wimington,	- -	G. Tiler.

Comps. T. B. Carr, T. Gardner, P. D. G. M, and J. J. Lyon.

The Most P. G. M. appointed Comps. Carr and Neathery a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee reported as follows:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Credentials find that the following Councils are represented, to-witt:

GREENSBORO' No. 3.—M. M. Katz, proxy for Thrice Illustrious Master and Deputy Illustrious Master.

WILMINGTON No. 4.—C. M. VanOrdell, Thrice Illustrious Master, S. S. Everitt, Deputy Illustrious Master, H. H. Munson, Principal Conductor of Work.

ENOCH No. 5.—John Nichols, Thrice Illustrious Master, J. B. Neathery, Deputy Illustrious Master, D. W. Bain, Principal Conductor of Work.

Fraternally submitted,

T. B. CARR,
J. B. NEATHERY. } *Committee.*

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Most Puissant appointed the following Committees:

On Returns and Proceedings.—Comps. Bain and Everett.

On Unfinished Business.—Comps. VanOrsdell and Lyon.

On Finance.—Comps. Carr and Neathery.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WILMINGTON, N. C., *June 4th*, 1873.

The M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of N. C., in account with M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder:*

DR.

For Postage and Stationery, - - - - -	$ 1 75	
Paid Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers, - - -	48 25	
		$50 00

CR.

By dues Greensboro', No. 3, - - - - -	$10 00	
" " Enoch, No. 5, - - - - - -	20 00	
" " Wilmington, No. 4, - - - - -	10 00	
" " Adoniram, No. 2, - - - - -	10 00	
		$50 00

The following Councils owe as follows: Alpha, No. 1, $50; Greensboro', No. 3, $50; Davie, No. 6, $40.

According to a resolution at our last Convocation, I have corresponded with Alpha Council, No. 1. and Greensboro' Council, No. 3.

Alpha Council, No. 1, has not made any returns for several years, and has not paid any dues since 1869. I cannot hear anything from them.

Greensboro' Council, No. 3, paid dues for this year. They state that they have been dead for some time and would wish their back dues remitted, and as they are now mostly new members they promise not to neglect their duties again.

We acknowledge the receipts of proceedings from the following Grand Councils:

Alabama, for 1872; Arkansas, 1871–'72; Florida, 1872; Indiana, 1872; Iowa, 1872; Louisiana, 1872; Maine, 1872; Massachusetts, 1872; Michigan, 1872; Missouri, 1872; Nebraska, 1872; New Brunswick, 1871; New Hampshire, 1872; New Jersey, 1873: New York, 1872–73; Ohio, 1872; Pennsylvania, all to 1872; Tennessee, 1872; Vermont, 1872.

I received a communication, June 10th, 1872, from Comp. George Frank Gouley, of St. Louis, acknowledging his appointment as Representative of this Grand Council to the Grand Council of Missouri, and also on February 10th, 1873, a communication from Comp. J. McCallum, acknowledging his appointment as Representative to the Grand Council of Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 4th, 1873.

The M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of N. C., in account with A. MARTIN, *Grand Treasurer.*

1872.	DR.		
July 26,	To cash paid Nichols & Co. printing proceedings,		$60 00
1873.			
June 4,	To cash paid for stamps and postage to Gr. Sec'y,		1 75
" "	To balance to credit Grand Council in new account,		48 91
			$110 66
1872.	CR.		
June 7,	By am't from former Grand Treasurer,	$60 66	
1873.			
June 4,	By am't from Gr. Recorder for dues, Subordinate Councils, viz :		
" "	By Enoch, No. 3, - - -	$20 00	
" "	By Greensboro', No. 3, - -	10 00	
" "	By Adoniram, No. 2, - - -	10 00	
" "	By Wilmington, No. 4, - -	10 00	
		$50 00	110 66
1873.			
June 4,	By balance on hand brought down, - - - -		$48 91

A. MARTIN, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Finance Committe reported as follows, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings:

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Finance have examined the books of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, as per their reports submitted to this Grand Council, and find them correct:

The Grand Recorder reports cash received:

From Greensboro Council,	No. 3,	- - - -	$11 00	
" Adonirem "	No. 2,	- - - -	10 00	
" Wilmington "	No. 4,	- - - -	10 00	
" Enoch "	No. 5,	- - -	20 00	
				$50 00
And that he has paid out:				
For Postage and Stationery,	- - - - - -		$1 75	
For cash paid to Grand Treasurer,	- - - -		48 25	
				$50 00

The following Councils are represented as in arrears, viz:

Alpha,	No. 1, - - - - - - - -	$50 00	
Greensbero',	No. 3, - - - - - - -	50 00	
Davie,	No. 6, - - - - - - - -	40 00	
			$140 00

No returns having been received from Alpha Council for several years, we respectfully recommend that its Charter be declared forfeited, and that the M. P. Grand Master be requested to demand a return of the Charter, books, &c.

We also recommend that the dues of the Greensboro', No. 3, and Davie, No. 6, be remitted to 1872, they having given evidence of a disposition to continue their labor.

The Grand Treasurer reports:

CR.

July 26,	Paid for printing, - - - - - - - -	$60 00
June 4,	Stationary and Postage to Recorder, - - -	1 75
	Balance to new account, - - - - -	48 71
		$110 66

DR.

Received from former Treasurer,		- - - -	$60 66	
Received from Grand Recorder for dues of the following Councils:				
1873.				
June 4, Enoch,	No. 3,	- - - -	$20 00	
" " Greensboro',	No. 3,	- - - -	10 00	
" " Adoniram,	No. 2,	- - - -	10 00	
" Wilmington,	No. 4,	- - - -	10 00	
				$110 66

Balance on hand, - - - $48 91.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. CARR. } *Com.*
J. B. NEATHERY, }

On motion of Comp. Bain, the recommendations contained in the report of the Finance Committee were concurred in.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings reported as follows, which was adopted and spread on the minutes:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Councils report that the returns of the following Councils have been referred to them and examined:

Adoniram, No. 2; Greensboro', No. 3; Wilmington, No. 4, and Enoch, No. 5.

The Committee recommend that these returns be printed with the Proceedings of this Convocation.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. EVERETT, } *Committee.*
D. W. BAIN, }

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported as follows, which was adopted and ordered to be spread on the minutes:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of last year, and the only unfinished business is the following resolution introduced by Comp. Munson and adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to correspond with all Subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction who are two years in arrears, and inform them that if they do not send their dues and returns by the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Body, Article 14 of the By-Laws will be strictly enforced against them."

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. VANORSDELL, } *Committee.*
JACOB LYON, }

The Most Puissant Grand Master submitted the following address:

Companions of the Grand Council of North Carolina:

At the close of another Masonic year, it gives me pleasure to welcome you again in Council assembled—together to renew our vows, render thanks to that God who has so mercifully preserved us in the past, and

to legislate as may seem best for the future good and prosperity of the Order. In all your deliberations, may that peace and harmony, without which grand results cannot be gained, be always maintained, so that we may return to our homes with the proud satisfaction of having faithfully performed our whole duty to the Craft.

I regret exceedingly that the report I have to make regarding Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction is not such as will redound to our honor or credit. I regret that the want of interest manifested so fully in almost all of the Subordinate Councils is such as to weaken greatly our strength and consequent influence, and put in jeopardy even the continued existence of this Grand Body.

Placed by you as a sentinel on the watch tower, to overlook the interests of the Order and to sound the note of alarm whenever an enemy approaches, I feel I should be derelict did I fail in the performance of the duty assigned me. In other jurisdictions I find a manifest interest in, and continual enlargement of the Order, a generous attendance upon its called and stated Communications, universal peace and prosperity, and a promptness in furnishing a sufficiency of "filthy lucre," (which, although so often decried, is the basis upon which our labor rests,) to carry on the work in view to a successful issue. How do we find it in our own? Little or no interest manifested, small and feeble Councils, the universal peace only of perfect rest, the withholding of the necessary financial means, without which our Councils, like our commercial interests, will come to naught.

Early in January last, I addressed letters to the following Councils: Alpha No. 1; Adonriam No. 2; Greensboro' No. 3; Wilmington No. 4; Enoch No. 5, and Davie No. 6, requesting any information of general interest regarding their past workings and prospects for the future. These communications elicited replies from none save Greensboro' No. 3 and Wilmington No. 5, the former of whom, I regret to say, have been under a cloud, but having rescusitated their Council upon what is, I trust, a substantial basis, express the hope that their former inactivity may be replaced by earnest efforts to regain their former position in the Order. The action which they took in electing officers in January last I legalized, and believe now they will be faithful to their trusts.

The report of Wilmington Council No. 4, will be made by the Grand Recorder, and I am glad to say, that having taken a new lease of li e she will henceforth be found in the front rank in the performance of duty.

I call your attention to the Councils who are, as per report of the Grand Recorder, still delinquent, and recommend that the By-Laws be enforced against them. As the lifeless branches of a tree are removed in order that its growth may be stimulated and its beauty apparent, so should all Masonic excresences be cut off, that we may present to the

world a Masonry without spot or blemish, or any such thing; a Masonry perfect in its beauty and shining with undimmed splendor.

On January 11th I granted a Dispensation to Davie Council No. 6, to instal Comp. A. A. Harbin Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of that Council.

On January 12th I received a communication from Comp. Geo. S. Blackie, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Tennessee, informing me that the appointment of Right Illustrious Jas. M. Fowler, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of North Carolina at the Grand Council of Tennessee, was made under a misapprehension, and returning his credentials, with the request that some other Companion might be appointed in his stead. Accordingly I appointed and commissioned Past Most Puissant Grand Master Jas. McCallum, which appointment he has most fraternally accepted.

Companions, I am well aware that the custom is prevalent with Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters and Grand Councils to appoint Companions residing in other jurisdictions as their representatives, but it strikes me the system is wrong. It is all very well for Mr. Smith to be received and acknowledged as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of North Carolina, but of what value is it to either Grand Body? I shall not enlarge upon this theme, but recommend, so far as the Grand Council is concerned, that the custom be abolished.

At the last session of this Grand Council, a resolution was passed requesting Past Most Puissant Grand Master, Thos. B. Carr, to attend and represent us in a Convention of Representatives from the several Grand Councils in the United States, which was to meet in the City of New York, in June, 1872. Comp Carr complied with that request, and has his report ready for your information.

The Committee on Nomenclature (being the only action of the Convention to which I shall allude) made the following report, which was adopted. They recommend the following titles for Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Cryptic Rite:

1st. Most Illustrious Grand Master.
2d. Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
3d. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
4th. Grand Treasurer.
5th. Grand Recorder.
6th. Grand Captain of the Guard.
7th. Grand Conductor of the Council.
8th. Grand Steward.
9th. Grand Sentinel.

For Subordinate Councils the word "Grand" is to be omitted, and "Thrice" substituted for "Most." As it is desirable, if not important, that the whole body of Cryptic Masons should work harmoniously in

this matter, and as other jurisdictions are effecting a like charge, I respectfully recommend the adoption of the above Nomenclature.

This Convention not having completed its labors, adjourned to meet at the same place on the second Wednesday of June, 1873. As the legislation of this body may prove of considerable interest to Cryptic Masonry, I recommend that Past Most Puissant Grand Master, T. B. Carr, be again appointed our Representative, with authority to select an alternate, and that suitable provision be made for the payment of his necessary expenses.

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of the proceedings of a number of Grand Councils, as per report of the Secretary, and regret that at our last Grand Convocation no committee was appointed to report upon what I have read with so much pleasure and profit.

I regret to announce since our last annual Assembly, the death of Comp. Thos. W. Brown, so long the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Council. No more fitting eulogy could I pronounce than that "He was ever faithful to his trust."

"Let the Dead rest, too sacred to me
Is their life, their love, their memory,
To bring them before the world's cold eye
To bear its heartless scrutiny.
Ah no! in the hearts of those they love best,
There is the home for the dead to rest.

Let the Dead rest, we need not be told
By this printed page that the heart is cold,
That the pulse beats not, that the sparkling eye
Shall never speak its sympathy.
Ah no! within each sorrowing breast
Live still the dead, there let them rest.

Let the dead rest, we too must die
And meet them above the starry sky;
There we may whisper, that here below,
We wept their departure, in tears of woe.
Mourn them in silence—the home of the blest
Unites the long parted, there let them rest."

Companions, let us not be disheartened at our gloomy review of the past. We have been at refreshment too long, let us now call to labor, and carefully removing the noxious weeds which have so luxuriantly grown in this part of the Masonic Vineyard, let us infuse into it some of the energy and life with which Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Masonry is so fully blessed, so that the future may be bright in happy recollections of duty done, and the grand aim we have in view, (that of placing Cryptic Masonry in this State in the proud position to which she is entitled) be fully accomplished.

HORACE H. MUNSON,
Most Puissant G. M.

On motion of Comp. Bain, the address of the Most Puissant Grand Master was referred to a committee of two.

The Most Puissant appointed Comps. Nichols and Gardner, who submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Puissant Grand Master, beg leave to report at once on the various subjects contained therein.

We recommend that the official acts of the Most Puissant Grand Master be approved by this Grand Council.

We recommend that the Grand Representation system be abolished by this Grand Council.

We recommend that our Grand Constitution be amended in accordance with the suggestions of the Most Puissant Grand Master relative to the nomenclature, and the Constitution so amended be published with the proceedings.

We fully appreciate the importance of being represented in the Convention of Representatives of Grand Councils, but owing to the depleted state of our treasury, we do not feel justified in recommending an appropriation for that purpose.

We recommend that a memorial page in our proceedings be dedicated to the memory of our late Companion, Thomas W. Brown, who so faithfully served this Grand Council as Grand Treasurer from its organization almost to the day of his death.

JOHN NICHOLS,
THOS. M. GARDNER, } *Committee.*

Comp. T. B. Carr, Past Most Puissant Grand Master, submitted the following report, which was received and ordered to be spread on the minutes:

To the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Representative to the Convention of Grand Councils, held in New York last June, begs leave to report that he attended that Convention, and from the large attendance and zeal manifested by the Companions present at that time, feels assured that much good will result to the Cryptic Craft from it. A full report of its proceedings having been published, and the principal matters of interest having been already alluded to by the Most Puissant Grand Master in his address, a more extended report is deemed unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. CARR, *Representative.*

The Most Puissant Grand Master announced that the time had arrived for the Grand Council to proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

The election was held, with the following result:

Comp.	H. H. Munson, of Wilmington,	M. I. G. M.
"	John Nichols, of Raleigh,	D. I. G. M.
"	C. M. VanOrsdell, of Wilmington,	G. P. C. W.
"	A. Martin, of Wilmington,	G. T.
"	M. M. Katz, of Wilmington,	G. R.
"	S. S. Everett, of Wilmington,	G. C. G.
"	J. M. Shelly, of Greensboro',	G. C. C.
"	T. B. Carr, of Wilmington,	G. S.
"	B. G. Bates, of Wimington,	G. Sentinel.

Comp. Carr introduced the following:

Resolved, That the M. I. G. M. be requested to prepare a record of the history of the Grand Council of North Carolina.

Comp. Nichols amended, by substituting Comp. Carr in place of the M. I. G. M., which was adopted.

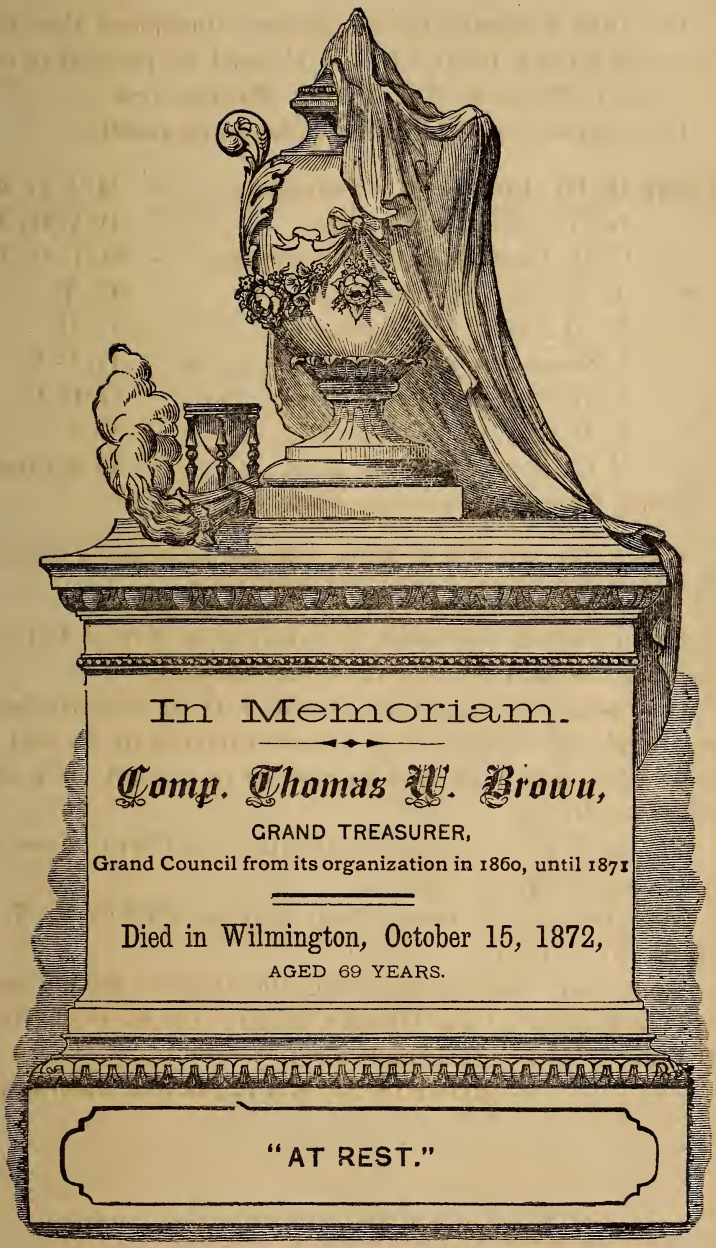
On motion of Comp. Carr, the M. I. G. M. was requested to attend the Convention of Grand Councils to be held in New York next week, and in case he cannot attend, to appoint an alternate.

The M. I. G. M. appointed Comp. T. B. Carr Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The officers elect present, were duly installed by P. M. P. G. M, T. B. Carr.

No farther business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Council of the State of North Carolina was closed in ample form.

MORRIS M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*


In Memoriam.
Comp. Thomas W. Brown,
GRAND TREASURER,
Grand Council from its organization in 1860, until 1871
Died in Wilmington, October 15, 1872,
AGED 69 YEARS.
"AT REST."

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D., 1873.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, NO. 2—SALISBURY.

OFFICERS.

Luke Blackmer..... T. I. G. M.
William Murdoch..... D. I. G. M.
Dolphin A. Davis..... P. C. W.
Edward B. Neave..... C. G.
Jno. M. Coffin..... Treasurer.
Andrew Murphy..... C. C.
R. P. Bessent..... S.
Josephus W. Hall..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Delevan Bates.
Frederick Benjamin,
Jno W. Bitting,
Daniel Coleman,
Jno. S. Haigler,
Carnes A. Henderson,
David W. Honeycutt,
Clinton A. Culley,
Christopher S Moring,
Hugh Murdoch,
Charles L Partee,
George H. Snydam,
F. C. Schaffer,
Wm L. Vanderwater,
P A. Frercks,
Samuel E. Linton.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, one; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, one; expelled, none; of resident R. and and S. M., not members, none; whole number of R. and S. M. now living in jurisdiction, twenty-four. Regular time of meeting, 2d Wednesday night in each month.

Since last meeting Secretary Obadiah Woodson has died.

ANDREW MURPHY, *Secretary pro tem.*

GREENSBORO' COUNCIL NO. 3--GREENSBORO'.

OFFICERS.

John M. Shelly.....T. I. G. M.
William E. Edwards.....D. I. G. M.
F. P. Cavanah.....P. C. W.
John D. Donnell,.....C. G.
D. W. Kirkpatrick.....Treasurer.
Thomas B. Keogh.....Recorder.
Thomas J. Sloan.....C. C.
R. M. Stafford.....S.
William Collins,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Peter Adams,
Sterling Adams,
Daniel E. Albright,
William Bodenhammer,
O. S. Causey,
K. M. Coble,
J. R. Cardwell,
R. L. Coltraine,
J. B. Faircloth,
W. H. Gentry,
George M. Gregory,
R. W. Glenn,
W. P. Heath,
O. F. Hatch,
J. Hildeshiemer,
J. M. Isley,
C. P. Mendenhall,
W. H. Moore,
George S. Parker,
J. W. Pearce,
W. H. Phillips,
J. B. Renegan,
John Sloan,
R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
William Swaim,
J. E. Shultz,
L. T. Smith,
J. H. Tarpley,
J. B. Wilkerson,
Samuel A. Walker.

SUMMARY.

Number admitted, two; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, two; expelled, none; suspended, none; of resident C. M., not members, none; whole number of C. Masons now living in jurisdiction, forty-two. Regular time of meeting, fourth Wednesday night of each month.

THOS. B. KEOGH, *Recorder.*

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, NO. 4—WILMINGTON.

OFFICERS.

C. M. VanOrsdell	T. I. G. M.
S. S. Everett	D. I. G. M.
H. H. Munson	P. C. W.
R. Greenberg	Treasurer.
Thos. B. Carr	Recorder.
A. Wronski	C. G.
George Patterson	C. C.
S. Solomon	S.
B. G. Bates	Sentinel

MEMBERS.

P. W. Fanning,	J. B. Russell,
Alexander Boon,	W. G. Thomas,
W. J. Price,	S. D. Wallace,
A. Paul Repiton,	Donald McRae,
M. M. Katz,	B. P. Harrison,
Alfred Martin,	D. McMillan,
H. Ryttenberg,	S. Solomon,
I. D. Ryttenberg,	William Larkins,
J. W. Wright,	G. W. Jewett,
Jacob Lyon,	F. M. Knowles,
Alex. McRae, Jr.,	Tiffin Johnson,
W. E. Freeman,	R. E. Gallaway,
E. Turlington,	J. C. Mann.

SUMMARY.

Number healed, none; honored, three; rejected none; withdrawn, none; died, two; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident R. and S. M., not members, none; whole number now living in jurisdiction, thirty-five.

THOS. B. CARR, *Recorder*,

ENOCH COUNCIL, NO. 5—Raleigh.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols	T. I. G. M.
Jno. B. Neathery	I. H. T.
D. W. Bain	P. C. W.
Wm. H. Dodd	M. E.
Jno. C. Blake	M. D.
Jack R. Williams	C. G.
Wm. Simpson	C. C.

MEMBERS.

M. Grausman,
R. H. Bradley,
J. M. Rosenbaum,
T. W. Blake,
A. S. Lee,
J. M. Betts,
H. Mahler,
A. P. C. Bryan,
N. L. Brown,
W. Allcott,
J. C. L. Harris,
W. C. Stronach,
W. W. Dunn,
S. H. Rountree,
Isaac Oettinger,
A. Johnson,
A. D. Royster,
J. R. Harrison,
J. H. Separk,
W. P. Wetherell,
D. R. Coleman,
R. W. Best.

JNO C. BLAKE. *M. D.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

Adopted June 7th, 1866—Amended June 1873.

ORGANIZATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Grand Council shall consist of the following officers, viz: Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Steward, and Grand Sentinel, together with the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters, Grand Principal Conductors of the Work, and the three principal officers for the time being of the several Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council; all of whom shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Council: *Provided*, That when any Past Grand Officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Council, his membership in this Grand Council shall cease.

REGULAR MEETINGS.

ART. 2. The regular ~~convocations~~ Assemblys of this Grand Council shall be held in Wilmington, N. C., on the Thursday after the first Monday in June of each and every year. And in case of the absence of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Deputy Illustrious Grand Master, or Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, or either of them, shall preside, taking precedence according to rank. In the

absence of all the above named officers, then the oldest Grand Officer of those grades present; and if there be none of the Past Grand Officers of the rank above named present, then the first officer of the oldest Subordinate Council present shall have power and authority to preside, and the representatives of three Subordinate Councils shall constitute a quorum. If, on the day of meeting, there be not a quorum present, the presiding officer may adjourn the Grand Council from day to day, until the close of the fourth day, when, if there be not a quorum present, the meeting shall be adjourned until the day for the next Annual ~~Convocation~~ Assembly, unless sooner or specially convened.

TIME OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ART. 3. The officers of this Grand Council shall be chosen at each regular Annual ~~Convocation~~ Assembly for the term of one year. But should the Annual ~~Convocation~~ Assembly not be held at the stated time, they shall hold their officers until others are chosen, and the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or in his absence, the Deputy Illustrious Grand Master for the time being, shall have power to call special meetings whenever they may deem it expedient, of which all the Subordinate Councils shall have due and timely notice.

VOTES.

ART. 4. All questions before this Grand Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES.

ART. 5. The constitutional officers of this Grand Council shall be elected by ballot, except the Grand Sentinel, who, together with the Grand Lecturer, shall be appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master. All of whom shall be installed before the closing of the Grand ~~Communication~~ Assembly. And in case of the death or removal from this jurisdiction of any of the officers of rank below the then superior Grand Officer, the vacancy may be filled by such superior officer.

REPRESENTATIVES.

ART. 6. None but Royal and Select Masters, holding membership in a Subordinate Council, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, shall act as representative. Nor shall any person represent more than two Subordinate Councils at any Grand ~~Communication~~ Assembly.

VOTING.

ART. 7. The Constitutional Grand and Past Grand officers shall each have one vote, and each Subordinate Council, by its representative or representatives, three votes in this Grand Council. When the three principal officers are present, representing their Councils, they shall each have one vote; if only two, the highest in rank shall have two votes and the other one; if but one be present, he shall cast the vote of the Council, and should any Subordinate Council fail to appoint a delegate in season, the Thrice Illustrious Master, for the time being, if unable to attend, shall have power to appoint a proxy to represent his Council.

GRAND LECTURER.

ART. 8. The Grand Lecturer shall be furnished with a commission by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Council, attested by the Grand Recorder; and the Councils by which he may be employed shall make him such compensation as may be agreed upon by the parties. He shall make no alterations in the work and lectures adopted by this Grand Council.

TREASURER AND RECORDER.

ART. 9. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall have their books ready for examination at the commencement of each Annual ~~Communication,~~ Assembly and a committee shall be appointed on the first day of the meeting for that purpose, who shall report before any election takes place.

DISPENSATIONS.

ART. 10. Petitions for warrants to open new Councils

must be signed by nine Select Masters, living within the jurisdiction, and accompanied by a certificate from the Council within the State, nearest the contemplated location of the new Council, vouching for the masonic abilities and moral character of the petitioners, and recommending that a charter be granted; and the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or the Deputy Illustrious Grand Master may, upon such petition, if approved, grant his dispensation for the same, to remain in force until the first Grand Annual ~~Communication~~ Assembly succeeding, when said Council shall petition for a charter, unless, for good and satisfactory reasons, this warrant shall be continued, and if no application is made at the succeeding Grand Annual ~~Communication~~ Assembly for a charter, said warrant shall then be revoked.

FEE FOR DISPENSATION.

ART. 11. The fees for a warrant for a new Council shall be Thirty Dollars, of which the Grand Recorder shall receive Five Dollars; and no warrant shall be granted until the fee is paid, which fee shall be in full, both for the warrant and charter, should one be issued.

DUES OF SUBORDINATES.

ART. 12. The several Councils under this Grand Council, shall pay for the support thereof into the hands of the Grand Recorder, annually, the sum of ~~Ten~~ Fifteen Dollars: *Provided*, That Councils under dispensation shall pay nothing for the time that may elapse between the date of such dispensation, and the next succeeding Grand Annual ~~Communication~~ Assembly. But in case of the extension of the warrant, they shall pay the fee as a Council under charter, for the time that the warrant may have been extended.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

ART. 13. No Council under this jurisdiction shall change its location without the concurrence of this Grand Council, and the recommendation of the Council nearest the place to which it is proposed to be removed.

RETURNS.

ART. 14. Every Council under this Grand jurisdiction shall make returns annually to the Grand Recorder, at each Grand Annual ~~Convocation~~, of the names of their officers and members, together with all admissions, deaths, suspensions, expulsions and withdrawals. And if any Council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble during any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Council for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make returns as above and pay its dues, then, and in that case, the said Council shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Council its Charter, Records, Jewels and Furniture, together with its money, and all other property of every kind and description.

APPLICATIONS.

ART. 15. The application of every candidate for the degrees, in any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and recommended by a member of said Council, and the said application shall lay over for the consideration of the members at least one meeting, unless by a unanimous vote of the members present, it shall be determined to ballot on said petition at the time it is presented; and no Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees for a less sum than Five Dollars, which fee must, in all cases, accompany the petition.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 16. No Council under this jurisdiction shall admit to membership any person who is a member of, or in arrears to, another Council, nor without a demit from the Council of which he was last a member.

DEGREES AND JURISDICTION.

ART. 17. No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees or entertain the petition of any person who is a resident of another Grand or Subordinate jurisdiction, without the written permission and recommendation of the Council nearest his place of residence.

IRREGULAR COUNCILS.

ART. 18. No Council within this jurisdiction, acting without a warrant from this Grand Council, shall be deemed lawful, and all communication with such Council, and with any person made therein, is hereby strictly forbidden, under a penalty of expulsion; or, in the case of a Council, the arrest of its Charter.

JURISDICTION.

ART. 19. This Grand Council shall have original jurisdiction over all matters of controversy between its Subordinate Councils, and appellate jurisdiction in all matters of controversy arising therein.

TRIALS.

ART. 20. The trial of all masonic offences before any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be conducted according to the rules laid down in the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, under Article 24.

AMENDMENTS.

ART. 21. No alteration or amendment of this Consitution shall be made at any other than ~~a regular Communication.~~ Annual Assembly

REPEAL.

ART. 22. All former Constitutions of this Grand Council are hereby repealed.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina held its Annual Assembly at St. John's Hall in the City of Wilmington, on Thursday, June 4th, A. D. 1874, A. Dep. 2874.

PRESENT:

H. H. MUNSON, ... *M. Ill. Grand Master.*
D. W. BAIN, ... as *Dep. Grand Master.*
C. M. VAN ORSDELL, ... *Grand P. C. W.*
ALFRED MARTIN, ... *Grand Treasurer.*
M. M. KATZ, ... *Grand Recorder.*
S. S. EVERETT, ... *Grand Capt. Guard.*
R. GREENBERG, ... as *Grand Con. Council.*
T. B. CARR, ... as *Grand Steward.*
A. WRONSKI, ... as *Grand Sentinel.*
Comps. S. Solomon, T. M. Gardner, J. Lyon, Geo. Patterson.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Comps. Thomas M. Gardner and Thomas B. Carr a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that the following Councils are represented in this Convocation:

Greensboro', No. 3, ... THOS. B. CARR, Representative.
Wilmington, " 4, ... H. H. MUNSON, T. I. M.,
S. S. EVERETT, D. I. M.,
M. M. KATZ, P. C. of the Work.
Enoch, " 5, ... D. W. BAIN, P. C. of the Work, Rep.

T. M. GARDNER,
T. B. CARR, } *Com.*

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

On Finance: Comps. C. M. Van Orsdell and S. Solomon.
On Returns and Proceedings: Comps. D. W. Bain and R. Greenberg.
On Unfinished Business: Comps. T. B. Carr, A. Wronski, J. Lyon.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Grand Council of North Carolina, in Account with M. M. KATZ, *G. R.:*

DR.		CR.	
To Postage and Stationery,	$ 1 75	Adoniram Council, No. 2,	$10 00
Grand Treas'r, as per voucher,	28 25	Greensboro' " " 3,	10 00
		Wilmington " " 4,	10 00
	$30 00		$30 00

The following Councils owe as follows:

Alpha, No. 1,	$60 00
*Enoch, " 5,	10 00
Davie, " 6,	20 00
	$90 00

Respectfully submitted,

*Since paid. M. M. KATZ, *Grand Recorder.*

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Grand Council of North Carolina, in Acc't with ALFRED MARTIN, *G. T.*

1873.		DR.	
August 20.		To paid, Printing Proceedings,	$36 00
1874.			
March	6.	To paid, Copy of Ritual,	11 25
June	4.	To balance to credit of new account,	29 91
			$77 16

1873.		CR.	
June 4.		By balance on hand,	$48 91
1874.			
June 4.		By amount from Grand Recorder,	28 25
			$77 16
June 4.		By balance on hand,	$29 91

ALFRED MARTIN, *Grand Treasurer.*

Reports of Committees were presented as follows and concurred in:

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on Finance have examined the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer as per their reports submitted to this Grand Council and find them correct:

The Grand Recorder reports cash received from Adoriam, No. 2, $10 00
" Greensboro, No. 3, 10 00
" Wilmington, No. 4, 10 00

$30 00

DR.

To Postage and Stationery,	$ 1 75
Paid to the Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers,	28 25
	$30 00

The following Councils are represented as in arrears, viz:

Alpha, No. 1,	$60 00	
Enoch, " 5,	10 00	
Davie, " 6,	20 00	
		$90 00

The Grand Treasurer's Report:

August 20, 1873.	To printing Proceedings,	$36 00	
March 6, 1874.	To Copy of Ritual,	11 25	
June 4, "	To balance on hand,	29 91	
			$77 16

CR.

June 4, 1873.	By balance on hand,	$48 91	
" 4, 1874.	By amount from Grand Recorder,	28 25	
			$77 16
June 4, 1874.	By balance on hand,	$29 91	

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Van Orsdell,
S. Solomon, } *Com.*

On Returns and Proceedings:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils report that they have examined the following returns and find them correct: Adoniram, No. 2, (with a slight correction) and Wilmington, No. 4.

The returns of Greensboro' Council are correctly filled up, but are incorrect in stating the whole number as no account seems to have been taken of the gains since the returns of 1873.

The Committee recommend that these returns be printed with the Proceedings of the present Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. Bain,
R. Greenberg, } *Com.*

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they have examined the proceedings of the last Annual Assembly and find unfinished business as follows:

Report of M. I. G. Master, in relation to Alpha Council; Report of Grand Recorder, as to delinquent Councils; Report of Committee to prepare a record of the history of this Grand Council, and the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Carr,
A. Wronski,
Jacob Lyon, } *Com.*

The Grand Master delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Companions of the Grand Council of North Carolina:

The revolving wheels of time, true to the unerring law of nature, have brought us once more to the place of our annual gatherings with, I trust, hearts full of thankfulness to Him, who holds all things in the hollow of His hand, for the mercies and blessings vouchsafed us, during the Masonic year now past and gone. May His presence still abide with us, may peace and harmony prevail during our deliberations, and may all be returned in safety to their homes, proud in the conciousness of duty faithfully performed.

Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, stands just where it did one year ago. It neither recedes nor advances, and the interest therein, with perhaps one or two exceptions, (so far as I can learn,) is not such as to indicate any very rapid strides in the future. It is a matter of regret to all who have its welfare at heart, that so much luke-warmness exists; this apathy may partly be ascribed to the fact that we have no well defined system of work. Our mode of conferring the degrees is broken, and detached, so that their beauty and impressiveness are well nigh lost.

The Committee appointed at a former Convocation, to report a Ritual, having completed their labors, will, at this session, present it for your endorsement, if, as I trust, it shall meet your approbation, and be properly diffused throughout the Subordinate Councils, if earnest individual and united effort is made, I see no good reason why our Councils shall not evince renewed prosperity, and these degrees exceeded in beauty by none, shall not be as eagerly sought after, as they are, by their merits, entitled to be.

At your last Convocation I was requested to attend a Convention of Councils, held in the City of New York in June last, or appoint an alternate. It being impossible for me to be present on that occasion, I appointed P. M. I. G. M. Thomas B. Carr, who also failed to attend; so much to my regret this Grand Council was unrepresented. By a reference to the published proceedings of that Body, however, we find in brief, that Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Wisconsin were represented. The degrees adopted were 1st Royal Master, and 2d Select Master, together with a form for opening and closing each, leaving it optional with Grand Councils to confer the Super-Excellent as an honorary degree. They also adopted the following resolutions: "That a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be, to memoralize the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, at its next triennial Conclave, to be held in the City of New Orleans in December 1874, asking that Grand Body to make the Degees of Royal and Select Masters a necessary pre-requisite to the reception of the Orders of Knighthood."

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

"That Companions Drummond, Garden and Chase, be a Committee to promulgate to each Grand Council, the Ritual adopted by the Convention."

Companions, it is to the second resolution particularly, I wish to call your attention; there are some who think it entirely unnecessary to have a General Grand Council, with you it may be otherwise, and you may desire a representation at the meeting to be held for its formation. The matter is in your hands to do with as it seemeth to you best, with no desire on my part to submit any recommendation.

August 18th last I notified Alpha Council, No. 1, of the forfeiture of their charter and demanded (in accordance with a resolution of this Grand Council) its return, together with the books, &c., to the Grand Recorder, Comp. M. M. Katz, of this city, to all of which no response has been made. It re-

mains therefore for you to take such action as your combined wisdom suggests.

I have the honor of laying before you the resolutions adopted at the Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Louisiana, asking your aid and influence in endeavoring to change the time and place for the meeting of the next General Grand Chapter of the United States:

GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE,
The Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of the State of Louisiana,
NEW ORLEANS, February 14th, 1874.

At the Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council, held on Thursday, the 12th instant, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, A Convention of Royal and Select Masters was held in the City of New York, on 11th and 12th June, 1873, which adopted a Ritual, and adjourned to meet in New Orleans on the first Monday prior to the first Tuesday of December, 1874, (the day fixed for the Grand Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States), in order to finish their labors.

AND WHEREAS, The day so fixed for the re-assembly of the said Convention is the same as that fixed for the tri-ennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at Nashville, and many Illustrious Companions will be accredited to both bodies and be consequently unable to attend both.

AND WHEREAS, It is evident that much unnecessary expense will be saved, and much good enure to both bodies, if the place of meeting of the General Grand Chapter be changed to New Orleans:

Be it resolved, That this Grand Council hereby extends a hearty welcome to the members of the Convention of Royal and Select Masters to be held in this City in December next.

Resolved, That Ill. Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter be and is hereby requested to issue an Edict changing the time and place of the next Grand Convocation of that Grand body to this City, on the 1st Tuesday in December, 1874.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to the officers of all our Sister Grand Councils, and that their aid and influence be requested in order to have the above change made in the time and place of meeting of the General Grand Chapter.

Witness my official signature and seal of the Grand Council, the day and date above written. Fraternally,

[SEAL.] G. SONTAG, *Grand Recorder.*

And now, Companions, I return to you the important trust committed two years ago to my care, with the hope that he, upon whom your choice may fall as my successor, may accomplish more, and serve you better, than I have been able to do. HORACE H. MUNSON.

The address was referred to a Special Committee composed of Companions D. W. Bain and T. B. Carr, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina:

The Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master report thereon as follows:

It is cause for regret that the Most Illustrious Grand Master is not able to report increased interest in, or progress of, Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, and your Committee are not prepared to submit any suggestions looking to an enhancement of the prosperity of the rite. Your Committee's views, as to the cause of the apathy prevailing in the jurisdiction, accord fully with those expressed in the address.

The resolution adopted by the Convention of Councils held in New York in June last, (to which our Most Illustrious Grand Master calls special atten-

tion) looking to the formation of a General Grand Council of the United States, has been considered by your Committee, and while we are of opinion that the formation of such a Body will not contribute to the advancement of Cryptic Masonry generally, we do not recommend any action by this Grand Body, *pro* or *con*, on the subject.

The Committee recommend that the Grand Recorder be instructed to correspond with the former officers of Alpha Council, No. 1, with a view to ascertain the condition and whereabouts of the property of said Council and report the result of the correspondence to the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The Committee recommend that no action be taken on the communication from the Grand Council of Louisiana, as it is officially known that the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter has declined to interfere in the action of that Body in the selection of Nashville as the place for holding its next tri-ennial Convocation.

Your Committee are satisfied that the Most Illustrious Grand Master has performed the duties of his high office with an eye to the best interests of the rite we represent, and feel assured that he has not become weary in well doing.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS B. CARR, } *Com.*
D. W. BAIN, }

Comp. T. B. Carr, Past M. Ill. G. M., submitted the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, as follows:

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report that they have reviewed attentively the proceedings of the following Grand Councils:

Alabama, - - -	1873	New Jersey, - -	1874
Arkansas, - - -	1873	New Hampshire, - -	1873
Connecticut, - -	1873	Ohio, - - - -	1873
Illinois, - - -	1873	Ontario, - - -	1874
Indiana, - - -	1873	Pennsylvania, - -	1873
Iowa, - - - -	1873	South Carolina, -	1873, 1874
Louisiana, - - -	1874	Tennessee, - - -	1873
Maine, - - - -	1873	Vermont, - - -	1873
Massachusetts, - -	1873	And of the National Con-	
Mississippi, - - -	1874	vention, held in New	
Missouri, - - -	1873	York, - - -	1873

We have no intelligence direct from the Grand Councils of California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Brunswick, New York, Rhode Island or Wisconsin in each of which States Grand Councils have been organized. As many of the proceedings at hand, do not acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of our own Grand Council, we recommend that our Grand Recorder hereafter endeavor, by a more liberal and frequent mailing of copies of ours to procure the proceedings of sister Grand Councils.

The Convention of Representatives of Grand Councils that assembled in New York last June, claims our first consideration. Ill. Comp.

Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, was the presiding officer, and we are indebted to him for the following synopsis:

The Committee on Work met two days in advance of the Convention. It was not practicable for it to meet earlier on account of the wide distance between the residences of its members: they could meet only once, and as it was necessary for them to be at the Convention, they must meet about the time that met. All the members were not present: but Comps. Garden of Maine (chosen Chairman), Webb of Alabama (chosen Secretary), Chase of New York, Moore of Massachusetts, Edmundson of Tennessee, and Prall of Missouri, met and labored almost incessantly.

The Convention was organized as last year: nineteen Grand Councils were represented: North Carolina and Rhode Island, represented last year, were not this: but Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and South Carolina, made the number good and increased it.

The following is an account of the action of the Convention, upon one of the most important questions before it:

"Ill. Companion Garden, from the Committee on Work, made a partial report, that the majority of the Committee had voted to recommend that the order of degrees should be, 1st, Royal Master, 2d, Select Master, and that it be left optional with Grand Councils to confer the Super-Excellent degree as an honorary degree; that the minority believed that the Select degree should be first and the Royal degree second, and that, as the decision of this question would necessarily affect the work, the whole committee desired the action of the convention upon it.

"Pending a motion to adopt the recommendation of the majority, Ill. Comp. Moore moved to amend by substituting the recommendation of the minority, but his motion was lost, Maine and Massachusetts voting in the affirmative, and the other Grand Councils in the negative.

"Thereupon, on motion of Comp. Harris,

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

"Comp. John W. Jones of Louisiana, was added to the Committee on Work, in place of Comp. Todd, not present."

The committee accordingly presented their report upon this basis, and it was discussed and acted upon in parts, and finally adopted:

"*Voted*, That the work of the Royal Master's degree as reported by the committee, and amended by the Convention, be adopted:

"Yeas 13, Nays 4, absent or not voting, 2, as follows:

"Yeas.—Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississppi, Missouri, New Jersey, New Brunswick, New York, Tennessee, South Carolina and Wisconsin.

"Nays.—Indiana, Maine, Massachusettss and Michigan.

"Not Voting—New Hampshire.

"Absent.—Pennsylvania."

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"The work of the Select Master's degree, as reported by the committee, was amended, and after a full discussion, adopted by yeas 14, nays 2, absent or not voting 3, as follows:

"Yeas.—Alabama, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Brunswick, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

"Nays—Maine and Massachusetts.

"Absent—Pennsylvania.

"Not Voting.—Arkansas and New Hampshire.

"On motion, the work of the Super-Excellent degree, as reported by the committee last year, was adopted, the vote being taken by a show of hands, by a suspension of the rules. On this question, South Carolina, Indiana and Mississippi declined to vote, as they had not received the degree."

The following action was also had:

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

"The following Ill. Companions were appointed as such committee: Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine; William Hacker, of Indiana; T. J. Corson, of New Jersey; G. Fred. Wiltsie, of New York; P. M. Savery, of Mississippi;

"Ill. Comp. Prall, of Missouri, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

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

"On motion of Ill. Comp. Lounsbury,

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

"On motion of Ill. Comp. Chase, it was

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

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"*Voted*, That Comps. Drummond, Garden, and Chase be a committee to promulgate to each Grand Council the ritual adopted by the Convention.

"[The instructions to the committee are omitted, the original resolution being in the hands of the Chairman.]"

The ritual adopted will be presented by the Committee on Work.

We find from an examination of the proceedings of Alabama that they adopted the Convention work.

The Grand Master, in his address, says:

The necessity of a Convention to "secure uniformity in the ritual, titles, &c.," was very apparent from the great diversity which was presented before the committee.

The variations in verbiage were regarded as of minor importance, the main object being to settle definitely the historical relations and traditions of the degrees.

Two material points of difference retarded our labors:

1st. As to the *order* of the degrees.

2d. As to the manner of the deposit of the *tetragrammaton* upon the Ark of the Covenant.

In investigating the first it appeared that the Cryptic Degrees were introduced into the United States from several different sources. The two of oldest date were by Henry Andrew Franken, in 1767, who introduced them into the Eastern States; and by Joseph Myers, who deposited a copy of these degrees in the archives of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, at Charleston, in 1778.

From the latter source they were disseminated through the South and West.

Franken conferred them upon Moses M. Hays, who was afterwards Grand Master of Massachusetts, and they were thus disseminated in the Eastern States. But it seems that they worked the degrees separately, and conferred them as side degrees until about the first of the present century.

In 1815 we find Tyrian Council of Royal Masters, in New Hampshire, probably derived from Franken; and in 1816 that Jeremy L. Cross, a native of New Hampshire but a resident of Connecticut, received from Philip P. Eckle

the degree of Select Master; and from a pamphlet published by Cross in 1816, it appears that he had conferred this degree in various parts of the East, and established Councils of Select Masters in Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut.

Subsequently (about 1819) Cross received the Royal degree, and it is probable conferred this in the same States and in the same Councils already organized as Select Masters. Thus the Select Degree, was for a series of years worked alone in these States, and *prior* to the Royal, and hence, when they incorporated both in their work, they naturally arranged them as Select and Royal. For the historical details of this statement the committee was indebted to Companion Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine.

We also learned from Companion Moore, of Boston, a member of the committee, that the degrees had been worked in this order in Boston for at least fifty years.

It was also contended by the advocates of this view that the order of Royal and Select involved a chronological anachronism which necessitated a transposition of historical events from their natural order.

It was but natural then that these Companions should think themselves correct, and tenaciously contend for their view of the order of the degrees.

Upon the other hand it was contended by those who had the degrees as Royal and Select, that the anachronism was more apparent than real, inasmuch as Masonry does not attempt to teach history chronologically, but only seizes upon certain events in history calculated to illustrate and enforce principles in their symbolic character; and that *in fact* the secrets taught and explained in the Select Degree were not known to the Craft until centuries after the Royal Degree had been instituted,—and that in the South they had been worked in this Order from a date long prior to the formation of Councils of Select and Royal Masters in the Eastern States.

In confirmation of this, Companion A. G. Mackey stated before the committee that he had seen a copy of the original ritual in the archives of the Grand Consistory at Charleston, which dates back to 1778, in which the Order was Royal and Select. With these facts before us, a majority of the committee determined that the Order should be Royal and Select, which was confirmed by a vote of the convention.

The second point, the deposit of the *tetragrammaton*, was one of greater difficulty, as the evidence was entirely inferential or traditional. The inferences were to be drawn, too, from the teachings of traditions as preserved in the different jurisdictions, and these as the work had been subjected by time, to variations.

One party contended that the deposit was *of necessity* made in the presence of the three Ancient Grand Masters, otherwise it would have been a violation of the agreement that it could only be imparted in the presence of the *Three*.

Upon the other hand it was contended that the presence of the *Three*. for this purpose, was unnecessary, as it was only carrying out the Order of K. S. to keep it secure—that it was inconsistent with the traditions of the third degree—with the language of H. A. in the ritual of the Royal Degree, and with the tradition that the *W.* was lost at the death of Grand Master H. A.

The majority of the committee adopted the view that it was deposited by H. A. a short while previous to his death.

So great, however, was the reluctance of the minority to yield this point, that it was agreed to leave the language of the lecture indefinite on this point so as not to interfere with the traditions of any Council. * * *

It is evident to any one perusing the proceedings before us that much good has resulted already from the Convention. Most of the Councils have adopted the nomenclature recommended in 1872, and such as have received the ritual have either adopted it or taken such action as leads us to believe that it will be adopted within the next year.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Council, in 1872, issued an edict "that any Royal Arch Mason, living within this jurisdiction, properly recommended, may be elected to and receive the degrees of Royal and Select Master in this Grand Council, &c." Accordingly we find that in 1873 nine Companions from various parts of the State, were elected to and received these degrees from the Grand Council. This action of the Grand Council has been adversely commented upon by several Foreign Correspondence Committees, but we think that much good will result from it by promulgating the work, direct from the fountain head, to districts in which the true Light shines dimly.

CONNECTICUT.

The M. P. G. Master, in his address, admits the necessity of a change of their ritual, but the Grand Council took no action, neither did it adopt the uniform "Nomenclature." The report of their representative to the Convention was referred to a Committee, which does not appear to have reported. Comp. W. WALLACE LEE presented a full report on Correspondence. From it we copy portions of the report of the Grand Council of New York:

MOST PUISSANT JAMES MCCREDIE, *Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Maeters af the State af New-Yark:*

M. P. SIR AND COMP.—In pursuance to the instruction received from you about the 1st of July last, I proceeded to England with the proper authority and necessary documents to promulgate the Cryptic Rite.

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The first meeting was held Monday evening, July 31st, at Freemasons' Tavern, when the degrees of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Masters were conferred on the following named Royal Arch Masons:

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The next assembly convened on the 21st of August, Monday evening, and Companions Charles Hammerton, Edward Kimber, Robert Wentworth Little, Henry Massey, and John Read received the degrees.

Three additional Councils were then formed.

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The four Councils then took the preliminary steps toward forming the Grand Council of England and its dependencies, excepting Canada, in order to occupy the territory and prevent the organization of other Councils without the proper authority.

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It is peculiarily grrtifying, and should be regarded with feelings of just pride, that having received Masonry from England over a century ago, we have been permitted the honor of establishing the Cryptic branch there, and this honor has been awarded to the Grand Council of the State of New York.

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J. H. CHASE, Grand Lecturer.

We thank Comp. LEE for his complimentary notice of our short review made in 1872. He does not try to be witty this year as he was cut off at the knees, at his attempting some sallies in that line, by Comp. HUDSON, of New York. He blandly replies to him, however,

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

ILLINOIS.

The T. I. Grand Master, in his address, reports his attendance at the Convention and says:

Concerning the ritual, that but few changes were made from our own, (which was adopted as the text), and those changes not of a radical nature, while the work of some jurisdictions will, by its adoption, be almost entirely changed; but the members of some of them pledged its adoption by their Grand Councils. I would suggest the appointment of a committee at this session to consider the matter during the coming year, and report at our next Annual Assembly.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the desire of this Grand Council that the degree of Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master be recognized as a legal and official degree, (that may be conferred upon those lawfully entitled thereto.) under the patronage of this Grand Council, and under the management of the Council of Past Thrice Illustrious Masters now organized.

Who has gone into the Degree manufacturing business now? Chain him up.

INDIANA.

Comp. WM. HACKER presented his report as delegate to the Convention. The Committee, to whom it was referred, say:

The ritual presented for examination varies so largely from that in use in our own Jurisdiction, as to lead us to doubt the wisdom of a hasty approval, and as the convention was without authority to enforce its adoption, any more than any other voluntary Masonic assemblage, we deem their action a proper subject of criticism and careful examination. Changes in ritual should rarely be made, and then only by the highest Masonic authority. The simplicity and beauty of our own ritual have endeared it to our companions and Councils.

Your committee recommend that the subject be taken into careful consideration by the Grand Officers of our Council, and that they be requested to report thereon at our next Grand Annual Communication, and that the question of the appointment of a delegate to the Convention in December, 1874, be also laid over until our next annual meeting.

The work that has been practiced to some extent in this jurisdiction during the past six years is in many respects identical with that of Indiana. Their work was carefully examined by your Committee on Work six years since, and was the most complete of any of the rituals they had access to. By comparison, however, with that received from the Supreme Council and that from Virginia (originally taught by J. L. Cross), there were found to be many inaccuracies and inconsistencies. Hence the Committee declined to report until after the action of the Convention.

We are not surprised that our Indiana Companions are attached to the work which they have practiced so effectively and so long, but as they have *so much less* to concede for the sake of uniformity, than those who orginated the Convention, we do not believe they will be last to adopt its ritual.

Comp. W. W. Austin presented a full report on Correspondence, containing much to commend, nothing to criticize.

IOWA.

Principal item of interest is the adoption of the Convention work. The Grand Master says: "I have carefully compared the ritual with that of this jurisdiction and find it in the main similar. The differences are chiefly improvements."

An excellent report on Correspondence, by Ill. Comp. W. B. Langridge, concludes as follows:

> The general out-look of Council Masonry is as good, if not better, than for years past; the action of the New York Convention has given it a new interest and vitality. If the officers of Subordinate Councils could only be induced to perfect themselves as workmen, and to give the interest to the ritual that it deserves, the complaints of lethargy and dullness would vanish.

LOUISIANA.

M. P. G. M. John W. Jones, in his address, alluding to the Convention, says:

> The ritual of the work gave rise to considerable discussion, and was difficult to settle, as no two States entirely agreed, and all had, therefore, to make some concessions, but finally, the ritual was adopted as presented by the Committee on work; and believing it to be for the good of Cryptic Masonry, I earnestly recommend that this Grand Council adopt the ritual and proceedings of said Convention, so far as the same may not be inconsistent with our work in the degrees of Symbolic and Chapter Masonry, as soon as practicable, after receiving the same.

This Grand Council "extends a hearty welcome to the members of the Convention of Royal and Select Masters to be held in this City (New Orleans) in November next."

Comps. Sam'l M. Todd and Joseph P. Horner presented an excellent report on Correspondence.

MAINE.

The M. P. G. M., Gordon R. Garden, in his address, reports that he attended the Convention and says:

The determination was expressed there unanimously, to continue the cultivation of the degrees of Cryptic Masonry. The sentiment was also expressed that the degrees should be exclusively under the jurisdiction of Grand Councils, and "that no one should be recognized as a Companion of this Rite, who has not received the degrees in a lawfully constituted Council, or by authority of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite, previous to this date, or been lawfully healed."

This action accords with the practice of this Grand Council ever since its organization. We learn, in advance of printed proceedings, that the work has been adopted this year.

Comp. Jos. H. Drummond presented one of his exhaustive reports on Correspondence from which we have already quoted at length.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Committee, to whom the address of the M. I. G. M. was referred, reported:

That, in their opinion, it is advisable for this Grand Council to adopt the Work of said Convention. Although some of us may object to the change in the order of conferring the degrees, yet, as no vital landmark is violated, and the substance of the work is nearly the same as heretofore exemplified by us, we believe that no injury can result from its adoption, but possibly much good. Our action will show to Companions of other jurisdictions, that we are not so entirely "wedded to our idols" that we will not yield immaterial points, for the sake of "harmony and uniformity."

The report was recommitted with instructions to exemplify at an adjourned meeting.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Comp. E. B. Moore, is full and interesting. He hopes that a resolution adopted by his Grand Chapter in 1871, disapproving the appointment of Representatives at other jurisdictions "will be *repealed* with the *least possible delay*."

He says:

Massachusetts, although one of the oldest States in Cryptic Masonry, and having a nomenclature, Order of degrees and Ritual, as little objectionable

as those of any other State, yet, for the sake of *harmony and uniformity*, will not be found averse to adopting any salutary measures recommended by the Convention.

He reports that

As proxy for M. I. Grand Master Charles H. Norris, we visited New York city, determined to let no minor considerations influence us adversely to uniformity of Work; provided that *no vital landmarks* should be violated. Our meetings, both in Committee and Convention, were always pleasant, and although differences of opinion often arose, yet harmony prevailed. The rituals of the *Select* degree were found to be nearly alike in all jurisdictions; but in the rituals of the *Royal* degree, there were many discrepancies. In those of the South and West, the Subject of the Tragedy, at the commencement of the work, is represented as a prominent ACTOR, delivering a beautiful, impressive *impromptu* upon the subject of death; while, in those of the North and East, nothing of the kind is found. From this point, the differences are of minor importance. What Comp. Webb says in his address, in relation to Alabama having the "Old Work," because it was derived from South Carolina, where it was "in existence in 1783," should, perhaps, be received with some grains of allowance. As the Grand Council of Alabama was not organized until 1838, fifty-five years after the claimed "existence" of the work in South Carolina, Alabama must have been *extremely fortunate*, if she received it *pure* and *unadulterated*. Nor is Comp. Webb more fortunate in his accusation that, "Maine and Massachusetts have reversed the Order of the degrees." Chronologically, the Select was anterior to the Royal degree, and *perhaps*, should be first conferred. Such has been the order of the degrees in Msssachusetts since 1820.

MISSISSIPPI.

The M. I. G. M., E. GEO. DELAP says in his address:

"Adopt SOME work, get the Subordinate Councils in possession of it, and compel them to adhere to it." Sensible advice which the Grand Council has commenced to follow by adopting the Convention work.

A proposition to tender the Council degrees to the Grand Chapter was voted down. In Mississippi as in North Carolina no Royal and Select Master who has received the degrees in any Body, except a legal Council is allowed to visit a Council until he shall have been formally healed.

Ill. Comp. PATTON thus concludes his excellent report on Foreign Correspondence:

Our fervency and zeal, may at times lead us astray, but may we never suffer a vain or idle curiosity to betray us into danger. May it be our constant desire to see the work of the Order completed, all the sacred treasures securely deposited, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have faithfully performed our whole duty to the Craft. And when the secret earthly vault shall be closed, and the summons of the Supreme Grand Master above shall come, may we all be admitted into His Grand Council, and forever enjoy the bliss that awaits the faithful.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Master, in his address, recommended that the Super Excellent Masters degree be adopted as an honorary degree, to be conferred subsequent to the Select Masters Degree.

By resolution the Subordinate Councils were authorized so to confer it.

This degree is rapidly losing favor since it was left out in the cold by its friends at the New York Convention. It is a very pretty plaything for those who have the time and disposition to work it properly, but we think that there is plenty to entertain rational minds in the constituted degrees when properly conferred.

The work of the National Convention was exemplified and referred to a Committee of five, who were authorized to meet and agree upon a system of work to be promulgated by the Grand Lecturer as the authorized work of the jurisdiction.

Comp. GOULEY made a short report on Foreign Correspondence, concluding portion of which we adopt:

It will be observed that but one decision was made in the whole United States. The Addresses are generally brief and local. The Reports on Correspondence from several of the States are excellent, but as most of the points were discussed in our last report, we have refrained from any extended review in this year. The Grand Councils stand, financially, etc., about the same as they did when we last went over their Proceedings. No legislation of any importance was transacted.

NEW JERSEY.

M. I. G. M., T. H. R. REDWAY says in his address:

Notwithstanding my repeated endeavors to come in possession of that Work, I have failed to receive it, and hence your committee are unable to make a report or to recommend any Work different from that now in use. I would say, however, that the Work adopted by the Convention corresponds very closely to our own, with some slight alterations and additions, among them a form for opening and closing a Council of Royal Masters. I would recommend that the Committee be continued for another year.

Our report would not be complete, did it not contain a word from the gifted pen of that *veteran poet laureate* of Foreign Correspondents, Dr. CORSON.

In his review of Indiana he applies the healing oil thus:

Companion William Hacker presented a lengthy report upon the transactions of the National Convention of Cryptic Masons, held in New York, in June, in which he expresses his disapproval of almost every thing that was done, which conflicted with or differed from the "way we do it in Ingeaney." His views seemed to accord entirely with those of his Companions, for they give us to understand that nothing can be right and proper which varies from the Indiana standard. Our Companions of that enlightened State are eminently orthodox, on the principle that "orthodoxy is my doxy, heterodoxy is anybody else's doxy."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The proceedings are very short. The only matter of general interest to report being that the Companions of this State are proceeding with their work prosperously and successfully and we doubt not that when their Committee on Work, which was "granted further time," make their report, it will be harmonious with the rest of the family. The Grand Council voted to pay the travelling expenses of three delegates to the New York Convention.

OHIO.

The Constitution was amended to conform to the Uniform Nomenclature.

The following from the Correspondence report of Comp. W. M. CUNNINGHAM accords so perfectly with our own ideas, that we copy at the risk of being considered tedious:

Your Committee can not agree with our companion of Louisiana in his assumption that "there is no such thing as an American system of Free Masonry." In our opinion, the facts in the case prove otherwise. Lexicographers having defined the word "system" as "a combination of parts into a whole," "a classification," "an arrangement," etc.; Webb and Gleason having, beyond a doubt, made an American arrangement of degrees, in which the Royal and Select Degrees were subsequently incorporated, through Jeremy L. Cross *et al.*; and Webb's peculiar arrangement, or system, of degrees being unknown, as such, in any other part of the world, when first promulgated, and the Royal and Select Degrees having been incorporated into the Webb system nearly seventy years since, and recognized then and now as a component part of the system, is sufficient to establish the fact of an "American system," and of the Cryptic degrees being legitimately a part thereof. The derivation of the Royal and Select Degrees from the Scottish Rite, in 1767, through Francken, and, later, through Cerneau, Cross, and others, is immaterial to their present arrangement, and is no argument against the "American system," as such, or against their being made a prerequisite to the Order of the Temple. In this connection we would inquire if the orders of Masonsic knighthood were not also first disseminated, within the United States, by or from the Scottish Rite?—while Inspectors General had the power and did confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master; yet, in every case known to the writer, they formed, or endeavored so to do, a regular body of the Cryptic Rite. Again, had not the Inspectors General the power, by assumption or otherwise, and did they not confer, by communication or otherwise, other regular grades than the Royal and Select Degrees?

Further: When the progenitors of our present system conferred the so-called side degrees of "Secret Monitor," "Union Master," "Heroine of Jericho," "Super Excellent Master," etc., they were then so denominated, and no regular organizations made of them of which the writer has any knowledge, except in the jurisdiction of New York, where the degree of Super Excellent was included with the Royal and Select.

The very fact of the subdivision and change of sections and parts of sections of the symbolic grades into additional degrees, is only another proof of the necessity of having all of the degrees of the American system made, in a greater or less degree, dependent upon each other. The degree of Royal

Master, when correctly conferred, bears the same relation to the degree of Master Mason that the Select and Most Excellent does to the Royal Arch, or the Mark Degree bears to the Fellow Craft.

Again, we would ask, if "there is no such thing as an American system," whence originated the "Virgin and Broken Column" interpolation in the Master's Degree, unless invented by the same parties, and the illustration designed by Jeremy L. Cross? And why is it that the esoteric part of the first three degrees is so dissimilar in many particulars to the English or Continental rituals?

Many other proofs of an American system, *as such*, might be adduced, but we do not deem it necessary to the present writing. Suffice it to say, that the Royal and Select Degrees have a regular place in the American system, and Grand Councils have been recognized, as such, tacitly or otherwise, by nearly, if not all, our other Grand Bodies, including the Supreme Councils 33 deg. for the N. and S. M. J. U. S. of A.

In conclusion he remarks:

The enemies of Cryptic Masonry are within itself. Let its members strive to debar the unworthy from passing its portals, and suppress the effort making to incorporate the degree of Super Excellent Master as a part of the system—a degree which has no legitimate pretensions to antiquity, no connection with Masonry, and imperfect in its symbolism. And the time will soon arrive when the possession of the Cryptic degress will be a prerequisite to the Templar grade.

ONTARIO.

This Grand Council held its third Annual Assembly in Toronto, Canada, 18th August, 1873.

The M. P. G. M., in his address, says:

Grand Council is aware that Cryptic Masonry, which is gradually becoming of considerable importance on this Continent, has been introduced into Great Britain, and with the assistance, and under the direction of the Grand Council of New York, the Grand Council of England has been duly formed. This is pleasing information to us, and although no official intimation of the formation of this Grand Body has reached me, I consider the matter of too much importance to pass it over in silence, feeling assured that you will unite with me in heartily wishing the Grand Council of England every prosperity.

Grand Council is also aware that considerable diversity prevails in the ritual, titles of officers and the order of conferring the degrees under the jurisdiction of the several Grand Councils of the United States. To remedy this great evil, and to secure perfect uniformity, the Grand Council of Maine, on the 3rd May, 1871, directed M. Ill. Companion J. H. Drummond to call a Convention of R. & S. Masters to meet in New York, in June, 1872.

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The Convention adjourned to meet again at the same place in June, 1873, and your principal officers were invited to be present, but unfortunately the invitations did not reach us until it was too late to make any arrangements for the Grand Council to be represented. A matter of this importance should receive our hearty co-operation, and I trust that authority will be given the Grand Master to provide for the proper representation of this Grand Council at any future meetings that may be held.

On motion, it was resolved:

That the M. P. Grand Master be authorized to make arrangements for the proper representation of this Grand Council, at any Convention of Grand Councils that may be held during the year.

This Grand Council petitioned for, and received, authority from "The Grand Prior of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, Dominion of Canada, to confer the Degree of "Red Cross." Several of the Grand Councils of the United States have discussed the propriety of asking for like authority from the General Grand Encampment, but the proposition meets with little favor.

The "Grand Encampment of the United States" in Baltimore, September 22d, 1871, affirmed the decision of the Canadian Grand Master, and resolved to recognize the Knights made in Canada under *such authority as may be duly recognized there.*"

PENNSYLVANIA.

The address of the M. P. G. M. refers only to matters of local interest. One of his recommendations resulted in the adoption of the following resolution, which we would like to see in force here:

Resolved, That a committee of five Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Masters be appointed to act in conjunction with the M. P. Grand Master. R. P. Deputy Grand Master, R. P. Illustrious Grand Master, and R. P. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, to report at the next Annual Assembly of this M. P. Grand Council, upon the proper regalia, jewels, and working tools for Subordinate Councils. and the minimum amount of each that they must possess before being constituted, and without which no Council shall be constituted.

Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER made a full and sensible report on Correspondence. In his review of Iowa he writes:

We note that the Grand Master presented to the Grand Council a form of the ritual of Council Masonry which, on motion of Comp. Parvin, was received, and the cordial thanks of the Grand Council returned for the same. It was also ordered that the ritual remain in the keeping of the Grand Master, as the custodian of the work. Are we to understand that this ritual is *written or printed.* We hope not. By word of mouth we received the work, and are taught only so to transmit it.

We agree with Comp. MEYER so far as the *teaching* is concerned, but so far as our observation has extended only those who follow the example of our first three M. E. G. M. in making a deposit of our "most sacred and valuable treasures" "for the benefit of future generations" as well as themselves, have been able to transmit them *unimpaired* to their successors.

He reprints a valuable history of Cryptic Masonry by Ill. Comp. DRUMMOND of which we will avail ourselves in another report at this Assembly.

It affords us pleasure to quote the following:

Thus closed one of the most important Conventions or meetings ever held in behalf of Cryptic Masonry. We regret much that Pennsylvania was not represented by at least one delegate. Our Companions must not think we do not approve of the object, but it came at a time when our own Grand Council was in session, and we were all required here. We have now changed our time of meeting, and we sincerely trust that the Grand Council of Pennsylvania will be represented at the next meeting of this Convention. That it will do us good there is no doubt. We have been too exclusively Pennsylvanian. We do not hold that all that is good and just is embraced in our jurisdiction, but that there are as good minds, profound thinkers and active workers, elsewhere, who can tell us as much about the mystery of the secret vault as we have ever known, and who have penetrated as far in search of the true knowledge as we have.

Companions of the Crypt we greet thee. Pennsylvania asks a welcome at your hands, asks with you to work within the ninth arch.

The Grand Master was authorized to heal several Companions from Baltimore, and to issue warrants forming them into regular Councils.

Pennsylvania appoints a Deputy Puissant Grand Master for each of fifteen districts in the State and empowers them to congregate the Councils in their respective districts and give instruction, &c. A very excellent arrangement which we would be glad to see more generally adopted. In the form of installation service we observe that all who are not P. T. I. Grand Masters are required to withdraw while the Grand Master is installed and invested. Wonder if this is the *Degree* adopted in Illinois to which allusion has been made. We conclude our review of this interesting volume by quoting the following note:

DESIGNATING THE CONFERRING OF THE COUNCIL DEGREES.

For Royal Master, "honored with the degree of Royal Master."

For Super-Excellent Master, "greeted as a Super-Excellent Master."

For a Select Master, "pass the circle of perfection in Ancient Craft Masonry by being chosen as a Select Master Mason."

Councils are opened in "*ample*" form when the M. P. Grand Master presides. In "*full*" form when presided over by any other of the first four Grand Officers. In "*due*" form when presided over by its T. I. Grand Master, D. I. Grand Master, or Principal Conductor of the Work.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Committee on M. P. G. M.'s address reported:

That the address submits no special matter which requires the action of the Grand Council. The address has fully abstracted the proceedings of the Convention, which assembled in New York, in June last. Such Convention adjourned to re-assemble in the same place, in June, 1873, at which time various committees are expected to report, and it appears to the committee important that this Grand Council be represented at such Convention.

Accordingly, in 1874, the M. P. G. M. reported that he had attended the Convention, and says:

The work which it was agreed should be recommended for adoption by all of the Grand Councils, will be submitted for your consideration at such proper time as you may direct. When submitted, you will perceive that it differs in very many particulars from that hitherto used in this jurisdiction. There was considerable diversity from all sections, and the proposed work was not adopted for recommendation without much discussion and opposition. Although differing so greatly in many parts of it from the work of this jurisdiction, yet I early became satisfied that there was in fact no uniformity throughout the United States, and that if it was desirable to obtain it, it was necessary to abandon on all sides, and unite on some common ground. Believing it essential to the existence of Cryptic Masonry, that there should be uniformity, I did not hesitate to say that while loath to give up the work in this jurisdiction, one of the earliest in which it was promulgated, yet I would cordially recommend that the proposed work be adopted, and felt confident that this Grand Council would cheerfully endeavor to meet its sister Grand Councils on common ground. Ill. Comp. A. G. Mackey had been present at the first day, but was not at the second, and I greatly regretted that thereby I was deprived of his counsels in the matter. Subsequently I had a conversation with him on the subject, and found him very averse to any change or deviation from the work as practised here. Notwithstanding the opinion of so eminent a masonic authority, and my own natural reluctance to give up the work of this jurisdiction, yet a sense of the general good, leads me to earnestly recommend to this Grand Council the adoption of the proposed work

His recommendation was subsequently adopted by the Grand Council and the Grand Recorder instructed to furnish the work to such Councils as might apply for it, they paying for the necessary expense.

The M. P. G. M. makes the report on Foreign Correspondence.

TENNESSEE.

The M. I. G. M., E. Edmunson, in his address, reports fully the action of both New York Conventions, the first of which he says had Representatives from Fourteen and the last from Nineteen Grand Jurisdictions. We quote as follows:

Upon the whole, I regard the enterprise a decided success. There was a very great diversity—no two States working entirely in harmony—and now the prospect is good for a uniformity—a great desideratum truly, when no principle or landmark is contravened by its establishment.

I cannot hope, Companions, that this work will meet your full expectations. While the members of the Committee were so far apart on some points, to get together concessions had to be made by all; and I am sure, if Maine, Massachusetts, and some other States will accept it, Tennessee should not hesitate. The originator of the Convention, that bright Masonic light, the President of the Convention, Ill. Companion Josiah H. Drummond, pledged its acceptance by Maine, and said that he was sure his State would make the greatest sacrifice of all the States in its adoption, and he believed when he called the Convention that this would be the result; but he wanted for the Cryptic rite one work, and by all the States adopting this, as he believed they ultimately would, we would have only one.

The following were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the system of degrees and the work and lectures agreed upon by the Convention of Royal and Select Masters, held in the city of New York, in June, 1873, and exemplified by Ill. Companion E. Edmundson before this Grand Council, be and the same are hereby adopted.
2. *Resolved*, That the Thrice Illustrious Masters of Subordinate Councils in this Jurisdiction be *required* to learn and practice the system of degrees and the work and lectures thus agreed upon.

The report on Correspondence, by Comp. JOHN FRIZZELL, contains but little, except the transactions of the New York Convention, which are fully detailed. The only other item of interest to us is the following:

The Grand Chapter of Maryland, from a very early day in its history, exercised control over the Council Degrees, and in 1816, when it became a member of the General Grand Chapter, it was with the understanding and agreement that it should be permitted to continue to control the Council Degrees in the State of Maryland. Such has been the practice of this Grand Chapter until its Annual Convocation in November, 1872, when the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That all Subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction are prohibited from conferring any other degrees than those of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch."

As we understand, there now remain but three Grand Chapters which assume any control whatever over the Council Degrees: Virginia and West Virginia, where the degrees are conferred before the Royal Arch, and Texas, where they are conferred after, but in a Chapter, or under its authority.

VERMONT.

M. I. G. M. EDWARD S. DANA thus expresses himself in regard to uniformity:

Deeply sympathizing with the object and aim of this gathering, I sincerely trust that much good may result from its labors, and a uniformity in our system attained to which I called attention as early as 1864.

He was unable to attend the Convention as that Grand Council met the same week.

The G. Council adopted a work as exemplified the preceding year.

CONCLUSION.

Thus my Companions, I have reported to you all that I have been able to find that I thought would be interesting or instructive, in carefully examining the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils.

There is a general feeling of confidence expressed in all these proceedings, that the dark days of Cryptic Masonry are over, and the time near at hand, when the Rite will occupy that proud position, at the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry, which the beauty and instructiveness of the degrees entitle them to.

Respectfully submitted, THOS. B. CARR.

On motion of Comp. M. M. Katz, G. R., the report was received and ordered to be printed with the Proceedings.

Comp. T. B. Carr, from the Committee appointed to prepare a history of this Grand Council, submitted the following report:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina:

Your Committee appointed to prepare "a record of the History of the Grand Council of North Carolina" have to regret that they have been unable to find reliable data for as complete a history as they would desire. We present the following hoping that others may be able to supply deficiencies and correct inaccuracies.

The first Grand Council of North Carolina, of which we have any record, was formed June 21st, 1822, in Fayetteville, by a Convention of Delegates from Councils, No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. We are unable to say by what authority these Councils were formed, but from the best information we have been able to obtain, we *presume* they were instituted either by Jeremy L. Cross in 1818, in which year he instituted several Councils in Virginia, or else by Cushman about the year 1820, who, under authority from Cross, instituted Councils in Virginia and, *we think*, in North Carolina, for we have heard old masons here speak of Cushman's visit here, and we know that the work practiced was identical with that of Virginia, Comp. L. L. Stevenson, P. G. M., of that State, having been the Grand Lecturer in this.

The authority, under which these Councils were instituted, was questionable as we find that the Grand Council of New York held all deriving their origin from Cross or Cushman to be clandestine and Cross was expelled by the Grand Chapter of Maryland for the fraud, imposed on that State, (see Proceedings, Grand Chapter, North Carolina, 1850, page 15.)

We have no record of any meeting of the Grand Council subsequent to 1823, at which time a recommendation was adopted "to place the government of the Subordinate Councils in this State under the Grand Chapter."

We are under many obligations to Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, of Portland, Maine, for manuscript copies of the proceedings of this Grand Council for 1822 and 1823, which he had made from a printed copy, found in New Hampshire. We present the copies herewith and hope they will be published in connection with this report. [Published as Documents, No. 1 and 2, of Appendix, Grand Recorder.]

We find in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, 1825, that a communication was received from "M. E., Henry Fowle, G. D. G. H. P., as to the Masonic propriety of receiving the Councils formed in the State under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and granting power to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master." The Committee to whom the communication was referred reported that "it is inexpedient at this time so to do," and their report was concurred in.

We find no allusion to these degrees in the proceedings of our Grand Chapter for the year 1822 and 1823, which is the latest record we have of the first Grand Chapter, except that we learn from proceedings, 1848, page 11, that the Grand Chapter met in 1830 and the inference from the context is that this was the last Convocation of that body.

The Grand Chapter was re-organized in 1847, and appears to have exercised a doubtful control over the Royal and Select degrees during the first few years of its existence.

In 1848 Comp. P. W. Fanning reported that the jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master had "been unequivocally and properly settled by the General Grand Chapter, authorizing the Chapters within whose jurisdiction no Grand Council exists" "to assume control of the same."

The subject was again agitated in 1849, and in 1850 Comp. L. L. Stevenson was appointed Grand Lecturer and conferred the Royal and Select degrees in Chapters, (see his report, 1850, page 10.)

The same year Comp. Alfred Martin presented a full report, giving a history of the introduction of these degrees into this country.

At the triennial session of the General Grand Chapter, in Boston, 1850, Comp. L. L. Stevenson represented North Carolina and as a member of a Committee reported it "inexpedient to take any action on the subject of forming a General Grand Council."

In 1854 (page 5, printed proceedings) our Grand Chapter expressed itself in favor of forming Subordinate Councils with a view of forming a Grand Council.

In 1858 an effort was made to authorize Chapters in this State to confer the Royal and Select degrees and the resolution referred to a Committee to report the next year, at which time after considerable discussion the Grand Chapter disclaimed "for itself and subordinates any and all control over the Royal and Select Master's degrees."

The present Grand Council was organized in June, 1860, by Alpha Council, of Wadesboro'; Adoniram Council, of Salisbury, and Greensboro' Council, of Greensboro', which were chartered by the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction. At this time Alexander Murdock, of Salisbury, was elected T. I. Grand Master. I have been unable to procure a copy of the printed proceedings and suggest that the Grand Recorder be instructed to procure a copy, if possible, and republish with the proceedings of this year. [The proceedings have been obtained and appear as Document, No. 3, of Appendix. Grand Recorder.]

In consequence of the war the Grand Council did not re-assemble after its organization until 1866 when a Constitution was adopted. It has met annually since and its proceedings are doubtless too familiar to you to render further "History" necessary.

Respectfully submitted, THOS. B. CARR.

Comp. Alfred Martin, G. T., introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee to compile a history of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina, be received and printed with the proceedings of this Grand Council, and that the recommendations contained in said report be carried out.

Comp. M. M. Katz introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Article 2 of the Constitution of this Grand Council be so amended as to read: "The next regular Convocation of this Grand Council shall be held at Raleigh, N. C., on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in June, 1875, and at such places thereafter as each succeeding Grand Council may determine.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and the following were duly elected:

JOHN NICHOLS,	*Most Ill. Grand Master.*
C. M. VAN ORSDELL,	*Deputy Grand Master.*
S. S. EVERETT,	*Grand P. C. Works.*
ROBERT H. BRADLEY,	*Grand Treasurer.*
DONALD W. BAIN,	*Grand Recorder.*
J. M. SHELLY,	*Grand C. Guard.*
THOMAS B. CARR,	*Grand C. Council.*
M. M. KATZ,	*Grand Steward.*

Comp. C. M. Van Orsdell moved that a Committee of one be appointed to request a Past Grand Master to install the Grand Officers elect, this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

The motion prevailed and Comp. Van Orsdell was appointed the Committee.

The Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor.

Comps. R. H. Bradley and J. I. Macks present in addition to those mentioned this morning.

Minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

Comp. Alfred Martin, P. G. M., installed the following Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year:

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,	*Deputy Grand Master.*
S. S. EVERETT,	*Grand Prin. C. Works.*
ROBERT H. BRADLEY,	*Grand Treasurer.*
DONALD W. BAIN,	*Grand Recorder.*
THOMAS B. CARR,	*Grand Con. Council.*
M. M. KATZ,	*Grand Steward.*

Comp. Thos. B. Carr, from the Committee on the subject of Work, &c., submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of North Carolina:

The Special Committee appointed at the Annual Assembly in 1867, to report the "correct titles for the Grand Officers, and also the titles of officers of Subordinate Councils, and also the work in the degrees of Royal and Select Masters," which Committee has been continued from year to year in order that they might avail themselves of the result of the Convention of Grand Councils, held in New York in 1872 and 1873, respectfully report that the nomenclature of officers, both Grand and Subordinate, as recommended by the said Convention, having been adopted at your last Annual Assembly, no further action is recommended at this time on that subject.

They present herewith the work and lectures of the Royal and Select Masters degrees as adopted at the Convention, and recommend that the form of opening and closing Councils in both Royal and Select Masters degrees, and the work of conferring the degrees recommended by the Convention, be adopted by this Grand Council.

It will be observed that there are some slight discrepancies between the

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NOTE.—Comp. John Nichols, M. Ill. Grand Master elect was, on the 2d of July, in the presence Enoch Council, No. 5, Raleigh, installed by Past Most Ill. Grand Master, W. J. Hicks.

The Grand Master appointed Comp. J. H. Separk, Grand Sentinel, and installed him on the same occasion.

Historical lectures recommended by the New York Convention and the lectures taught in this State by Ill. Comp. L. L. Stevenson, of Virginia, in 1850, and which we have no doubt, are the same as originally taught by Cross and Cushman. Portions also of the Stevenson "lecture" are more concise and beautiful in their verbiage. We therefore recommend that the *language* of the History as taught by Companion L. L. Stevenson, together with those portions, which were omitted in the Convention work be adhered to and that the Lecture of the Convention thus amended be adopted. We also recommend that the closing address to the candidates, *most* of which is found in "Guide to the Royal Arch Chapter, page 202," by Comps. Sheville and Gould, should also be adopted *in its original form.* We think we are justifiable in our tenacity to this beautiful address as most of it originated in the brain of an esteemed and beloved Companion of this Grand Council. He expressed to me his astonishment at finding it published in the "Guide," and informed me that from a beautiful illustration of the ceremonies of the first three degrees by Comp. John Dove, of Virginia, originated the idea of this address for the other degrees, and thinks that he may have given a copy to some one of the Grand Lecturers, who, doubtless, communicated it to others. The slight changes which appear in it as published, we consider as blemishes rather than improvements, and therefore hope that the entire address in its original language may be retained.

Respectfully submitted, THOS. B. CARR, *for Com.*

On motion of Comp. M. M. Katz, it was

Ordered, That Comp. D. W. Bain, Grand Recorder, be appointed a Committee to superintend the printing of the Proceedings of the present Annual Assembly.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the Most Illustrious Grand Master be appointed Custodian, and Comp. Thos. B. Carr, Deputy Custodian, of the Work, with authority to promulgate the same to the Subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Council having completed the business brought before it, the minutes of this afternoon's session were read and approved.

The Grand Council was then closed in ample form.

D. W. BAIN, *Grand Recorder.*

RETURNS OF COUNCILS.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2—Salisbury.

OFFICERS:

Luke Blackmer,.....T. I. M.	Dolphin A. Davis,.....C. G.
William Murdoch,.....D. I. M.	Samuel E. Linton,.....C. C.
——— ———, ...P. C. W.	R. P. Bessent,..... Steward.
John M. Coffin, ...Treas'r.	Peter A. Frercks, ... Sentinel.
And. Murphy,..... Recorder.	

MEMBERS:

Delevan Bates, Frederick Benjamin, John W. Bitting, Daniel Coleman, Clinton A. Cilley, Carnes A. Henderson, David W. Honeycut, John S. Haigler, C. S. Moring, Hugh Murdoch, Ed. B. Neave, Charles L. Partie, Geo. H. Suydam, F. C. Schaffer, W. L. Vanderwater.

SUMMARY:

Number admitted, none; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, 1; expelled, none; suspended, none; no resident Council Masons, not members; whole number of Council Masons now living in jurisdiction, 23. Regular time of meeting—No report.

AND. MURPHY, Recorder *Pro Tem.*

GREENSBORO' COUNCIL, No. 3—Greensboro'.

OFFICERS:

John M. Shelly,..... T. I. M.	John D. Donnell,.....C. G.
Wm. E. Edwards,.....D. I. M.	Thomas J. Sloan,.....C. C.
F. P. Cavanah, ...P. C. W.	R. M. Stafford,.....Steward.
D. N. Kirkpatrick, ...Treas'r.	Wm. Collins,..... .Sentinel.
Thomas B. Keogh,.....Recorder.	

MEMBERS:

Peter Adams, Sterling Adams, Daniel E. Albright, Wm. Bodenhammer, O. S. Causey, K. M. Coble, J. R. Cardwell, R. L. Coltraine, John D. Donnell, J. B. Faircloth, J. F. Foulkes, W. H. Gentry, George Gregory, R. W. Glenn, W. H. Heath, A. F. Hatch, J. Hildesheimer, J. M. Isley, F. N. Ingold, John L. Keeling, C. P. Mendenhall, W. H. Moore, George Parker, J. H. Pearce, W. H. Phillips, G. H. Renegar, John Sloan, R. M. Sloan, jr., Wm. Swaim, J. E. Shultz, L. T. Smith, J. H. Tarpley, J. R. Wilkinson, S. A. Walker.

SUMMARY:

Number admitted, 3; exalted, 3; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; no resident Council Masons, not members; whole number of Council Masons now living in jurisdiction, 43. Regular time of meeting—fourth Wednesday night of each month, at 9 o'clock.

THOS. B. KEOGH, Recorder.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4—Wilmington.

OFFICERS:

H. H. Munson,.....T. I. M.	R. E. Colloway,..... C. G.
S. S. Everett,.....D. I. M.	C. M. Van Orsdell,. .... C. C.
M. M. Katz,.....P. C. W.	S. Solomons,.....Steward.
R. Greenberg, ...Treas.	B. G. Bates,.....Sentinel.
A. Wronski,.....Recorder.	

MEMBERS:

Thos. B. Carr, A. David, P. W. Fanning, W. E. Freeman, T. M. Gardner, B. P. Harrison, G. W. Jewett, Tiffin Johnson, F. M. Knowles, Jacob Lyon, William Larkins, Alfred Martin, J. C. Mann, D. McMillan, Donald McRae, Alex. McRae, jr., J. I. Macks, Geo. Patterson, W. G. Thomas, E. Turlington.

SUMMARY:

Number admitted, 2 ; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; stricken from roll, 7; no resident Council Masons, not members; whole number of Council Masons now living in jurisdiction, 29.

Regular time of meeting—second Monday in each month.

A. WRONSKI, Recorder.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5—Raleigh.

OFFICERS:

John Nichols,.....T. I. M.	John C. Blake,. .....Recorder.
John B. Neathery,.....I. H. T.	Jack R. Williams,.....C. G.
D. W. Bain,..... P. C. W.	Wm. Simpson,.....C. C.
Wm. H. Dodd,.....Treasurer.	J. H. Separk,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

M. Grausman, R. H. Bradley, J. M. Rosenbaum, T. W. Blake, A. S. Lee, J. M. Betts, H. Mahler, A. P. C. Bryan, N. L. Brown, W. Allcott, J. C. L. Harris, W. C. Stronach, W. W. Dunn, S. H. Rountree, Isaac Oettinger, A. Johnson, A. D. Royster, J. R. Harrison, W. P. Wetherell, D. R. Coleman, R. W. Best.

Regular time of meeting—first Monday night of each month.

JOHN C. BLAKE, Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

RALEIGH, N. C.,

Wednesday, June 9th, A. D. 1875, *A. Dep.* 2875.

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ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

JOHN NICHOLS,
Most Illustrious Grand Master,
RALEIGH.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Deputy Grand Master,
WILMINGTON.

S. S. EVERITT,
Grand Principal Conductor of Works,
WILMINGTON.

ROBERT H. BRADLEY,
Grand Treasurer,
RALEIGH.

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder,
RALEIGH.

THOMAS J. SLOAN,
Grand Captain of Guard,
GREENSBORO'.

J. M. SHELLY,
Grand Conductor of Council,
CHARLOTTE.

WILLIAM MURDOCH,
Grand Steward,
SALISBURY.

C. C. SMITH,
Grand Sentinel,
CHARLOTTE.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina held its Annual Assembly at the Masonic Hall in the City of Raleigh, on Wednesday, June 9th, A. D. 1875, A. Dep. 2875.

PRESENT:

John Nichols, - - -	Most Illustrious Grand Master.
C. M. Van Orsdell, - -	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
S. S. Everitt, - -	Grand Principal Con. of Works.
Robert H. Bradley, - -	Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain, - -	Grand Recorder.
Horace H. Munson, - -	as Grand Captain of Guard.
E. H. White, - - -	as Grand Conductor of Council.
Thomas M. Gardner, -	as Grand Steward.
Joseph H. Separk, - -	Grand Sentinel.

Comps. H. H. Munson, P. M. Ill. G. M., and E. F. Watson, Visitor.

Comps. H. H. Munson and D. W. Bain were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials have examined such credentials as have been submitted to them, and report Councils duly represented as follows:

GREENSBORO', No. 3.—Thomas J. Sloan, T. I. M.

WILMINGTON, No. 4.—H. H. Munson, T. I. M.; C. M. Van Orsdell, D. I. M.; T. M. Gardner, proxy for P. C. W.

ENOCH, No. 5.—Wm. J. Hicks, T. I. M.; John B. Neathery, D. I. M.; M. Grausman, P. C. W.

Respectfully submitted, H. H. MUNSON, D. W. BAIN, } *Com.*

The M. Ill. Grand Master read his Annual Address, as follows, which was ordered to be published with the Proceedings:

Companions of the Grand Council of North Carolina:

With grateful hearts to the Supreme Grand Master, that He hath preserved our lives through another year, we again assemble in Grand Council

In the language of my immediate predecessor, "Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction stands just where it did one year ago. It neither recedes nor advances, and the interest therein, with perhaps one or two exceptions, (so far as I can learn) is not such as to indicate any very rapid strides in the future. It is a matter of regret to all who have its welfare at heart that so much luke-warmness exists."

We can only hope for an increased interest in Cryptic Masonry, as the result of a greater zeal in behalf of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. We have hopes that the experiment now being tried for the first time in North Carolina of holding our Grand Chapter in different parts of the State will have the effect to create a livelier interest in the Craft, and eventually build up the Councils in her jurisdiction.

My duties have been light, and having had but little intercourse with the Companions, I have no recommendations to offer, but submit the matter to your careful consideration.

JOHN NICHOLS, *M. Ill. G. M.*

The following Standing Committees were announced:

On Finance: Comps. T. J. Sloan and A. Wronski.
On Returns and Proceedings of Councils: Comps. C. M. Van Orsdell, E. H. White and T. M. Gardner.
On Unfinished Business: Comps. H. H. Munson and S. S. Everitt.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following as his Annual Report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Grand Recorder submits the following report for the past Masonic year.

The Proceedings of the Grand Council, last Annual Assembly, were printed as promptly as practicable and distributed in the usual manner.

Proceedings of Grand Councils in other Jurisdictions were received, and an attempt was made to have them reviewed, but the Companion who formerly rendered the service felt unable to assume the task, and owing to the shortness of time to the close of the year, the usual report could not be prepared.

I have received during the year the following as dues from Subordinate Councils, and accounted for same:

June, 1874, Enoch Council, No. 5, for 1874, - - -	$10 00
May, 1875, Wilmington Council, No 4, for 1875, - - -	10 00

June, 1875, Adoniram Council, No. 2, for 1875, - - - 10 00
" " Enoch " " 5, " " - - - 10 00
" " Greensboro " " 3, " " - - - 10 00

Fraternally submitted, D. W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer's report and books were also submitted and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Grand Council of North Carolina, in account with R. H. BRADLEY, *Grand Treasurer:*

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June, 1874,	Am't rec'd from Past Grand Treas'r, Alfred Martin,	$29 91
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" 1875,	" " " " " " "	40 00
		$79 91

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June 22, 1874,	Paid Express freight on box,	$ 1 00	
Sept. 4,	" " John Nichols & Co., on account of printing Proceedings,	28 91	
June 9, 1875,	Balance, - - - - - -	50 00	
			$79 91

R. H. BRADLEY, *Grand Treas'r.*

Standing Committees submitted reports as follows, which were concurred in:

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that they have examined the proceedings of 1874, and find no unfinished business.

S. S. EVERITT, H. H. MUNSON, } *Com.*

On Returns of Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils report that they have examined the following returns and find them correct:

Adoniram Council, No. 2; Greensboro Council, No. 3; Wilmington Council, No. 4, and Enoch Council, No 5.

Respectfully submitted, C. M. VAN ORSDELL, E. H. WHITE, THOS. M. GARDNER, } *Com.*

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Finance to whom were referred for examination the reports and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder report that they find the same correct and the books accurately kept.

THOS. J. SLOAN,
A. WRONSKI, } *Com.*

Comp. H. H. Munson introduced the following as an amendment to Article 2d of the Constitution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That Article 2d of the Constitution of this Grand Council be so amended as to read:

The Regular Convocation of this Grand Council shall be held at such place as each succeeding Grand Council may determine, during or immediately succeeding the Convocations of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

The following resolution was also introduced and adopted:

Resolved, That the M. Ill. Grand Master confer with the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and if, in his judgment, he thinks it will promote Cryptic Masonry, appoint jointly a Grand Lecturer to instruct the Councils and Chapters.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers under the superintendence of Comps. Thos. J. Sloan and Thos. M. Gardner. The following were duly elected:

JOHN NICHOLS, - -	Most Illustrious Grand Master.
C. M. VAN ORSDELL, -	Deputy Grand Master.
S. S. EVERITT, - -	Grand Principal Con. of Works.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY, -	Grand Treasurer.
DONALD W. BAIN, -	Grand Recorder.
THOMAS J. SLOAN, -	Grand Captain of Guard.
J. M. SHELLY, - -	Grand Conductor of Council.
WILLIAM MURDOCH, -	Grand Steward.

Comp. C. C. Smith was appointed Grand Sentinel for the ensuing year.

On motion of Comp. Horace H. Munson, the action of the Grand Council in 1874 (Proceedings, page 25) in reference to the ap-

pointment of a Custodian and Deputy Custodian of the Work, was repealed, and on his further motion, it was

Ordered, That the Most Illustrious Grand Master be appointed Grand Custodian of the Work with the authority to disseminate the same among the Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Officers elect were installed by Comp. H. H. Munson, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The Proceedings were read and approved, and the Grand Council was closed in ample form.

JOHN NICHOLS,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:
D. W. BAIN, *Grand Recorder.*

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D. 1875.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2.

SALISBURY.—Regular time of meeting: Not reported.

OFFICERS:

Luke Blackmer,	T. I. M.	D. A. Davis,	C. G.
Wm. Murdoch,	D. I. M.	S. E. Linton,	C. C.
—— ——,	P. C. W.	R. P. Bessent,	Steward.
John M. Coffin,	Treasurer.	P. A. Frerck,	Sentinel.
Andrew Murphy,	Recorder.		

MEMBERS:

Delevan Bates,	D. W. Honeycut,	Charles L. Partee,
Fred. Benjamin,	John S. Haigler,	George H. Suydam,
Daniel Coleman,	C. S. Moring,	F. C. Schaffer,
C. A. Cilley,	Hugh Murdoch,	W. L. Vanderwater.
C. A. Henderson,	Ed. B. Neave,	

Withdrawn, 1. Whole number, 22.

GREENSBORO COUNCIL, No. 3.

GREENSBORO.—Regular time of meeting: Fourth Wednesday night of each month.

OFFICERS:

Thomas J. Sloan,	T. I. M.	J. F. Foulkes,	C. G.
W. E. Edwards,	D. I. M.	James P. Jones,	C. C.
P. F. Duffy,	P. C. W.	R. M. Stafford,	Steward.
David McKnight,	Treasurer.	Wm. Collins,	Sentinel.
S. E. Allen,	Recorder.		

MEMBERS:

Peter Adams,	George H. Gregory,	George Parker,
Sterling Adams,	R. W. Glenn,	J. H. Pearce,
Daniel E. Albright,	W. H. Heath,	W. H. Phillips,
Wm. Bodenhammer,	A. F. Hatch,	G. H. Renegar,
O. S. Causey,	J. Hildesheimer,	John Sloan,
K. M. Coble,	J. M. Isley,	R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
J. R. Cardwell,	F. N. Ingold,	John M. Shelly,
R. L. Coltraine,	Thomas B. Keogh,	William Swaim,
F. P. Cavanah,	John L. Keeling,	J. E. Shultz,
John D. Donnell,	D. N. Kirkpatrick,	L. T. Smith,
J. C. Dame,	C. P. Mendenhall,	J. H. Tarpley,
J. B. Faircloth,	W. H. Moore,	J. R. Wilkerson,
W. H. Gentry,	J. N. Nelson,	Samuel A. Walker.

Admitted, 5; Exalted, 5. Whole number, 48.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4.

WILMINGTON.—Regular time of meeting: Every second Monday of each month.

OFFICERS:

H. H. Munson,	T. I. M.	S. S. Everitt,	C. G.
C. M. Van Orsdell,	D. I. M.	B. P. Harrison,	C. C.
M. M. Katz,	P. C. W.	Jacob S. Macks,	Steward.
R. Greenberg,	Treasurer.	B. G. Bates,	Sentinel.
A. Wronski,	Recorder.		

MEMBERS:

P. W. Fanning,	W. G. Thomas,	F. M. Knowles,
Alfred Martin,	Donald McRae,	Tiffin Johnson,
Alex. McRae, Jr.,	S. Solomons,	R. E. Colloway,
Thos. M. Gardner,	George Patterson,	J. C. Mann,
Wm. E. Freeman,	Wm. Larkins,	A. David,
E. Turlington,	G. W. Jewett,	Wm. J. King.

Admitted, 1; Withdrawn, 1. Whole number, 27.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.

RALEIGH.—Regular time of meeting: First Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

Wm. J. Hicks,	T. I. M.	Donald W. Bain,	Recorder.
John B. Neathery,	D. I. M.	Wayne Allcott,	C. C.
M. Grausman,	P. C. W.	Wm. C. Stronach,	Steward.
J. M. Rosenbaum,	C. G.	Joseph H. Separk,	Sentinel.
Robert H. Bradley,	Treasurer.		

MEMBERS:

John Nichols, M.I.G.M.,	James M. Betts,	Isaac Oettinger,
William H. Dodd,	Henry Mahler,	Albert Johnson,
John C. Blake,	A. P. Bryan,	A. D. Royster,
Jack R. Williams,	Nat. L. Brown,	W. P. Wetherell,
William Simpson,	J. C. L. Harris,	Daniel R. Coleman,
Thos. W. Blake,	W. W. Dunn,	Robert W. Best.
A. S. Lee,	S. H. Rountree,	

Died, 1. Whole number, 29.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

CHARLOTTE,

Wednesday, June 7th, A. D. 1876, *A. Dep.* 2876.

RALEIGH:
JOHN NICHOLS, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1876.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Most Illustrious Grand Master,
WILMINGTON.

JOHN B. NEATHERY,
Deputy Illustrious Grand Master,
RALEIGH.

S. E. ALLEN,
Grand Principal Conductor of Work,
WINSTON.

JOHN NICHOLS,
Grand Treasurer,
RALEIGH.

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder,
RALEIGH.

M. M. KATZ,
Grand Captain of the Guard,
WILMINGTON.

E. A. WILSON,
Grand Conductor of the Council,
GREENSBORO.

WILLIAM MURDOCH,
Grand Steward,
SALISBURY.

Grand Sentinel,

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, held its Annual Assembly at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Charlotte, on Wednesday, June 7th, A. D. 1876, A. Dep. 2876, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

John Nichols, - - - -	Most Illustrious Grand Master.
C. M. Van Orsdell, - - -	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master
E. H. White, - - - -	as Grand Principal Con. of Work.
John B. Neathery, - - -	as Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain, - - -	Grand Recorder.
Horace H. Munson, - - -	as Grand Captain of the Guard.
M. M. Katz, - - - -	as Grand Conductor of the Council.
William Murdoch, - - -	Grand Steward.
C. C. Smith, - - - -	Grand Sentinel.

And the following Past Grand Officers:

H. H. Munson, P. M. Ill. G. M., William Murdoch, P. D. Ill G. M., M. M. Katz, P. G. Recorder.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

Companions J. B. Neathery, A. Wronski and R. P. Bessent were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Credentials have examined such credentials as have been submitted to them, and report Councils duly represented as follows:

ADONIRAM, No. 2, (no returns).—Comp. Wm. Murdoch, Dep. Ill. M.

GREENSBORO', No. 3.—Comps. S. E. Allen and E. A. Wilson, proxies for Officers.

WILMINGTON, No. 4.—Comp. H. H. Munson, proxy for T. Ill. Master; John E. Niemyer, proxy for D. Ill. Master; A. Wronski, proxy for P. C. of W.

ENOCH, No. 5.—J. B. Neathery, D. I. M., proxy for T. I. M.; W. P. Wetherell, proxy for P. C. of W.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. NEATHERY,
A. WRONSKI,
R. P. BESSENT,
} Com.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master read his Annual Address as follows, which was, on motion of Comp. C. M. Van Orsdell, D. I. G. M., accepted and referred to a Special Committee composed of Comps. C. M. Van Orsdell, E. A. Wilson and R. P. Bessent:

COMPANIONS: Would that I could at the close of this, another year's pilgrimage in our Masonic history, present some encouraging facts, or suggest some ideas that would brighten the prospects for the future; but the year's experience brings with it no hopeful indications of increased prosperity. But Companions, although the past history of Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction has not been as satisfactory as we might desire, the Councils that have been established being composed as they are, of our best Masons, with a renewed effort and a slight departure from our "old ways and customs," may we not hope for a more prosperous, and even a brilliant, future?

My position as Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters in North Carolina has been almost a sinecure for the last twelve months. I have been called on to perform but few official acts during the year. On the 25th of Feb., 1876, I granted a dispensation to Mocksville Council, No. 6, to resume work under its old Charter until this Annual Assembly. I have received no tidings from the Companions of that Council since the dispensation was granted, but presume they went to work promptly, and that the Council will be represented at this Annual Assembly. I have been called on two or three times for an opinion on points of law and usage, which I gave promptly, and, as I am informed, to the satisfaction of the Companions interested.

Beyond these brief matters I have nothing to report that is at all interesting Would that I could say something that would tend to revive the drooping spirits of the Companions, and encourage them to hope for greater achievements. The reports that come up from the Subordinate Councils give us but little evidence of increased effort.

Companions: why this lukewarmness and indifference on the part of our Subordinate Councils? Whatever impediment there may be in the way of the prosperity of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina, I trust, will receive your serious consideration before you leave this Council Chamber, and I urge upon you to adopt, if possible, some means for the more extensive diffusion of this branch of our rite throughout this Jurisdiction.

The older Companions present will remember that, up to a few years since, the ritual of the Cryptic degrees, as worked in nearly every Council in the State, was that taught by our Illustrious Companion, Dr. Albert G. Mackey, of South Carolina. At the Convention of Royal and Select Masters in the City of New York in 1872, a "Work"—I am unable to say whether it was a *new work* or not—at all events, a *work* was adopted, and recommended to the various Grand Councils throughout the country. This Grand Council adopted that work in 1874, but made no provision for its dissemination among the Subordinate Councils throughout the State, and, up to the present time, if I am correctly informed, but one Council has been instructed in the new, or Convention work.

I would most earnestly urge the Grand Council at this Assembly to

adopt some means, not only for securing a uniformity in the work, but for its thorough and effective dissemination. No feasible plan of Lecturers, or teaching *any work* has been adopted by this Grand Council, and it is to this neglect that I attribute much of the apathy and indifference of the Subordinate Councils.

No one who has ever held communion in the Council Chamber, or entered the secret vault can be indifferent to the importance of these degrees, being as they are, in one sense, the capstone of the whole Masonic edifice. Let us then, Companions, before leaving these sacred precincts, devise some means, not only for properly instructing the Councils now in existence, but for the extension of this beautiful branch of our order in every locality in the State where Royal Arch Masonry is known.

In closing this, my last official communication to this, and perhaps to any other Grand body of Masons, permit me, Companions, to express my most sincere acknowledgments for the honors conferred on me, and for the kind consideration I have always received at your hands, and to assure you that I shall hold in grateful remembrance my Masonic associations here and elsewhere as the most pleasant of my life.

Finally, Companions, practice the sublime teachings of Masonry; inculcate its moral principles on every occasion, and show to the world that you are not Masons in name only, but Masons in the broadest sense of that distinguished appellation; "and then, and then only, can you feel that friendship, that unison, that zeal and that purity of heart which should actuate every one, who would appropriate to himself the proud title of a workman that needeth not be ashamed."

JOHN NICHOLS, *M. Ill. G. M.*

The following Standing Committees were announced:

On Finance:

Comps. A. Wronski, J. B. Neathery and S. E. Allen.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

Comps. H H. Munson, W. P. Wetherell and S. E. Allen.

On Unfinished Business:

Comps. W. P. Wetherell, M. M. Katz and J. E. Niemyer.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following as his Annual Report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

I respectfully submit my annual report as follows:

The duty of printing and distributing the Proceedings of the last Annual Assembly, was performed as early in the year as practicable.

I have received the following dues of Subordinate Councils:

1876.

May 31, Wilmington, No. 4, for 1876,	- - - -	$10 00
June 7, Greensboro', No. 3, " "	- - - -	10 00
" " Enoch No. 5, " "	- - - -	10 00
Total,	- - - - - - - - -	$30 00

This amount now remains in my hands, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Grand Treasurer, to whom the funds could not be paid.

Fraternally submitted, D. W. BAIN, *Grand Recorder.*

The Grand Recorder, on behalf of the Grand Treasurer, submitted the following as the Annual Report of that Officer, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

I submit the following as my annual report:

To balance in my hands as per last annual report, - -	$50 00
I have paid on account of printing Proceedings of Gr. Council,	12 00
and have in my hands a balance of - - - - - -	$38 00

My absence from the Grand Council, present Annual Assembly, prevents my reporting any sums received from Grand Recorder on account of present year, as all the dues had not been received by him to the date of his leaving for Charlotte.

Fraternally submitted,
R. H. BRADLEY, *Grand Treas'r.*

Standing Committees submitted reports as follows, which were read and concurred in:

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that they have examined the proceedings of 1875, and find no unfinished business.

WM. P. WETHERELL,
M. M. KATZ,
J. E. NIEMYER, } Com.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Councils report that they have examined the following returns, and find them correct, except Enoch Council, No. 5, which has no seal attached, it as yet having none; Greensboro' Council, No. 3, Wilmington Council, No. 4, and Enoch Council, No. 5.

Respectfully submitted,
H. H. MUNSON,
WM. P. WETHERELL, } Com.
S. E. ALLEN,

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred for examination the reports and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, report that they find the same correct and the books accurately kept.

We find that the Grand Treasurer has in his hands the sum of thirty-eight dollars, and that the Grand Recorder has received, during this Annual Assembly, the sum of thirty dollars.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. NEATHERY, A. WRONSKI, S. E. ALLEN, } Com.

Comp. H. H. Munson introduced the following as an amendment to the constitution of the Grand Council, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That Article 2 of the constitution of this Grand Council be amended so as to read:

The Annual Assemblies of this Grand Council shall be held at such places as may be designated by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for holding its Annual Convocations, during, or immediately succeeding, the sessions of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. M. M. Katz introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That a Royal Arch Mason in good standing who may be rejected in a Subordinate Council, may renew his application at the succeeding regular Convocation of said Council.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, beg leave to report that having carefully considered the suggestions of the same, and with him deploring the lack of uniformity and the consequent inefficiency of Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction, we most respectfully recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Most Illustrious Grand Master being properly the Custodian of the Work in Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction, the several Illustrious Masters of the Subordinate Councils are hereby requested to confer with him, and secure the same and disseminate it among their members.

Respectfully submitted, C. M. VAN ORSDELL, E. A. WILSON, R. P. BESSENT, } Com.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers under the superintendence of Comps. A. Wronski and J. B. Neathery, and the following were duly elected:

C. M. Van Orsdell, - - -	Most Illustrious Grand Master.
John B. Neathery, - - -	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
S. E. Allen, - - - - -	Grand Principal Con. of Work.
John Nichols, - - - -	Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain, - - - -	Grand Recorder.
M. M. Katz, - - - - -	Grand Captain of the Guard.
E. A. Wilson, - - - -	Grand Conductor of the Council.
William Murdoch, - - -	Grand Steward.

Comp. Wm. P. Wetherell moved that a committee of two be appointed to procure the services of a Past Grand Master to install the officers elect.

The motion prevailed, and Comps. Wetherell and A. Wronski were appointed the Committee, who reported that Comp. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., would perform these services.

On motion of D. W. Bain, G. R., the Grand Treasurer was instructed to procure a set of jewels for the Grand Council before the next Annual Assembly, if the revenues of the Grand Council should permit.

Comp. John Nichols, P. G. M., submitted a report on Foreign Correspondence, which was, on motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, ordered to be published in these Proceedings. [See Appendix.]

Comp. H. H. Munson introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to memoralize the General Grand Encampment of the United States, at its next Triennial Conclave, to place the degrees of Royal and Select Master in the line of promotion, so as to constitute them a condition precedent to the Commandery Degrees.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed Comp. John Nichols the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Comp. John Nichols, P. G. M., the Grand Recorder was instructed to notify Davie Council, No. 6, of its indebtedness, giving it sixty days indulgence in the payment of one year's dues before demanding its charter, which had become

forfeited, and that upon payment of one year's dues the residue should, by this action, be remitted.

Comp. H. H. Munson introduced the following amendment to Article 12 of the Constitution, which was adopted:

"Strike out the word *ten* in Article 12 of the Constitution, relating to dues of Subordinate Councils, and insert *fifteen*."

Comp. Munson also introduced the following, which were and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder is hereby authorized to charge and receive as his fees, one dollar for affixing the seal of the Grand Council to diplomas or any document emanating from his office, except charters or dispensations to new Councils elsewhere provided for, and certificates of transportation to members of the Grand Council.

Resolved, That the sum of three dollars be appropriated to the Grand Sentinel for services this day rendered the Grand Council.

The Proceedings of this Annual Assembly were read and approved, and the Grand Council was closed in ample form.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D. 1876.

GREENSBORO COUNCIL, No. 3.—Greensboro'.

Time of Regular Convocations: Fourth Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS:

Thomas J. Sloan,.....T. Illustrious Master.
William E. Edwards,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
P. F. Duffy,.....Principal Con. of Work.
David McKnight,.....Treasurer.
S. E. Allen,.....Recorder.
J. N. Nelson,.....Captain of the Guard
James P. Jones,.....Conductor of the Council.
R. M. Stafford,.....Steward.
William Collins,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

Peter Adams,
Sterling Adams,
Daniel E. Albright,
Wm. Bodenhiemer,
O. S. Causey,
K. M. Coble,
J. R. Cardwell,
R. L. Coltraine,
F. P. Cavanah,
John Chamberlain,
George H. Gregory,
Robert W. Glenn,
W. H. Heath,
A. F. Hatch,
J. Hildesheimer,
David A. Hoskins,
J. M. Isley,
F. N. Ingold,
Thomas B. Keogh,
John L. Keeling,
George Parker,
J. H. Pearce,
W. H. Phillips,
G. H. Renigar,
John Sloan,
R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
John M. Shelly,
William Swaim,
J. E. Shultz,
L. T. Smith,

John Donnell,	John J. Kendall,	J. H. Tarpley,
J. C. Dame,	D. N. Kirkpatrick,	C. J. Voorhees,
Stephen A. Douglas,	S. M Lanier,	J. R. Wilkerson,
J. B. Faircloth,	C. P. Mendenhall,	Samuel Walker,
W. H. Gentry,	W. H. Moore,	E. A. Wilson.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Convocations: Second Monday evening in each month

OFFICERS:

G. W. Jewett, ... T. Illustrious Master.
C. M. Van Orsdell, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
M. M. Katz, ... Principal Con. of Work.
R. Greenburg, ... Treasurer.
James C. Munds, ... Recorder.
A. Wronski, ... Captain of the Guard.
B. P. Harrison, ... Conductor of the Council.
J. I. Macks, ... Steward.
B. G. Bates, ... Sentinel.
George Patterson, ... Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

T. B. Carr,	D. Greenwald,	H. H. Munson,
R. E. Calloway,	T. Johnson,	D. McRae,
A. David,	F. M. Knowles,	J. E. Niemyer,
S S. Everitt,	M. J. King,	S. Solomon,
P. W. Fanning,	W. R. Kenan,	E. Turlington,
H. G. Flanner,	W. Larkins,	W. G. Thomas,
T. M. Gardner,	A. Martin,	J. Weil.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

William J. Hicks,.....T. Illustrious Master.
John B. Neathery,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
M. Grausman,.....Principal Con. of Work.
Robert H. Bradley,.....Treasurer.
William P. Wetherell,.....Recorder.
Jonas M. Rosenbaum, ...Captain of the Guard.
Wayne Allcott,.....Conductor of the Council.
Robert W. Best,.....Steward.
Miles Goodwin,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

Donald W. Bain,
John C. Blake,
Thomas W. Blake,
James M. Betts,
Nathaniel L. Brown,
A. P. Bryan,
Daniel R. Coleman,
William H. Dodd,
W. W. Dunn,
J. C. L. Harris,
A. S. Heide,
Albert Johnson,
Charles Klueppelberg,
A. S. Lee,
Henry Mahler,
John Nichols,
Isaac Oettinger,
S. H. Rountree,
A. D. Royster,
G. Rosenthal,
William Simpson,
Willie J. Palmer,
William C. Stronach,
John B. White,
John Whitelaw,
Jack R. Williams.

SUMMARY OF FOREGOING RETURNS OF COUNCILS.

Exalted, 14; Admitted, 7; Rejected, 2; Excluded for non-payment of dues, 3; Died, 1; Number of members returned, - - - - 120
Estimated number of members not returned, - - - - - - - - 40

Total number Royal and Select Masters returned and estimated, 160

REPORT

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

A few days before the meeting of the present Annual Assembly, the writer of this Report was approached by our worthy Grand Recorder and informed that he had been selected to prepare the Report on Foreign Correspondence. We plead want of time and arduous professional duties; but no excuse would our Companion receive, but with an emphatic "*you must do it*," we submitted, under protest. We have received and reviewed the Proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils, as follows:

Arkansas, - -	1875	Minnesota, - -	1876
Connecticut, - -	1876	New York, - -	1875
Illinois, - - -	1875	Pennsylvania, - -	1875
Kansas, - - -	1874	South Carolina, - -	1876
Kentucky, - -	1874	Tennessee, - - -	1875
Maine, - -	1875	Vermont, - -	1875
Massachusetts, -	1875	Wisconsin, - -	1876
Michigan, - -	1876		

ARKANSAS.

The Sixteenth Annual Assembly was held at Little Rock, on the 9th day of October, 1875.

Grand Master James A. Stinson, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is quite brief, touching on nothing but matters of local importance. He alludes to the Convention of Grand Councils held at New Orleans in November, 1874, and says the "work" has not been generally taught

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NOTE.—The Grand Recorder, as well as myself, regrets the absence of so many Grand Councils from this list. The Proceedings have not *generally* been received up to date. COMMITTEE.

within the Jurisdiction of that Grand Council. On this subject, he says:

Now, Companions, if you do not feel disposed to adopt the convention work, for the sake of uniformity (which is very much the same as our own,) would it not be well to see that our old work is correctly taught, as I have learned that by innovation or *improvement*, that the work in some of our Councils differs as much from our old work as the old work does from the work of the New York and New Orleans Conventions.

The Committee on Credentials reported present eleven Grand Officers, and twenty Past Grand Officers, entitled to vote, and twelve Councils entitled to representation; but there seemed to be delegates from but eight Councils present, representing a membership of three hundred and one.

In regard to the "*Work*" the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Ritual heretofore adopted by the Grand Council be continued as the work of the Subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction; and that no Council or Grand Officer depart from or change the same until authorized to do so by the Grand Council.

Charters were withdrawn from two Councils. No new ones granted.

Comp. M. M. McGuire was elected Grand Master, and the venerable Luke E. Barber was re-elected Grand Recorder. The officers elected and appointed were installed by Past Grand Master E. H. English.

CONNECTICUT.

Annual Assembly at Hartford, on the 8th of May, 1876.

Grand Master Fred. H. Waldron, presiding.

Fifteen Councils represented.

The Grand Master presented a most excellent address. The following extract is commended to the careful consideration of the Companions of our own State. It is sound, practical, good sense. Read it

It is the practice with too many who are initiated into our solemn mysteries to hurry from one degree to another, and the entered apprentice of yesterday is likely to be a Sir Knight to-morrow. This is highly detrimental, not only to the candidate himself, but to the best in-

terests of the order. I think we should discourage this as much as possible, and a Brother or Companion should not only have made "suitable proficiency" in the work and ritual before being advanced to higher honors and awards, but we should endeavor to have our teachings make a deep impression upon his mind, and he should be in a condition to give as well as to receive instruction. How many are there to-day who have taken all the degrees in Masonry who are ashamed to present themselves at the outer door of the Lodge-room for examination? They can be counted by the score.

This is not as it should be. It is generally conceded that those of our members who manifest the least interest in the order are those who are ignorant of its principles and teachings—those who have hurried through the degrees without properly considering their meaning. Their zeal lasts as long as there are other degrees for them to advance to, and, as soon as the topmost round in the ladder is reached, their interest is lost, because, in their zeal to obtain all the light possible, they have lost sight of our first principles.

The transactions of the Body contain nothing of special importance to those outside of that jurisdiction.

The Grand Council of Maryland was recognized.

An interesting report on correspondence was presented by Comp. William Wallace Lee. The proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils were reviewed, our own not included.

Comp. William Freeston, of New Britain, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. J. K. Wheeler, of Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

The twenty-third Annual Assembly was held at Chicago, on the 27th of October, 1875.

Comp. Edward Blackshaw, as Grand Master, presiding.

There were thirty-three Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master, W. F. Bromfield, being absent, his address was read by the Grand Recorder. The Grand Master reports that "peace and harmony prevail among the Subordinate Councils."

To the question: "Has a Council the right to refuse a Companion a dimit, provided he is in good standing in the Council?" he decided: "If the Companion desired to join another Council nearer his residence, and was in good standing in his Council, he was entitled to a dimit; but otherwise the Council might re-

fuse it, because it is unmasonic not to be affiliated." It may be unmasonic not to be affiliated, but by what right can Lodge, Chapter or Council compel a mason to remain a member against his will?

We believe in *Free* Masonry and whenever a Mason wishes to sever his connection with the order, we believe in permitting him to depart in peace. If he can do without the Order, the Order can as easily do without him.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. James H. Miles. Twenty-two Grand Councils receive fraternal notice, North Carolina included.

Comp. Edward Blackshaw, of Urbana, elected Grand Master, and Comp. Jas. H. Miles, of Chicago, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.

The Annual Assembly was held at Leavenworth, on the 20th of October, 1874.

Grand Master John H. Brown, presiding.

Five Councils represented.

The Grand Master, in the opening paragraph of his very admirable address, says:

> Another year has closed, another page is added to our history as a Grand Council. We have met in Annual Convocation to revise and perfect the work of the past year. Forgetting all mere personal considerations, let us unite in devising means to render Cryptic Masonry what its noble founders designed it should be. Before proceeding further, may we humbly acknowledge our dependence on the Great Author of our being for the success thus far vouchsafed to us, His creatures, and implore His aid in all our endeavors to advance the prosperity of our Cryptic Rite.

He regretted that the Grand Council was not represented at the Convention in New York, and recommended that arrangements he made to be represented in the future. He also recommended the adoption of the official titles suggested by the Convention. The recommendation was adopted and the Constitution amended to that effect.

The Committee on Charity reported verbally "that no application had been made to this Grand Council for aid, nor did they know of any cases requiring attention." Happy Companions!

Comp. John H. Brown, of Leavenworth, re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. J. Lee Knight, of Topeka, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

Annual Assembly at Louisville, October 21st, 1874.

Comp. Wm. Ryan, Grand Master, (or Most Puissant, as the presiding officer in that State is styled), presiding.

His address is short, alluding briefly to his official transactions, which were confined to the granting of two Dispensations for new Councils.

Sixteen Councils were represented.

The report on Correspondence was submitted by Comp. H. A. M. Henderson, which Comp. Swain, of Wisconsin, says, "is sharp enough to put spirit into a mug of milk and water."

We can appreciate the following sentence in the report of Comp. Henderson. He says:

> When there is nothing to dip, and a sieve is the dipper, then you might die of thirst for the lack of a cooling draught.

Grand Officers elected were Comp. Henry Bostwick, of Covington, Grand Master, and Comp. Albert G. Hodges, of Louisville, Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

Annual Assembly at Portland, May 5th, 1875.

Grand Master Charles I. Collamore, presiding.

Ten Subordinate Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master was brief, relating chiefly to matters within his own jurisdiction.

The Committee on By-Laws recommended the nomenclature recommended by the New York Convention, which was adopted.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of that Illustrious Companion, from whom we always expect something good —Josiah H. Drummond. The report is full, able and interesting, being filled with valuable information and suggestions. As Comp. Drummond is perhaps more fully informed of all the facts

in connection with what is called the "Convention Work," which has been adopted by our Grand Council, we extract the following from his report:

The Grand Councils, with few exceptions, are adopting the "Convention Work" as fast as they have opportunity to examine it.

Already Alabama, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee have formally adopted it. We understand that it is practically adopted and actually used in Florida and Wisconsin. California, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Brunswick and Rhode Island have not (we believe) applied for and received the work. Connecticut decided that the work was almost identical with her own, and concluded to make no change, the two being substantially alike. Arkansas voted to adopt it when four-fifths of the other Grand Councils had done so. Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Ontario and Vermont have the matter in the hands of committees Indiana having the true (?) work and "little knowledge as to the nature and extent of the differences" between it and the Convention Work, declines to adopt it. New Hampshire having *another* "old and true" (?) work declines even to examine any other. Massachusetts declines to adopt the Work, because it reverses the order of the degrees as she adopted them; while Pennsylvania hesitates because she has still *another* "true" (?) work Thus far, but three Grand Councils have absolutely declined to adopt the work, and in the begining it was taken for granted that *two* of these would do so; but the refusal of Massachusetts *is* a surprise.

In regard to the Convention held at New Orleans, in 1874, the following report was submitted by Comp. Drummond:

I attended the Convention at New Orleans, as requested by the M. I. Grand Master. Some Grand Councils, not represented at New York, were represented there. The old organization was continued so far as the officers were present: in the absence of Comp. Corson, Comp. Geo. Fred. Wiltsie, of New York, was elected Recorder.

There was an indisposition to make any change in the work, beyond the correction of a few mere verbal errors.

There was a much stronger feeling in favor of a General Grand Council than I had anticipated; and on the second evening (when I was unable to be present on account of illness) a committee was appointed, of which Comp. Frizzell, of Tennessee, was Chairman, to draft a Constitution for a General Grand Council to become effective when adopted by two-thirds of the Grand Councils; and the Convention adjourned to meet with the General Grand Chapter in 1877.

The sentiment of the Convention seemed to be unanimous in making these degrees pre-requisites to the order of Knighthood. A memorial to that effect was presented to the Grand Encampment and referred to a committee, a majority of which reported adversely. The Report was adopted without discussion, for which, indeed, there was really no opportunity. So much time had been taken up in the parade,

that the most important business was hurriedly transacted The next Conclave is to be devoted to business, and then this subject can be discussed and intelligently determined.

Comp. Sumner H. Boynton, of Rockford, was elected Grand Master, and the venerable Comp. Ira Berry, of Portland, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Annual Assembly held at Masonic Temple, December 8, 1875.

Grand Master Thomas Elliott St. John, presiding.

Thirteen Councils represented.

The Grand Master alludes in feeling and eloquent terms to the passing away of two distinguished Companions of that Jurisdiction. He says:

Since last we met, the summons that none can disregard, has been heard at our outer door. Upon the death of our venerable and Ill. Comp E. B. Moore, who for so many years had held the office of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, I appointed to fill his place, our worthy and well beloved Comp Rev. George Summerfield Noyes. Ere his work was completed, the hand of disease was upon him. He labored with a true heroic zeal, even beyond his powers of endurance, to complete his report for our last year's Proceedings. The last words of his report are a tribute to the memory of Comp. Moore. "Our great ones are falling," said he. "May the ranks be quickly repleted." But ere the words he had written were read by those in whose service he was laboring, he had gone to his rest. He died as he had lived, an honest, faithful laborer in his Master's cause. He held this Order in high regard, and was never weary in his labors to advance its interests, and honor its name. He has held many important trusts in his Masonic life and honored them all. May his example be an inspiration unto us all, bidding us to emulate his virtues and hold in due veneration the truth he sought to uphold He died in Boston, February 16th, 1875, aged 40 years, 8 months.

Alluding to the importance of the degrees of Royal and Select Master he says:

The more I study the plan and scope of this Institution, the more clearly do I see the necessity of making these degrees of the Cryptic Rite a regular step in the advancement of the aspirant after Masonic honors. In the Secret Vault alone is that knowledge obtained that completes the story of the second temple and fits a man for a full appreciation of the Masonic tradition. Without these the Royal Arch is but a partial history, while upon the instructions they give, the candidate treads more confidently the pathway to the Order of the Red Cross.

Comp. Charles J. Danforth, of Boston, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. John Haigh, of Somerville, Grand Recorder.

MICHIGAN.

Eighteenth Annual Assembly held at Detroit, on the 17th of January, 1876.

Comp. M. Mansfield, Grand Master, presiding.

Forty-two Councils were represented.

His address is brief, and confined to the consideration of matters of local interest. The Grand Master seems to have been very active during the year, judging from the number of visitations reported. He, however, declined a re-election, which, judging from his past year's work, he richly deserved.

The Grand Council adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council be, and are hereby tendered to Past M. I. G. Master M. Mansfield, for the able manner in which he has presided over this Grand Council the past year.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. G. B. Noble, and is quite full and interesting. Twenty-four Grand Councils receiving fraternal notice, ours being included.

Comp. George Hill, of Portland, was elected Grand Master, and G. B. Noble, of Detroit, Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

Seventh Annual Assembly held at St. Paul, Jan'y 11th, 1876.

The Grand Master being absent, R. Ill. D. G. M., G. W. Cooley, presided.

The proceedings contain nothing of special interest to the Craft outside that jurisdiction.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Grove B. Cooley. We most heartily endorse the following, taken from the introductory remarks, and commend the sentiments therein contained to the consideration of our readers. He says:

The duty is assigned us to review these proceedings and write a report. We are a "new hand at the wheel" and hardly know how to commence. We feel that we can say but little, for the feeling of our Grand Council is, that our report should be short.

Although the Companion may be a "new hand at the wheel," as he says he is, he steers remarkably well. He reviews in an interesting and pleasant style the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, our own receiving a passing notice. He concludes his report in the following rather racy, but exceedingly interesting style:

Well, here is our work, such as it is. Should it not be deemed fit to be deposited in the S. V., throw it aside among the rubbish. We can only say, "such as we have, give we unto you;" but of all things, don't set us down among those that *languish.*

If any are sleeping at their posts, put them aside and fill their places. We have two of the most beautiful and impressive degrees in the whole system of Masonry. What do we want of more? We may seek and obtain from the Commandery the "Red Cross" degree—but what shall we do with it when we get it? It has really no connection with Cryptic Masonry. But we can't get it—neither will the Chapter of R. A. Masons take us—they don't want us—they have no *fit* place to put us, in Capitular Masonry. We are just exactly in the right place—we have all we need. Neither do we care for that class of Masons, who are seeking the "Templar's feather," and would only make us a stepping stone to the Commandery. We don't endorse the idea of compulsion in Masonry. If our hand is sought at all, we desire it shall be for "Love," and that when we are wed, we shall not be set aside for a more showy mistress. None of that in ours—we prefer to remain single. But don't let us *languish.*

Comp. G. W. Cooley, of Minneapolis, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. Theo. Burkhard, of St. Paul, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

The Annual Assembly was held in the Grand Council Room, New York City, September 14th, 1875.

Comp. Fred. H. Wiltsie, presiding.

Twenty-eight Councils were represented.

In his address, the Grand Master, gives a synopsis of the proceedings of the New Orleans Convention of Royal and Select Masters; and, as many of our Companions may never have seen those proceedings, for their benefit we make the following lengthy quotation:

Since our last Annual Assembly, and in accordance with a resolution adopted by you at that time, it was my privilege as well as pleasure to attend the third session of the National Convention of Royal and Select Masons of the United States of America. I will give you now a brief resume of its labors.

The Convention met in the city of New Orleans, La., at Masonic Temple, on Monday noon, November 31st, 1874, and organized temporarily by the election of

M. I Companion Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, as President.

M. I. Comp. G Fred. Wiltsie, of New York, as Recorder.

The Committee on Credentials, M. I. Companions W. C. Swain, of Wisconsin, E. Edmundson, of Tennessee, and G. L. McCahan, of Maryland, reported eighteen (18) Grand Councils entitled to representation.

The temporary officers were then unanimously elected as permanent officers of the Convention, with the addition of

M. I. Companion John Frizzell, of Tennessee, as first Vice-President.

M. I. Companion C. F. Goodman, of Nebraska, second Vice-Pres't.

Rule 1 of the New York Convention of 1872, was then adopted for the government of the present session, (the purport of which was the system of voting, each Grand Jurisdiction being allowed three votes.)

M. I. Companions Edmundson, of Tennessee, Wiltsie, of New York, O'Neal, of Ohio, McCahan, of Maryland, and Stinson, of Arkansas, were appointed a Committee on "Work."

M. I. Companions Brown, of Kansas, Bechtel, of New Jersey, Kirker, of Connecticut, Wheeler, of Nebraska, and Morrill, of Florida, were appointed a Committee on General Business.

EVENING SESSION, AT 7 O'CLOCK.

M. I. Companion John Frizzell, of Tennessee, presiding.

M. I. Companion John H. Brown, of Kansas, from the Committee on General Business, reported in favor of the formation of a General Grand Council of R. & S. M., which report, after a long discussion, was laid upon the table.

Several invitations were received and accepted to attend different festivities in the city of New Orleans, during the session of the Grand Bodies.

Two vacancies occurring in the Committee appointed by the New York Convention to memoralize the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, to place the Cryptic degrees in their proper position in the American system of Free Masonry, by making them a prerequisite to the orders of Knighthood, they were filled by the Convention constituting the Committee, as follows:

M. I. Companion J. H. Drummond, of Maine.
" " John Frizzell, of Tennessee.
" " G. Fred. Wiltsie, of New York.
" " W. A. Prall, of Missouri.
" " P. M. Savory, of Mississippi.
" " S. M. Todd, of Louisiana.

Convened again 7, P. M., December 1st, 1874

M. I. Companion C. F. Goodman, of Nebraska, presiding.

The Committee on Work, after a lengthy session, reported to the Convention that in their judgment no change was advisable in the Ritual as adopted in 1873, except to correct one or two clerical or chronological errors in the history of the Select Masters degree, concerning the *time* of the communication of the w—— to Moses, and the lapse of time from its communication to its being lost. The report was unanimously adopted, all the Grand Bodies represented, many of which have adopted the work, expressing themselves highly pleased with it in its every feature.

The question of the organization of a General Grand Council was then taken from the table, and a very long debate ensued, all of the different Grand Bodies, through their representatives, stating at length their views; a large majority of them were in favor of the immediate formation of such a body, but at the same time being desirous of making no movement except to aid in the advancement of Cryptic Masonry, and of these degrees receiving the proper attention and position to which they are entitled, the following resolution was finally unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to prepare a Provincial Constitution for the organization of a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, which shall be submitted to the several state Grand Bodies, for either their adoption or rejection.

M. I. Companion JOHN FRIZZELL, of Tennessee,
" " G. FRED. WILTSIE, of New York,
" " JOHN H. BROWN, of Kansas,
" " W. C. SWAIN, of Wisconsin,
" " W. R. WHITAKER, of Louisiana,
Committee.

The following resolution was then adopted: *Resolved*, That the present officers of this Convention be continued, and that the Committee on Provincial Constitution for a General Grand Council, be, and they hereby are, directed to prepare such a document, which shall be submitted by the officers of this Convention, to the various Grand Councils in the United States, for their action thereon, and when two-thirds thereof shall concur therein, approving such Provincial Constitution, the same shall become operative, and a meeting shall be called by the President, for the purpose of duly organizing such body, which shall be provided for by said Constitution, at such time and place as may be designated.

The Committee to memorialize the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that, after consideration, the Grand Encampment laid the matter upon the table.

The following resolution of adjournment was then adopted, after several matters of minor importance had been disposed of: *Resolved*, That this Convention do now adjourn to meet in the city of Buffalo, New York, on the Monday before the third Tuesday of August, 1877, and that the several State Grand Bodies be requested to send delegates to the same, unless the Convention shall sooner be called together by the President. The Grand Recorder was ordered to publish officially the proceedings of the Convention, as well as the report of the Committee on Provincial Constitution, in pamphlet form, and issue same to each of the Grand Councils.

This is a brief account, my Companions, of my labors while at New Orleans; amid the grand round of festivities, fraternal greetings, renewals of old acquaintances, and receptions, it was almost impossible to keep a working majority of the different Masonic bodies there assembled engaged in their various duties; yet I am constrained to say that our Cryptic Companions were not found *asleep*, but were ever wakeful to the interests of our noble Rite, and each and every one worked with deep earnestness to advance *its* interests.

The Grand Master reports the death of Comp. J. R. Chase, for a number of years a prominent member of the Order, in New York, and author of several Masonic Works. Alluding to his death and past services, the Grand Master says:

Our Grand Lecturer is no more. Time, that dread leveler of human life, sooner or later will overtake us all. While we mourn the loss of our departed Companion, as we miss him in our assemblies and no longer hear his pleasant, happy voice in our midst, while we pause for a moment amid the busy scenes of life, turning aside to cast a sympathetic tear over his memory, and ponder upon the uncertainty of our own existence, and the certainty as well, as in his case, the suddenness of death, let us each and every one remember, "In the midst of life we are in death," and so may we act and live that when the dread summons shall come for us, and we shall be called to follow those who have "gone before," we may be so prepared, having our "Work" ready for inspection, that we may gain an entrance into the "Holy of Holies" above, and there receive the wages due faithful Craftsmen and deserving Companions. "So teach us, O Lord, to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Charles G. Henderson, and is full, interesting and able. He thus raps Massachusetts:

If we remember correctly, the Grand Council of Massachusetts had some little hand in first calling the New York Convention. But now, when that Convention has prepared a work in which all may unite, even though each one may make some little sacrifice, Massachusetts hesitates because, forsooth, the Convention did not see eye to eye with her in several particulars. The Grand Master does "not believe it advisable to be anxious about adopting new things." The whole animus of the address and of the report on Foreign Correspondence is, that the New York Convention was a small affair, and that its conclusions should be ignored The reason why is very plain to be seen It appears as if the Companions of Massachusetts, as well as of several other jurisdictions, have forgotten some of their earliest Masonic lessons. With too many Masons, brotherly love, self-sacrifice and humility are words, fair in theory but hard to practice. We hear much of these professions when our Order is recommended to the world at large. but when the practical test comes, we too often find "nothing but leaves."

We are not sufficiently informed of all the facts and circumstances to justify us in the expression of an opinion on the question under discussion, but we shall look forward with some interest to the "return fire" of our Massachusetts Companions.

We extract the following from the "conclusion" of this interesting report:

And while, by our laws and traditions, our forms and ceremonies, we view the past with reverence, it behooves us to look forward and think of the future of Masonry, to devote more time, and consideration, and labor to our own improvement, and to the embodiment of our principles in our lives, to study how our influence is to be made more effectual for the good of humanity.

We believe we shall have to answer, not only for ourselves and our own mutual improvement, but also for our general influence upon humanity.

What is our mission? And what is our work in the future? Our history has been one of grand success—prosperity has been ours. We have withstood the attacks and persecutions of ignorance, superstition, fanaticism and bigotry. Every reverse has caused our Fraternity to shine forth with a more glorious lustre. May we be as full of virtue and love in prosperity as in adversity! There can be no doubt that the T. G. A. O. T. U., whom we worship, has given us this prosperity, and smiles upon our organization and labors.

Comp. John B. Sackett, of Buffalo, was elected Grand Master, and George Van Vliet, of New York, Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Masters was held in the city of Harrisburg, on the 17th day of February, 1875.

M. P. G. M. Christian Frederick Knapp, presiding.

Fifteen Councils were represented.

The Grand Master seems to have been very active during the year. He reported that he had traveled, during his official visitations eighteen hundred and sixty miles; spent forty days, and incurred an expense of two hundred dollars and twenty-five cents. Our Companions in Pennsylvania have been peculiarly fortunate in the selection of its presiding officer. In his address he says:

Having served you, to the best of my ability, five years as the third officer of this Grand Council, five years as its second officer, and six years as its chief, making a period of sixteen years, I now surrender to you the authority with which you so often unanimously invested me with, with the hope that my successor will meet at your hands that support which you so kindly extended to me. As to my associates in office, who were all I could desire, I would say "the Lord bless you and keep you," and to the Illustrious Companions and members of this M. P. Grand Council, allow me to express the wish that "peace be ever within your walls, and prosperity within your palaces"

The proceedings contain nothing of special interest to the Fraternity outside of that jurisdiction.

Comp. Christian Frederick Knapp, of Bloomsburg, was re-elected Grand Master, and Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Annual Assembly at Charleston, February 16th, 1876.

Grand Master Wilmot G. DeSaussure, presiding.

Ten Councils were represented.

The address of the Grand Master, although containing nothing of special interest to those outside of that jurisdiction, is one of the most interesting addresses that we have read. Unlike many of the Grand Masters, (your own included), Comp. DeSaussure had sufficient duties to perform to give him some thing to write about. He concludes his interesting report in the following beautiful and impressive style:

> Permit me to invoke upon your labors the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe, and to pray that He will so direct them, that good may result to our fellow men and to ourselves from what is done in this Secret Vault. The duties which we are here called upon to perform are done in Secrecy, Silence and Darkness, but to the All-seeing eye, the "night is no darkness." The important lessons of charity, forbearance, and good will, which we learn here, if profited by and practised, must lead us humbly and reverently and hopefully to approach Him who has taught us to pray, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

The proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils were reviewed in an able and comprehensive manner by the Grand Master, who we are pleased to notice was re-elected for the third time, a compliment which his industry, ability and devotion to Masonry justly merited.

Comp. A. Lindstrom, of Charleston, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

Annual Assembly held at Nashville, November 8th, 1875.

Grand Master W. R. Shaver, presiding.

Thirty-three Councils represented.

Certainly a large number for "North Carolina's *little* daughter."

The Grand Master thus welcomes the representatives:

I offer you my personal and official greeting on assembling again at the close of another annual period, in the history of this venerable body. And, I believe, that I but express your sentiments, when I say, that the warmest aspirations of our hearts are due to the Father of all Mercies, not only for the bountiful harvest which prevails all over our country, enabling us to rejoice in peace and plenty, but that we are spared from pestilence and death, and are to-day blessed with health and the privilege of convening in Grand Council.

The Committee appointed to attend the Convention of Royal and Select Masters at New Orleans, submitted their report, which was concurred in. We copy the report entire:

The undersigned were selected, at the last Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Representatives to the adjourned Convention, which met at New Orleans in December last. The present Most Illustrious Grand Master was authorized to associate with us such other Companions as he might deem proper. In accordance therewith, Companions John Frizzell, W. F. Foster and H. M. Aiken, were selected. We all attended the Convention as required, but having taken no notes thereof, we are unable to give the particular transactions of the Convention, as we have not been furnished with the published proceedings, as we hoped.

There were, we believe, about twenty Grand Jurisdictions represented, and the principal matter discussed was the formation of a General Grand Council, for which purpose the New York Convention of the previous year adjourned to this place.

The Convention seemed adverse to such an organization, and especially so, until they could ascertain the nature of the Constitution governing such an organization. It was, therefore, ordered that a Committee be appointed to draft such a Constitution for the consideration of the different Grand Jurisdictions. Our Companion, John Frizzell, was appointed the Chairman of this Committee.

The Convention adjourned to meet again in Buffalo, New York, in the year 1877, when the matter of a General Grand Council is to be further considered.

We regret to have to report a seeming abatement of interest in this Convention, to that manifested by the two preceding ones held in New York, in the summers of 1872 and 1873, witnessed by your Delegate, who attended all three.

E. Edmundson,
W. R. Shaver.

No report on Correspondence.

Comp. H. M. Aiken, of Knoxville, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. John Frizzell, of Nashville, re-elected Gr. Recorder.

VERMONT.

Annual Assembly at Burlington, June 10th, 1875.

The Grand Master, Edward S. Dana, presiding.

There were twelve Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master is an interesting and well-written document, breathing the true spirit of Masonry in every line. It is really a pleasure to read such addresses; and how grand would our order be, did the same spirit pervade the breast of every Mason in the land. After the introductory paragraph, he says:

> We have come to take sweet counsel together as to the methods by which we may strengthen and beautify the structure which has been committed to our charge, and perpetuate it with its countless blessings to those who shall come after us;—and while the wisdom of man may fail and the creation of genius with its magic touch may perish, yet if we rely upon an unseen hand for support and aid we may go forward with an implicit trust that our labors will meet with perpetual reward.
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> Let us, as we gather here within the grateful atmosphere of fraternal affection, lend ourselves with cheerful alacrity to enlarge and dignify those influences which shall give encouragement to the patient toilers in the vaults, and which they shall follow, like a pillar of fire by night, through every darkness and peril until their mission shall close in the promise and plenty of merited success.

He pays a beautiful and fitting tribute to the memory of the late eminent Companion, Dr. George M. Hall, and closes his address as follows:

> I entreat you to permit no slothful indolence in your midst which shall suffer our arches to crumble into decay and bury our priceless treasures in unmerited oblivion; but let every officer and companion firmly resolve to dedicate himself anew to the service of the Cryptic Rite and to bring it up to the standard of perfection which shall insure that fruition and fulness of reward which crowns the labors of the faithful and the just.

The proceedings contain nothing of special importance to the Craft outside that jurisdiction.

The Grand Master, Edward S. Dana, of Cornwall, was re-elected, a compliment worthily bestowed; Comp. Wm. H. S. Whitcomb, of Burlington, was also re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN.

The Nineteenth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Milwaukee, on the 14th of February, 1876.

Comp. J. P. C. Cottrill, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master says he has "been called upon for no official act during the year, except the granting of one dispensation;" but is "able, however, to report a quite general condition of prosperity and progress in the Subordinates of the Cryptic Rite, and entire harmony among them."

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Wm. E. Swain, and is quite full and interesting, although he says it is his "maiden effort." Had he not so stated, his readers would never have suspected the fact, for he writes like a "Veteran."

He twits us for holding our Annual Assemblies in different sections of the State, and "suggests that we get a first-class menagerie" to travel with us. When we conclude to do so, we will go up to Wisconsin in search "trick-mules" for our traveling show.

Joking aside. The report is one of the very best we have read. It is written in that interesting and attractive style, that almost compels you to read it through, whether you are inclined to do so or not. We endorse fully the following taken from the "Conclusion" of his report:

> The only panacea we know of for sick Councils, is the election of officers who will make the Assemblies interesting. We do not think it is necessary to meet as often as most of our Masonic bodies are in the habit of doing. Let it be understood that the Council will meet, perhaps once a month; that when the regular Assembly night comes, there will BE an Assembly, and that the meetings will be made interesting, and there are few intelligent Masons who would not be willing to devote *one* evening in a month to this grade.

"This is as well said as if we had said it ourself," and is as true as to North Carolina as to Wisconsin.

Comp. James L. Bridge, of Berlin. elected Grand Master, and Comp. John W. Woodhull, of Milwaukee, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

Thus, Companions, in this hurried and imperfect manner, we have examined such Proceedings as have come into our hands. In some Grand Councils there seems to be a fair degree of pros-

perity, while in others the interest is manifestly indifferent and desponding.

The principal questions claiming the attention of the Grand Councils seem to be, (1.) Uniformity of work, (2.) The formation of a General Grand Council, and (3.) Making the degrees of Royal and Select Masters a pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood. It is not probable that either of these questions will seriously disturb the proceedings of our Grand Council. The adoption of the nomenclature and ritual recommended by the New York Convention disposes of the first question, unless the matter should be reconsidered. As to the second, we take it for granted that our Grand Council is not now in a condition to consider it; while as to the third, we have no special interest in it at present.

A majority of the Grand Councils, we think, have adopted the New York or Convention work, but a respectable number continue to adhere to the work they have been practising for years. The second question has met with general disfavor, and the third has received no favorable consideration from the Grand Commandery, which alone can control the matter.

We trust that a brighter day awaits Cryptic Masonry throughout the entire country; and especially do we desire to see for it a renewed interest manifested by the Companions of our own State. We hope that the time is not far distant when these beautiful and impressive degrees will be fully appreciated, and that they will be regarded, as they really are, essential to the completeness of the Royal Arch degree, which, as now conferred and taught in most of the States, is not complete without the beautiful and impressive degrees of Royal and Select Master.

We must beg pardon for the very imperfect and hurried manner in which this report has been prepared. Owing to the shortness of the time since we commenced its preparation, and our professional duties claiming almost our entire time, it has been prepared under most unfavorable circumstances, and will, we fear, prove as unsatisfactory to its readers as it is to the writer. But such as it is—we present it.

JOHN NICHOLS,

Grand Master, and Com. on For. Cor.

GRAND RECORDERS AND THEIR ADDRESS.

1.	Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
2.	Arkansas,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
3.	California,	Charles L. Wiggin,	San Francisco.
4.	Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
5.	Florida,	David L. Oakley,	Monticello.
6.	Georgia,	Charles R. Armstrng,	Macon.
7.	Illinois,	James H. Miles,	Chicago.
8.	Indiana,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
9.	Iowa,	William B. Langridge,	Muscatine.
10.	Kansas,	J. Lee Knight,	Topeka.
11.	Kentucky,	Albert G. Hodges,	Louisville.
12.	Louisiana,	Gustavus Sontag,	New Orleans.
13.	Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
14.	Maryland,	John T. Gorsuch,	Baltimore.
15.	Massachusetts,	John Haigh,	Somerville.
16.	Michigan,	Garra B. Noble,	Detroit.
17.	Minnesota,	Theo. Burkhard,	Saint Paul.
18.	Mississippi,	John Logan Power,	Jackson.
19.	Missouri,	George Frank Gouley,	Saint Louis.
20.	Nebraska,	Edwin Force Warren,	Nebraska City.
21.	New Brunswick,	Alfred D. Goodwin,	Saint John.
22.	New Hampshire,	Joseph W. Hildreth,	Concord.
23.	New Jersey,	Thomas J Corson,	Trenton.
24.	New York,	George Van Vliet,	N. Y., 6 av. & 23d st.
25.	North Carolina,	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
26.	Nova Scotia,	James Gossip,	Halifax.
27.	Ohio,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
28.	Ontario,	James B. Nixon,	Toronto.
29	Oregon,	Benjamin F. Goodwin,	Portland.
30.	Pennsylvania,	Charles E. Meyer,	Philadelphia.
31.	Rhode Island,	Walter Blodget,	Providence.
32.	South Carolina,	Alexander Linstrom,	Charleston.
33.	Tennessee,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
34.	Vermont,	Wm. H. S Whitcomb,	Burlington.
35.	Wisconsin,	John W. Woodhull,	Milwaukee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

NEWBERN,

Wednesday, June 6th, A. D. 1877, *A. Dep.* 2877.

RALEIGH:
JOHN NICHOLS, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
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ADDRESS

OF

GRAND OFFICERS.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Most Illustrious Grand Master,
WILMINGTON.

SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,
Deputy Illustrious Grand Master,
KINSTON.

SIDNEY E. ALLEN,
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,
WINSTON.

JOHN NICHOLS,
Grand Treasurer,
RALEIGH.

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder,
RALEIGH.

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Captain of the Guard,
WILMINGTON.

ADDISON S. LEE,
Grand Conductor of the Council,
RALEIGH.

WILLIAM MURDOCH,
Grand Steward,
SALISBURY.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, held its Annual Assembly at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Newbern, on Wednesday, June 6th, A. D. 1877, A. Dep. 2877, at 11 o'clock A. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

C. M. Van Orsdell,.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Samuel H. Rountree,.....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
Sidney E. Allen, ...Grand Principal Con. of Work.
John Nichols,.....Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain, ...Grand Recorder.
Horace H. Munson,.....as Grand Captain of the Guard.
James C. Munds,.....as Grand Conductor of the Council.
William Murdoch, ...Grand Steward.
Robert H. Bradley,.....as Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

Comps H. H. Munson, P. M. Ill. G. M., Wm. Murdoch, P. D. Ill. G. M., Robert H. Bradley, Past Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

Comps R. H. Bradley, A. S. Lee, and S. H. Rountree, were appointed a committee on Credentials, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Credentials have examined such credentials as have been submitted to them, and report Councils duly represented as follows:

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2—Comp. Wm. Murdoch, proxy for T. Ill. Master.

Wilmington Council, No. 4—Comp. James C. Munds, proxy for T. Ill. Master, and P. C. W.; Comp. H. H. Munson, proxy for Dep. Ill. Master.

Enoch Council, No. 5—Comp. John Nichols, T. I. M.; Comp. A. S. Lee, proxy for Dep. Ill. M.; Comp. R. H. Bradley, proxy for P. C. of W.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Bradley,
Addison S. Lee,
Sam'l H. Rountree,
} Com.

The Grand Master delivered the following Address, which was, on motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, accepted with an expression of thanks.

My Illustrious Companions: Another Masonic year has been numbered with the things that were. The ceaseless march of time has again brought us to the period fixed for meeting in Annual Assembly. Again under the protecting care of a divine providence and through the mercy of the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe are we permitted to meet together to renew our vows and consult together to advance the future welfare of Cryptic Masonry, and the interests of those who have penetrated the glorious and sublime mysteries of the secret vault.

It is with a sad and almost despondent heart that I have to inform you that the past year in Cryptic Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has been passed in calm peacefulness and distressing inactivity on the part of most of our Councils, so far as I can learn.

In my official capacity I have had literally nothing to do. I have not been called upon to make any decisions, constitute any new Councils, nor to teach the work to any of those already constituted.

The only communication I have received was from Davie Council, No. 6, asking me to issue a dispensation for them to elect new officers and go to work under the old charter, which had been forfeited. Our last Grand Council took action in the matter and prescribed the conditions upon which they could resume work and retain their charter. Consequently I could do nothing but call their attention to that resolution, hoping that they would avail themselves of its very liberal provisions and be represented at this Grand Convocation.

So you will see my companions and, I hope, appreciate, the difficult task I have had in trying to issue this, my first address, to any Grand Body of Masons, and I hope, my companions, to receive from you, one and all, that leniency and charity so beautifully characteristic of our beloved institution, for consuming your time with this uninstructive and uninteresting address.

But, before closing, I wish to make a few remarks in regard to the future of Cryptic Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. Would to God, I had the gift of knowledge and power of speach to stir up and disperse our luke-warmness in Council Masonry and bring up our sublimely beautiful and instructiue degrees of Royal and Select Master and place them where they, of right, belong, on the topmost round of Ancient Craft Masonry, and to raise them to the highest pinnacle of masonic fame, for I feel that no companion who has been permitted to enter the secret vault and learn the manner in which our valuable and sacred treasures were deposited and safely kept for the space of four hundred years, from the destructive rage of a nation that knew not God, who is not anxious and willing to place them in their proper place, that is as the capestone of our Masonic edifice.

Companions, I feel that, to a certain extent, the sad and lifeless condition of some of our Councils to-day in North Carolina, is caused from our failure to discharge our duties as Royal Arch Masons. Is it not our privilege as well as our duty in our Chapters, when we make Royal Arch Masons, to try to get them interested in our Council degrees, by representing to them their beautiful ceremonies and their sublime teaching, and the necessity of obtaining them before they can properly appreciate and understand all the ceremonies and mysteries of the degrees through which they have passed, and the utter impossibility of completing their Masonic education without obtaining them ? If the companions will take this matter home with them and act upon these suggestions where Councils now exist and strive to start new ones wherever there is a Royal Arch Chapter, I believe that we can, in a few years, disperse all the darkness and gloom that now surround us and that in our future Grand Annual Convocations we can come up and meet each other with hopeful and happy hearts, and if, at this time, we do feel discouraged, let us not waver in the good work, but renew our energies with double diligence and place our full confidence and hope in that never-failing source of help in that God whom we, as Masons, are taught to love and serve, and may

that moral principle, which is the mystic cement of our fellowship, remain with and bless us is the prayer of

Your humble servant,

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Most Illustrious Grand Master.

A memorial page inscribed to the late Comp. Wm. G. Hill, was ordered to be published in these Proceedings.

Standing Committees were announced as follows:

On Finance:

Comps Samuel H. Rountree, Jas. C. Munds, and Addison S. Lee.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

Comps Horace H. Munson, John Nichols, and William Murdoch.

On Unfinished Business:

Comps James C. Munds, Addison S. Lee, and Sidney E. Allen.

The Grand Recorder presented the following report, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The following report is respectfully submitted.

The duties of the office have been but few beyond the printing and distribution of the Proceedings of the last Annual Assembly.

Annual dues of Councils have been received as follows:

May 18, 1877, Wilmington Council, No. 4, for 1877.....$15 00
June 6, 1877, Enoch Council, No. 5, for 1877,..... 15 00

which I have paid to the Grand Treasurer. It is presumed that the Councils whose dues yet remain unpaid will liquidate their indebtedness in a short time, as they are at work. I regret not having received their returns and dues by this date.

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. BAIN, *Grand Recorder.*

The Grand Treasurer presented his report, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

JOHN NICHOLS, *Grand Treas'r, in Acc't with Grand Council of N. C.:*

June 7, 1876, Balance on hand,	$30 00	
June 7, 1876, Rec'd from Rob't H. Bradley, P. G. T.,	38 00	
		$68 00
Balance due Grand Treasurer to balance,		12 00
		$80 00

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June 7,	Paid C. C. Smith, Grand Guard,	$ 3 00
Aug. 30,	" postage on Proceedings, 1876,	2 00
June 4,	" printing Proceedings for 1875,	21 00
" 4,	" " " " 1876,	54 00
		$80 00

1877		
June 6,	Rec'd dues from Wilmington Council, No. 4,	$15 00
" "	" " Enoch " " 5,	15 00
		$30 00
Less amount due Grand Treasurer,		12 00
On hand at this date,		$18 00

Respectfully reported,

JOHN NICHOLS, *Grand Treasurer.*

Comp. A. A. Harbin, through the Grand Recorder, presented a memorial in behalf of the companions of Davie Council, No. 6, at Mocksville, asking for a remission of annual dues owing by said Council, and restoration of its charter.

On motion of Comp. John Nichols, the arrearages of dues, except for the year ending June, 1877, were remitted, and the charter of the Council restored upon the payment of said year's dues.

Comp. D. W. Bain presented the following amendments to the constitution of the Grand Council:

Insert in Article I, after the word *Masters*, in seventh line, the word *Past;* before the word *Grand* in eighth line, the word *Past;* add *s* to the *Conductor* in the same line making it plural. Insert after

the word *Work*, in eighth line, the words *Past Grand Treasurers and Past Grand Recorders*, so as to make the Article read as follows:

This Grand Council shall consist of the following officers, viz: Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Steward, and Grand Sentinel, together with the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work, Past Grand Treasurers, and Past Grand Recorders, and the three principal officers for the time being of the several Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council; all of whom shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Council: *Provided*, That when any Past Grand Officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Council, his membership in this Grand Council shall cease.

Strike out the words *Convocation*, *Meeting*, *Communication* wherever they occur in the Constitution, and insert the word *Assembly* or *Assemblies*, as the case may be.

Strike out *a regular* in line two of Article 21, and insert *an Annual.*

Reports of Standing Committees were presented as follows, and adopted:

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that they have examined the proceedings of 1876, and find that the only unfinished business is the resolution of Comp. Bain, instructing the Grand Treasurer to procure a set of jewels for this Grand Council, and that of Comp. Munson, relative to memoralizing the General Grand Encampment of the United States to place the Council degrees in the line of promotion.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
ADDISON S. LEE,
SIDNEY E. ALLEN,
} Com.

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the reports and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, report that they find the same correct, and the books accurately kept. We find that the Treasurer has in his hands the sum of eighteen dollars, and that the Grand Recorder has received during the Annual Assembly, the sum of thirty dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE,
ADDISON S. LEE, } Com.
JAMES C. MUNDS,

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Councils beg leave to submit the following report: They have examined the returns of Wilmington Council, No. 4, and Enoch Council, No. 5, which they find correct, except that Enoch Council, No. 5, has no seal, but the representatives from that Council inform your committee that one has been ordered, and that in the future the returns will be properly attested with the seal of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE H. MUNSON,
WILLIAM MURDOCH, } Com.
JOHN NICHOLS,

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand officers for the ensuing Masonic year, Comps J. C. Munds, A. S. Lee, and John Nichols, acting as tellers, and the following were elected:

C. M. VAN ORSDELL, ... Most Illustrious Grand Master.
SAMUEL H. ROUNTREE, ... Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
SIDNEY E. ALLEN, ... Grand Principal Con. of Work.
JOHN NICHOLS, ... Grand Treasurer.
DONALD W. BAIN, ... Grand Recorder.
JAMES C. MUNDS, ... Grand Captain of the Guard.
ADDISON S. LEE, ... Grand Conductor of the Council
WILLIAM MURDOCH, ... Grand Steward.

At the request of the Grand Council, Comp. John Nichols, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, installed the Grand officers, assisted by Comp. H. H. Munson. The Grand Master then installed Comp. John Nichols as Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder read a circular from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of the State of California, addressed "to all Royal Arch Chapters and Councils of Royal and Select Masters in California, and to all Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters," embodying the report of a joint committee to the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of California, "appointed for the purpose of petitioning the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, at its ensuing session, to be held at Buffalo, New York, to so amend its constitution as to permit the degrees of Royal and Select Master to be conferred under its sanction and authority."

Comp. John Nichols moved that a committee be appointed on the part of this body to act with a similar committee on the part of the Grand Chapter, in preparing a memorial to the General Grand Chapter, looking to the change of the constitution as indicated in the circular.

The motion prevailed, and Comps John Nichols, Horace H. Munson, and Donald W. Bain were appointed the committee.

On motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, the resolution in reference to memorializing the General Grand Encampment, published on page 8 of Proceedings of last Annual Assembly, was repealed.

The Grand Treasurer asked and obtained further time to carry out the instructions given at the last Annual Assembly to purchase jewels for the Grand Council.

On motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, the thanks of this body were unanimously expressed to St. John's Lodge, No. 3, and Newbern Chapter, No. 46, for the use of their hall in which to hold this Annual Assembly.

Comp. John Nichols was appointed the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the ensuing year.

The Grand Recorder announced the death of Comps John Dove, of Virginia, and George Frank Gouley, of Missouri, and referred to their high characters as men and masons, and their distinguished services to the Fraternity.

The Grand Council here places on record expressions of its sincere sorrow at the death of these eminent countrymen and masons, and sympathy to the Craft in Virginia and Missouri, in the great loss respectively sustained by them.

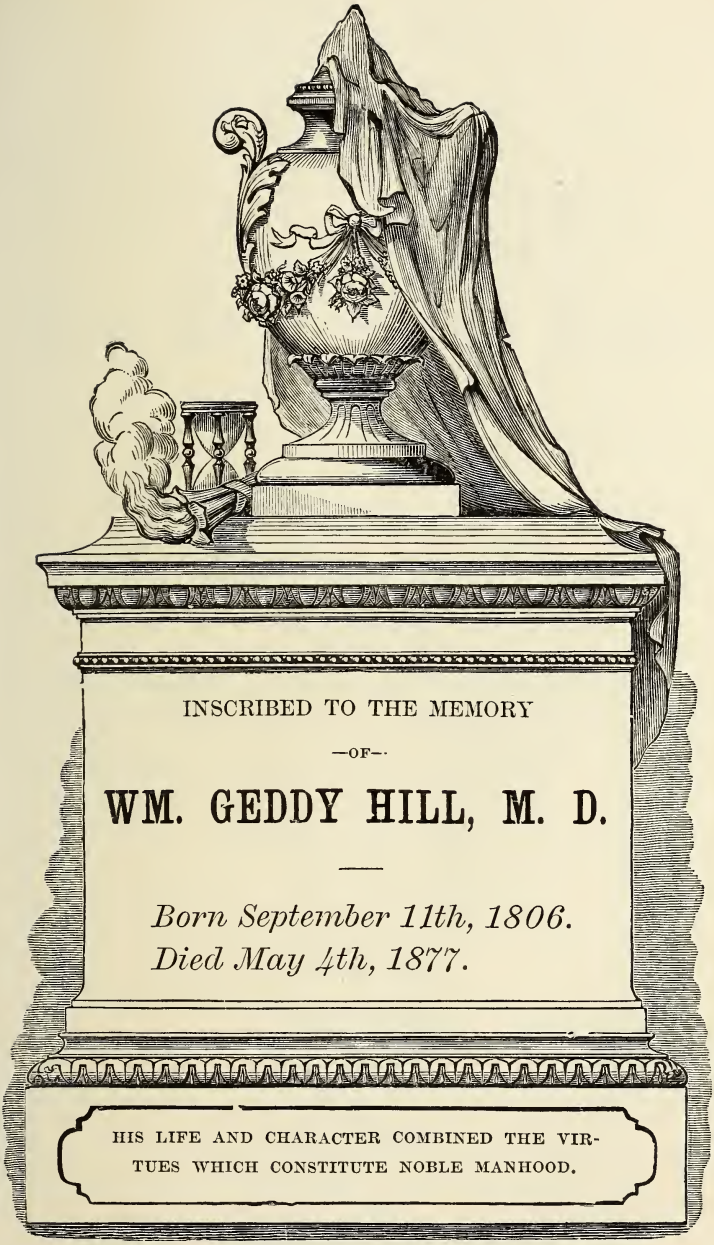
The business of this Annual Assembly having been concluded, the proceedings were read and approved.

The Grand Council was closed in ample form.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.


INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY
—OF—
WM. GEDDY HILL, M. D.
Born September 11th, 1806.
Died May 4th, 1877.
HIS LIFE AND CHARACTER COMBINED THE VIRTUES WHICH CONSTITUTE NOBLE MANHOOD.



RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D. 1877.

GREENSBORO COUNCIL, No. 3.—Greensboro'.

Time of Regular Convocation: Fourth Wednesday night of each month.

OFFICERS:

Thomas J. Sloan, ... T. Illustrious Master.
William E. Edwards, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
P. F. Duffy, ... Principal Con. of Work.
David McKnight, ... Treasurer.
Sidney E. Allen, ... Recorder.
J. N. Nelson, ... Captain of the Guard.
James P. Jones, ... Conductor of the Council.
R. M. Stafford, ... Steward.
William Collins, ... Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

Peter Adams,	George H. Gregory,	George H. Parker,
Sterling Adams,	Robert W. Glenn,	J. H. Pearce,
Daniel E. Albright,	W. H. Heath,	W. H. Phillips,
Wm. Bodenhiemer,	A. F. Hatch,	G. H. Renigar,
O. S Causey,	J. Hildesheimer,	John Sloan,
K. M. Coble,	David Hoskins,	R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
J. R. Cardwell,	J. M. Isley,	John M. Shelly,
R. L. Coltraine,	F. N. Ingold,	William Swaim,
F. P. Cavanah,	Thomas B. Keogh,	J. E. Shultz,

John Chamberlain,	John L. Keeling,	L. T. Smith,
John Donnell,	John J. Kendall,	J. H. Tarpley,
J. C. Dame,	D. N. Pirkpatrick,	C. J. Voorhees,
Stephen A. Douglas,	S. M. Lanier,	J. R. Wilkerson,
J. B. Faircloth,	C. P. Mendenhall,	Samuel Walker,
W. H. Gentry,	W. H. Moore,	E. A. Wilson.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Convocations: Second Monday of each and every month.

OFFICERS:

G. W. Jewett, ... T. Illustrious Master.
M. M. Katz, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
W. H. Chadburn, ... Principal Con. of Work.
R. Greenberg, ... Treasurer.
D. Greenewald, ... Recorder.
W. A. Williams, ... Captain of the Guard.
H. G. Flanner, ... Conductor of the Council.
J. McD. French, ... Steward.
B. G. Bates, ... Sentinel.
George Patterson, ... Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

T. B. Carr,	F. M. Knowles,	J. E. Niemyer,
R. E. Calloway,	W. J. King,	R. W. Price,
A. David,	W. R. Kenan,	S. Solomon,
S. S. Everitt,	W. Larkins,	E. Turlington,
P. W. Fanning,	A. Martin,	W. G. Thomas,
T. M. Gardner,	H. H. Munson,	C. M. Van Orsdell,
B. P. Harrison,	D. McRae,	A. Wronski,
S. Hanstein,	J. I. Macks,	J. Weil.
T. H. Johnson,	James C. Munds,	

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Nichols, ... T. Illustrious Master.
M. Grausman, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
Jonas M. Rosenbaum, ... Principal Con. of Work.
Robert H. Bradley, ... Treasurer.
Isaac Oettinger, ... Recorder.
William J. Hicks, ... Captain of the Guard.
Wayne Allcott, ... Conductor of the Council.
J. C. L. Harris, ... Steward.
Miles Goodwin, ... Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

Donald W. Bain,
Robert W. Best,
James M. Betts,
John C. Blake,
Thomas W. Blake,
Nathaniel L. Brown,
A. P. Bryan,
Daniel R. Coleman,
William H. Dodd,
W. W. Dunn,
A. S Heide,
Albert Johnson,
Chas. Klueppelberg,
Addison S. Lee,
Henry Mahler,
John B. Neathery,
Willie J. Palmer,
G. Rosenthal,
S. H. Rountree,
A. D. Royster,
William Simpson,
William C. Stronach,
William P. Wetherell,
John B. White,
John Whitelaw,
Jack R. Williams.

GRAND RECORDERS AND THEIR ADDRESS.

1.	Alabama,	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
2.	Arkansas,	Luke E. Barber,	Little Rock.
3.	California,	Charles L. Wiggin,	San Francisco.
4.	Connecticut,	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
5.	Florida,	George S. Hallmark,	Warrington.
6.	Georgia,	Charles R. Armstrong,	Macon.
7.	Illinois,	James H. Miles,	Chicago.
8.	Indiana,	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
9.	Iowa,	William B. Langridge,	Muscatine.
10.	Kansas,	J. Lee Knight,	Topeka.
11.	Kentucky,	Albert G. Hodges,	Louisville.
12.	Louisiana,	Richard Lambert,	New Orleans.
13.	Maine,	Ira Berry,	Portland.
14.	Maryland,	John T. Gorsuch,	Baltimore.
15.	Massachusetts,	John Haigh,	Somerville.
16.	Michigan,	Garra B. Noble,	Detroit.
17.	Minnesota,	Theo. Burkhard,	Saint Paul.
18.	Mississippi,	John Logan Power,	Jackson.
19.	Missouri,	John W. Luke,	Saint Louis.
20.	Nebraska,	William R. Bowen,	Omaha.
21.	New Brunswick,	Alfred D. Goodwin,	Saint John.
22.	New Hampshire,	John A. Harris,	Concord.
23.	New Jersey,	Thomas J. Corson,	Trenton.
24.	New York,	George Van Vliet,	N. Y., 6 av. & 23d st.
25.	North Carolina,	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
26.	Nova Scotia,	James Gossip,	Halifax.
27.	Ohio,	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
28.	Ontario,	James B. Nixon,	Toronto.
29.	Oregon,	Benjamin F. Goodwin,	Portland.
30.	Pennsylvania,	Charles E. Meyer,	Philadelphia.
31.	Rhode Island,	William R. Greene,	Providence.
32.	South Carolina,	Alexander Linstrom,	Charleston.
33.	Tennessee,	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
34.	Vermont,	Wm. H. S. Whitcomb,	Burlington.
35.	Wisconsin,	John W. Woodhull,	Milwaukee.

PROCEEDINGS

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GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

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DURHAM,

Wednesday, June 4th, A. D. 1879, *A. Dep.* 2879.

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ADDRESS

OF

GRAND OFFICERS.

SIDNEY E. ALLEN,

Most Illustrious Grand Master,

WINSTON.

J. I. MACKS,

Deputy Illustrious Grand Master,

WILMINGTON.

M. GRAUSMAN,

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,

RALEIGH.

JOHN NICHOLS,

Grand Treasurer,

RALEIGH.

DONALD W. BAIN,

Grand Recorder,

RALEIGH.

JAMES C. MUNDS,

Grand Captain of the Guard,

WILMINGTON.

H. H. MUNSON,

Grand Conductor of the Council,

WILMINGTON.

J. M. ROSENBAUM,

Grand Steward,

RALEIGH.

PROCEEDINGS.

THE fifteenth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held at the Masonic Hall in the town of Durham, on Wednesday evening, June 4th, A. D. 1879, A. Dep. 2879, and was opened in ample form at 8½ o'clock.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

C. M. Van Orsdell,.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Sidney E. Allen,.....Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
M. Grausman,.....as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
John Nichols,.....Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain,.....Grand Recorder.
James C. Munds,.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
H. H. Munson,.....as Grand Conductor of the Council.
J. I. Macks,.....Grand Steward.
J. D. Wilborn,.....as Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

Comps. H. H. Munson and John Nichols, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters.

Comps. H. H. Munson and S. E. Allen were appointed the committee on Credentials, whose report was submitted as follows and adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Credentials have examined such as have been submitted to them, and report Councils duly represented as follows:

GREENSBORO COUNCIL, No. 3, { Comp. S. E. Allen, proxy for T. I. M.
" " " " " Dep. I. M.
" " " " " P. C. W.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4, { Comp. J. C. Munds, proxy for T. I. M.
" H. H. Munson, proxy for Dep. I. M.
" J. I. Macks, P. C. W.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5, { Comp. John Nichols, T. I. M.
" M. Grausman, Dep. I. M.
" J. M. Rosenbaum, P. C. W.

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY E. ALLEN, }
HORACE H. MUNSON, } Com.

The Grand Master delivered the following address, which was, on motion of Comp. J. I. Macks, accepted, and ordered to be published with these proceedings:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

COMPANIONS: Another year has passed away, and is numbered with the things that were.

The time has again arrived for our Annual Grand Convocation, when, through the All Merciful Providence of a Supreme Being, we are permitted to meet around our sacred altar to renew and acknowledge our love and devotion to the sublimely beautiful principles of our time-honored institution.

But alas! it is with a sad heart that I have to announce to you that Council Masonry has been so seriously affected by the universal financial depression of our State that progress has entirely ceased.

The past year has been one of entire inactivity, so far as I can learn, in all our Subordinate Councils, as well as our Grand Council.

I have not one official act to report for the year, and our only hope is to keep up our organization until the return of prosperity; when I hope to see Council Masonry revive and become as flourishing as the green bay tree.

Companions: I cannot close without offering my sincere and heartfelt thanks, for all the kindnesses, and undeserved partiality you have shown me, and the honors you have conferred on me since I first became a member of your Grand Body.

I can only ask of you to throw the broad mantle of charity, which masonry so beautifully teaches over all failures to be what a Most Illustrious Master should be, and to look upon my errors as of the head and not of the heart.

Companions: I most sincerely hope and pray that my successor in office will be endowed with wisdom and understanding to enable him to bring our Grand Council up to that eminence where it belongs.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL, M. I. Grand Master.

The Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Finance:

Comps. Horace H. Munson and Sidney E. Allen.

On Unfinished Business:

Comps. James C. Munds, J. I. Macks and M. Grausman.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

Comps. John Nichols and Jonas M. Rosenbaum.

The Grand Recorder submitted his Annual Report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance, except so much as notices the death of Comp. Thos. J. Corson, which was unanimously adopted as the expression of this Body:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

I respectfully report as follows:

The proceedings of the last Annual Acsembly were not printed, agreeably to the direction of the Grand Master, owing to the inadequate means to meet the cost of printing, and expenses which had previously accrued.

I have received the annual dues of two Subordinate Councils, viz:

May 24, 1879, Wilmington Council, No. 4, for 1879, - - - - - - - - $15 00
June 4, 1879, Enoch Council, No. 5, for 1879, - - - - - - - - - - 15 00

which I have paid to the Grand Treasurer.

I regret to report that the other Councils are in arrears, but hope that their entire indebtedness to this Body will soon be paid.

Cryptic Masonry has lost one of its most distinguished and valuable members and servants in the death of our Illustrious Companion, Thomas J. Corson, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New Jersey, which occurred on the 10th of May last.

His life and character are known to the Masonic fraternity of the country. His record is sufficient to speak his merit. This Grand Body expresses its deep sorrow in this severe loss to the general Craft.

Fraternally submitted,
DONALD W. BAIN, Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following as his annual report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

JOHN NICHOLS, Grand Treasurer,
In Account with Grand Council of North Cerolina:

June 5, 1878, To balance on hand, - - - - - - - - - - - -	$21 70
June 4, 1879, Cash received from Grand Recorder, - - - - - - -	30 00
	$51 70
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By cash paid for postage, - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1 30
Balance in Treasury, - - - - - - - - - - -	$50 40

Respectfully submitted, JOHN NICHOLS, Grand Treasurer.

The following reports of standing committees were presented and adopted:

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that they have examined the manuscript proceedings of the former Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, and find nothing to be acted upon. Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
J. I. MACKS,
M. GRAUSMAN, } Com.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Councils beg leave to submit the following report: They have examined the returns of Greensboro Council, No. 3, Wilmington Council, No. 4, and Enoch Council, No. 5, which they find correct, except that Greensboro Council, No. 3, and Enoch Council, No. 5, have no seal. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,
J. M. ROSENBAUM, } Com.

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Finance report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct. The Grand Treasurer has received during the past year thirty dollars, and paid out on proper voucher one dollar and thirty cents. The balance added to the amount of twenty-one dollars and seventy cents on hand at the commencement of the financial year, makes a total of fifty dollars and forty cents now in the treasury.

SIDNEY E. ALLEN,
HORACE H. MUNSON, } Com.

On motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., it was

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer pay to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, his expenses incurred in attending this Annual Assembly.

Comp. J. I. Macks introduced the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Council Masonry in North Carolina appears to be languishing and constantly decreasing in numbers, and whereas efforts have been made in the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States to consolidate the degrees of Royal and Select Master and confer them in Subordinate Royal Arch Chapters, therefore be it

Resolved, That we cordially approve of the intended change, deeming it best for the interests of Council Masonry.

Resolved further, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of dissolving the Grand Council and report their views at the next annual assembly of the Grand Council.

Comps. John Nichols, Horace H. Munson, P. G. Ms., and Donald W. Bain, G. R., were appointed the committee provided for in the foregoing resolutions.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, under the superintendence of Comps. J. I. Macks and J. C. Munds, and the following were duly elected:

Sidney E. Allen,	Most Illustrious Grand Master.
J. I. Macks,	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
M. Grausman,	Grand Principal Con. of the Work.
John Nichols,	Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain,	Grand Recorder.
James C. Munds,	Grand Captain of the Guard.
H. H. Munson,	Grand Conductor of the Council.
J. M. Rosenbaum,	Grand Steward.

The Grand Officers were installed by Comp. H. H. Munson, Past Most Ill. G. M., except that he was installed Grand Conductor of the Council by the retiring Grand Master.

D. W. Bain, G. R., moved that the thanks of the Grand Council be tendered to the Masonic Bodies of Durham, for the use of their hall in holding this Annual Assembly, which was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Comp. John Nichols, G. T., the companion acting as Grand Sentinel was allowed one dollar for his services this evening.

The Grand Council concluded its labors. Its proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form.

SIDNEY E. ALLEN,
Grand Master.

Attest :

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D., 1879.

GREENSBORO COUNCIL NO. 3.—GREENSBORO'.

Time of Regular Convocations: 3d Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Thomas J. Sloan,.....T. Illustrious Master.
William E. Edwards,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
P. F. Duffy,.....Principal Con. of Work.
David McKnight,.....Treasurer.
S. E. Allen,.....Recorder.
J. N. Nelson,.....Captain of the Guard.
J. P. Jones,.....Conductor of the Council.
R. M. Stafford,.....Steward.
William Collins,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Peter Adams,
Sterling Adams,
Daniel E. Albright,
Wm. Bodenheimer,
O. S. Causey,
K. M. Coble,
J. R. Cardwell,
R. L. Coltraine,
F. P. Cavanah,
John Chamberlain,
John Clendennin,
John Donnell,
J. C. Dame,
Stephen A. Douglas,
J. B. Faircloth,
W. H. Gentry,
Geo. H. Gregory,
Robt. W. Glenn,
W. H. Heath,
A. F. Hatch.
J. Hildesheimer,
J. M. Isley,
F. N. Ingold.
Thomas B. Keogh,
John L. Keeling,
J. J. Kendall,
D. N. Kirkpatrick,
S. M. Lanier,
C. P. Mendenhall,
W. H. Moore,
George H. Parker,
J. H. Pearce,
W. H. Phillips,
G. H. Renigar,
R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
John M. Shelly,
William Swaim,
J. E. Shultz,
L. T. Smith,
J. H. Tarpley,
C. J. Voorhees,
J. R. Wilkerson,
E. A. Wilson,

Died 1; number of members, 52.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL NO 4.—WILMINGTON.

Time of Regular Convocations: 2d Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

W. H. Chadburn, ... T. Illustrious Master.
W. A. Williams, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
J. I. Macks, ... Principal Con. of Work.
R. Greenburg, ... Treasurer.
Matt. J. Heyer, ... Recorder.
H. G. Flanner, ... Captain of the Guard.
R. W. Price, ... Conductor of the Council.
J. Weill, ... Steward.
B. G. Bates, ... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

R. E. Calloway,
A. David,
S. S. Everett,
J. McD. French,
Thomas M. Gardner,
D. Greenwald,
B. P. Harrison,
S. Hanstein,
T. H. Johnson,
M. M. Katz,
F. M. Knowles,
W. R. Kenan,
William Larkins,
H. H. Munson,
D. McRae,
J. C. Munds,
J. E. Niemyer,
George Patterson,
S. Solomon,
E. Turlington,
W. G. Thomas,
C. M. Van Orsdell,
A. Wronski,
Thomas B. Carr,
P. W. Fanning,
A. Martin,

Died, 1; number of Members; 35.

ENOCH COUNCIL NO. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Convocations: 1st Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols, ... T. Illustrious Master.
M. Grausman, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
J. M. Rosenbaum, ... Principal Con. of Work.
R. H. Bradley, ... Treasurer.
W. P. Wetherell, ... Recorder.
W. J. Hicks, ... Captain of the Guard.
Wayne Allcott, ... Conductor of the Council.
J. C. L. Harris, ... Steward.
Miles Goodwin, ... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

A. P. C. Bryan,
A. D. Royster,
D. W. Bain,
W. H. Dodd,
H. Mahler,
J. B. Neathery,
Albert Johnson,
Alex. S. Heide,
W. J. Palmer,
William Simpson,
Jack R. Williams,
D. R. Coleman,
Nathaniel L. Brown,
W. C. Stronach,
J. C. L. Harris,
John C. Blake,
R. W. Best,
A. S. Lee,
John Whitelaw,
R. H. Bradley.
Isaac Oettinger.

Died, 1; number of Members, 30.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDERS

OF THE SEVERAL GRAND COUNCILS.

STATE.	ORGANIZED.	GRAND RECORDER.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,	1838	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	1860	L. E. Barber,	Little Rock.
California,	1859	Charles L. Wiggin,	San Francisco.
Connecticut,	1819	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Florida,	1858	John Carlovitz,	Milton.
Georgia,	1825	Andrew M. Wolihin,	Albany.
Illinois,	1853	Gil. W. Barnard,	Chicago. (182 Clark St.)
Indiana,	1855	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Iowa,	1857	Wm. B. Langridge,	Muscatine.
Kansas,	1867	John H. Brown,	Wyandotte.
Kentucky,	1827	A. G. Hodges,	Louisville.
Louisiana,	1856	Richard Lambert,	N. Orleans, (P. O. box 872.)
Maine,	1855	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	1874	.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	1826	John Haigh,	Somerville.
Michigan,	1858	Garra B. Noble,	Detroit. (359 E. Larned St.)
Minnesota,	1870	Gore B. Cooley,	Minneapolis.
Missouri,	1864	John W. Luke,	St. Louis.
Nebraska,	1872	William R. Bowen,	Omaha.
New Brunswick,	1867	A. D. Goodwin,	St. Johns.
New Hampshire,	1862	George P. Cleaves,	Concord. (P. O. box 214.)
New Jersey,	1860	.....	Trenton.
New York,	1809	George Van Vliet,	New York. (Mas'ic Temp.)
North Carolina,	1860	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
Ohio,	1839	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Ontario,	1871	James B. Nixon,	Toronto.
Pennsylvania,	1847	Charles E. Meyer,	Phila. (Masonic Temple.)
Rhode Island,	1860	William R. Greene,	Providence.
South Carolina,	1860	Z. Davis,	Charleston.
Tennessee,	1847	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Vermont,	1845	W. H. S. Whitcomb,	Burlington.
Wisconsin,	1857	John W. Woodhull,	Milwaukee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

WINSTON,

Thursday, June 6th, A. D. 1878, *A. Dep.* 2878.

RALEIGH:
JOHN NICHOLS, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1879.

ADDRESS

OF

GRAND OFFICERS.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,

Most Illustrious Grand Master,

WILMINGTON.

SIDNEY E. ALLEN,

Deputy Illustrious Grand Master,

WINSTON.

ADDISON S. LEE,

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,

RALEIGH.

JOHN NICHOLS,

Grand Treasurer,

RALEIGH.

DONALD W. BAIN,

Grand Recorder,

RALEIGH.

JAMES C. MUNDS,

Grand Captain of the Guard,

WILMINGTON.

THOMAS J. SLOAN,

Grand Conductor of the Council,

GREENSBORO.

J. I. MACKS,

Grand Steward,

WILMINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS.

THE Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, held its Fourteenth Annual Assembly, at the Masonic Hall in the town of Winston, on Thursday, June 6th, A. D. 1878, A. Dep. 2878, at 9 o'clock A. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

C. M. Van Orsdell,.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Thomas J. Sloan,.....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
Sidney E. Allen,.....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
John Nichols,.....Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain,.....Grand Recorder.
James C. Munds,.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
Addison S. Lee,.....Grand Conductor of the Council.
J. I. Macks,.....as Grand Steward.
E. H. White,.....as Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

Comps. H. H. Munson and John Nichols, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

Comps. J. I. Macks and J. C. Munds were appointed the committee on credentials, whose report, as follows, was presented and adopted :

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The committee on Credentials have examined such credentials as have been submitted to them, and report Councils duly represented as follows:

GREENSBORO COUNCIL No. 3.—T. J. Sloan, T. I. M.; John Chamberlain, proxy for D. I. M.; S. E. Allen, proxy for P. C. W.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL No. 4.—J. I. Macks, proxy for T. I. M.; J. C. Munds, proxy for D. I. M.; H. H. Munson, proxy for P. C. W.

ENOCH COUNCIL No. 5.—John Nichols, T. I. M.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS, } Com.
J. I. MACKS, }

The Annual Assemblies are numbered from the year 1860, omitting the years 1861 to 1865, both inclusive, during which the Grand Council did not hold Annual Assemblies, but they have been regularly held from and including the year 1866.

The Grand Master announced that it was unnecessary to submit a written communication on this occasion. He had no recommendations to make which, in the present unsatisfactory condition and anomalous position of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina, he could hope, would have the effect of producing increased zeal and interest in its behalf. He had not been called upon to perform any important official duty during the past year, and, as far as he had observed, and his information extended, this branch of the order had made no progress, but still remained in its inactive state.

The standing committees were appointed as follows:

On Finance.—Comps. A. S. Lee, J. C. Munds and S. E. Allen.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils.—Comps. T. J. Sloan, J. I. Macks and John Chamberlain.

On Unfinished Business.—Comps. H. H. Munson and Jno. Nichols.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report as follows, which was read and referred to the committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

JOHN NICHOLS, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Council of N. C.

RECEIPTS.

Received from R. H. Bradley, former Treasurer,	$ 33 00	
Received from Grand Recorder	30 09	
		$ 63 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for printing Proceedings, postage, &c.,	$ 46 30	
Balance on hand	$ 21 70	
		$ 63 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS, *Grand Treasurer.*

June 6th, 1878.

The Grand Recorder presented the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

I respectfully submit the following Report. As in previous years, the duties of this office have been but few. The Proceedings of the last Annual Assembly were printed and distributed as customary.

I have received to this date the annual dues of but two Councils, as follows:

1878.

May 27th, Wilmington Council, No 4, for 1878	$ 15 00
" " Enoch Council, No. 5, for 1878	15 00
Total	$ 30 00

which I have paid to the Grand Treasurer.

As far as heard, Davie Council No 6, at Mocksville, has not worked during the year, notwithstanding the action of the Grand Council at its last Annual Assembly.

Adoniram Council No. 2, Salisbury, is in arrears for dues for two years, and its charter is, therefore, forfeited.

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. BAIN, *Grand Recorder.*

Reports of standing committees were submitted as follows, and concurred in:

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your committee on Unfinished Business, report that they have examined the proceedings of 1877 and find only the Report of the committee appointed to memorialize the General Grand Chapter, looking to a change of the Constitution, &c., and the Report of the Grand Treasurer upon the purchase of jewels for this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

June 6th, 1878.

H. H. MUNSON,
JOHN NICHOLS, } Com.

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The committee on Finance, to whom were referred the reports and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, report that they find the same correct, and the books accurately kept. We find that the Treasurer has in his hands the sum of $21.70, and that the Grand Recorder has received, during the Annual Assembly, the sum of thirty dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. LEE,
JAMES C. MUNDS,
S. E. ALLEN, } Com.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Councils beg leave to submit the following Report:

The following returns we have examined and find correct: Greensboro Council, No. 3, Greensboro; Wilmington Council, No. 4, Wilmington; Enoch Council, No. 5, Raleigh. The latter Council has no seal, but will be provided with one before the meeting of the Grand Council next year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. SLOAN,
J. I. MACKS,
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN, } Com.

The Grand Master announced the election of Grand Officers as the next order of business. The following were duly elected:

C. M. Van Orsdell, - - - -	Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Sidney E. Allen, - - - -	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
Addison S. Lee, - - - - -	Grand Principal Con. of the Work.
John Nichols, - - - - -	Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain, - - - -	Grand Recorder.
James C. Munds, - - - -	Grand Captain of the Guard.
Thomas J. Sloan, - - - -	Grand Conductor of the Council.
J. I. Macks, - - - - -	Grand Steward.

The Grand Officers were installed by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Horace H. Munson, assisted by Comp. John Chamberlain.

The Grand Recorder announced the death of Comp. John A. Harris, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New Hampshire, which took place in the city of Concord, in that State, on the 2d of September last. The Grand Council of North Carolina extends to the Grand Council of New Hampshire, fraternal sympathy in the loss of a member so highly esteemed and useful; and the Grand Recorder adds his expressions of personal regard for the distinguished dead, and testimonial of his high character as a Mason.

On motion of the Grand Recorder, the thanks of the Grand Council were unanimously tendered to Winston Chapter No. 24, for the use of its hall on this occasion, and for personal courtesies extended to members of this Body.

The business of the Annual Assembly having been concluded, the Proceedings were read and approved, and the Grand Council was closed in ample form.

C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Grand Master.

Attest:

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Council of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. D., 1878.

GREENSBORO COUNCIL NO. 3.—GREENSBORO'.

Time of Regular Convocations: 4th Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Thomas J. Sloan,	T. Illustrious Master.
William E. Edwards,	Deputy Illustrious Master.
P. F. Duffy,	Principal Con. of Work.
David McKnight,	Treasurer.
S. E. Allen,	Recorder.
J. N. Nelson,	Captain of the Guard.
J. P. Jones,	Conductor of the Council.
R. M. Stafford,	Steward.
William Collins,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Peter Adams,	F. N. Ingold,	J. E. Shultz,
Sterling Adams,	Thomas B. Keogh,	L. T. Smith,
Daniel E. Albright,	John L. Keeling,	J. H. Tarpley,
Wm. Bodenheimer,	John J. Kendall,	C. J. Voorhees,
O. S. Causey,	D. N. Kirkpatrick,	J. R. Wilkerson,
K. M. Coble,	S. M. Lanier,	E. A. Wilson,
J. R. Cardwell,	C. P. Mendenhall,	John Chamberlain,
R. L. Coltraine,	W. H. Moore,	John Donnell,
F. P. Cavanah,	George H. Parker,	J. C. Dame,
Geo. H. Gregory,	J. H. Pearce,	Stephen A. Douglas,
Robt. W. Glenn,	W. H. Phillips,	J. B. Faircloth,
W. H. Heath,	G. H. Renigar,	W. H. Gentry,
J. Hildesheimer,	R. M. Sloan, Jr.,	A. F. Hatch.
David Hoskins,	John Shelly,	
J. M. Isley,	William Swaim,	

Died 2; number of members, 52.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL NO 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Convocations: 2d Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

M. M. Katz, ... T. Illustrious Master.
W. H. Chadburn, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
W. R. Kenan, ... Principal Con. of Work.
R. Greenburg, ... Treasurer.
S. Solomon, ... Recorder.
J. I. Macks, ... Captain of the Guard.
R. W. Price, ... Conductor of the Council.
Thomas H. Johnson, ... Steward.
B. G. Bates, ... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Thomas B. Carr,	B. P. Harrison,	George Patterson,
R. E. Calloway,	S. Hanstein,	E. Turlington,
A. David,	F. M. Knowles,	W. G. Thomas,
S. S. Everett,	William Larkins,	C. M. Van Orsdell,
P. W. Fanning,	A. Martin,	A. Wronski,
H. G. Flanner,	H. H. Munson,	J. Weil,
J. McD. French,	D. McRae,	W. A. Williams.
Thomas M. Gardner,	J. C. Munds,	
D. Greenwald,	J. E. Niemyer,	

Withdrawan, 1; Died, 1; number of Members, 34.

ENOCH COUNCIL NO. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Convocations: 1st Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols, ... T. Illustrious Master.
M. Grausman, ... Deputy Illustrious Master.
J. M. Rosenbaum, ... Principal Con. of Work.
R. H. Bradley, ... Treasurer.
Isaac Oettinger, ... Recorder.
W. J. Hicks, ... Captain of the Guard.
Wayne Allcott, ... Conductor of the Council.
J. C. L. Harris, ... Steward.
Miles Goodwin, ... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

A. P. C. Bryan,	Wm. P. Wetherell,	J. C. L. Harris,
A. D. Royster,	W. J. Palmer,	John C. Blake,
D. W. Bain,	William Simpson,	R. W. Best,
W. H. Dodd,	Jack R. Williams,	A. S. Lee,
H. Mahler,	D. R. Coleman,	John Whitelaw,
J. B. Neathery,	Nathaniel L. Brown,	R. H. Bradley.
Albert Johnson,	John B. White,	
Alex. S. Heide,	W. C. Stronach,	

Number of Members, 31.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

ASHEVILLE,

THURSDAY, JUNE 2D, A. D. 1881, A. DEP. 2881.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

RALEIGH, N. C.:
UZZELL & WILEY, PRINTERS AND BINDERS.
1881.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

J. I. Macks,	*Most Illustrious Grand Master,*	Wilmington.
Samuel H. Smith,	*Deputy Illustrious Grand Master,*	Winston.
William L. Wall,	*Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,*	Durham.
William Simpson,	*Grand Treasurer,*	Raleigh.
Donald W. Bain,	*Grand Recorder,*	Raleigh.
William R. Kenan,	*Grand Captain of the Guard,*	Wilmington.
D. P. Mast,	*Grand Conductor of the Council,*	Winston.
Robert H. Bradley,	*Grand Steward,*	Raleigh.
B. G. Bates,	*Grand Sentinel,*	Wilmington.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina held its sixteenth Annual Assembly at the Masonic Hall in the town of Asheville, on Thursday, June 2d, A. D. 1881, A. Dep. 2881. It was opened in ample form at 10½ o'clock A. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

J. I. Macks, D. I. G. M., ...as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
C. M. Van Orsdell,.....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
R. W. Glenn,..... ..as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
William Simpson,.....as Grand Treasurer.
Donald W. Bain,.....Grand Recorder.
William R. Kenan,.....as Grand Captain of the Guard.
Horace H. Munson,.....Grand Conductor of the Council.
A. J. Blair,..... .....as Grand Steward.
E. H. White,.....as Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

Comps. H. H. Munson and C. M. Van Orsdell, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters.

Comp. R. H. Bradley, Past Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master appointed Comps. W. R. Kenan and Wm. Simpson the Committee on Credentials, who submitted their report as follows, which was concurred in:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to make the following report:

We find the following Councils duly represented, viz.:

Greensboro Council, No. 3....	by Comp. R. W. Glenn as proxy for Thos. J. Sloan, T. I. M.
Wilmington Council, No. 4..	by Comps. Wm. R. Kenan as proxy for W. A. Williams, T. I. Master; J. I. Macks, D. I. Master; H. H. Munson as proxy for W. W. Allen, P. C. of W.
Enoch Council, No. 5...	by Comps. Wm. Simpson as proxy for John Nichols, T. I. Master, and R. H. Bradley as proxy for M. Grausman, D. I. M., and J. M. Rosenbaum, P. C. of W.

Comps. James Southgate and W. L. Wall are present from Durham Council, U. D., and Comps. Samuel H. Smith and D. P. Mast, from Winston Council, U. D.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. KENAN,
WM. SIMPSON,
Committee.

The Deputy Illustrious Grand Master delivered an address, which was, on motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., ordered to be published in these proceedings.

ADDRESS.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Comps.:—Owing to unavoidable circumstances the M. I. G. M.—S. E. Allen, is prevented from attending this Annual Assembly, and thus it becomes my duty, as well as pleasure, to preside over your deliberations until the election of officers has been concluded. For want of a quorum, no meeting was held last year at Wilson, and therefore it becomes most desirable that such deliberations be had as to insure in the future full meetings, and perpetuate the beautiful workings of the Cryptic degrees.

From information received of Comp. S. E. Allen, two Councils desire charters, one located at Durham and the other at Winston.

During the past two years, as D. I. G. M., I granted dispensations on two occasions to Wilmington Council, No. 4, to hold elections for officers at times other than the regular time for holding the same.

From information in the possession of the Grand Recorder, we learn that a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the United States, was formed at Detroit, Michigan, on or about the 25th of August, 1880, and that since that time a number of Grand Councils have, at their respective Annual Assemblies, ratified the Constitution of the same and become constituent parts of this new organization.

From the manner in which this General Grand Council was called into existence—it being the offspring of a few Royal and Select Masters, who without any previous notice, to our or any other Grand Council of their intentions, and for these reasons, I would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of North Carolina most fraternally decline to become a constituent part of the General Grand Council of the United States.

COMPS.: In conclusion, it is my earnest hope that our deliberations be of such a character as to insure permanency to our institution and infuse renewed vigor into the subordinate Councils under our charge.

Fraternally,

J. I. MACKS,
D. I. G. M.

On the further motion of Comp. Munson, the resolution recommended in the address, adverse to a connection with the General Grand Council of the United States, was adopted.

The standing committees were announced, as follows:

On Finance:

Comps. A. J. Blair and D. P. Mast.

On Charters and Dispensations:

Comps. H. H. Munson and William Simpson.

On Unfinished Business:

Comps. S. H. Smith and W. R. Kenan.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

Comps. W. L. Wall and C. M. Van Orsdell.

The Grand Recorder presented his annual report, as follows:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

This report is respectfully submitted.

The Annual Assembly was not held for the year 1880.

I have received since my last report, June 4th, 1879, seventy-five dollars from Councils, as follows:

1880.

May 31. Wilmington Council, No. 4, dues for 1880..... $15

1881.

May 28. Wilmington Council, No. 4, dues for 1881..... 15

May 29. Enoch Council, No. 5, dues for 1880..... 15

Fee for warrant for Durham Council, at Durham, received through the Grand Treasurer..... 30

$75

This sum has been accounted for as the law directs.

I am informed that the M. I. Grand Master, S. E. Allen, has established by dispensation, a Council at Winston, which will apply, as will Durham Council, for a charter at this Annual Assembly.

Fraternally submitted,

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Comp. Wm. Simpson, on behalf of the Grand Treasurer, presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

JOHN NICHOLS, *Grand Treasurer,*
In account with the Grand Council of North Carolina.

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June 4, 1879. To balance on hand.....	$ 51 70
June 2, 1880. To cash from Grand Recorder.....	45 00
June 2, 1881. To cash from Grand Recorder.....	30 00
	$126 70

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June 5, 1879.	By cash paid expenses of C. M. Van Orsdell, Grand Master	$ 12 05
June 5, 1879.	By cash paid John D. Wilbon, Grand Sentinel	1 00
Sept. 22, 1879.	By cash paid for printing proceedings of 1878 and 1879	25 00
Sept. 22, 1880.	By cash paid for postage	1 50
Sept. 22, 1880.	By cash paid for printing blank returns for Councils	10 00
June 2, 1881.	By cash on hand	77 15
		$126 70

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS, *Grand Treasurer*,

Per Wm. Simpson.

The special committee appointed at the last Annual Assembly (1879), to take into consideration the propriety of dissolving this Grand Council, with instructions to report at the succeeding Annual Assembly, submitted their report as follows:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The committee appointed under resolutions passed at the last Annual Assembly, to-wit:

"Whereas, Council Masonry in North Carolina appears to be languishing and constantly decreasing in numbers, and *whereas*, efforts have been made in the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, to consolidate the degrees of Royal and Select Master and confer them in subordinate Royal Arch Chapters; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That we cordially approve of the change, deeming it best for the interests of Council Masonry.

"*Resolved further*, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of dissolving the Grand Council, and report their views at the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council," respectfully report that we have maturely considered the resolutions and questions naturally arising in connection therewith, and submit our views as requested by this body.

The history of this Grand Council is contained in its printed transactions in possession of the Grand Recorder. A brief review is here given, as constituting a part of the reasons which lead to the conclusions of the committee.

The Grand Council was first organized in the town of Fayetteville, on the

21st of June, 1822, by a convention of delegates from five Councils, numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, and on Monday, 23d day of June, 1823, in the same town, the first Annual Convocation was held.

The action of those composing the first Grand Council was not such as to evince their faith in the permanency of the organization. The first day they decided to issue a call for a Convention of subordinate Councils, to be held on the 23d day of June, 1824, "for the purpose of so altering and modifying the Constitution of the Grand Council as to provide for its permanent location in some one town," with a view to "more fully promote the prosperity of the degrees of Royal and Select Master in this State, and the welfare of Masonry in general," and on the succeeding day the report of a committee was adopted as follows:

"That they deem it unnecessary to adopt By-Laws, inasmuch as the Grand Council in this State must be supported at the same expense as the Grand Chapter, and there being no absolute necessity for the two having a separate existence, they therefore propose that this Grand Council recommend to the Convention to be assembled at Tarborough, in June next, to place the government of the subordinate Councils in this State under the Grand Chapter, and to dissolve the Grand Council, and at the same time the By-Laws adopted by the Grand Chapter at its present session be adopted by this Grand Council, as far as they can be made applicable thereto."

The convention of delegates from subordinate Councils seems not to have been held in June, 1824, and definite action upon the question of assuming control of the Councils was not taken by the Grand Chapter until the year 1825, when it decided that it was inexpedient to do so.

The original Grand Council held no Convocation subsequent to the year 1823, and we conclude that, from that time until the reorganization of the Grand Chapter in the year 1847, with probably the exception of a few years, the Councils, if any, that maintained an existence, were left to find protection under a questionable sovereignty.

The proceedings of the General Grand Chapter show that that body formerly exercised control over the degrees of Royal and Select Master, as the following action was taken at its triennial Convocation of 1829:

"WHEREAS, It is satisfactorily proved to this General Grand Chapter that the Constitution of Councils of Royal and Select Master Masons, in different parts of the United States, by sundry persons, has been without any legitimate authority; and *whereas*, those degrees are conferred in some Chapters under the authority of the General Grand Chapter; and *whereas*, it was proved that it was the sole intention of the M. E. Companions from whom those degrees

emanated, that they should be conferred under the authority of Royal Arch Chapters; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter cordially recommend to the different Councils in the United States to adopt measures to place those degrees under the authority of the State Grand Chapters.

"*Resolved*, That authority be, and is hereby granted to the several Grand Chapters, to make such arrangements as shall be found necessary for conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Royal Arch Chapters; *provided always*, that no Grand Chapter within the limits of which is a Grand Council, shall authorize the Royal Arch Chapters under its jurisdiction to confer such degrees without the consent of such Grand Council."

We find no record of a subsequent action by that body until the year 1844, when the General Grand Secretary, in his report, made this statement:

"The matter of the Royal and Select Master Mason degrees still continues to be a subject of anxiety and irritation in the Southern and Western States, and the conferring of them, in some instances, a matter of private emolument. It will be recollected that this subject was brought before you at the session in 1829; and, as was supposed, definitely settled. It seems, however, that, notwithstanding the undersigned has taken much pains to promulgate the order of the General Grand Chapter in the premises, there are those who are still uninformed as to the present regulation touching those degrees, or are disposed to disregard it," &c.

This was followed by the report of a committee reiterating the action of the General Grand Chapter in 1829, and recommending the following resolution in order to produce more uniformity in our work, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this General Grand Chapter, that the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Master, should be *subsequent* to that of the Royal Arch Degree."

At the triennial Convocation of 1850, the General Grand Chapter considered the expediency of organizing a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. The committee to whom the subject was referred made a verbal report, suggesting that it was inexpedient for the General Grand Chapter to take any action looking to the formation of a General Grand Council, though no reasons are given by the committee for their conclusions.

The next action we find in the year 1853, when the General Grand Chapter gave its final utterance on the subject in the passage of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That this General Chapter, and the governing bodies of Royal Arch Masonry, affiliating with and holding jurisdiction under it, have no rightful jurisdiction or control over the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter will hereafter entertain no question or matter growing out of the government, or working of those degrees while in their present position."

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted declaring that "the only degrees recognized by this General Grand Chapter, to be conferred in Chapters under its jurisdiction, are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason," which yet remains unrepealed.

We revert to the position of our own Grand Chapter on this subject.

From such information as the records furnish, your committee are of the opinion that the Grand Chapter, for an indefinite number of years, continued its control of these degrees, but we find no positive enactment until 1859, when the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, after due consideration, hereby disclaims for itself and subordinates any and all control over the Royal and Select Masters Degrees."

This action, it seems, led to the organization of a Grand Council in 1860, though no other Annual Convocation was held until 1866 (the war intervening), when it was reorganized and has since held its Annual Assemblies.

The facts presented by your committee show that Cryptic Masonry has never had a clearly defined status or permanently established and unquestioned sovereignty.

We obtain from a recently published communication of Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, President of the National Convention of Royal and Select Masters, information which we deem important, as referring to the general condition of Cryptic Masonry.

He says that these degrees are now conferred in four different ways.

1. In Virginia and West Virginia they are conferred in Chapters as a part of the regular series of degrees, and before the Royal Arch.

2. In Texas they are conferred "in Councils appurtenant to Chapters, but otherwise independent of them." The Grand Council of Texas was dissolved in the year 1864, and "since that time the degrees have been conferred in Councils of a *quasi* voluntary character, claiming to be held under the authority of a Chapter warrant, but entirely separate from the Chapter itself, without control by any Grand body."

3. In Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, Nebraska and Wisconsin, they are conferred "in Councils appurtenant to Chapters, and under

the control and authority of Grand Chapters." The Grand Councils of these States have dissolved after surrendering the degrees to their respective Grand Chapters.

4. In twenty-two other States and in England, Ontario and New Brunswick, they are conferred "in Councils under the jurisdiction of Grand Councils." Measures are now pending in several of the Grand Councils looking to the surrender of the degrees to the Grand Chapters, and some of these Grand Chapters have deferred action, in view of propositions now pending in the General Grand Chapter to amend the Constitution of that body, authorizing the transfer of the degrees, and adopting what is known as the Mississippi plan.

The situation of Cryptic Masonry is so unsettled as to cause, as Comp. Drummond suggests, "unparalleled confusion in the entire policy of the Rite, and necessary conflict, even in the rituals of the different jurisdictions."

In further review of the history of the Grand Council of North Carolina, we cannot speak in flattering terms of its progress. Though manfully struggling to increase the prosperity of its subordinates and maintain a lively existence itself, its career of seventeen years through which it has passed in its several organizations, has not been marked by any degree of advancement. During that period but seven Councils have been organized, only four of which are now working.

The original Councils which constituted the first Grand Council had, we estimate in the absence of data, an aggregate membership equal to that now existing, which is less than two hundred, according to the returns, not accounting for those not affiliated.

It appears from the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter at its Convocation of 1877, that the joint memorial of this body and Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter, on the subject of a transfer of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters to Royal Arch Chapters, was read and postponed until the next triennial Convocation, at which time a revised constitution now pending will, also, be considered.

While the committee are of opinion that the interests of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina would be promoted by the transfer as proposed, yet we suggest that the question is not free from embarrassment. Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter are authorized by the constitution of that body to confer only the four degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch.

As long as this constitutional restriction exists and the Grand Chapter of North Carolina recognizes its fealty to the General Grand Chapter, the assump-

tion by the Grand Chapter of other degrees, involves, in the opinion of the committee, a constitutional question, regardless of the plan under which it may be effected. The committee express the hope that the joint memorial before referred to, now pending in the General Grand Chapter, will receive the favorable action of that body at its approaching Convocation, and that the conclusions of the National Convention of the Council of Royal and Select Masters, called by its President to meet in Detroit, Michigan, on the 23d day of August next, will be such as to commend to the General Grand Chapter the change of policy which is sought to be effected.

The committee recommend that the further consideration of this subject be postponed until the next Annual Assembly.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

The foregoing report was prepared for consideration at the Annual Assembly, 1880, which was not held. The General Grand Chapter has since held its Triennial Convocation. The various memorials and documents which had been addressed to it, relating to the conferring of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees under the authority of Royal Arch Chapters, were considered, and the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, and that it is inexpedient for the General Grand Chapter to take any action concerning them."

In view of this action of the General Grand Chapter, the committee deem it inexpedient to submit a plan for the consolidation of the two systems.

Information has been received that a Provisional General Grand Council was formed in the city of Detroit, Michigan, on the 23d, 24th and 25th of August, 1880, with Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, as General Grand Master. A number of Grand Councils has adopted the constitution of this body and entered into the organization. Your committee do not recommend such action on the part of this Grand Council, in view of the adoption to-day of the recommendation of the Deputy Grand Master, presiding, adverse to it.

The committee are pleased to report indications of increased prosperity of the Cryptic rite in this jurisdiction, as new Councils are organizing and efforts are to be made to resuscitate others now dormant.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,
H. H. MUNSON,
D. W. BAIN,
Committee.

The recommendations of the committee were concurred in.

The several standing committees presented their reports as follows, which were adopted:

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings of subordinate Councils beg leave to submit the following report:

They have examined the returns for 1880, of Greensboro Council, No. 3, Wilmington Council, No. 4, Enoch Council, No. 5, which they find correct, except that Enoch Council, No. 5, has no seal.

They have also examined the returns of subordinate Councils for the year 1881, viz: Greensboro Council, No. 3, Wilmington Council, No. 4, and Enoch Council, No. 5, which they find correct, except that Enoch Council, No. 5, has no seal.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WALL,
C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
Committee.

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report that they have examined the proceedings of the former Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, and find nothing to be acted upon.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL H. SMITH,
WM. R. KENAN,
Committee.

On Charters and Dispensations:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report that the only matter to which we are enabled to call your attention is information that, during the past two years, dispensations have been granted by the

M. I. G. M. to the Comps. of Winston and Durham to work the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees. We, therefore, recommend that when said Dispensations shall have been returned, the Grand Recorder be authorized to issue a charter to each of said Councils.

Fraternally submitted,

H. H. MUNSON,
WM. SIMPSON,
Committee.

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the reports of Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, report that they find the same correct. We find that the Grand Recorder has received from all sources since last report, June, 1879, the sum of seventy-five dollars, which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and that the Grand Treasurer has paid out on proper vouchers, the sum of forty-nine dollars and fifty-five cents, leaving a balance now in hand of Grand Treasurer, of seventy-seven dollars and fifteen cents, including fifty-one dollars and seventy cents reported as balance June 4, 1879.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. BLAIR,
D. P. MAST,
Committee.

On motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., the city of Wilmington was selected as the place for holding the Annual Assembly for the year 1882.

The Grand Council went into the election of Grand Officers, Comps. W. R. Kenan and W. L. Wall acting as tellers, and the following were duly elected:

J. I. MACKS,.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
SAMUEL H. SMITH,.....Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
WILLIAM L. WALL,.....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
WILLIAM SIMPSON,.....Grand Treasurer.
DONALD W. BAIN,.....Grand Recorder.
WILLIAM R. KENAN,.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
D. P. MAST,.....Grand Conductor of the Council.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY,.....Grand Steward.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master elect announced the appointment of Comp. B. G. Bates, Grand Sentinel for the ensuing Masonic year.

The Grand Officers elect were installed by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, C. M. Van Orsdell, assisted by Comp. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., acting as Grand Marshal.

On motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, P. G. M.,

Ordered, That the expenses of the Deputy Grand Master and acting Grand Treasurer in attending this Annual Assembly be paid, and that twenty-five dollars be appropriated to the Grand Recorder for services.

On his further motion, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were appointed a committee to procure suitable jewels for the Grand Officers, after the necessary expenses of the Grand Council have been paid.

On motion of Comp. W. L. Wall, the thanks of the Grand Council were unanimously tendered to the Masonic bodies of Asheville, for the use of their hall at this Annual Assembly.

The Grand Master addressed the Companions, announcing his purpose to give personal attention to the Councils during the year, by visiting them and communicating the work, and submitted suggestions looking to an increased interest and effort in behalf of Cryptic Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. The sentiments were responded to by several present, giving assurance of active aid in promoting the efforts of the Grand Master.

The proceedings were read and approved, and the Grand Council was closed in ample form.

J. I. MACKS,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA,

JUNE, A. D. 1881.

GREENSBORO COUNCIL, No. 3.—GREENSBORO.

Time of Regular Convocations: Third Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS:

Thos. J. Sloan.....T. Illustrious Master.
P. F. Duffy.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
David McKnight.....Treasurer.
Jno. Chamberlain.....Recorder.
J. N. Nelson.....Captain of the Guard.
J. P. Jones.....Conductor of the Council.
R. M. Stafford.....Steward.
Wm. Collins.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

Peter Adams,
Sterling Adams,
D. E. Albright,
Wm. Bodenheimer,
O. S. Causey,
K. M. Coble,
J. R. Cardwell,
Geo. H. Gregory,
Robert W. Glenn,
W. H. Heath,
A. F. Hatch,
J. Hildesheimer,
J. M. Isley,
F. N. Ingold,
J. H. Pearce,
W. H. Phillips,
G. H. Renegar,
R. M. Sloan, Jr.,
Jno. M. Shelly,
Wm. Swaim,
J. E. Shultz,

R. L. Coltraine,
F. P. Cavanah,
John Donnell,
J. C. Dame,
L. A. Douglas,
J. B. Faircloth,
W. H. Gentry,
Thos. B. Keogh,
J. J. Kendall,
D. N. Kirkpatrick,
S. M. Lanier,
C. P. Mendenhall,
W. H. Moore,
Geo. H. Parker,
L. T. Smith,
J. H. Tarpley,
C. J. Voorhees,
J. R. Wilkerson,
E. A. Wilson.

Number of Members, 48.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Convocations: Second Monday in every month.

OFFICERS:

W. A. Williams.....T. Illustrious Master.
J. I. Macks .....Deputy Illustrious Master.
W. W. Allen.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. Greenburg.....Treasurer.
Matt. J. Heyer.....Recorder.
C. M. Van Orsdell.....Captain of the Guard.
R. W. Price.....Conductor of the Council.
E. Turlington.....Steward.
B. G. Bates.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

Thos. E. Bond,
T. B. Carr,
W. H. Chadbourn,
A. David,
J. McD. French,
T. M. Gardner,
D. Greenwald,
B. P. Harrison,
S. Hanstein,
T. H. Johnson,
M. M. Katz,
F. M. Knowles,
W. R. Kenan,
Wm. Larkins,
A. Martin,
H. H. Munson,
D. McRae,
J. C. Munds,
J. E. Neimyer,
Geo. Patterson,
S. Solomon,
W. G. Thomas,
J. Weil.

Admitted, 2; Withdrawn, 1; Died, 1; Number of Members, 32.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Nichols.....T. Illustrious Master.
M. Grausman.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
J. M. Rosenbaum.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. H. Bradley.....Treasurer.
Wm. P. Wetherell.....Recorder.
W. J. Hicks.....Captain of the Guard.
Wayne Allcott.....Conductor of the Council.
J. C. L. Harris.....Steward.
Miles Goodwin.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

D. W. Bain,
R. W. Best,
J. C. Blake,
N. L. Brown,
A. P. Bryan,
D. R. Coleman,
W. H. Dodd,
A. S. Heide,
Albert Johnson,
A. S. Lee,
H. Mahler,
J. B. Neathery,
Isaac Oettinger,
W. J. Palmer,
A. D. Royster,
Wm. Simpson,
Wm. C. Stronach,
Jack R. Williams,
John Whitelaw.

Number of Members, 28.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDERS OF THE SEVERAL GRAND COUNCILS.

STATE.	ORGANIZED.	GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	1838	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	1860	L. E. Barber	Little Rock.
California	1859	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Connecticut	1819	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Florida	1858	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	1825	Andrew M. Wolihin	Albany.
Illinois	1853	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago (182 Clark St.)
Indiana	1855	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Iowa	1857	Wm. B. Langridge	Muscatine.
Kansas	1867	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	1827	A. G. Hodges	Louisville.
Louisiana	1856	Richard Lambert	N. Orleans (P. O. Box 872).
Maine	1855	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	1874	Geo. L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	1826	John Haigh	Somerville.
Michigan	1858	Garra B. Noble	Detroit (359 E. Larned St.)
Minnesota	1870	William Cheney	Minneapolis.
Missouri	1864	Wm. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	1872	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
New Brunswick	1867	A. D. Goodwin	St. Johns.
New Hampshire	1862	George P. Cleaves	Concord (P. O. Box, 214).
New Jersey	1860	Charles Bechtel	Trenton.
New York	1809	George Van Vliet	New York (Masonic Temple).
North Carolina	1860	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Ohio	1839	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Ontario	1871	Daniel Spry	Barrie.
Pennsylvania	1847	Charles E. Meyer	Phila. (Masonic Temple.)
Rhode Island	1860	William R. Greene	Providence.
South Carolina	1860	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	1847	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Vermont	1845	Arthur E. Bosworth	Springfield.
Wisconsin	1857	John W. Woodhull	Milwaukee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

WILMINGTON,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31ST, A. D., 1882, A. DEP. 2882.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

RALEIGH, N. C.:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., STEAM PRINTERS AND BINDERS.
1882.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

J. I. MACKS, ... *Most Illustrious Grand Master*, ... Wilmington.

W. L. WALL, ... *Deputy Illustrious Grand Master*, ... Durham.

M. GRAUSMAN, ... *Grand Principal Conductor of the Work*, .. Raleigh.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, ... *Grand Treasurer*, ... Raleigh.

DONALD W. BAIN, ... *Grand Recorder*, ... Raleigh.

JAMES SOUTHGATE, ... *Grand Captain of the Guard*, ... Durham.

D. P. MAST, ... *Grand Conductor of the Council*, ... Winston.

M. M. KATZ, ... *Grand Steward*, ... Wilmington.

ROBERT H. BRADLEY, .. *Grand Sentinel*, ... Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina held its seventeenth Annual Assembly at St. John's Hall in the city of Wilmington, on Wednesday, May 31st, A. D. 1882, A. Dep. 2882. It was opened in ample form at 8 o'clock P. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

J. I. MACKS,.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
JOHN NICHOLS,.....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
WILLIAM L. WALL,.....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
WILLIAM SIMPSON,.....Grand Treasurer.
DONALD W. BAIN,.....Grand Recorder.
H. H. MUNSON,.....as Grand Captain of the Guard.
D. P. MAST,.....Grand Conductor of the Council.
M. M. KATZ,.....as Grand Steward.
B. G. BATES,.....Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

Comps. Thos. B. Carr, H. H. Munson and John Nichols, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters.

Comps. William Murdoch, T. M. Gardner and J. B. Neathery, P. D. Ill. Grand Masters.

Comp. M. Grausman, P. G. P. C. of W.

Comp. M. M. Katz, Past Grand Recorder.

Comps. J. B. Neathery and W. W. Allen were appointed the Committee on Credentials, whose report was presented as follows and concurred in:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to Report the following Councils represented:

WILMINGTON, No. 4.—J. I Macks, D. I. M.; W. W. Allen, P. C. W.

ENOCH, No. 5.------ { Jno. Nichols, T. I. M.; M. Grausman, D. I. M.; J. B. Neathery, proxy for P. C. W.

DURHAM, No. 7.----- { W. L. Wall, proxy for T. I. M.; James Southgate, D. I. M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. NEATHERY,
W. W. ALLEN,
Committee.

The Grand Master delivered his address and referred the same to a committee composed of Comps. T. B. Carr and J. B. Neathery.

ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Council:

Through the blessings of Divine Providence, we are again permitted to assemble around the sacred altar and renew our fealty, loyalty and devotion to this ancient institution and legislate for the good of the Craft.

I am pleased to *greet* you and trust that the deliberations of this Assembly will redound to the welfare of Cryptic Masonry in the good old North State, and be the means of placing upon a firmer basis our subordinate Councils, and of calling into existence new Councils composed of live and zealous material, so that we can be assured of a strong and lasting institution.

My official acts during the past year have been very few.

On June 27th, last, I signed the charter for the Council at Durham, and decided that it must be signed by the present officers, and not by those who granted the dispensation.

In December last, I was applied to by Comp. Frederick S. Fisher, M. I. G. M. of Vermont, to establish fraternal relations between the two Grand Councils. I regretted that the request could not be complied with: the Grand Council of this State not recognizing the representative system. I trust that you will see fit at this session to adopt the system, tending as it does to bring nearer together those of our Companions who are so far distant and establishing that relation of companionship which should ever exist between Royal and Select Masters wherever dispersed.

During the year I have examined the proceedings of the following Grand Councils:

Alabama,	1880, 1881	Minnesota,	1881
California,	1880, 1881	Missouri,	1880, 1881
Connecticut,	1881	New Hampshire,	1881
Florida,	1881	New Jersey,	1881
Indiana,	1881	New York,	1881
Kansas,	1878—1879—1881	Ohio,	1881
Louisiana,	1881	Pennsylvania,	1881
Maine,	1881	South Carolina,	1881, 1882
Maryland,	1880, 1881	Tennessee,	1879, 1880, 1882
Michigan,	1881, 1882	Vermont,	1881.

The proceedings of the several Grand Councils contain little of general interest to the Craft, being confined mainly to local affairs.

The following Grand Councils have resolved to become constituent parts of the General Grand Council established at Detroit, Michigan, in 1880:

Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee and Vermont.

The Grand Council of New Jersey postponed action until the session of 1882, and in Michigan a committee reported in favor of becoming a part of the General Grand Council, but the Grand Council decided to postpone until the next Assembly, and submit the report to the Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Council of Pennsylvania adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Pennsylvania most fraternally decline to become a member of the General Grand Council of the United States, and in thus declining wish the companions comprising it all prosperity and harmony, and that their fondest hopes may be fully realized.

In the States of Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nebraska, Virginia and West Virginia, the degrees have been surrendered to the Grand Chapters.

In Illinois no definite action has been taken.

The Grand council of Wisconsin in 1878 transferred the Council degrees to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter. This Grand Council was, however, reorganized February 15th, 1881.

Reports on Foreign Correspondence were made by committees in Alabama, Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Vermont. North Carolina is not reviewed by Connecticut.

Comp. Daniel Sayre, Committee on Foreign Correspondence of Alabama, reviews the proceedings of our Grand Council for 1881, and says that he hopes our Grand Council will reverse the decision at our next Assembly not to become a constituent part of the General Grand Council.

Comp. William W. Austin, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of Indiana, reviews at length the proceedings of 1881.

Comp. George L. McCahan, for the Committee in Maryland, notices our proceedings in 1881 at length, and says that we are not without strong hopes that

North Carolina will ere long be one of the great majority of those who are members of the General Grand Council.

Comp. G. B. Noble, for the Committee in Michigan, furnishes a general synopsis of our proceedings in 1881.

Comp. Grove B. Cooley, for the Committee in Minnesota, notices the proceedings of 1881, and in commenting upon the action had by our Grand Council concerning the General Grand Council, says that they regret our action, but hope all will be right in time.

Comp. Charles G. Hudson, for the Committee in New York, writes as follows in relation to the action had at Asheville in refusing to become a part of the General Grand Council: "Comp. Macks recommended that North Carolina most fraternally decline to have any General Grand Council on her plate, because, forsooth, of the manner the aforesaid G. G. C. was called into existence—it being the offspring of a few R. & S. Masters, without any previous notice to the Grand Council of North Carolina. This is the first time that we knew that a few Companions called the G. G. C. into being. We had in our ignorance supposed that they only proposed it, and that the ratification of nine Grand Councils called it into existence. And we really think we were right. As is so often the case, the Grand Council obediently followed the command of the address, and as the G. M. jumped so the whole flock leaped. The General Grand Council can do without North Carolina better than North Carolina can do without it. They stand in their own light."

Comp. W. M. Cunningham, for the Committee in Ohio, presents a synopsis of our proceedings in 1881.

Comp. Ewin Burney, M. I. G. M., of Tennessee, briefly reviews our proceedings of 1881.

The Grand Council has lost one of its oldest Past Grand Officers. Companion Dolphin A. Davis died at his home in Salisbury, N. C., on the 14th of December last, in the 80th year of his age, having been born July 28th, 1802. He was Grand Treasurer in 1860. While his business engagements prevented his attendance upon our Annual Assemblies, he felt a warm interest in the success of this as well as other orders in Masonry. He was an upright man and highly esteemed citizen. I recommend that a page be set apart in these Proceeding as our memorial of him.

And now, Companions, in conclusion, I beg to offer an apology for neglect in not making a visitation to the different Councils throughout the State. It was my firm purpose to do so when we parted last year, but circumstances over which I had no control prevented this pleasant duty. I trust, however, that all will redouble their exertions and make Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina a complete success.

With my grateful thanks to one and all for the confidence reposed in elevating me to this proud position, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

J. I. MACKS,
M. I. G. M.

Standing committees were announced as follows:

On Finance:

Comps. W. L. Wall and D. P. Mast.

On Charters and Dispensations:

Comps. W. W. Allen and T. M. Gardner.

On Unfinished Business:

Comps. James Southgate and M. Grausman.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

Comps. John Nichols and M. M. Katz.

Reports were submitted as follows and referred to the Committee on Finance:

By the Grand Recorder:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

I submit this annual report, which is necessarily brief.

The proceedings of the last annual Assembly were issued without unnecessary delay and distributed in the usual manner.

Since my last annual report I have received dues of Councils as follows:

1882.

May 31st,	Enoch Council, No. 5, for the year 1881,	$15 00
" "	Enoch Council, No. 5, on account of year 1882,	10 00
" "	Durham Council, No. 7, for the year 1882,	15 00
	Total amount,	$40 00

Which I have paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Referring to the resolution of the last Annual Assembly in reference to the procurement of jewels for the Grand Officers, I respectfully report that, on enquiry, I found that the cost would exceed the balance in the Treasury after meeting the ordinary expenses of the Grand Council, and the purchase was deferred, hoping that the resolution could be complied with during the ensuing year.

I regret to report that Greensboro Council, No. 3, at Greensboro, has forfeited its charter and ceased work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

By the Grand Treasurer:

WILLIAM SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer,*
in account with the Grand Council R. & S. Masters of North Carolina:

DR.

June 2, 1881.	To cash from John Nichols, Past Grand Treasurer,	$77 15
May 31, 1882.	To cash from D. W. Bain, Grand Recorder,	40 00
		$117 15

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June 11, 1881.	By cash paid expenses J. I. Macks, T. I. G. M.,	$29 15
Aug. 23, 1881.	By cash paid Jno. Nichols, Post Master, postage,	1 50
Sept 29, 1881.	By cash paid Uzzell & Wiley, printing proceedings, 1881,	25 00
May 31, 1882.	By balance on hand,	61 50
		$117 15

Comp. J. B. Neathery, from the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, presented the following report:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on M. I. G. Master's Address, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend that the decision of the M. I. G. M. in regard to Durham Council be confirmed.

2. We also recommend that action be taken looking to the establishment of fraternal relations with other Grand Councils in America by adopting the Representative System.

3. We also recommend that this Grand Council become a constituent member, and acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. NEATHERY,
THOS. B. CARR,
Committee.

Read and considered by sections.

Sections 1 and 2 were adopted.

On motion of Comp. H. H. Munson, P. G. M., the Grand Council refused to concur in section 3.

Reports of Standing Committees were presented as follows, and adopted:

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils beg leave to submit the following report:

They have examined the Returns of Wilmington Council, No. 4, Enoch Council, No. 5, and Durham Council, No. 7, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,
M. M. KATZ,
Committee.

On Charters and Dispensations:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations report that nothing has been submitted to them requiring their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. ALLEN,
T. M. GARDNER,
Committee.

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business have examined the proceedings of the Annual Assembly for the year 1881, and find nothing requiring the action of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
M. GRAUSMAN,
Committee.

On Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct. The Grand Treasurer has received during the past year $117.15, and paid out on proper vouchers $55.65, leaving a balance on hand of $61.50.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. WALL,
D. P. MAST.

Comp. John Nichols, P. G. M., introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to appear before the Grand Chapter, at its next Annual Convocation, and request the appointment of a similar Committee on the part of that body, with a view to a joint conference looking to the consolidation of the Capitular and Cryptic systems in this Grand Jurisdiction. This Committee appointed by this body shall submit its report to the next Annual Assembly.

Adopted, and Comps. John Nichols, James Southgate and D. W. Bain were appointed the committee therein provided.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, Comps. M. M. Katz and M. Grausman acting as tellers, with the following result:

J. I. MACKS,.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
WM. L. WALL,.....Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
M. GRAUSMAN,.....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
WILLIAM SIMPSON,.....Grand Treasurer.
DONALD W. BAIN,.....Grand Recorder.
JAMES SOUTHGATE,.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
D. P. MAST,.....Grand Conductor of the Council.
M. M. KATZ,.....Grand Steward.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed Comp. Robert H. Bradley Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were installed by Comp. John

Nichols, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, assisted by Comp. J. B. Neathery as Grand Marshal.

The installation of the Grand Sentinel was deferred on account of his absence.

Comp. W. L. Wall introduced the following resolution, which was read adopted:

Resolved, That twenty-five dollars be appropriated to the Grand Recorder and three dollars to the Grand Sentinel, for services.

On motion of Comp. John Nichols, P. G. M., the Grand Council determined to hold its next Annual Assembly, in the city of Raleigh, during the week of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of Comp. W. L. Wall, the thanks of the Grand Council were expressed to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and Concord Chapter, No. 1, for the use of their hall on this occasion.

The proceedings were read and approved and the Grand Council was closed in ample form.

J. I. MACKS,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:
DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA,

May 31, A. D. 1882.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4.—WILMINGTON.

Time of Regular Convocations: Second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

W. A. WILLIAMS,.....T. Illustrious Master.
J. I. MACKS,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
W. W. ALLEN,.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. GREENBURG,.....Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS,.....Recorder.
T. E. BOND,.....Captain of the Guard.
W. R. KENAN,.....Conductor of the Council.
E. TURLINGTON,.....Steward.
B. G. BATES,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

T. B. CARR,
W. H. CHADBOURN,
A. DAVID,
J. McD. FRENCH,
T. M. GARDNER,
S. HANSTEIN,
M. J. HEYER,
M. M. KATZ,
F. M. KNOWLES,
W. LARKINS,
A. MARTIN,
H. H. MUNSON,
J. E. NEIMEYER,
REV. GEO. PATTERSON,
R. W. PRICE,
S. SOLOMON,
W. G. THOMAS,
C. M. VAN ORSDELL,
J. WEIL.

Admitted, 1: Expelled 1; Number of Members, 28.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.—RALEIGH.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

JOHN NICHOLS,.....T. Illustrious Master.
M. GRAUSMAN,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
J. M. ROSENBAUM,.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. H. BRADLEY,.....Treasurer.
J. B. NEATHERY,.....Recorder.
M. BOWES,.....Captain of the Guard.
J. C. BLAKE,.....Conductor of the Council.
J. M. BETTS,.....Steward.
MILES GOODWIN,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

WAYNE ALLCOTT,
JOHN ARMSTRONG,
D. W. BAIN,
R. W. BEST,
N. L. BROWN,
A. P. BRYAN,
D. R. COLEMAN,
W. H. DODD,
E. GRISSOM,
J. C. L. HARRIS,
A. S. HEIDE,
W. J. HICKS,
ALBERT JOHNSON,
A. S. LEE,
H. MAHLER,
ISAAC ŒTTINGER,
W. J. PALMER,
A. D. ROYSTER,
WM. SIMPSON,
WM. C. STRONACH,
JACK R. WILLIAMS,
JOHN WHITELAW,
W. P. WETHERELL.

Exalted, 2; Number of Members, 32.

DURHAM COUNCIL, No. 7.—DURHAM.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

BERNICE WALKER,.....T. Illustrious Master.
W. T. BLACKWELL,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
C. E. PARRISH,.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
J. F. Freeland,.....Treasurer.
JAMES SOUTHGATE,.....Recorder.
W. L. WALL,.....Captain of the Guard,
J. S. CARR,.....Conductor of the Council.
J. L. MARKHAM,.....Steward.
J. D. WILBON,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

JAMES PARKS, I. R. STRAYHORN, E. J. PARRISH.
L. T. SMITH, ALEX. WALKER,

Royal and Select Masters not Members, 1; Number of Members, 14.

FIVE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL, AS ANNUALLY ELECTED.

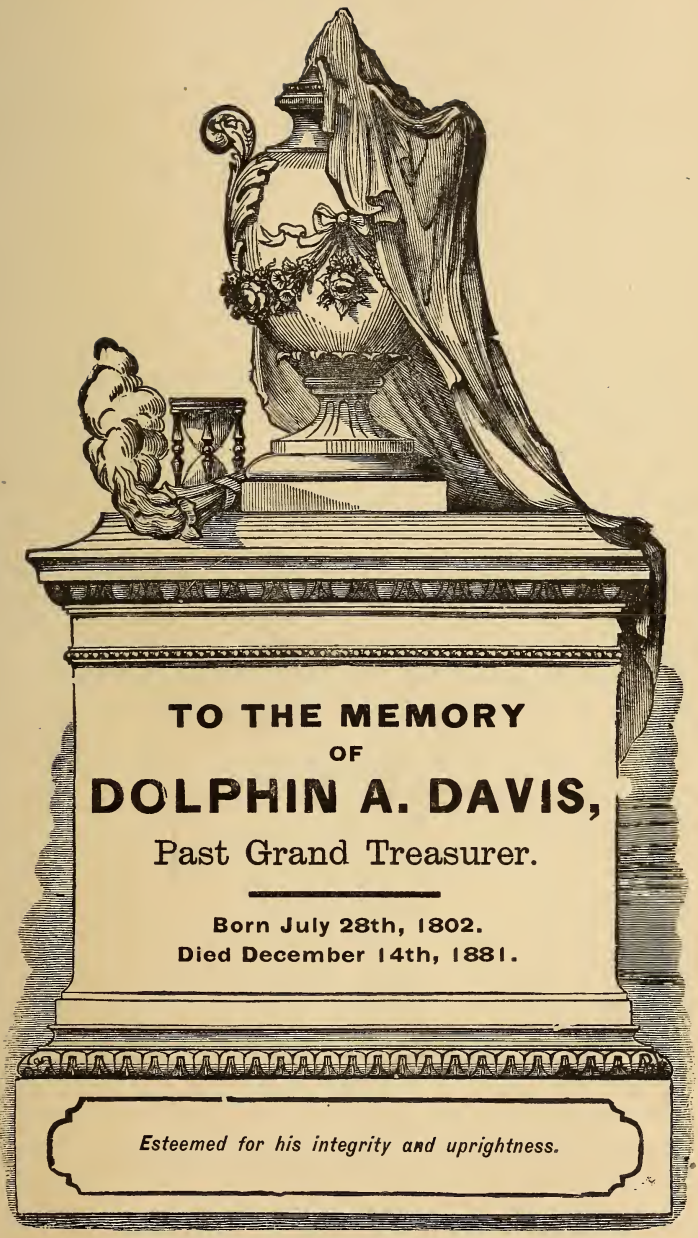
Year.	Grand Masters.	Deputy Grand Masters.	Grand Principal Conductors of the Work.	Grand Treasurers.	Grand Recorders.
*1822	Simmons J. Baker,	Esek Arnold,	George McNeill,	Elisha B. Smith,	John Crusoe.
*1823	Esek Arnold,	Joseph R. Lloyd,	Moses Clements,	Elisha B. Smith,	John Crusoe.
1860	Alexander Murdoch,	John F. Howlett,	William Murdoch,	Dolphin A. Davis,	R. T. Hall.
1866	William J. Hicks,	Luke Blackmer,	Clinton A. Cilley,	Thomas W. Brown,	Thomas B. Carr.
1867	William J. Hicks,	William Murdoch,	Thomas M. Gardner,	Thomas W. Brown,	Thomas B. Carr.
1868	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch,	Thomas M. Gardner,	Thomas W. Brown,	Horace H. Munson.
1869	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Thomas W. Brown,	M. M. Katz.
1870	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Thomas W. Brown,	M. M. Katz.
1871	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch,	Donald W. Bain,	Horace H. Munson,	M. M. Katz.
1872	Horace H. Munson,	John Nichols,	William Murdoch,	Alfred Martin,	M. M. Katz.
1873	Horace H. Munson,	John Nichols,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Alfred Martin,	M. M. Katz.
1874	John Nichols,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Samuel S. Everitt,	Robert H. Bradley,	Donald W. Bain
1875	John Nichols,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Samuel S. Everitt,	Robert H. Bradley,	Donald W. Bain.
1876	C. M. Van Orsdell,	John B. Neathery,	Sidney E. Allen,	John Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1877	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Samuel H. Rountree,	Sidney E. Allen,	John Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1878	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Sidney E. Allen,	Addison S. Lee,	John Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1879	Sidney E. Allen,	J. I. Macks,	M. Grausman,	John Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1880	Annual Assembly not held.				
1881	J. I. Macks,	Samuel H. Smith,	William L. Wall,	William Simpson,	Donald W. Bain.
1882	J. I. Macks.	Wm. L. Wall,	M. Grausman,	William Simpson,	Donald W. Bain.

*The first constitution provided for the election of a Grand Puissant; Deputy Grand Puissant; *Grand Thrice Illustrious;* and "Grand Principal Conductor." Joseph R. Lloyd and George McNeill were elected Grand Thrice Illustrious respectively in 1822 and 1823.

The Grand Council ceased to exist after the year 1823; was re-organized in the year 1860 but failed to hold its Annual Assemblies until 1866. The Annual Assemblies are numbered from and including the year 1866, from which time the Grand Council has sustained a regular existence.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDERS OF THE SEVERAL GRAND COUNCILS.

STATE.	ORGANIZED.	GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESS.
Alabama,	1838	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	1860	L. E. Barber,	Little Rock.
California,	1859	Thomas H. Caswell,	San Francisco.
Connecticut,	1819	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Florida,	1858	John Carlovitz,	Milton.
Georgia,	1825	Andrew M. Wolihin,	Albany.
Indiana,	1855	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Kansas,	1867	John H. Brown,	Wyandotte.
Louisiana,	1856	Richard Lambert,	N. Orleans (P. O. Box 872.)
Maine,	1855	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	1874	Geo. L. McCahan,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	1826	Alfred M. Chapman,	Boston.
Michigan,	1858	Garra B. Noble,	Detroit (359 E. Larned St.)
Minnesota,	1870	William Cheney,	Minneapolis.
Missouri,	1864	Wm. H. Mayo,	St. Louis.
New Hampshire,	1862	George P. Cleaves,	Concord.
New Jersey,	1860	Charles Bechtel,	Trenton.
New York,	1809	George Van Vliet,	N. York (Masonic Temple.)
North Carolina,	1860	Donald W. Bain,	Raleigh.
Ohio,	1829	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Ontario,	1871	Daniel Spry,	Barrie.
Pennsylvania,	1847	Charles E. Meyer,	Phila. (Masonic Temple.)
Rhode Island,	1860	William R. Greene,	Providence.
South Carolina,	1860	D. D. Moore,	Rock Hill.
Tennessee,	1847	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Vermont,	1854	Arthur E. Bosworth,	Springfield.
Wisconsin,	1857	John W. Woodhull,	Milwaukee.


TO THE MEMORY
OF
DOLPHIN A. DAVIS,
Past Grand Treasurer.
Born July 28th, 1802.
Died December 14th, 1881.
Esteemed for his integrity and uprightness.

PROCEEDINGS

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RALEIGH,

THURSDAY, MAY 17TH, A. D., 1883, A. DEP. 2883.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

RALEIGH, N. C.:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., STEAM PRINTERS AND BINDERS.
1883.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 17TH, 1883.

JACOB I. MACKS, ... *Most Illustrious Grand Master*, ... Wilmington.
JAMES SOUTHGATE, ... *Deputy Illustrious Grand Master*, ... Durham.
BERNICE WALKER, ... *Grand Principal Conductor of the Work*, ... Franklinton.
WILLIAM SIMPSON, ... *Grand Treasurer*, ... Raleigh.
DONALD W. BAIN, ... *Grand Recorder*, ... Raleigh.
JAMES C. MUNDS, ... *Grand Captain of the Guard*, ... Wilmington.
J. M. ROSENBAUM, ... *Grand Conductor of the Council*, ... Raleigh.
M. GRAUSMAN, ... *Grand Steward*, ... Raleigh.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY,* ..... *Grand Sentinel*, ... Raleigh.

*Appointed.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, held its Eighteenth Annual Assembly at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Raleigh, on Thursday, May 17th, A. D., 1883, A. Dep. 2883.

It was opened in ample form at 9½ o'clock, a quorum of Councils being represented.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

J. I. MACKS, ... Most Illustrious Grand Master.
WILLIAM MURDOCH, ... as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
M. GRAUSMAN, ... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
WILLIAM SIMPSON, ... Grand Treasurer.
DONALD W. BAIN, ... Grand Recorder.
JAMES SOUTHGATE, ... Grand Captain of the Guard.
JAMES C. UNDS, ... as Grand Conductor of the Council.
J. M. ROSENBAUM, ... as Grand Steward.
ROBERT H. BRADLEY, ... Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

Comp. William Murdoch, Past Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.

Comp. Robert H. Bradley, Past Grand Treasurer.

Comps J. C. Munds and Bernice Walker were appointed the Committee on Credentials, who presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following Councils represented:

WILMINGTON, No. 4.—James C. Munds proxy for officers.
ENOCH, No. 5. ..... { D. W. Bain, proxy for T. I. M.; M. Grausman, D. I. M.; J. M. Rosenbaum, P. C. W.
DURHAM, No. 7. ..... B. Walker, T. I. M.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
B. WALKER,
Committee.

The Grand Master delivered the following address, which was referred to a special committee composed of Comps. William Murdoch and James Southgate :

ADDRESS :

Companions of the Grand Council :

In accordance with a time honored usage, it becomes the duty of the presiding officer to render an account of his stewardship for the past year. Let us invoke the assistance of our Heavenly Grand Master upon our deliberations, and may all our works redound to His glory.

Since last we met, peace and prosperity have prevailed in our good old State, and nothing has occurred to mar the harmony that should always exist.

My official acts have been very few. Not a single dispensation or decision has been applied for during the entire year. Of course, I do not consider this an omen of success. In fact, I am constrained to admit that, unless something can be legally done with the Cryptic degrees, to append them to Chapters, or to amalgamate them with the Chapter degrees, the Grand Council will soon cease to exist. I regret this sincerely, because the work is beautiful, and if properly conferred, would make a deep and lasting impression upon those who receive them. Besides this, there is more or less discussion on this subject among our sister Grand Councils, and the general tendency seems to be on the side of a permanent improvement and the General Grand Council appears to be a settled fact.

The Grand Council of North Carolina has been taken to task for its action in refusing to become a constituent member of the General Grand Council, by several Companions throughout the United States, notably Comp. George J. Pinckard, of Louisiana. He uses very strong language, and without losing temper, I desire to say that the fact of receiving or not receiving the communication of Comp. Drummond, does not affect the position we have taken as to the regularity of the preliminary steps towards the general organization. We have nothing to retract. Aside from this, however, we in North Carolina do not deem it a matter of great importance whether a General Grand Council exists or not. We are more concerned about our own existence, and if our enthusiastic Companion would visit us, perhaps he would coincide with the views of our Grand Council.

We have in this State very few cities, and in the country it is impossible to raise a quorum for the transaction of business, and hence Councils soon disappear and become a thing of the past. The Chapters for the most part have stated meetings, and if the degrees could be conferred in them, perhaps we could augment our numbers.

During the year I issued a commission constituting Comp. John S. Taxis, of Trenton, New Jersey, as the Representative of the Grand Council near the

Grand Council of New Jersey, upon the recommendation of Comp. John M. Knapp, M. I. G. M., of that State.

Through the courtesy of the Grand Recorder, I have perused the proceedings of the Grand Councils of Alabama, California, Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Vermont.

ALABAMA, 1882.

Grand Master W. D. Wadsworth reports accessions to the ranks, and a general prosperity among the Craft. He decided that a T. I. M. may call a special assembly of his Council to confer the degrees on Sunday. That this action would not be unmasonic or illegal. Seven Subordinate Councils were represented. A report on Correspondence by Comp. Daniel Sayre includes a review of our proceedings for 1882, and he regrets that the Grand Council refused to adopt the representative system. Our Companion is in error, for the system was, upon my recommendation, re-established.

Comp. W. W. McCollum, M. I. G. M. Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA, 1882.

Seven Subordinate Councils represented. M. P. Grand Master Edward Richards Hedges reports a measurable degree of prosperity in his jurisdiction, "all the Councils have done more or less work, some of them conferring more degrees than during any previous year, and exhibiting a cheering and hopeful revival of interest. Comp. Thomas H. Caswell, Grand Recorder, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. He takes North Carolina to task for its action in 1881 in declining to become a "constituent part of the General Grand Council of the United States," and says we acted under a misapprehension of the facts in the case. Such an important matter would not be treated with indifference, or acted upon without due consideration. We insist that it makes no difference whether North Carolina was duly notified or not of the contemplated formation of the General Grand Council, our action was taken advisedly, and was not inconsistent with our ideas of the circumstances which led to the organization. We do not admit ignorance of some notice, and claim to have acted understandingly. While we do no injustice to the motives of the respective Companions who inaugurated and promulgated the movement in the direction of a general organization, we are not alone in our views of irregularity in the movement. It will do no good, however, to discuss the matter further in this connection. We hope for the best interests of the Rite.

Comp. John Wm. Rock elected M. I. G. M., and Comp. Caswell re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT, 1882.

Eighteen Subordinate Councils represented. M. I. G. M Chester Tilden, in his address, says peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and that his labors were (like mine) very easy. The committee appointed at the last Annual Assembly to take into consideration the subject of the General Grand Council, submitted a lengthy report with the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Council that the interests of Cryptic Masonry would not be promoted by its becoming a member of the General Grand Council under its present constitution.

Comp. W. W. Lee presented a report on correspondence, which touched on North Carolina for 1881 lightly. He says " 'we don't want any help from the General Grand Council; think they are strong enough 'to go it alone,' and voted not to unite with it.' "

Comp. Dwight Waugh M. I. G. M., and Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA, 1882.

Thirty-five Subordinate Councils represented. Comp. Perry W. Gard, M. I. G. M. In calling the attention of the Grand Council to the condition of Cryptic Masonry in the jurisdiction, he says " he finds no cause for disparagement. Peace and harmony, and a measurable degree of prosperity reign throughout." He says the organization of the General Grand Council has done much to arrest the disaffection that seemed to exist in certain quarters, and to stay the ravages of the Mississippi plan.

Comp. W. W. Austin presented a report on correspondence, reviewing among others, North Carolina for 1882. He regrets the action of our Grand Council at the last Annual Assembly in appointing a committee to appear before the Grand Chapter concerning the degrees. He says: " Why my good Companions, you have entirely failed to post up. Against you take your seat and get out your hymn book, the preacher and choir will be home enjoying all the good things of the reunion feast. Grant that committee time to report *sine die;* let the Grand Master forget to call it up. Come in; the door's wide open." He reports that eighteen out of twenty-five Grand Councils have become members of the General Grand Council. Illinois, New Jersey and Rhode Island have postponed action. Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin refuse to ratify.

Comp. Albert Hayward elected M. I. G. ' ., and Comp. John M. Bramwell re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY, 1882.

Eight Subordinate Councils. The Grand Council was convened in consequence of the Grand Chapter having surrendered the degrees. The Grand Council was re-organized and very little besides transacted.

Comp. Charles E. Dunn was elected M. I. G. M., and Comp. L. D. Croninger was elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA, 1883.

Assembled in New Orleans February 15th. Four Subordinate Councils represented. Comp. Alfred Shaw in his address does not show any degree of prosperity in his jurisdiction. He reports having borrowed forty dollars to print the proceedings of the previous year. He attributes the stagnancy in the Cryptic Rite to the Chapters and Blue Lodges, but expects and hopes for better times. He expects beneficial results from the accomplished formation of the General Grand Council. Nothing was transacted excepting to declare the charters of four Subordinate Councils forfeited for having failed to make returns for over two years, and to listen to the reports of the officers. As stated in the opening portion of this address, Comp. Pinckard presented a report on correspondence. We admire the Companion's zeal but think his efforts should be enlisted in behalf of the Grand Council of Louisiana instead of the General Grand Council, although he is the third principal officer of the latter. He takes occasion to ridicule my address of last year by terming it a review of the other Grand Councils, and takes me to task for saying that in the examination of the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils "they contain little of general interest to the Craft, being confined mainly to local affairs." I am constrained to say, notwithstanding the opinion of the distinguished Companion, that, in reviewing the proceedings of the different Grand Councils, I find nothing that could be considered as being of general interest. With these few lines I dismiss the proceedings of Louisiana.

Comp. Alfred Shaw was re-elected M. I. G. M., and Richard Lambert was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE, 1882.

Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly held at Portland, May 3d. Eight Councils were represented. Comp. A. B. Marston presided as Grand Master. He says Cryptic Masonry in Maine during the year had maintained an "unbroken quiet."

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils are reviewed; North Carolina for 1881 was noticed. He considers at some length the "condi tion of the Rite," commenting in many instances upon its status and pros

pects in many of the jurisdictions. We cannot follow the Companion through his discussion ; his position is known generally. In his reference to our action in 1881 in the appointment of a committee to confer with the Grand Chapter on the question of consolidation, he says : "As the Chapters have all they can do to confer their own degrees, we doubt if they will take an additional load ; we believe that it would be better to give up the Council degrees altogether, if they cannot support themselves, rather than hang them, like a mill-stone, upon the neck of the Chapter."

The Grand Master was re-elected, as well as Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1882.

Assembled in Boston December 13th. Fifteen Councils represented. Comp. John Haigh presented an address, reporting prosperity in the jurisdiction He says "the successful formation of the General Grand Council has given new life and vigor to quite a number of sister jurisdictions who had fallen into a despondent state, and followed the Mississippi plan." No decisions were rendered by him during the year. Routine business alone was transacted.

Comps. John Haigh and Alfred F. Chapman were elected M. I. G. M., and Grand Recorder respectively.

MICHIGAN, 1883.

Assembled in Detroit January 15th, 1883, forty-one Subordinate Councils represented. Comp. William G. Hudson, M. I. G. M., delivered an address. He says the past year has been one of peace and harmony. During the term he arrested the charters of five Councils for failing to make returns and paying dues. A resolution was adopted that any Companion who receives the Cryptic degrees in any body under the control of a Grand Chapter shall be considered as clandestinely made and cannot be received with fraternal greeting, nor can any Council in the jurisdiction hold any Masonic intercourse with such a Royal and Select Master.

Comp. G. B. Noble made a report for the Committee on Correspondence. The same reviews the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, in the list being North Carolina for 1882. Commenting upon the resolution adopted last year to appoint a committee with a similar committee from the Grand Chapter, with a view to consolidation, he says : "We trust North Carolina will not at at this late date commit suicide on Mississippi-tide. If they cannot adopt the General Grand Council system, they can stand on their own bottom."

Comp. George H. Greene elected M. I. G. M., and Comp. G. B. Noble re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA, 1882.

Thirteenth Annual Assembly held at St. Paul, October 9th, 1882, seven Councils represented. Comp. Grove B. Cooley, M. I. G. M., presided and presented an address, in which he reports peace and harmony. He very sensibly says that to make Subordinate Councils prosperous there must be officers selected who are willing to attend to their duties. No decisions were rendered.

The appendix contains the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence by Comp. Grove B. Cooley, M. I. G. M. Thirty Grand Councils are reviewed, among them North Carolina for 1882. He advises Comp. John Nichols to keep cool and not get mad and slop over.

Comps. Grove B. Cooley and William Cheney were respectfully re-elected M. I. G. M. and Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1882.

The twenty-first Annual Assembly was held in Concord, May 15th, 1882; seven Subordinate Councils represented. Comp. Edward H. Currier, M. I. G. M., delivered an address. He refers in appropriate language to the death of Comp. James Adams, Grand Chaplain. He says "the record of my official acts during the past year is a very brief one. No question has been presented me for adjustment, no decision has been called for, no controversy arisen."

Comp. George P. Cleaves presented the first report on Foreign Correspondence ever made in the Grand Council of New Hampshire. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils; North Carolina for 1881 being in the list.

Comp. R. O. Wright elected M. I. G. M., and Comp. George P. Cleaves re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY, 1882–'83.

At the Assembly of 1882, Comp. Charles Belcher, Jr., presided and four Subordinate Councils only were represented. The Grand Master's address shows that during the year three Councils surrendered their charters, and that the outlook in the jurisdiction was gloomy. The committee appointed in 1881 to consider the expediency of becoming a constituent part of the General Grand Council made a report, recommending a postponement of action until the Assembly of 1883, which was adopted.

Comp. Charles Bechtel presented a report on correspondence; North Carolina for 1881 being briefly noticed.

Comp. John M. Knapp elected M. I. G. M., and Comp. Charles Bechtel re-elected Grand Recorder.

In 1883 the Grand Council held its twenty-fifth Annual Assembly in the City of Trenton, January 16th. Seven Subordinate Councils were represented.

Comp. John M. Knapp addressed the Grand Council. He reinstated three Councils during the year and made a large number of official visitations. No decisions were rendered during the year. He appointed Comp. Thomas B. Carr, Grand Representative near North Carolina. He recommends that the Grand Council should decline to become a member of the General Grand Council. He refers to the deaths of Comps. Marshall B. Smith, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council, and George E. Wentworth, Representative near the Grand Council of Florida.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report briefly and say that they have received the reports from all the Grand Councils with whom they are in correspondence. That nearly all have adopted the constitution of the General Grand Council, thus becoming subordinate to that body. The Grand Councils formerly "sick unto death" with the "Mississippi fever," have all recovered with the exception of Mississippi, and judging from the work exhibited, are more vigorous since their recovery, and bid fair to live long and prosper. The committee take pleasure in being able to state that a generally prosperous condition of the Cryptic Rite appears from the proceedings and is encouraging.

Comp. John S. Taxis, Representative of North Carolina, presented his credentials and was duly welcomed as such.

Comp. Jerome B. Borden was elected M. I. G. M. and Comp. Chas. Bechtel was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK, 1882.

We have before us the proceedings of the Grand Council of New York, which held its Assembly in the City of New York, September 5th, 1882; twenty-six Subordinate Councils were represented. Comp. John J. Martin, M. I. G. M., delivered an address, in which he says that prosperity is reigning and in the general thrift Cryptic Masonry, thanks to the General Grand Council and love of the Companions, received its full share. He refers to the death of Comp. F. L. Bunting, P. M. I. G. M., of New York, in appropriate terms. Also to the death of Comp. John R. Wiltsie, Grand Representative of South Carolina near the Grand Council of New York. He says the General Grand Council is a success. Eighteen Grand Councils have ratified and become a part of said body, and a number of others are preparing to come in under its provisions.

Comp. George M. Osgoodby presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. Thirty-five Grand Councils are reviewed, and the report is an excellent production. This Companion is Deputy Illustrious Grand Master of the General Grand Council, and consequently is enthusiastic in his support of the same He says of our proceedings of 1882: "Cryptic Masonry is languishing in this jurisdiction. A committee was appointed and will report next year, whether the Grand Council can surrender and the Grand Chapter receive the

degrees. This question has been settled by some twenty Grand Councils in the negative. Is it possible that a Solomon will appear in judgment at this late day on that question? Go slow in that direction, Companions, there are many pitfalls in the way and dead men's bones are scattered around the entrance to that harbor, which can be so justly termed a Morgue in which to display the remains of those who commit harikari. Before deciding the question look up the present position of the Body elsewhere, and don't try to milk a dry cow. This subject has been well and thoroughly investigated and the conclusion arrived at is nearly unanimous.

Comps. John J. Martin, M. I. G. M., and George VanVliet, Grand Recorder, were re-elected.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1882.

Thirty-sixth Annual Assembly at Lancaster, February 15th. Eight Councils represented. Comp. Geo. C. Johnstone presided as Grand Master, by whom a brief address was delivered reviewing his official acts.

A brief report on Foreign Correspondence was presented (by whom it is not stated) in which the following appears:

It caused us the greatest pleasure to receive such a large number of proceedings, more particularly as among the number were several we mourned as dead, and we rejoiced to find that they were but, as it were, in a dream, a trance, a sleep bearing all the impress of death, but from which there was a glorious awakening. We would ask our Companions to join with us in thanksgiving for the lives that were spared—California, Missouri, North Carolina and Wisconsin. Thrice welcome again to our Secret Vault. Let the past be forgotten; we will never mention it again to wound you. We have cut off your names from our memorial tablet, and were it not a matter of solemn reverence for your sleeping, not departed sisters, Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi and Nebraska, we would raze the stone to the earth and grind it to powder, and scatter the dust to the four winds of heaven, so there might not remain among men or Masons the least trace to point to the fact of the fainting or dying by the wayside when there was so much work to be done. Sisters, let us again grasp your hands in life, let the sound of your trowels once again reach us in the vaults of our Cryptic Sanctum Sanctorum.

The committee say, "the formation of the General Grand Council has resulted in much good." Pennsylvania, however, stands aloof rather than surrender even a portion of her sovereignty, and as is poetically said of her, she

Will play her hand alone.

Comp. J. S. Barber elected Grand Master. Comp. Charles E. Meyer re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE, 1882.

Thirty-second Annual Assembly in Nashville February 3d, 1882. Ten Councils were represented. Comp. Ewin Burney presided as Grand Master, with Comp. John Frizzell as Grand Recorder.

Referring to the organization of the General Grand Council, the Grand Master says:

So that out of thirty Grand Councils eighteen have become members, and within the next twelve months we expect the five halting bodies to join with us, and after the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter we may expect and hope to see the Cryptic and Capitular Degrees separated in the four Grand Chapters now conferring them together, and then the three Grand Councils that have heretofore refused, seeing the good results arising from our union in a General Grand Council, will join hands with us, and from ocean to ocean, from the lakes to the Gulf, will be one solid union, which will perpetuate and dignify our beautiful system.

He pays a deserved tribute to the memory of the deceased Companion George Stodart Blackie, whose services to Masonry were valuable, the loss of which is recognized not only in Tennessee, but throughout the country.

The Grand Master presented the report on "Correspondence." He reviewed briefly the proceedings of nearly all the Grand Councils, among them North Carolina for 1881.

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

VERMONT, 1882.

Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly at Burlington June 13th. Rev. Frederick S. Fisher, Grand Master, presided. Eighteen Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is lengthy and interesting. He notices various subjects affecting the Cryptic rite, and discusses them intelligently and practically. He speaks encouragingly of the prospects of this branch of the Order in Vermont, although it has not as yet reached that point of progress which indicates any considerable activity in the Councils. In noticing the "Rite in General, he says:

Not all of the loyal have acknowledged the General Grand Council, some because they do not believe in a Supreme Body, to whom we say, neither did we until we saw that it must be this or death to the less strong others because they did not need the support of this body, again we say neither did we, yet we were not selfish to refuse to give others the aid which our own condition did not need. Still we blame none who are loyal to the principles which we with them guard, and some of those not members of the General Council are among our strongest and most honored Grand Councils. There are about twenty Subordinates to the General Council, a number which will increase as new Grand Councils are formed, some revived and others throw off the Chapter mis-alliance. Meanwhile we cannot receive in our sanctuaries any Companion greeted or in membership in a Council allied to any other Rite, without previous healing. One case like this has occurred in our jurisdiction the past year and is recorded.

Comp. W. H. S. Whitcomb presented a brief report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing fifteen Grand Councils, North Carolina not among the number.

The Grand Master was re-elected. Comp. Elihu B. Taft, of Burlington, was elected Grand Recorder.

This concludes the review of the proceedings of our Sister Grand Councils, so far as they have come to hand.

And now, Companions, again permit me to tender you my grateful acknowledgments for the courtesies received at your hands, ever assuring you that they will at all times be a pleasant recollection and be enshrined in my memory as long as life shall last.

I regret that my services have not been productive of better results, yet I trust you will cover my shortcomings with the broad mantle of charity.

Fraternally submitted,

J. I. MACKS,
Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

On Finance:

Comps. Bernice Walker and William Murdoch.

On Charters and Dispensations:

Comps. J. C. Munds and J. M. Rosenbaum.

On Unfinished Business:

Comps. James Southgate and M. Grausman.

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

Comps. J. C. Munds and William Simpson.

Reports of Standing Committees were submitted as follows and adopted:

On Returns of Subordinate Councils:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils beg leave to submit the following report: They have examined the Returns of Wilmington Council, No. 4, Enoch Council, No. 5, and Durham Council, No. 7, and find them correct. Fraternally submitted,

J. C. MUNDS,
WM. SIMPSON,
Committee.

On Unfinished Business:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that, upon examination of the proceedings of the last Annual Assembly, we find the only subject to be considered as unfinished business, is that of consolidation of the Capitular and Cryptic degrees, upon which a committee has been appointed and by which a report is to be made to this Annual Assembly.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES SOUTHGATE.
M. GRAUSMAN,
Committee.

Special Committee on Grand Master's Address:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master beg leave to report that they have considered the different subjects alluded to, and recommend that so much as refers to the consolidation of the Council and Chapter degrees be referred to the Committee on Consolidation, which is now considering that matter.

That so much as refers to the appointment of a Grand Representative near the Grand Council of New Jersey be approved.

We regret to notice that nothing has been done to make us hope that our Grand Council can ever be revived, but glad to know that peace abounds if prosperity does not reign.

Fraternally submitted, WM. MURDOCH,
JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Committee.

The following report of a special committee of this Grand Body appointed at the last Annual Assembly, was presented and read:

RALEIGH, N. C., May 17th, 1883.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

At your last Annual Assembly we were appointed a committee for the purpose set forth in the resolution then passed as follows, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to appear before the Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation, and request the appointment of a similar committee on the part of that body, with a view to a joint conference looking to the consolidation of the Capitular and Cryptic systems in this Grand Jurisdiction. This committee appointed by this body shall submit its report to the next Annual Assembly."

We communicated to the Grand Chapter your action and asked the appointment of a committee on the part of that body to confer with us with the view to carry out, if practicable, the purposes of your resolution.

The Grand Chapter having entertained our communication and appointed its committee, we met in joint conference, and after fully considering the subject, failed to agree upon any definite arrangement. The committee of the Grand Chapter reported that fact to its Body, and the Grand Chapter considered the question upon a definite proposition submitted by one of its members. The following was adopted by that Body, as certified to us by its Grand Secretary, and we herewith present it for your consideration.

JOHN NICHOLS,
JAMES SOUTHGATE,
D. W. BAIN,
Committee.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Office of Grand Secretary,
Raleigh, May 17th, 1883.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters:

The Grand Chapter adopted the following resolutions at its session last evening:

Resolved, That, in view of the report of the committee of this Grand Body that the joint committee representing the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, could not agree upon any recommendation to this Grand Body on the subject of consolidating the two systems, this Grand Body will receive the degrees of Royal and Select Master under its jurisdiction if requested to do so by the Grand Council.

Resolved, That the four principal officers of this Grand Body and the three principal officers of the Grand Council, said Grand Council assenting, be appointed a joint committee to agree upon terms of transfer of the degrees of the Council to the Grand Chapter, and that their action shall be final."

A correct copy from the records.

D. W. BAIN,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of Comp. Bernice Walker, it was

Ordered, That the Grand Chapter be requested to receive under its jurisdiction the degrees of Royal and Select Master upon such terms as may be agreed upon, in the manner set forth in the report of the committee just presented.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

I report as follows: During the year nothing of special interest has demanded my attention. On the 29th of December last, I issued a commission to Comp. John S. Taxis, of Trenton, N. J., as Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of New Jersey.

I have received since my last report the dues of only one Council, viz.: Wilmington, No. 4, thirty dollars, for the two years, 1882 and 1883, ending this date. The dues owing by Enoch Council, No. 5, and Durham Council, No. 7, are expected, and will be paid. The amount received has been paid to the Grand Treasurer. Fraternally submitted,

D. W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

WILLIAM SIMPSON, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Council of North Carolina:*

1882.		DR.	
June 1,	To cash on hand,		$61 50
1883.			
May 17,	To cash from Grand Recorder,		30 00
			$91 50
1882.		CR.	
June 1,	By cash paid B. G. Bates, Grand Sentinel,		$ 3 00
" 1,	By cash paid William Simpson, Grand Treasurer,		8 35
Aug. 1,	By cash paid Edwards, Broughton & Co.,		23 60
May 17,	By cash expenses J. I. Macks, T. I. G. M.,		12 00
	By cash on hand,		44 55
			$91 50

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer and find them correct. The Grand Treasurer has received during the past year $30, and paid out as per vouchers $46.95, leaving a balance on hand of $44.55, adding the balance of previous year. Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM MURDOCH,
BERNICE WALKER,
Committee.

The Grand Council, looking to a continued organization in the event of a failure of the joint committee of grand officers to effect terms of consolidation, proceeded to the election of Grand officers. Comps. J. C. Munds and J. M. Rosenbaum were appointed tellers. The following were elected:

JACOB I. MACKS, ... Most Illustrious Grand Master.
JAMES SOUTHGATE, ... Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
BERNICE WALKER, ... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
WILLIAM SIMPSON, ... Grand Treasurer.
DONALD W. BAIN, ... Grand Recorder.
JAMES C. MUNDS, ... Grand Captain of the Guard.
J. M. ROSENBAUM, ... Grand Conductor of the Council.
M. GRAUSMAN, ... Grand Steward.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Comp. Robert H. Bradley Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers were installed by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master John Nichols, Comp. Wm. Murdoch, acting as Grand Marshal.

The Grand Recorder moved that should the Grand Council hold its Annual Assembly for the year 1884, Elizabeth City be designated as the place for such Assembly.

Comp. J. C. Munds introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay the expenses of the Most Illustrious Grand Master in attending this Annual Assembly, and the Grand Sentinel three dollars for services.

The Grand Council having concluded its business the proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form.

J. I. MACKS,
Grand Master.

Attest:
DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA,

May 17, A. D. 1883.

WILMINGTON COUNCIL, No. 4.—WILMINGTON.

Time of Regular Convocations: Second Monday in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS:

W. W. ALLEN,.....Thrice Illustrious Master.
W. R. KENAN,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
T. E. BOND,.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. GREENBURG,.....Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS,.....Recorder.
J. McD. FRENCH,.....Captain of the Guard.
S. SOLOMON,.....Conductor of the Council.
R. W. PRICE,.....Steward.
B. G. BATES.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

T. B. CARR,
W. H. CHADBOURN,
A. DAVID,
T. M. GARDNER,
S. HANSTEIN,
M. J. HEYER,
M. M. KATZ,
F. M. KNOWLES,
W. LARKINS,
A. MARTIN,
H. H. MUNSON,
J. I. MACKS,
J. E. NEIMEYER,
REV. GEO. PATTERSON,
E. TURLINGTON,
W. G. THOMAS,
C. M. VANORSDELL,
J. WEIL,
W. A. WILLIAMS.

Number of members, 2

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS:

John Nichols,.....Thrice Illustrious Master.
M. Grausman,.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
J. M. Rosenbaum,.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. H. Bradley,.....Treasurer.
J. B. Neathery,.....Recorder.
M. Bowes,.....Captain of the Guard.
Charles Klueppelberg,.....Conductor of the Council.
M. Goodwin,.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

Wayne Allcott,
John Armstrong,
D. W. Bain,
R. W. Best,
J. C. Blake,
T. W. Blake,
N. L. Brown,
A. P. Bryan,
D. R. Coleman,
W. H. Dodd,
E. Grissom,
J. C. L. Harris,
A. S. Heide,
W. J. Hicks,
Albert Johnson,
A. S. Lee,
H. Mahler,
Isaac Œttinger,
W. J. Palmer,
A. D. Royster,
Wm. Simpson,
Wm. C. Stronach,
Jack R. Williams,
John Whitelaw,
W. P. Wetherell.

Number of Members, 33.

DURHAM COUNCIL, No. 7.—DURHAM.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

BERNICE WALKER,	Thrice Illustrious Master.
W. T. BLACKWELL,	Deputy Illustrious Master.
C. E. PARRISH,	Principal Conductor of the Work.
J. F. FREELAND,	Treasurer.
JAMES SOUTHGATE,	Recorder.
W. L. WALL,	Captain of the Guard.
J. S. CARR,	Conductor of the Council.
JOHN L. MARKHAM,	Steward.
J. D. WILBON,	Sentinel.

MEMBERS:

JAMES PARKS,	L. T. SMITH,	ALEXANDER WALKER.
E. J. PARRISH,	I. R. STRAYHORN,	

Number of Members, 14.

ARRANGEMENT OF TRANSFER OF COUNCIL DEGREES TO THE JURISDICTION OF GRAND CHAPTER.

To all Royal Arch Masons and Royal and Select Masters in the State of North Carolina:

The joint committee appointed by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, at their recent Annual Convocation and Assembly in the city of Raleigh, to determine an arrangement for the transfer of the degrees of Royal and Select Master to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, report the following as terms of transfer, which are in effect from the date hereto affixed.

1st. Subordinate Councils of Royal and Select Masters shall cease to exist as such, and their members shall become members of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction they reside.

2d. The charters, records, seals, and other property of the several subordinate Councils, shall be deposited with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council for preservation, except such paraphernalia as may be necessary for conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master, which shall be transferred to the Chapter within whose jurisdiction each Council existed. The same disposition shall be made of the funds of the several Councils not necessary to pay their existing debts. Annual dues now owing to the Grand Council shall be paid to the Grand Recorder and accounted for by him as formerly.

3rd. The degrees of Royal and Select Master shall be conferred after the degree of Most Excellent Master and before that of Royal Arch, and such part of the ceremony of either of the degrees of Royal and Select Master as may be inconsistent with this arrangement shall be eliminated, and the work adopted by the Grand Council is hereby modified to that extent.

4th. All Royal Arch Masons who have not received the degrees of Royal and Select Master, who are members in good standing at this date, of their respective Chapters, shall receive the same without charge. If, however, there should not be in any Chapter a sufficient number of Royal and Select Masters to confer said degrees, a Grand Lecturer or some other competent Companion shall, by request of the High Priest of the Chapter, confer or communicate them upon, or to, any number assembled in a duly constituted Royal Arch Chapter. After the Chapter shall have become qualified to confer said degrees, in no case shall they be communicated, but shall be conferred according to the work of the Grand Council.

5th. The Crand Chapter is hereby requested to amend its constitution so as to constitute the permanent members of the Grand Council permanent members of the Grand Chapter.

6th. A copy of this arrangement, certified by the Grand Secretary of the

Grand Chapter, shall be transmitted to each Chapter as an edict, which will be its sufficient authority to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto affixed our official signatures this 30th day of May, 1883, and the Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder hath attested the same.

For the Grand Chapter:

EUGENE GRISSOM, *Grand High Priest.*
GEORGE W. BLOUNT, *Dep. Grand High Priest.*
ISAAC PATTERSON, *Grand King.*
JAMES C. MUNDS, *Grand Scribe.*

For the Grand Council:

JACOB I. MACKS, *Grand Master.*
JAMES SOUTHGATE, *Deputy Grand Master.*
BERNICE WALKER, *Grand Prin. Con. of the Work.*

[L. S.] Attest:

DONALD W. BAIN,
Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder.

FIVE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL, AS ANNUALLY ELECTED.

Year.	Grand Masters.	Deputy Grand Masters.	Grand Principal Conductors of the Work.	Grand Treasurers.	Grand Recorders.
*1822	Simmons J. Baker,	Esek Arnold,	George McNeill,	Elisha B. Smith,	John Crusoe.
*1823	Esek Arnold,	Joseph R. Lloyd,	Moses Clements,	Elisha B. Smith,	John Crusoe.
1860	Alexander Murdoch,	John F. Howlett,	William Murdoch,	Dolphin A. Davis,	R. T. Hall.
1866	William J. Hicks,	Luke Blackmer,	Clinton A. Cilley,	Thomas W. Brown,	Thomas B. Carr.
1867	William J Hicks,	William Murdoch,	Thomas M. Gardner,	Thomas W. Brown,	Thomas B. Carr.
1868	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch,	Thomas M. Gardner,	Thomas W. Brown,	Horace H. Munson.
1869	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Thomas W. Brown,	M. M. Katz.
1870	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Thomas W. Brown,	M. M. Katz.
1871	Thomas B. Carr,	William Murdoch,	Donald W. Bain,	Horace H. Munson,	M. M. Katz.
1872	Horace H. Munson,	John Nichols,	William Murdoch,	Alfred Martin,	M. M. Katz.
1873	Horace H. Munson,	John Nichols,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Alfred Martin,	M. M. Katz.
1874	John Nichols,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Samuel S. Everitt,	Robert H. Bradley,	Donald W. Bain.
1875	John Nichols,	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Samuel S. Everitt,	Robert H. Bradley,	Donald W. Bain.
1876	C. M. Van Orsdell,	John B. Neathery,	Sidney E. Allen,	John Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1877	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Samuel H. Rountree,	Sidney E. Allen,	John Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1878	C. M. Van Orsdell,	Sidney E. Allen,	Addison S. Lee,	John Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1879	Sidney E. Allen,	J. I. Macks,	M. Grausman,	john Nichols,	Donald W. Bain.
1880	Annual Assembly not held.				
1881	J. I. Macks,	Samuel H. Smith,	William L. Wall,	William Simpson,	Donald W. Bain
1882	J. I. Macks,	Wm. L. Wall,	M. Grausman,	William Simpson,	Donald W. Bain.
1883	J. I. Macks,	James Southgate,	Bernice Walker,	William Simpson,	Donald W. Bain.

*The first constitution provided for the election of a Grand Puissant; Deputy Grand Puissant; *Grand Thrice Illustrious;* and "Grand Principal Conductor." Joseph R. Lloyd and George McNeill were elected Grand Thrice Illustrious respectively in 1822 and 1823.

The Grand Council ceased to exist after the year 1823; was re-organized in the year 1860, but failed to hold its Annual Assemblies until 1866. The Annual Assemblies are numbered from and including the year 1866, from which time the Grand Council has sustained a regular existence.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND RECORDERS OF THE SEVERAL GRAND COUNCILS.

State.	Organized.	Grand Recorders.	Address.
Alabama,	1838	Daniel Sayre,	Montgomery.
Arkansas,	1860	L. E. Barber,	Little Rock.
California,	1859	Thomas H. Caswell,	San Francisco.
Connecticut,	1819	Joseph K. Wheeler,	Hartford.
Florida,	1858	John Carlovitz,	Milton.
Georgia,	1825	Andrew M. Wolihin,	Albany.
Illinois,	1853	Gil. W. Barnard,	Chicago.
Indiana,	1855	John M. Bramwell,	Indianapolis.
Kansas,	1867	John H. Brown,	Wyandotte.
Kentucky,	1827	L. D. Croninger,	Covington.
Louisiana,	1856	Richard Lambert,	N. Orleans (P.O. Box 872.)
Maine,	1855	Ira Berry,	Portland.
Maryland,	1874	Geo. L. McCahan,	Baltimore.
Massachusetts,	1826	Alfred M. Chapman,	Boston.
Michigan,	1858	Garra B. Noble,	Detroit (359 E. Larned St.)
Minnesota,	1870	William Cheney,	Minneapolis.
Missouri,	1864	Wm. H. Mayo,	St. Louis.
New Hampshire,	1862	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey,	1860	Charles Bechtel,	Trenton.
New York,	1809	George Van Vliet,	N. York (Masonic Temple.)
Ohio,	1829	John D. Caldwell,	Cincinnati.
Ontario,	1871	Daniel Spry,	Barrie.
Pennsylvania,	1847	Charles E. Meyer,	Phila. (Masonic Temple.)
Rhode Island,	1860	William R. Greene,	Providence.
South Carolina,	1860	D. D. Moore,	Rock Hill.
Tennessee,	1847	John Frizzell,	Nashville.
Vermont,	1854	Elihu B. Taft,	Burlington.
Wisconsin,	1857	John M. Woodhull,	Milwaukee.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

—OF—

NORTH CAROLINA,

—HELD IN—

CHARLOTTE

THURSDAY, MAY 10TH, 1894 A. DEP. 2894.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1895.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 10, 1894.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,..*Most Illustrious Grand Master*,.....Durham.

W. W. ALLEN,.... *Deputy Illustrious Grand Master*,.....Greensboro.

W. SIMPSON, ...*Grand Principal Conductor of the Work*,.Raleigh.

G. W. BLOUNT,.....*Grand Treasurer*,.....Wilson.

JAMES C. MUNDS,...*Grand Recorder*, ... Wilmington.

D. G MAXWELL,.. .*Grand Captain of the Guard*. .... Charlotte.

W. A. WITHERS, ...*Grand Conductor of the Council*, ...Raleigh.

W. N. PRATHER,. ..*Grand Steward*, ...Charlotte.

R. H. BRADLEY... *Grand Sentinel*,.....Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Charlotte, on Thursday, May 10, A. D. 1894, A. Dep. 2894, and was opened in ample form at 10 o'clock, A. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,...D. I. M. as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
H. H. MUNSON,.....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
G. W. BLOUNT, ...as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. SIMPSON,.....Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS, ...as Grand Recorder.
J. W. THOMPSON, ...as Grand Captain of the Guard.
W. E. STORM. .....as Grand Conductor of the Council.
W. W. ALLEN, ...as Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY,.....Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

H. H. MUNSON,.....Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.
R. H. BRADLEY. .....Past Grand Treasurer.

Comps. Allen, Thompson and Blount were appointed the Committee on Credentials, whose report was submitted, as follows, and adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Credentials report the following Councils duly represented as follows:

MUNSON COUNCIL No 4, ... W. W. Allen, proxy. T. I. M.
ENOCH " " 5, ... J. W. Thompson " " "
DURHAM " " 7, ... J. Southgate, Representative.

Fraternally submitted,

W. W. ALLEN.
J. W. THOMPSON,
G. W. BLOUNT,
Committee.

The M. I. G. Master addressed the Grand Council saying that inasmuch as the Grand Council has been dormant for years, and as this was a meeting for reorganization, there were no reports from the Grand Officers. He alluded to the death of Comp. D. W. Bain, our former Grand Recorder, which sad event occurred since our last assembly

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year with Comps. Prather and Thompson as Tellers. The following were duly elected:

JAMES SOUTHGATE ..... Most Illustrious Grand Master.
W. W. ALLEN ..... Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. SIMPSON ..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
G. W. BLOUNT, ... Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS ..... Grand Recorder.
D. G. MAXWELL ..... Grand Captain of the Guard.
W. A. WITHERS ..... Grand Conductor of the Council.
W. N. PRATHER ..... Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY ..... Grand Sentinel.

There being no Council of Royal and Select Masters in the City of Charlotte, and certain Companions being desirous of forming one, the Grand Council, in order that one might be formed, upon petition of sundry Companions, conferred the degrees of Royal and Select Masters upon them.

The Grand officers were then installed by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, H. H. Munson.

On motion of Comp. W. W. Allen, it was resolved that this Grand Council surrender the degrees of Royal and Select Master to the Grand Chapter, provided the Grand Chapter will receive them.

Comp. Munson moved that action be deferred until our next Annual Convocation, which was adopted.

It was moved that the thanks of the Grand Council be tendered to the Masonic Bodies of Charlotte for the use of their hall in holding this Annual Assembly, which was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Council having concluded its labors, the proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form, to meet next year at same place as the Grand Chapter does.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Master.

Attest:

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

—OF—

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

DURHAM,

FRIDAY, 17TH MAY, A. D. 1895. A. DEP. 2895.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1895.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 17, 1895.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,..*Most Illustrious Grand Master*,.....Durham.

W. SIMPSON,.....*Deputy Illustrious Grand Master*,.....Raleigh.

W. E. STORM,.....*Grand Principal Conductor of the Work*,.Wilmington.

C. C. TAYLOR.....*Grand Treasurer*,.....Durham.

JAMES C. MUNDS,...*Grand Recorder*,.....Wilmington.

GEO. H. KING,.....*Grand Captain of the Guard*,..... Charlotte.

W. A. WITHERS, ...*Grand Conductor of the Council*, ...Raleigh.

H. H. MUNSON.....*Grand Steward*, ...Wilmington.

R. H. BRADLEY,.. .*Grand Sentinel*,.....Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held in the City of Durham, on Friday, May 17, A. D. 1895, A. Dep. 2895.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,...D. I. M. as Most Illustrious Grand Master.
J. H. HACKBURN.....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. SIMPSON,.....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
M. S. WILLARD,..... as Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS,..... Grand Recorder.
W. E. STORM, ...as Grand Captain of the Guard.
W. H. BAIN,..... as Grand Conductor of the Council.
C. C. TAYLOR, ... as Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY,.....Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

H. H. MUNSON,.....Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.
SAM. ROUNTREE,.....Past Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.

Comps. Hackburn, Storm, and Willard were appointed a Committee on Credentials, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Credentials report Councils duly represented as follows:

MUNSON COUNCIL No 4, ... W. E. STORM, T. I. M.
M. S. WILLARD, P. C. W.
ENOCH " " 5, ... W. SIMPSON.
DURHAM " " 7, ... J. SOUTHGATE.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. HACKBURN,
W. E. STORM.
M. S. WILLARD,
Committee.

The M. I. G. Master read his Annual Address as follows, which was ordered to be published with the proceedings:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

You are welcome to this, the twenty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of North Carolina. and I trust we meet with thankful hearts, that we are alive as a Grand Body. Through many vicissitudes have we come, and often have we been faint by the way and well nigh despaired of life; but through all the darkness and gloom, the star of hope gleams and beckons on to more labor and toil in preserving from utter annihilation the beautiful and impressive Degrees of Royal and Select Master.

During the two or three years of the Merger there was but little done, very few Chapters caring to be troubled with these degrees, while others believed it was not in keeping with the obligations to the Royal Arch to insert them either before or after the Most Excellent Degree.

Last year, at Charlotte, we re organized as a Grand Council. the Merger having failed, and we are now, we trust, upon safe and solid ground once more, to work out our destiny or be buried in oblivion.

My duties in the office of Grand Master, as you may suppose, have not been onerous; nor have I been called upon to inspect any work or preside at any called meetings. I have had a quiet, peaceful year as your Grand Master, but ever ready to answer any call or perform any duty.

NECROLOGY.

I have not been officially informed of the death of any members of this Grand Council, and while we should be thankful that the Grim Reaper has spared our field, we should mourn with those who have been stricken in other jurisdictions and drop the tear of sympathy over the graves of their departed ones.

DISPENSATIONS.

I am happy to report that a Dispensation was asked for at Charlotte, May 3rd, 1895, to open a Council, and it was cheerfully granted, Geo. H. King being named as Thrice Illustrious Master, T. R. Robertson, Deputy Illustrious Master, D. G. Maxwell Principal Conductor of the Work.

There are several points in our State at which Councils should be established, and especially where Commanderies of Knights Templar are located. If there are enough Royal Arch Masons to form a Commandery, surely there are enough to form a Council; and this will be done in all cases if the Grand Encampment should ordain that the Royal and Select Degrees are necessary before the Order of the Red Cross can be given.

MERGER.

Much has been said and written in regard to incorporating the Cryptic Degrees with those of the Chapter but in only a few States are these Degrees so placed, and in one or two it is now a question of a few years only when they will be given up and allowed to return to their own Councils where they rightly belong.

I have been favorably impressed with the disposition of the Council in one Grand Jurisdiction where it has not been merged into but made appendant to the Chapter. After the Chapter is closed theCouncil is immediately opened, and the work of the Council proceeded with, just as in the case of passing from one degree to another in Lodge or Chapter. The plan seems to work charmingly, and if our Chapters would agree to thus assist the Councils we could soon have strength enough to work independently. I trust some such scheme may be considered at this meeting to carry out this or some other plan to arouse the members of the Cryptic Rite to greater interest and larger growth. We may be considered the lowest on the roll of Grand Councils in the United States, and this should stimulate us to greater diligence and a livelier interest.

CORRESPONDENCE.

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, the Proceedings of Connecti-

cut, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Vermont, and the General Grand Council United States for 1894, and Pennsylvania, Kansas, and Tennessee for 1895. The general condition of Cryptic Masonry seems to be good in most of these States and in others fair. Nineteen States have united with the General Grand Council and twelve have not, and North Carolina is included among the latter. This question may come up for your consideration at this meeting.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Nearly all the States keep up the system of appointing well informed Masons near other Grand Bodies to represent them. While there are many individuals who are opposed to the system, yet, when brought up for consideration by a Grand Body, it is generally continued. I have, in accordance with the usual custom, appointed and commissioned Companion V. A. McCutchen to represent the Grand Council of North Carolina near the Grand Council of Kentucky. Also Companion B. B. Farnsworth to represent this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Maine.

Four Foreign Grand Councils, viz: Canada, England and Wales, New Brunswick, and Scotland are in correspondence and fraternal relations with this Grand Council, and the fact that the Masonic world seems to be largely interested in the preservation and perpetuation of the Cryptic Rite, should encourage us to shake off our lethargy and "keep up with the procession."

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

I regret that I have nothing encouraging to report. There are now four Councils in the entire jurisdiction, viz.: Munson at Wilmington, Enoch at Raleigh, Durham at Durham, and Charlotte, U. D. It is reported that one meeting has been held at Wilmington and Raleigh, each, but the one at Durham is practically dormant, there not being enough members living in the city to form a quorum. This is a sad commentary and should nerve us to action. There is ample material to build up the Councils, and by making the fee for the degrees nominal, or allowing them to be conferred free, depending upon dues for revenue, at least for one year, it might stimulate the members to work more heroically to redeem the Royal and Select Degrees from the sad state into which they have fallen.

CONCLUSION.

I thank you, Companions of the Cryptic Rite, for your kindness in promoting me to the exalted honor of Grand Master, and at the close of

my administration, I feel that I have done nothing to merit your consideration. I trust my successor will be able to accomplish much in bringing darkness to light and making crooked things straight, and that soon prosperity and peace may reign where now chaos seems to envelope our horizon and darken our sky.

The Grand Council of North Carolina can now proceed to business.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Master.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following as his Annual Report, which was received and ordered spread upon the minutes:

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

I submit my Annual Report. I have received the following amounts:

1894—May	10.	From Sundry Companions in Charlotte for the Royal and Select Masters Degrees	19 00
1895—May	3.	From Dispensation Charlotte Council.	25 00
	8.	" Dues, Munson Council, No. 4.	15 00
			59 00

which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

I have endeavored to get possession of the Seal, Books, and Papers of the Grand Council, but have not succeeded. No trace of them can be found among the effects of the late Grand Recorder. I would recommend that a new seal be procured.

On April 25th, 1895, by direction of the M. I. G. Master, I issued Commissions to Ill. Comp. V. A. McCutchen, as Representative of the Grand Council of North Carolina near the Grand Council of Kentucky, and to Ill. Comp. B. B. Farnsworth as Representative of the Grand Council of North Carolina near the Grand Council of Maine.

May 3rd, 1895, I received Commissions of Ill. Comp. William Simpson as Representative of the Grand Council of Kentucky and Ill. Comp. H. H. Munson as Representative of the Grand Council of Maine, both near this Grand Council.

May 3rd, 1895, received from Sundry Companions in Charlotte a petition for Dispensation to form a Council. I forwarded the same to the M. I. G. Master, and by his direction the Dispensation was issued.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

On motion a Charter was granted Charlotte Council, U. D., to be known as Charlotte Council No. 8.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year and the following were duly elected and installed:

JAMES SOUTHGATE ..... Most Illustrious Grand Master.
W. SIMPSON ..... Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. E. STORM. ..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
C. C. TAYLOR ..... Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS. ..... Grand Recorder.
GEO. H. KING ..... Grand Captain of the Guard.
W. A. WITHERS ..... Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. MUNSON ..... Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY ..... Grand Sentinel.

On motion the M. I. G. Master was empowered to take such action as he may deem necessary to carry out the suggestions contained in his Address relative to making the degrees of Royal and Select Master appendent to those of the Chapter.

A number of Companions being desirous of receiving the Royal and Select Masters Degrees, and not being able to obtain them at their homes, upon petition the Grand Council conferred the degrees upon them.

It was moved that the thanks of the Grand Council be tendered the Masonic bodies of Durham for the use of their hall during the Annual Assembly.

The Grand Council having concluded its labors, the proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form, to meet next year in Newbern in the second week in May at the call of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Master.

Attest:

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS

Working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council of North Carolina, 1st May, 1895.

MUNSON COUNCIL, No. 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Convocations: Second Monday in January, April, July, and October.

OFFICERS.

W. E. Storm ..... Thrice Illustrious Master.
M. C. S. Noble ..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
M. S. Willard ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. H. Chadburn ..... Treasurer.
James C. Munds ..... Recorder.
E. S. Martin ..... Captain of the Guard.
U. M. Robinson ..... Conductor of the Council.
J. C. Loder ..... Steward.
T. H. Johnson ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

W. W. Allen,
E. P. Bailey,
J. C. Chase,
C. I. Comfort,
J. L. Cantwell,
G. Z. French,
R. H. Grant,
A. J. Howell,
S. G. Hall,
J. B. Hanks,
J. W. Jackson,
W. C. Jones,
W. R. Keenan,
W. A. Martin,
H. H. Munson, P.M.I.G.M.
J. W. Monroe,
M. M. Patrick,
R. W. Price,
F. H. Stedman,
W. P. Toomer,
J. L. Toon,
W. A. Williams.

Number of Members 31.

ENOCH COUNCIL No. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Monday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols.....Thrice Illustrious Master.
M. Bowes.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
Chas. Kleappelberg.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. Simpson.....Treasurer.
B. R. Lacy,.....Recorder.
W. E. Faison.....Captain of the Guard.
J. W. Thompson.....Conductor of the Council.
John Whitelaw.....Steward.
R. H. Bradley.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Wayne Alcott,
Thomas Badger,
W. H. Bain,
T. W. Blake,
J. F. Cuthrell,
W. H. Dodd,
J. C Drewey,
H. B. Greason,
E. G. Harrell,
W. J. Hicks,
Albert Johnson,
Z. P. Smith,
Jacob Ueltschi, Jr,,
Chas. Wallen,
F. A. Watson,
W. P. Wetherell,
W. A. Withers.

Number of Members 26.

DURHAM COUNCIL, No. 7.—Durham.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Bernice Walker	Thrice Illustrious Master.
W. T. Blackwell	Deputy Illustrious Master.
C. E. Parish	Principal Conductor of the Work.
J. F. Freeland	Treasurer.
James Southgate	Recorder.
W. L. Wall	Captain of the Guard.
J. S. Carr	Conductor of the Council.
Jno. S. Markham	Steward.
Jno. D. Wilbon	Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

James Parks, E J. Parish, Alex. Walker.

Number of Members 12.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

COUNCILS.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	T. I. M.	RECORDER.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	DUES FOR 1895.	AMOUNT PAID.
Munson	4	Wilmington.	W. E. Storm.	Jas. C. Munds.	31	15 00	15 00
Enoch	5	Raleigh	John Nichols	R. B. Lacy	26	15 00	.....
Durham	7	Durham	B. Walker	J. Southgate.	12	15 00	.....
Charlotte	8	Charlotte	G. H. King	.....	..	.....	.....
						45 00	15 00

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.		GRAND COUNCILS.	TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
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		GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL		
		ALABAMA		
		ARKANSAS.	W. A. Williams.	Wilmington.
		CALIFORNIA.		
W. P. Anderson	Palatka	FLORIDA	W. W. Allen	Greensboro.
John J. Seay,	Rome	GEORGIA	D. G. Maxwell	Charlotte.
Chas. Balch		INDIANA	P. A. Wilson	Winston.
R. E. Torrington	Wichita	KANSAS.	Geo. Howard, Jr.,	Tarboro.
Geo. O. Elms	Opelousa	LOUISIANA	Jas. Southgate	Durham.
B. R. Farnsworth	Portland.	MAINE	H. H. Munson	Wilmington.
J. James Fable	Cambridge	MARYLAND.	J. J. Whitaker	Enfield.
J. B. Gardner	Roxbury.	MASSACHUSETTS.	J. S. Carr	Durham.
A. Brandenburg	Fergus Falls	MINNESOTA	D. E. Allen	Charlotte.
		MISSOURI.		
		NEBRASKA.		
John Hatch	Greenland	NEW HAMPSHIRE.	J. L. Cantwell	Wilmington.
Rev. W. D'O. Doty	Rochester	NEW YORK	E. S. Martin	Wilmington.
E. M. Colver.	Sandusky	OHIO.	W. S. Liddell	Charlotte.
Z. H. Davis	Corvallis	OREGON.	W. P. Toomer	Wilmington.
H. C. Moses	Sumter	SOUTH CAROLINA	W. C. Jones	Wilmington.
T. O. Morris,	Nashville	TENNESSEE.	W. R. Keenan.	Wilmington.
		VERMONT.		
		WASHINGTON		

INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.

Jethro C. Stanford	Durango	COLORADO	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
R. H. Tucker	Ansonia	CONNECTICUT	J. R. Williams	Wilmington.
J. M. Pearson	Godfrey	ILLINOIS	John Nichols	Raleigh.
V. A. McCutchen	Paducah	KENTUCKY	W. Simpson	Raleigh.
Traverse Phillips	Hastings	MICHIGAN	F. Ulrich	Newbern.
		MISSISSIPPI		
Jno. S. Taxis	Trenton	NEW JERSEY	W. L. Wall	Durham.
		PENNSYLVANIA.		
A. H. Armington	Providence	RHODE ISLAND	J. W. Thompson	Raleigh.
		WISCONSIN.		

FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.

		CANADA		
		ENGLAND AND WALES		
J. T. Whitlock	St. Stephens	NEW BRUNSKICK.	J. L. Toon	Wilmington.
		SCOTLAND.		

GRAND COUNCILS AND ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

GRAND COUNCILS.	GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESSES.
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General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Alabama	H. Clay Armstrong	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thos. H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	A. M. Wolihin	Macon.
Indiana	W. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Kansas	A. M. Callaham	Topeka.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Geo. L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Seranus Bowen	Boston.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Missouri	Wm. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha
New Hampshire	Geo. P. Cleaves	Concord.
New York	Geo. VanVliet	New York.
Ohio	W. E. Evans	Chillicothe.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	W. A. Clendenning	Nashville.
Vermont	W. G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Washington	E. R. Hare	Tacoma
INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.		
Colorado	Thos. E. Shears,	Denver
Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford.
Illinois	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago.
Kentucky	L. D. Cronenger	Covington.
Michigan	Garra B. Noble	Detroit.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
New Jersey	Charles Becktel	Trenton.
North Carolina	James C. Munds	Wilmington.
Pennsylvania	J. L. Lyte	Lancaster.
Rhode Island	W. R. Greene	Providence.
Wisconsin	J. W. Loftin	Milwaukee.
FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.		
Canada	Sydney J. Sanford	Barrie, Ont.
England	Chas. F. Matier	London, W. C.
New Brunswick	Robert Marshall	St. John.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown	Edinburg.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina.

ORGANIZATION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Grand Council shall consist of the following officers, viz: Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Steward, and Grand Sentinel, together with the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters, Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work, Past Grand Treasurers, and Past Grand Recorders, and the three principal officers for the time being of the several Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council; all of whom shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Council: *Provided*, That when any Past Grand Officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Council, his membership in this Grand Council shall cease.

REGULAR ASSEMBLIES.

ART. 2.—The Annual Assemblies of this Grand Council shall be held at such places as may be designated by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter for holding its Annual Convocations, immediately before, during, or succeeding, the sessions of the Grand Chapter. And in case of the absence of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Deputy Illustrious Grand Master or Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, or either of them, shall preside, taking precedence according to rank. In the absence of all the above named officers, then the oldest Grand Officer of those grades present; and if there be none of the Past Grand Officers of the rank above named present, then the first officer of the oldest Subordinate Council present shall have power and authority to preside, and the representatives of three Subordinate Councils shall constitute a quorum. If, on the

day of meeting, there be not a quorum present, the presiding officer may adjourn the Grand Council from day to day, until the close of the fourth day, when, if there be not a quorum present, the meeting shall be adjourned until the day for the next Annual Assembly, unless sooner or specially convened.

TIME AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ART. 3.—The officers of this Grand Council shall be chosen at each regular Annual Assembly for the term of one year. But should the Annual Assembly not be held at the stated time, they shall hold their offices until others are chosen, and the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or in his absence, the Deputy Illustrious Grand Master for the time being, shall have power to call special assemblies whenever they may deem it expedient, of which all the Subordinate Councils shall have due and timely notice.

VOTES.

ART. 4.—All questions before this Grand Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast.

ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES.

ART. 5.—The constitutional officers of this Grand Council shall be elected by ballot, except the Grand Sentinel, who, together with the Grand Lecturer, shall be appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master. All of whom shall be installed before the closing of the Grand Assembly. And in case of the death or removal from this jurisdiction of any of the officers of rank below the then superior Grand Officer, the vacancy may be filled by such superior officer.

REPRESENTATIVES.

ART. 6.—None but Royal and Select Masters, holding membership in a Subordinate Council, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, shall act as a representative. Nor shall any person represent more than two Subordinate Councils at any Grand Assembly.

VOTING.

ART. 7.—The Constitutional Grand and Past Grand officers shall each have one vote, and each Subordinate Council, by its representative or representatives, three votes in this Grand Council. When the three principal officers are present, representing their Councils, they shall each have one vote; if only two, the highest in rank shall have two votes and the other one; if but one be present, he shall cast the vote of the Council, and should any Subordinate Council fail to appoint a delegate in season,

the Thrice Illustrious Master, for the time being, if unable to attend, shall have power to appoint a proxy to represent his Council.

GRAND LECTURER.

ART. 8.—The Grand Lecturer shall be furnished with a commission by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Council, attested by the Grand Recorder; and the Councils by which he may be employed shall make him such compensation as may be agreed upon by the parties. He shall make no alterations in the work and lectures adopted by this Grand Council.

TREASURER AND RECORDER.

ART. 9.—The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall have their books ready for examination at the commencement of each Annual Assembly, and a committee shall be appointed on the first day of the meeting for that purpose, who shall report before any election takes place.

DISPENSATIONS.

ART. 10.—Petitions for warrants to open new Councils must be signed by nine Select Masters, living within the jurisdiction, and accompanied by a certificate from the Council within the State, nearest the contemplated location of the new Council, vouching for the masonic abilities and moral character of the petitioners, and recommending that a charter be granted; and the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or the Deputy Illustrious Grand Master may, upon such petition, if approved, grant his dispensation for the same, to remain in force until the first Grand Annual Assembly succeeding, when said Council shall petition for a charter, unless, for good and satisfactory reasons, this warrant shall be continued, and if no application is made at the suceeding Grand Annual Assembly for a charter, said warrant shall then be revoked.

FEE FOR DISPENSATION.

ART. 11.—The fees for a warrant for a new Council, shall be Thirty Dollars, of which the Grand Recorder shall receive Five Dollars; and no warrant shall be granted until the fee is paid, which fee shall be in full, both for the warrant and charter, should one be issued.

DUES OF SUBORDINATES.

ART. 12.—The several Councils under this Grand Council, shall pay for the support thereof into the hands of the Grand Recorder, annually, the sum of Fifteen Dollars: *Provided*, That Councils under dispensation shall pay nothing for the time that may elapse between the date of such

dispensation, and the next succeeding Grand Annual Assembly. But in case of the extension of the warrant, they shall pay the fee as a Council under charter, for the time that the warrant may have been extended.

CHANGE OF LOCATION.

ART. 13.—No Council under this jurisdiction shall change its location without the concurrence of this Grand Council, and the recommendation of the Council nearest the place to which it is proposed to be removed.

RETURNS.

ART. 14.—Every Council under this Grand jurisdiction shall make returns annually to the Grand Recorder, at each Grand Annual Assembly, of the names of their officers and members, together with all admissions, deaths, suspensions, expulsions and withdrawals. And if any Council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble during any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Council for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make returns as above and pay its dues, then, and in that case, the said Council shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Council its Charter, Records, Jewels and Furniture, together with its money, and all other property of every kind and description.

APPLICATIONS.

ART. 15.—The application of every candidate for the degrees, in any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and recommended by a member of said Council, and the said application shall lay over for the consideration of the members at least one meeting, unless by a unanimous vote of the members present, it shall be determined to ballot on said petition at the time it is presented; and no Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees for a less sum than Five Dollars, which fee must, in all cases, accompany the petition.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 16.—No Council under this jurisdiction shall admit to membership any person who is a member of, or in arrears to, another Council, nor without a demit from the Council of which he was last a member.

DEGREES AND JURISDICTION.

ART. 17.—No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees or entertain the petition of any person who is a resident of another Grand or Subordinate jurisdiction, without the written permission and recommendation of the Council nearest his place of residence.

IRREGULAR COUNCILS.

ART. 18.—No Council within this jurisdiction, acting without a warrant from this Grand Council, shall be deemed lawful, and all communication with such Council, and any person made therein, is hereby strictly forbidden, under a penalty of expulsion; or, in the case of a Council, the arrest of its Charter.

JURISDICTION.

ART. 19.—This Grand Council shall have original jurisdiction over all matters of controversy between its Subordinate Councils, and appellate jurisdiction in all matters of controversy arising therein.

TRIALS.

ART. 20.—The trial of all masonic offences before any Council under this jurisdiction, shall be conducted according to the rules laid down in the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, under Article 24.

AMMENDMENTS.

ART. 21.—No alteration or ammendment of this Constitution shall be made at any other than an Annual Assembly.

REPEAL.

ART. 22.—All former Constiutions of this Grand Council are hereby repealed.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

HELD IN

NEWBERN,

Thursday, 14th May, 1896, A Dep. 2896.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1897.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 14, 1896.

JAMES SOUTHGATE.	*Most Illustrious Grand Master*	Durham.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.	*Deputy Illustrious Grand Master*	Raleigh.
W. S. LIDDELL.	*Grand Principal Conductor of the Work*	Charlotte.
E. P. BAILEY	*Grand Treasurer*	Wilmington.
JAMES C. MUNDS	*Grand Recorder*	Wilmington.
R. B. DEVAULT	*Grand Captain of the Guard*	Raleigh.
W. C. FRENCH	*Grand Conductor of the Council*	Greensboro.
R. B. LACY	*Grand Steward*	Raleigh.
R. H. BRADLEY	*Grand Sentinel*	Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Twenty-first Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held in the City of Newbern, on Thursday, May 14, A. Dep. 2896.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

JAMES SOUTHGATE ..... Most Illustrious Grand Master
WILLIAM SIMPSON ..... Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. E. STORM ..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
R. B. DEVAULT .....as Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS ..... Grand Recorder.
W. C. FRENCH .....as Grand Captain of the Guard.
W. A. WITHERS ..... Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. MUNSON ..... Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY ..... Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

H. H. MUNSON ..... Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed Companions F. Ulrich, R. B. Lacy, and E. P. Bailey a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee reported as follows:

To the Grand Council R. and S Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Credentials report Councils duly represented as follows:

MUNSON COUNCIL, No. 4..... ....W. E. Storm, T. I. M.
M. S. Willard. P. C. W.
ENOCH COUNCIL No. 5.....R. B. DeVault.
DURHAM COUNCIL No. 7 .....J. Southgate.
CHARLOTTE COUNCIL No. 8. .....W. S. Liddell.

Fraternally Submitted,

F. ULRICH,
R. B. LACEY,
E. P. BAILEY.
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master read his Annual Address as follows:

Grand Master's Address.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS :

Through a kind Providence we are assembled for the twenty-first time in Grand Council, and while we have but little to communicate as your presiding officer, yet some advance has been made.

I have had but little to engage my attention during the year.

NECROLOGY.

Death, the dread Messenger, has visited the ranks of our Grand Body, and I have to record the fact that Companion George W. Blount, the Past Grand Treasurer of this Grand Council, departed this life, November 29th, 1895, in the town of Wilson, where he had spent the greater portion of his useful life. He had received many honors from the Craft, being

Past Grand Master of Masons and Past Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons.

He was a true friend, a devoted husband and father, and highly respected by all who knew him.

Other Grand Jurisdictions were called upon to mourn their distinguished dead and we drop with them the sympathetic tear.

DISPENSATIONS

On the 6th of June, 1895, in answer to an enquiry I made of the Companions at Greensboro, N. C., I granted a Dispensation to Companion J. J. Thornton and others to reorganize Greensboro Council No. 3. I am informed that the Council was opened and Degrees conferred upon seven candidates. The election of officers was held and the Council put on its feet again. This Council will be represented at this assembly.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

While our advancement is slow yet we are in better condition than at this time last year. Durham Council has affiliated six new members and conferred the Degrees upon four Companions and this taken in connection with the fact that it had not held a meeting for nearly two years, is encouraging.

The Charlotte Council which was reorganized last year is alive yet and will send a report to this meeting.

The Companions at Asheville are yet in a quandary what they can do, in view of the fact that several years ago they raised the money to pay for a Dispensation to start a Council, but the Companion who received the funds left the State without accounting for them, and nothing has been done since looking towards starting a Council. It may be perhaps well for the Committee on Charters and Dispensations to inquire into this matter and make arrangements to induce these Companions to organize a Council.

I had hoped Councils would have been started at Winston and Wilson where flourishing Chapters are located and possibly arrangements will be made the coming year to inaugurate measures looking to that much desired end.

CONCLUSION.

I am deeply sensible Companions of the high honor conferred upon me and although I have served you through some of the darkest hours ever

experienced by this Grand Council, yet I have the satisfaction of believing that my labors have not been in vain and that the seed planted during my administration may spring up, grow and produce fruit.

The Grand Council is now ready to proceed to business.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Master.

The M. I. G. M. appointed the following Committees:

On Finance--W. Simpson, E. P. Bailey, P. A. Wilson, Jr.
On Returns and Proceedings—W. E. Storm, W. C. French, W. A. Withers.

The Grand Treasurer made his report, which was referred to the Finance Committee, as follows:

Grand Treasurer's Report.

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1895.		
May	Balance from former Grand Treasurer	20 85
17	Received from Grand Recorder	26 00
1896.		
May 3	Received from Grand Recorder	30 00
		76 85

DR.

1895.		
May 8	M. S. Heinsberger	70
18	S. G. Hall	5 45
June 6	Jackson & Bell	9 25
	Myers & Lewis	4 75
	J. H. McRee	2 00

June22	Postage	2 00
Sept.10	Postage	3 00
Nov. 25	S. G. Hall	20 85
1896.		
Apl. 13	S. G. Hall	9 15
	C. W. Yates	4 53
	Postage	1 00
May 14	Grand Recorder	3 50
	Balance	10 67
		76 85

Fraternally submitted.

C. C. TAYLOR,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder made his Annual Report which was referred to the Finance Committee:

Grand Recorder's Report.

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

I submit my report as follows:

I have received the following amounts—

1895—May	1,	Dues Munson Council, No. 1	15 00
	17,		11 00
1896—May	5,	Dues Durham Council No. 7	30 00

which have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

The Charter for Charlotte Council No. 8 was issued soon after our last Assembly.

The following Councils—Greensboro No. 3, Enoch No. 5, and Charlotte No. 8—failed to make returns.

The following Councils owe dues, as follows: Greensboro No. 3, 15.00, Munson No. 4, 15.00, Enoch No. 5, 20.00, and Charlotte No. 8, 15.00.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

The Finance Committee reported as follows, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder would respectfully report that they have examined the vouchers and books and find them correct as reported.

Fraternally submitted,

W. SIMPSON,
E. P BAILEY,
P. A. WILSON, JR.
Committee.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of Munson Council No, 4, and Durham Council No. 7, and find them correct.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. STORM,
W. C. FRENCH,
W. A. WITHERS.
Committee.

The following Grand Representatives were received with honors:

Indiana	P. A. Wilson, Jr.
Louisiana	Jas. Southgate.
Maine	H. H. Munson.
Ohio	W. S. Liddell.
Kentucky	W. Simpson.
Michigan	F. Ulrich.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with Companions DeVault and Bailey as Tellers. The following were duly elected:

JAMES SOUTHGATE .....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
WILLIAM SIMPSON .....Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. S. LIDDELL .....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
E. P. BAILEY. .....Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS. .....Grand Recorder.
R. B. DEVAULT .....Grand Captain of the Guard.
W. C. FRENCH .....Grand Conductor of the Council.
R. B. LACY. .....Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY. .....Grand Sentinel.

Comp. H. H. Munson, Past M. I. G. M., then installed the newly elected officers.

It was moved that the thanks of the Grand Council be tendered the Masonic bodies of Newbern for the use of their Hall during this Annual Assembly.

The Grand Council having concluded its labors, the proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form to meet next year in Wilmington, on Wednesday, 12th of May, or at the call of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Master.

[Attest.]
JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

HELD IN

WILMINGTON,

Wednesday, 12th May, 1897, A. Dep. 2897.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1897.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 12, 1897.

W. S. LIDDELL.... *Most Illustrious Grand Master*..... ... Charlotte.
J. H. HACKBURN.. *Deputy Illustrious Grand Master*..... Newbern.
W. F. RANDOLPH.. *Grand Principal Conductor of the Work* Asheville.
E. P. BAILEY..... *Grand Treasurer*..... Wilmington.
JAMES C. MUNDS . *Grand Recorder*..... Wilmington.
W. E. STORM..... *Grand Captain of the Guard* .. .. Wilmington.
JNO. W. THOMPSON *Grand Conductor of the Council*..... Raleigh.
H. H. MUNSON.... *Grand Steward*..... Wilmington.
R. H. BRADLEY... *Grand Sentinel*..... ..... Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Twenty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held in the City of Wilmington, on Wednesday, May 12, A. Dep. 2897.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

JAMES SOUTHGATE..... Most Illustrious Grand Master
JNO. W. THOMPSON.....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. S. LIDDELL..... ..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
E. P. BAILEY..... .... Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS..... Grand Recorder.
W. F. RANDOLPH .....as Grand Captain of the Guard.
M. S. WILLARD .....as Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. MUNSON... .....as Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY .. .. Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

H. H. MUNSON ... . Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Comp. J. T. Barron, Past Most Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council of South Carolina was introduced and received with the Grand Honors

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed Companions A. J. Wills and M. S. Willard a Committee on

Credentials, who reported the following Councils represented by proper delegates, as follows:

MUNSON COUNCIL, No. 4.....W. E. Storm, T. I. M. M. S. Willard. P. C. W.
ENOCH COUNCIL No. 5.....J. W. Thompson, proxy.
DURHAM COUNCIL No. 7.....J. Southgate. "
CHARLOTTE COUNCIL No. 8.....W. S. Liddell.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

Auditing Committee--Comps. H. H. Munson and M. S. Willard.
Committee on Jurisprudence—Comps. H. H. Munson, John Nichols, and Wm. Simpson.
Committee on Charters--Comps. W. S. Liddell, J. W. Thompson, W. E. Storm.
Returns of Subordinate Councils—Comps. A. J. Wills, E. P. Bailey, J. W. Thompson.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master read his Annual Address as follows:

Grand Master's Address.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

We have met in this our twenty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and we welcome you one and all in this place, made famous in years past as being the home of Masonry, and whose influence has had much to do with keeping alive the interest in our beautiful degrees and rekindling the almost extinguished fires upon our altars. While returning thanks to a kind Providence for the many and varied blessings we have enjoyed during the year just closed, we must not forget that we continually need the guiding, though unseen hand of Him who is all powerful, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercies.

DISTINGUISHED DEAD.

We have to record the death of one of our Grand Council during the year just passed.

R. B. DeVault departed this life in early manhood in the city of Raleigh, N. C., December 27th, 1896. In his life he exemplified in a high degree the principles of our noble order and was a devoted member of Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. At the time of his death he was Grand Captain of the Guard of this Grand Council and we are called upon to mourn the loss of a faithful Christian Mason.

We have notice of the death of Illustrious Companion Chas. H. Butterfield, who passed away suddenly at Evansville, Indiana, Jan. 13th, 1897 in his sixty-third year.

Ohio was called upon to mourn the loss of Companion Rev. Thomas Jefferson Melish, Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, who died also suddenly at his home in Clifton, Cincinnati, on November 11th, 1896 in his seventy-fifth year.

Pennsylvania records the death of one of her most gifted Companions, viz.: Illustrious Companion Thomas Millspaugh, R. P. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania who departed this life August 31st., 1896. He also died suddenly and at his post of duty.

This Grand Jurisdiction was stricken a second time in the death of Past M. P. Grand Master Illustrious Companion David A. Stevenson,

who after a short illness passed peacefully away Jan. 8th, 1897, at his home in Pittsburg leaving many friends to mourn his loss. All of these were bright, particular stars in the masonic firmament and we trust may shed radiant light about the pathway of many a traveler who is seeking to grope his way through the darkness of earth to the realms of happiness in the great beyond.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have not been called upon to grant any special dispensations to do work out of the usual time for the reason perhaps that no work has been done or degrees conferred. I was pleased to grant a Dispensation on the 6th of October, 1896, to establish a Council U.D.at Asheville, N. C., to be known as Ionic Council U. D. naming Companions W. F. Randolph Th. Ill. Master; A. J. Wells, Deputy Ill. Master; and A. H. Stubbs, Principal Conductor of the Work. From a report made by Companion Randolph we have hope that the Cryptic Rite is safe in his hands and that ere long he will have the most flourishing Council in the State.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

While I cannot report the Cryptic Rite in a very healthy condition, yet there are some indications of a revival of interest in the beautiful Degrees of Royal and Select Master, and we long for the time when we can plant their banner on every eminence where the Royal Arch has a tent. I trust the next Grand Master will have great success in the work of spreading the influence of this Grand Council all over our State and bring to light the hidden mystries of the "Secret Vault" to many weary sojourners in search of light.

CONCLUSION.

I have for the third time to thank you Companions, for conferring upon me the distinguished honor of presiding at your meetings. I have survived the abundant (?) labors and turn over to you the affairs of the Grand Council in better shape than when I found them three years ago. Then we had three Councils but now we have five, and while we have nothing to boast of yet we can be thankful for what we are, what we have, and hope for better days and brighter skies.

The Grand Council of North Carolina can now proceed to business.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
Grand Master.

The Grand Treasurer then submitted the following report:

Grand Treasurer's Report.

To the Grand Council R. and S Masters of N. C.:

I herewith present my report:

RECEIPTS.

1896.		
May 14	Received from former Grand Treasurer.....	10 67
	Received from Grand Recorder.....	16 00
1897.		
May 11	Received from Grand Recorder	15 00
12	" " " "	6 00
		47 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.		
May 4	C. W. Yates.....	3 00
	Balance to New Acc't.....	44 67
		47 67.

Fraternally submitted,

E. P. BAILEY,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder submitted his report, as follows:

Grand Recorder's Report.

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

I have received the following amounts—

1896.		
May 14,		16 00
1897.		
May 11,	Durham Council No. 7	15 00
12,		6 00
	Total	37 00

which have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were referred to the Auditing Committee, who, after examination, reported as follows:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder respectfully report that they have performed that duty and found them correct.

Fraternally submitted,

H. H MUNSON,
M. S. WILLARD,
Committee.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report which was received and adopted:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations having under consideration only that of Ionic Council, recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to issue a Charter to Ionic Council, upon return of Dispensation, assigning to said Council, No. 9.

Fraternally submitted.

W. S. LIDDELL,
J. W. THOMPSON,
W. E. STORM,
Committee.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils reported as follows:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Councils beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the returns of Munson Council No. 4 and Durham Council No. 7 and find them correct.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. WILLS,
E. P. BAILEY.
J. W. THOMPSON,
Committee.

The following Grand Representatives were received with honors:

Georgia	D. G. Maxwell.
Indiana	P. A. Wilson, Jr.
Louisiana	Jas. Southgate.
Maine	H. H. Munson.
Maryland	J. J. Whitaker.
New Hampshire	J. L. Cantwell.
Ohio	W. S. Liddell.
Rhode Island	J. W. Thompson.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with Companions Wills and Whitaker as Tellers. The following were duly elected:

W. S. LIDDELL ..... Most Illustrious Grand Master.
J. H. HACKBURN ..... Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. F. RANDOLPH. ..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
E. P. BAILEY. ..... Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS. ..... Grand Recorder.
W. E. STORM ..... Grand Captain of the Guard.
J. W. THOMPSON ..... Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. MUNSON ..... Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY. ..... Grand Sentinel.

Comp. J. T. Barron, Past M. I. G. M., of South Carolina, then installed the newly elected officers.

The Grand Council having concluded its labors, the proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form to meet in Raleigh on Wednesday, 11th of May, 1898, or at the call of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

W. S. LIDDELL,
Grand Master.

[Attest.]
JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

Returns of Councils.

Working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council of North Carolina, May 1, 1897.

MUNSON COUNCIL, No. 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Convocations: Second Monday in January, April, July, and October.

OFFICERS.

W. E. Storm ..... Thrice Illustrious Master.
M. C. S. Noble ..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
M. S. Willard ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. H. Chadbourn ..... Treasurer.
James C. Munds ..... Recorder.
E. S. Martin ..... Captain of the Guard.
U. M. Robinson ..... Conductor of the Council.
J. C. Loder ..... Steward.
T. H. Johnson ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

W. W. Allen,	S. G. Hall,	J W. Monroe.
E. P. Bailey,	J. B. Hanks,	M. M. Patrick,
J. C. Chase,	J. H. Hackburn,	R. W. Price.
C. I. Comfort,	J. W. Jackson,	F. H. Stedman,
J. L. Cantwell,	W. C. Jones,	W. P. Toomer,
J. B. Clark,	W. R. Kenan,	J. L. Toon,
G. Z. French,	W. A. Martin,	F. Ulrich,
R. H. Grant,	H.H.Munson,P.M.I.G.M.,	W. A. Williams.
A. J. Howell.		

Number of Members 34.

DURHAM COUNCIL, No. 7.—Durham.

Time of Regular Convocations: First Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

C. C. Taylor..... Thrice Illustrious Master.
W. A. Slater. ..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
E. J. Parish ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
F. E. Cheek ..... Treasurer.
H. J Bass ..... Recorder.
J. S. Burch ..... Captain of the Guard.
M. H. Jones ..... Conductor of the Council.
A. Walker ..... Steward.
W. P. Rollins ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

W. T. Blackwell, J. F. Freeland, B. Walker,
W. B. Brown, C. H. Norton, W. L. Wall.
J. S. Carr, J. Southgate, J. D. Wilbon.

Number of Members 18.

IONIC COUNCIL, No. 9.—Asheville.

Time of Regular Communications: Second Thursday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

W. F. Randolph ..... Third Illustrious Master.
A. J. Wills..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
A. H. Stubbs ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
H. C. Fagg ..... Treasurer.
J. E. Dickerson..... Recorder.
A. H. Cobb. ..... Captain of the Guard.
J. A. Wagner ..... Conductor of the Council.
C. H. Miller ..... Steward.
J. W. Schartle ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

F. L. Jacobs, D. W. Newell.

Number of Members 11.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

COUNCILS.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	T. I. M.	RECORDER.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	DUES FOR 1897.	AMOUNT PAID.
Munson.....	4	Wilmington..	W. E. Storm ...	Jas. C. Munds..	31	15 00	15 00
* Enoch.....	5	Raleigh	John Nichols..	R. B. Lacy.....	26	15 00	.....
Durham.....	7	Durham.....	C. C. Taylor ...	H. J. Bass	18	15 00	15 00
* Charlotte...	8	Charlotte	G. H. King.....	.....	..	15 00	.....
Ionic.....	9	Asheville.....	W. F. Randolph	J. E. Dickerson.	11	.....	.....

*No returns made this year.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.		GRAND COUNCILS.	TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.		GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUENTS OF THE UNITED STATES				
.....	.....	GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.	.....	
.....	.....	ALABAMA	.....	
.....	.....	ARKANSAS	W. A. Williams.	Wilmington
W. H. Davis	Sacramento	CALIFORNIA	W. F. Randolph	Asheville.
W. P. Anderson	Palatka	FLORIDA	W. W. Allen	Greensboro.
John J. Seay	Rome	GEORGIA	D. G. Maxwell	Charlotte.
Chas. Balch	Terre Haute	INDIANA	P. A. Wilson, Jr.	Winston.
John Rennie	Lehigh	INDIAN TERRITORY	R. B. Lacy	Raleigh.
R. E. Torrington	Wichita	KANSAS	Geo. Howard, Jr.	Tarboro.
Geo. O. Elms	Opelousa	LOUISIANA	Jas. Southgate	Durham.
B. B. Farnsworth	Portland	MAINE	H. H. Munson	Wilmington
J. James Fable	Cambridge	MARYLAND	J. J. Whitaker	Enfield.
J. B. Gardner	Roxbury	MASSACHUSETTS	J. S. Carr	Durham.
A. Brandenburg	Fergus Falls	MINNESOTA	D. E. Allen	Charlotte.
W. H. Barrett	Harrisonville.	MISSOURI	.....	
..	.....	NEBRASKA	.....	
John Hatch	Greenland	NEW HAMPSHIRE	J. L. Cantwell	Wilmington
Rev. W. D'O. Doty	Rochester	NEW YORK	E. S. Martin	Wilmington
E. M. Colver	Sandusky	OHIO	W. S. Liddell	Charlotte.
Z. H. Davis	Corvallis	OREGON	W. P. Toomer	Wilmington
H. C. Moses	Sumter	SOUTH CAROLINA	W. C. Jones	Wilmington
T. O. Morris	Nashville	TENNESSEE	W. R. Kenan	Wilmington

.....	....	.....VERMONT.....	....	
.....	....	.....WASHINGTON.....	....	

INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.

Jethro C. Stanford..	Durango .. .	.....COLORADO...	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
R. H. Tucker .	Ausonia.....	.....CONNECTICUT.....	J. R. Williams ...	Wilmington
J. M. Pearson.....	Godfrey... ..	..... ILLINOIS.....	John Nichols	Raleigh.
V. A. McCutchen..	Paducah.....	.....KENTUCKY.....	W. Simpson.....	Raleigh.
Traverse Phillips ..	Hastings	..... MICHIGAN.....	F. Ulrich	Newbern.
Jno. S. Taxis.....	Trenton	.....NEW JERSEY.....	W. L. Wall	Durham.
F. J. Collins.....	Bradford.	.....PENNSYLVANIA.....	E. J. Parish	Durham.
A. H. Armington...	Providence...	..... RHODE ISLAND	J. W. Thompson..	Raleigh.
.....	.....	..... WISCONSIN	....	

FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.

.....	.....	.....CANADA.....	....	
.....	.....	...ENGLAND AND WALES...	.....	
J. T. Whitlock.....	St. Stephens	.....NEW BRUNSWICK.....	J. L. Toon..... .	Wilmington
.....	.....	..... .SCOTLAND.....	....	

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF

Year.	Most Illustrious Grand Master.	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.
1860	Alex. Murdoch.	John F. Howlett.	Wm. Murdock.	D. A. Davis.
1866	W. J. Hicks.	Luke Blackmer.	C. A. Cilley.	Thos. W. Brown
1867	W. J. Hicks.	Wm. Murdock.	Thos. M. Gardner	Thos. W. Brown
1868	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	Thos. M. Gardner	Thos. W. Brown
1869	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	C. M. VanOrsdell	Thos. W. Brown
1870	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	C. M. VanOrsdell	Thos. W. Brown
1871	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	D. W. Bain.	H. H. Munson.
1872	H. H. Munson.	John Nichols.	Wm. Murdock.	A. Martin.
1873	H. H. Munson.	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell	A. Martin.
1874	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. S. Everett.	R. H. Bradley.
1875	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. S. Everett.	R. H. Bradley.
1876	C. M. VanOrsdell	J. R. Neathery.	S. E. Allen.	John Nichols.
1877	C. M. VanOrsdell	L. H. Rountree.	S. E. Allen.	John Nichols.
1878	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. E. Allen.	A. S. Lee.	John Nichols.
1879	S. E. Allen.	J. I. Macks.	M. Grausman.	John Nichols.
1881	J. I. Macks.	S. H. Smith.	W. L. Wall.	W. Simpson.
1882	J. I. Macks.	W. L. Wall.	M. Grausman.	W. Simpson.
1883	J. I. Macks.	Jas Southgate.	Bernice Walker.	W. Simpson.
1894	Jas. Southgate.	W. W. Allen.	W. Simpson.	G. W. Blunt.
1895	Jas. Southgate.	W. Simpson.	W. E. Storm.	C. C. Taylor.
1896	Jas. Southgate.	W. Simpson	W. S. Liddell.	E. P. Bailey.
1807	W. S. Liddell.	J. H. Hackburn.	W. F. Randolph.	E. P. Bailey.

NORTH CAROLINA FROM 1860 TO DATE.

Grand Recorder.	Grand Captain of the Guard.	Grand Conductor of the Council.	Grand Steward.	Grand Sentinel.
R. T. Hall.	John L. Cole.	H. W. Robinson.	W. B. McMillan.	
Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	E. F Watson.	P, N. Smith.	
Thos. B. Carr.	John Nichols.		J. H. Separk.	E. Turlington.
H. H. Munson,	W. A. Smith.	Thos. B. Keogh.	J. B. Neathery.	E. Turlington.
M. M. Katz.	W. A. Smith.	E. H. White	John Nichols.	E. Turlington
M. M. Katz.	W. A. Smith.	John Nichols.	W. Simpson.	E. Turlington.
M. M. Katz	C. M. VanOrsdell	W. Simpson.	A. Martin.	E. Turlington.
M. M. Katz.	C. M. VanOrsdell	W. A. Smith.	Peter Adams.	B. G. Bates.
M. M. Katz.	S. S. Everett.	J. M. Shelly.	T. B. Carr.	B. G. Bates.
D. W. Bain.	J. M. Shelly.	Thos. B. Carr.	M. M Katz.	J. H. Separk.
D. W. Bain.	T. J. Sloan.	J. M. Shelly.	W. Murdock.	C. C. Smith.
D. W. Bain.	M. M. Katz.	E. A. Wilson.	W. Murdock.	R. H. Bradley.
D W. Bain.	James C Munds.	A. S. Lee.	W. Murdock.	E. H. White.
D. W. Bain.	James C Munds.	T. J. Sloan.	J. I. Macks.	J. D. Wilborn.
D. W. Bain.	James C. Munds.	H. H. Munson.	J. M Rosenbaum	E. H. White.
D. W. Bain.	W. R. Kenan.	D. P. Mast.	R. H. Bradley.	B. G, Bates.
D. W. Bain.	Jas. Southgate.	D. P. Mast.	M. M. Katz.	R. H. Bradley.
D. W. Bain.	James C. Munds.	J. M. Rosenbaum	M. Grausman.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	D. G. Maxwell.	W. A. Withers.	W. N. Prather.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	Geo. H. King.	W. A. Withers	H. H. Munson.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	R. B. DeVault.	W. C. French.	R. B. Lacy.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	W. E. Storm.	J. W. Thompson.	H. H. Munson.	R. H. Bradley.

GRAND COUNCILS AND ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

GRAND COUNCILS.	GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESSES.
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.		
General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thos. H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	A. W. Wolihin	Macon.
Indiana	W. H. Smy.he	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka.
Kansas	A. M. Callaham	Topeka.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Geo. L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Seranus Bowen	Boston.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Missouri	Wm. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha.
New Hampshire	Geo. P. Cleaves	Concord.
New York	Geo. VanVliet	New York.
Ohio	W. E. Evans	Chilicothe.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	W. A. Clendenning	Nashville.
Vermont	W. G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Washington	E. R. Hare	Tacoma.
INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.		
Alabama	H. Clay Armstrong	Montgomery.
Colorado	Thos. E. Shears	Denver.
Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford.
Illinois	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago.
Kentucky	L. D. Cronenger	Covington.
Michigan	Garra B. Noble	Detroit.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
New Jersey	Charles Becktel	Trenton.
North Carolina	James C. Munds	Wilmington.
Pennsylvania	J. L. Lyte	Lancaster.
Rhode Island	W. R. Greene	Providence.
Wisconsin	J. W. Loftin	Wilwaukee.
FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.		
Canada	Sydney J. Sandford	Barrie, Ont,
England	Chas. F. Matier	London, W. C.
New Brunswick	Robert Marshall	St. John.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown	Edinburg.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND * COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

Held in

RALEIGH,

Tuesday, 19th May, 1898, A. Dep. 2898.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1898.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 19, 1898.

W. S. LIDDELL ....*Most Illustrious Grand Master* .....Charlotte.
J. H. HACKBURN...*Deputy Illustrious Grand Master*.....Newbern.
W. F. RANDOLPH..*Grand Principal Conductor of the Work*.Asheville.
E. P. BAILEY. .....*Grand Treasurer*. ....Wilmington
JAMES C. MUNDS...*Grand Recorder*..... .....Wilmington
W. E. STORM..... .*Grand Captain of the Guard* .....Wilmington
JNO. W. THOMPSON.*Grand Conductor of the Council*. .....Raleigh.
H. H. MUNSON.....*Grand Steward*..... .....Wilmington
R. H. BRADLEY....*Grand Sentinel*..... ..Raleigh.

PROCEEDINGS.

The twenty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina, was held in the City of Raleigh, on Thursday, May 19, A. Dep. 2393.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

W. S. Liddell	Most Illustrious Grand Master.
J. H. Hackburn	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. F. Randolph	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. Simpson	as Grand Treasurer.
James C. Munds	Grand Recorder.
W. E. Storm	Grand Captain of the Guard.
Jno. W. Thompson	Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. Munson	Grand Steward.
R. H. Bradley	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

H. H. Munson	Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Jas. Southgate	Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Jno. Nichols	Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.
W. Simpson	Past Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.

A constitutional number of Councils being represented the Grand Council was opened in ample form.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Companions M. S. Willard and T. W. Dewey, a Committee on Credentials who reported the following Councils represented by proper delegates, as follows:

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2.....W. S. Liddell, proxy.
MUNSON COUNCIL, No. 4.....W. E. Storm, T. I. M.
M. S. Willard, P. C. W.
ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.....Jno. Nichols, T. I. M.
M. Bowes, D. I. M.
Chas. Kleuppelberg, P. C. W.
DURHAM COUNCIL, No. 7.....Jas. Southgate, proxy.
CHARLOTTE COUNCIL, No. 8..... .....W. S. Liddell, proxy.
IONIC COUNCIL, No. 9.....W. F. Randolph, T. I. M.
A. J. Wills, D. I. M.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

Doings of Grand Officers—Comps. J. Southgate, D. E. Allen, M. Bowes.
Jurisprudence—Comps. John Nichols, E. S. Martin, A. J. Wills.
Returns of Subordinate Councils—Comps. W. E. Storm, W. Simpson, M. S. Willard.
Fraternal Correspondence—Comp. E. S. Martin.
Necrology—Comps. H. H. Munson, W. F. Randolph, F. Ulrich.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master read his Annual Address, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

Grand Master's Address.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

COMPANIONS: It seems to me indeed remarkable that we are again assembled in Grand Council, but the further statement that it will be very strange if one year from now we are not assembled in the most interesting session we have ever held, may strike you as stranger still, and certainly inconsistent. Yet, I firmly believe that one year hence we will

assemble in a Grand Council, whose deliberations will interest all, and whose printed proceedings will be preserved as a history of the revival of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina.

When a year ago you elected me as the head of the Order in North Carolina, I accepted the trust, believing that my own willingness to work for the Council, in season and out of season, and to expend money in visiting any towns in the State, taking with me bright and experienced Council Masons for the purpose of establishing new Councils, not less than seven or eight Councils would be added to our number, and that interest would be revived in those already existing; but when at the close of the year only one town had responded to my proposal, and it at the twelfth hour, and my own Council had failed to hold one meeting during the year, and discouraging reports had been received from a majority of the new Councils of the jurisdiction, do you think it strange that I should have despaired altogether, and that I should expect no Council to assemble at this time.

Do you think it strange that I should have experienced such a complete revulsion of feeling, and that I should prophecy so bright a future for us, when before me are men from every section of our State, full of words of encouragement and promises of hearty co-operation. I have been promised, by those who realize what a promise means, that at our next assembly every Council in the State will be represented, those now dorment will be re-established and fall into line, and that new Councils will be formed in Newbern, Wilson, and perhaps Hamilton. Winston no doubt will have done what she should have done years ago, and report a flourishing Council also; and to this add that the necessary steps will be taken at this session to place the Grand Council of North Carolina under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, and then tell me if I am not warranted in expecting great things during the coming year. Companions, for transforming me from a state of gloomy despondency to one of joyous expectancy, I thank you.

DISTINGUISHED DEAD.

The only notice of death among our number that I have received is that of Companion W. B. Brewer, of Durham Council, No. 7. and this contains no date. I trust that the Committee on Necrology will see that proper tribute is paid to his memory, and also to the memory of the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions. I have received official notice of the following:

Alexander Thomas, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Indiana, died at Terre Haute, July 26, 1897.

George Spronson Jones, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Indiana, died at Covington, August 26, 1897.

William H. Stanzberry, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Missouri, died at Harrisonville, August 23, 1897.

Wm. Abram Love, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia, died in Atlanta, February 15, 1898.

DISPENSATION.

On May 4, 1898, I granted Dispensation to Companion E. B. Neave and others, of Salisbury, to re-organize Adoniram Council, No. 2. The following clipping from the "Daily Sun" shows what was done:

NEW MASONIC COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS ORGANIZED LAST NIGHT.—After a lapse of more than a quarter of a century the local Masonic Council of Royal and Select Masters, was reorganized last night. Among the well known Masons who were present to organize the Council were Major Fugle, of Columbia, S. C., Grand High Priest J. A. Barron, of South Carolina, and Thrice Illustrious W. S. Liddell, of Charlotte. After the institution of the Council a banquet was served the Masons at the Central Hotel. Those who took the Council Degrees last night, upon the institution of the new Council, were:

I. Lichenstein, T. C. Linn, W. B. Smoot, A. H. Caldwell, P. H. Bernhardt, S. J. Shuping, J. T. Sossoman, O. W. Spencer, and P. A. Frercks.

The following members of the Salisbury Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, had previously taken the Degree: M. C. Quinn, E. B. Neave, R. G. Kizer, J. A. Holt, and A. L. Smoot.

The following officers were elected and installed:

I. Lichtenstein, Thrice Illustrious Master.
E. B. Neave, Deputy Illustrious Master.
T. C. Linn, Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. B. Smoot, Conductor of the Council.
A. H. Caldwell, Captain of the Guard.
P. A. Frercks, Treasurer,
R. G. Kizer, Recorder.
P. H. Bernhardt, Steward.
S. J. Shuping, Sentinel.

In the year 1851, the Supreme Council of the Southern States, sitting at Charleston, granted to Alexander Murdoch, D. A. Davis, and F. C.

Shafter, all of this city, a Warrant of Constitution, under seal, conferring upon them the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, and authorizing and empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in Salisbury. They did so, organizing Adoniram Council, No. 2, which was the second Council organized in North Carolina. The Council was broken up by the civil war, but was reorganized under happy auspices last night.

Salisbury Council, Royal Arch Masons, recently discovered in its archives the original Warrant of Constitution granted to Murdoch, Davis and Shafter. This relic was displayed in the Council Hall last night.

The Masonic Orders of the city are in a flourishing condition and are growing rapidly.—Salisbury Daily Sun.

NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

I have appointed and commissioned a number of Companions in other jurisdictions to represent the Grand Council of North Carolina near their respective Grand Councils, which is a custom I heartily approve. Their names will appear in the Report of the Graud Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

And now, Companions, I thank you one and all for the honor you have conferred on me, and especially for the new hopes you have inspired in me. May you all return to your homes feeling as blissful as you have made me feel. And may the blessing of the Almighty remain with you always.

WALTER S. LIDDELL,
Grand Master.

The Grand Treasurer then submitted the following report:

Grand Treasurer's Report.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of N. C.

I herewith present my annual report:

RECEIPTS.

1897.		
May 12,	Balance from last report.....	44 67
1898.		
May 19,	Received from Grand Recorder.....	60 00
		104 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid three Vouchees for.....	62 00
Balance to New Account.....	42 67
	104 00

Fraternally Submitted,

E. P. BAILEY,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder submitted his Report, as follows:

Grand Recorder's Report.

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

COMPANIONS Immediately after our last assembly I had the Proceedings of 1896 and 1897 printed, and distributed them as usual.

I have received the following amounts:

Adoniram Council, No. 2	15.00
Munson Council, No. 4	30.00
Charlotte Council, No. 8	15.00
Total	60.00

which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Zealously Submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils reported, as follows:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

Your Committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Councils report that they have examined the returns of Adoniram Council, No. 2; Munson Council, No. 4; Enoch Council, No. 5; Durham Council, No. 7; Charlotte Council, No. 8; and find them correct. We find no returns from Ionic Council, No. 9. We also find that Enoch Council, No. 5, owes four years dues; Durham Council, No, 7, Charlotte Council, No. 9, and Ionic Council, No. 9, owe one year's dues each.

Fraternally Submitted,

W. E. STORM,
W. SIMPSON,
M. S. WILLARD,
Committee.

The following Grand Representatives were received:

California	W. F. Randolph.
Louisianna	Jas. Southgate.
Maine	H. H. Munson.
Maryland	J. J. Whitaker.
Minnesota	D. E. Allen.
New York	E. S. Martin.
Ohio	W. S. Liddell.
Colorado	J. C. Drewry.
Illinois	John Nichols.
Kentucky	W. Simpson.
Michigan	F. Ulrich.
Rhode Island	J. W. Thompson.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers made the following report:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masons of N. C.:

Your Committee to whom was referred the interesting Address of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Master beg leave to report that they are highly pleased at the prospect of the revival of Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina, and we believe that under the guidance of the skillful hand of the Grand Master that the beautiful degrees of Royal and Select Master will be preserved and brought to a high state of usefulness in this State.

We approve of the transfer of this Grand Council to the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council of the United States.

We recommend that so much of the address that refers to the distinguished dead of our own and other jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Necrology.

We approve most heartily the dispensation granted to Adoniram Council, No. 2, to re-organize at Salisbury, and sincerely hope that in the near future it may become a successful Council.

The appointment of Companions to represent the Grand Council of North Carolina near other Grand Councils meets our approval.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
For the Committee.

The Committee on Necrology reported as follows:

To the Grand Council R. and S. Masters of N. C.:

COMPANIONS: Your Committee on Necrology respectfully report that only one member in this Grand Jurisdiction, W. B. Brewer, of Durham Council, No. 7, has passed beyond the vail, September 17, 1896, aged 28 years.

Companion Brewer was a devoted Mason, and a true and constant friend, a valuable citizen, ready and anxious at all times to succor the needy, visit the sick, and do good unto all men.

Among the departed in other Grand Jurisdictions we note the name of Past Grand Master Alex. Thomas, of Indiana, whose record among the Masons of that Grand Jurisdiction is beyond praise.

Of George Spronson Jones, also Past Grand Master of Indiana, who passed from death to life at Covington, Aug 26, 1897, whose noble char-

acter left its impress on all with whom he came in touch. The various offices through which he passed from Master Mason to Grand Master of Indiana, testifies to the confidence reposed in him as a master thoroughly skilled in the work.

Of William H. Stanzberry, Past Grand Master of Missouri, who died at Harrisonville, Missouri, August 22, 1898. In his death the Companions of that Grand Jurisdiction "have lost one of their most zealous and devoted members and the community one of its most respected citizens."

William Abram Love, Deputy Grand Master of Georgia. died at Atlanta, January 22, 1898. We can do no better than to quote from those who knew him best. "No one more eloquently pointed out the beauties of Masonry, or more zealously followed its teachings. His life beautifully illustrated the principles of our Order, and no one stood more grandly as an exponent of its illustrious virtues."

"There is a stream we all must cross,
The river of death, so cold;
Where the lights of earth are seen no more,
And the green moss turns to mould;
When a hand of ice shall push one back,
Out on the swelling tide,
When friends will leave us alone in the dark,
Alone on the waters wide."

Fraternally Submitted,

H. H. MUNSON,
For Committee.

The following resolution offered by Companion Willard was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of North Carolina hereby ratifies the Constitution of the General Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and requests to be enrolled as a constituent of the said General Grand Council.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The following Companions were duly elected:

W. S. LIDDELL .....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
J. H. HACKBURN .....Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. F. RANDOLPH .....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
E. P. BAILEY ....Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS... .....Grand Recorder.
W. E. STORM..... .....Grand Captain of the Guard.
J. W. THOMPSON .....Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. MUNSON .....Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY .....Grand Sentinel.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, James Southgate then installed the new elected officers.

The Grand Council having concluded its labors, the proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form, to meet in Asheville, on Thursday the 14th June, A. D. 1899, or at the call of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

W. S. LIDDELL,
Grand Master.

[Attest.]
JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

In Memoriam.

W. B. BREWER,

Durham Council, No. 7.

DIED:

September 17, 1896.

IN MEMORY

OF THE

FRATERNAL DEAD

OF

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

Returns of Councils.

Working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council of North Carolina, May 1, 1898.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, No. 2.—Salisbury.

Time of Regular Assemblies: First and Third Mondays in each Month.

OFFICERS.

J. Lichtenstein ..... Thrice Illustrious Master.
E. B. Neave ..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
T. C. Linn ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
P. A. Frercks ..... Treasurer.
R. G. Kizer ..... Recorder.
A. H. Caldwell ..... Captain of the Guard.
W. B. Smoot ..... Conductor of the Council.
P. H. Bernhardt ..... Steward.
S. J. Shuping ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

J. A. Holt. A. L. Smoot. M. C. Quinn.
O. W. Spencer. O. T. Sassaman.

Number of Members 14.

MUNSON COUNCIL No. 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Assembly; Second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

W. E. Storm ..... Thrice Illustrious Master.
M. C. S. Noble ..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
M. S. Willard ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
J. T. Munds ..... Treasurer.
James C. Munds ..... Recorder.
E. S. Martin ..... Captain of the Guard.
U. M. Robinson ..... Conductor of the Council.
E. P. Bailey ..... Steward.
T. H. Johnson ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

W. W. Allen.	S. G. Hall.	J. E. Matthews.
E. V. Baltzer.	J. B. Hanks.	J. W. Monroe.
C. C. Brown.	J. H. Hackburn.	E. Norden.
W. H. Chadbourn.	J. W. Jackson.	M. M. Patrick.
C. I. Comfort.	W. C. Jones.	R. W. Price.
J. L. Cantwell.	W. R. Kenan.	F. H. Stedman.
J. McD. French.	J. C. Loder.	E. O. Toomer.
G. Z. French.	E. S. Latimer.	W. P. Toomer.
R. H. Grant.	W. A. Martin.	J. L. Toon.
A. J. Howell.	H.H.Munson, P.M.I.G.M.	W. A. Williams.

Number of Members 39.

ENOCH COUNCIL, No. 5.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Assembly: At the close of Regular Convocation of Chapter.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols ..... Thrice Illustrious Master.
M. Bowes ..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
Chas. Klemppelberg ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. Simpson ..... Treasurer.
John C. Drewry ..... Recorder.
W. E. Faison ..... Captain of the Guard.
J. W. Thompson ..... Conductor of the Council.
John Whitelaw ..... Steward.
R. H. Bradley ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

Wayne Allcott.	D. S. Hamilton.	C. P. Snuggs.
Thomas Badger.	E. G. Harrell.	Jacob Ulloche, Jr.
W. H. Bain.	W. J. Hicks.	S. D. Waitt.
T. W. Blake.	W. E. Jones.	Chas. Wallen.
W. H. Bragg.	B. R. Lacy.	F. A. Watson.
J. F. Cuthrell.	Thos. Pence.	W. P. Wetherell.
W. H. Dodd.	A. Rosengarten.	W. A. Withers.
H. B. Greason.	Z. P. Smith.	C. A. Woodruff.

Number of Members 33.

DURHAM COUNCIL, No. 7.—DURHAM.

Time of Regular Assembly: First Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.

C. C. Taylor.....Thrice Illustrious Master.
W. A. Slater.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
E. J. Parish.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
T. E. Cheek.....Treasurer.
H. J. Bass.....Recorder.
J. S. Burch.....Captain of the Guard.
M. H. Jones.....Conductor of the Council.
A. Walker.....Steward.
W. P. Rollins.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

W. T. Blackwell.	N. M. Johnson.	B Walker.
J. S. Carr.	C. H. Norton.	W. L. Wall.
J. F. Freeland.	J. Southgate.	J. D. Wilbon.

Number of Members 18.

CHARLOTTE COUNCIL, No. 8.—Charlotte.

Time of Regular Assembly: Fifth Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Geo. H. King.....Thrice Illustrious Master.
D. E. Allen.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
D. G. Maxwell.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
S. A. Kelly.....Treasurer.
T. S. Franklin.....Recorder.
W. Anderson.....Captain of the Guard.
S. H. Hilton.....Conductor of the Council.
R. E. McDonald.....Steward.
E. M. Purefoy.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

J. M. Belk.	G. Meridith.	J. F. Robertson.
W. H. Belk.	J. F. Misenheimer.	T. R. Robertson.
W. S. Liddell.	Geo. A. Page.	

Number of Members 17.

IONIC COUNCIL, No. 9.—Asheville.

Time of Regular Assembly: Second Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.

W. F. Randolph.....Thrice Illustrious Master.
A. J. Wills.....Deputy Illustrious Master.
A. H. Stubbs.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
H. C. Fagg.....Treasurer.
J. E. Dickerson.....Recorder.
A. H. Cobb.....Captain of the Guard.
J. A. Wagner.....Conductor of the Council.
C. H. Miller.....Steward.
J. W. Schartle.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

F. L. Jacobs. D. W. Newell.

Number of Members 11.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

COUNCILS	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	T. I. M.	RECORDER.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	AMOUNT DUE.	AMOUNT PAID.
Adoniram	2	Salisbury	J. Lichtenstein.	R. G Kizer	14	15 00	15 00
Munson	4	Wilmington	W. E. Storm	Jas. C. Munds	39	30 00	30 00
Enoch	5	Raleigh	John Nichols	J. C. Drewry	26	60 00	.....
Durham	7	Durham	C. C. Taylor	H. J. Bass	18	15 00	.....
Charlotte	8	Charlotte	G. H. King	T. S. Franklin	17	30 00	15 00
* Ionic	9	Asheville	W. F. Randolph	J. E. Dickerson.	11	15 00	.....
Total	..	.....	.....	.....	125	165 00	60 00

*No returns made this year.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.		GRAND COUNCILS.	TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.		GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.				
....	.....	GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....ALABAMA.....	....	....
J R. Dunnell.....	Cenway.....	.....ARKANSAS.....	W. A. Williams..	Wilmington
W. H. Davis.....	Sacramento ..	....CALIFORNIA.....	W. F. Randolph..	Asheville.
W. P. Anderson....	Palatka	.....FLORIDA.....	W. W. Allen.....	Greensboro.
John J. Seay.....	Rome	.....GEORGIA.....	D. G. Maxwell...	Charlotte.
Chas. Balch.....	Terre Haute..	.....INDIANA.....	P. A. Wilson, Jr..	Winston.
John Rennie.....	Lehigh	.....INDIAN TERRITORY.....	R. B. Lacy.....	Raleigh.
R. E. Torrington...	Wichita.....	..... KANSAS.....	Geo. Howard Jr..	Tarboro.
Geo. O. Elms.....	Opelousa.....	.....LOUISIANA	Jas Southgate....	Durham.
B B. Farnsworth ...	Portland	.....MAINE..... ...	H. H. Munson...	Wilmington
J. James Fable.....	Cambridge...	.....MARYLAND.....	J. J. Whitaker...	Enfield.
J. B. Gardner.....	Roxbury	.....MASSACHUSETTS	J. S. Carr.....	Durham.
A. Brandenburg....	Fergus Falls..	.....MINNESOTA.	D. E. Allen.....	Charlotte.
W. H. Barrett.....	Harrisonville.	... .MISSOURI.....	.....	.....
.....	....	.....NEBRASKA	.....	.....
John Hatch.....	Greenland....	.....NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	J. L. Cantwell....	Wilmington
Rev. W. D'O.Doty..	Rochester	.....NEW YORK..... .	E. S. Martin.....	Wilmington
William E. Banta..	Springfield...	.....OHIO.....	W. S. Liddell....	Charlotte.
Z. H. Davis.....	Corvallis.....	..... OREGON.....	W. P. Toomer....	Wilmington
H. C. Moses.....	Sumter.....	.....SOUTH CAROLINA.....	W. C. Jones.....	Wilmington
T. O. Morris.....	Nashville.....	.....TENNESSEE.....	W. R. Kenan.....	Wilmington

.....	.....	.....VERMONT.....	.....	
.....	.....	.....WASHINGTON.....	.....	

INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.

Jethro C. Stanford.	Durango.....	.....COLORADO.....	John C. Drewry..	Raleigh.
R. H. Tucker.....	Ansonia.....	.....CONNECTICUT.....	J. R. Williams...	Wilmington
J. M. Pearson.....	Godfrey.....	.....ILLINOIS.....	John Nichols.....	Raleigh.
V. A. McCutchen..	Paducah.....	.....KENTUCKY.....	W. Simpson.....	Raleigh.
Traverse Phillips...	Hastings.....	....MICHIGAN.....	F. Ulrich.....	Newbern.
Jno. S. Taxis.....	Trenton.....	.....NEW JERSEY.....	W. L. Wall.....	Durham.
F. J. Collins.....	Bradford.....	.....PENNSYLVANIA.....	E J. Parish.....	Durham.
A. H. Armington...	Providence...	.....RHODE ISLAND.....	J. W. Thompson..	Raleigh.
....	....	.....WISCONSIN.....	.....	.....

FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.

.....	.....	.....CANADA.....	.....	.....
....	....	...ENGLAND AND WALES...	.....	.....
J. T. Whitlock.....	St. Stephens..	.....NEW BRUNSWICK.....	J. L. Toon.....	Wilmington
.....	....	.....SCOTLAND.....	.....	.....

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF

Year.	Most Illustrious Grand Master	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.	Gr'd Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.
1860	Alex. Murdoch.	John Howlett.	Wm. Murdock.	D. A. Davis.
1866	W. J. Hicks.	Luke Blackmer.	C. A. Cilley.	Thos. W. Brown
1867	W. J. Hicks.	Wm. Murdock.	Thos. M. Gardner	Thos. W. Brown.
1868	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	Thos. M. Gardner	Thos. W. Brown.
1869	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	C. M. VanOrsdell	Thos. W. Brown.
1870	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	C. M. VanOrsdell	Thos. W. Brown.
1871	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	D. W. Bain.	H. H. Munson.
1872	H. H. Munson.	John Nichols.	Wm. Murdock.	A. Mrtain.
1873	H. H. Munson.	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell	A. Martin
1874	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. S. Everett.	R. H. Bradley.
1875	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. S. Everett.	R. H. Bradley.
1876	C. M. VanOrsdell	J. R. Neathery.	S. E. Allen.	John Nichols.
1877	C. M. VanOrsdell	L. H. Rountree.	S. E. Allen.	John Nichols.
1878	C. M. VanOrsdell	S. E. Allen.	A. S. Lee.	John Nichols.
1879	S. E. Allen.	J. I. Macks.	M. Grausman.	John Nichols.
1881	J. I. Macks.	S. H. Smith.	W. L. Wall.	W. Simpson.
1882	J. I. Macks.	W. L. Wall.	M. Grausman.	W. Simpson.
1883	J. I. Macks.	Jas. Southgate.	Bernice Walker.	W. Simpson.
1894	Jas. Southgate.	W. W. Allen.	W. Simpson.	G. W. Blount.
1895	Jas. Southgate.	W. Simpson.	W. E. Storm.	C. C. Taylor.
1896	Jas. Southgate.	W. Simpson.	W. S. Liddell.	E. P. Bailey.
1897	W. S. Liddell.	J. H. Hackburn	W. F. Randolph.	E. P. Bailey.
1898	W. S. Liddell.	J. H. Hackburn	W. F. Randolph.	E. P. Bailey.

NORTH CAROLINA FROM 1860 TO DATE.

Grand Recorder.	Grand Captain of the Guard.	Grand Conductor of the Council.	Grand Steward.	Grand Sentinel.
R. T. Hall.	John L. Cole.	H. W. Robison.	W. B. McMillan.	....
Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdock.	E. F. Watson.	P. N. Smith.	.....
Thos. B. Carr.	John Nichols.	....	J. H. Separk.	E. Turlington.
H. H. Munson.	W. A. Smith.	Thos. B. Keogh.	J. B. Neathery.	E. Turlington.
M. M. Katz.	W. A. Smith.	E. H. White.	John Nichols.	E. Turlington.
M. M. Katz.	W. A. Smith.	John Nichols.	W. Simpson.	E. Turlington.
M. M. Katz.	C. M. VanOrsdell	W. Simpson.	A. Martin.	E. Turlington.
M. M. Katz.	C. M. VanOrsdell	W. A. Smith.	Peter Adams.	B. G. Bates.
M. M. Katz.	S. S. Everett.	J. M. Shelly.	T. B. Carr.	B. G. Bates.
D. W. Bain.	J. M. Shelly.	Thos. B. Carr.	M. M. Katz.	J. H. Separk.
D. W. Bain.	T. J. Sloan.	J. M. Shelly.	W. Murdock.	C. C. Smith.
D. W. Bain.	M. M. Katz.	E. A. Wilson.	W. Murdock.	R. H. Bradley.
D. W. Bain.	James C. Munds.	A. S. Lee.	W. Murdock.	E. H. White.
D. W. Bain.	James C. Munds.	T. J. Sloan.	J. I. Macks.	J. D. Wilborn.
D. W. Bain	James C. Munds.	H. H. Munson.	J. M. Rosenbaum	E. H. White.
D. W. Bain.	W. R. Kenan.	D. P. Mast.	R. H. Bradley.	B. G. Bates.
D. W. Bain.	Jas. Southgate.	D. P. Mast.	M. M. Katz.	R. H. Bradley.
D W. Bain.	James C. Munds.	J. M. Rosenbaum	M. Grausman.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	D. G. Maxwell.	W. A. Withers.	W. N. Prather.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	Geo. H. King.	W. A. Withers.	H. H. Munson.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	R B. DeVault.	W. C. French.	R. B. Lacy.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	W. E. Storm.	J. W. Thompson	H. H. Munson.	R. H. Bradley.
James C. Munds	W. E. Storm.	J. W. Thompson	H. H. Munson.	R. H. Bradley.

GRAND COUNCILS AND ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

GRAND COUNCILS.	GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESSES.
GENERAL GRAD COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.		
General Grand Council	Henry W. Mordhurst	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thos. H Caswell	San Francisco.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Indiana	W. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	J. S. Murrow	Atoka.
Kanas	A. M. Callaham	Topeka.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Geo. L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Seranus Bowen	Boston.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Missouri	Wm. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha.
New Hampshire	Geo. P. Cleaves	Concord.
New York	Geo. VanVliet	New York.
Ohio	W. E. Evans	Chilicothe.
Oregon	Seth L. Pope	Portland.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	W. A. Clendenning	Nashville.
Vermont	W. G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Washington	E. R. Hare	Tacoma.
INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.		
Alabama	H. Clay Armstrong	Montgomery.
Colorado	Thos. E. Shears	Denver.
Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford.
Illinois	Gil W. Barnard	Chicago.
Kentucky	L. D. Cronenger	Covington.
Michigan	J. S. Conover	Cold Water.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
New Jersey	Charles Becktel	Trenton.
North Carolina	James C. Munds	Wilmington,
Pennsylvania	J. L. Lyte	Lancaster.
Rhode Island	W. R. Greene	Providence.
Wisconsin	J. W. Loftin	Milwaukee.
FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.		
Canada	J. B. Nixson	Toronto.
England	Chas. F. Matier	London, W. C.
New Brunswick	Robert Marshall	St. John.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown	Edinburg.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL and SELECT MASTERS,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

HELD IN

CHARLOTTE,

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JUNE, 1900.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1901.

PROCEEDINGS.

The twenty-fourth Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina was held in the City of Charlotte on Wednesday, June 13, 1900, A. Dep. 2900.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

W. S. LIDDELL ..... M. I. Grand Master.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.....as Deputy I. Grand Master.
W. F. RANDOLPH..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
JOHN C. DREWRY.....as Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS .... Grand Recorder.
W. E. STORM ... . Grand Captain of the Guard.
D. E. ALLEN .....as Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. MUNSON..... ... Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY..... Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

H. H. MUNSON..... ..... Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.
JAS. SOUTHGATE ..... " " " " "
W. SIMPSON .... " Deputy " " "

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

California ....W. F. Randolph.
Indiana ....P. A. Wilson.
Louisiana. ....James Southgate.
Maine... ....H. H. Munson.
Ohio ....W. S. Liddell.
Colorado..... .....John C. Drewry.
Kentucky ....W. Simpson.
Michigan ....F. Ulrich.

A constitutional number of Councils being represented the Grand Council was opened in ample form.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Comps. John C. Drewry and D. E. Allen a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following Councils represented by proper delegates, as follows:

Adoniram Council, No. 2	W. S. Liddell, proxy.
Munson Council, No. 4	W. E. Storm, T. I. M.
Enoch Council, No. 5	R. H. Bradley, proxy.
Durham Council, No. 7	Jas. Southgate, proxy.
Charlotte Council, No. 8	G. H. King, T. I. M.
	D. G. Maxwell, D. I. M.
	G. A. Page, P. C. W.
Ionic Council, No. 9	W. F. Randolph, T. I. M.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

Doings of Grand Officers—Jas. Southgate, D. E. Allen, G. H. King.

Jurisprudence.—H. H. Munson, John Nichols. E. S. Martin.

Returns—John C. Drewry, W. E. Storm, D. G. Maxwell.

Fraternal Correspondence—Jas. Southgate.

Necrology—W. Simpson, W. F. Randolph, J. C. Drewry.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master made a verbal address to the Grand Council, expressing his regrets that so little had been done in this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year, and expressed his hope that more interest would be manifested in the future.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

I herewith present my Annual Report:

RECEIPTS.

1899		
	Bal. from last report	42.67
	Received from Grand Recorder	30.00
1900		
June 13	" " " "	45.00

DISRURSEMENTS.

Paid Vouchers 5, 6, and 7	64.00	
Balance to new account	53.67	
	117.67	117.67

Fraternally submitted,

E. P. BAILEY,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

The Proceedings of 1898 were printed and distributed soon after the close of the Grand Assembly of that year.

Last year (1899) for want of a quorum, we failed to assemble.

The receipts for two years have been:

Adoniram Council, No. 2	30.00
Munson " " 4	15.00
Charlotte " " 8	30.00
Total	75.00

Which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils reported as follows;

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils beg leave to report that they have examined the Returns of Adoniram Council No. 2, Munson Council No. 4, and Charlotte Council No. 8, and find them correct.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. C. DREWRY,
W. E. STORM.
D. G. MAXWELL,
Committee.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers reported as follows:

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee would report that they find nothing requiring especial notice.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES SOUTHGATE,
D. E. ALLEN,
G. H. KING,
Committee.

The Committee on Necrology made their report which was received and adopted:

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Necrology begs leave to report:

We extend our warmest sympathies to Sister Jurisdictions for the Companions who have been called from labor to rest since our last Assembly, and recommend that a page of the Journal be set apart to their memory.

Fraternally Submitted,

WM. SIMPSON,
W. F. RANDOLPH,
JOHN C. DREWRY,
Committee.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election

of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The following Companions were duly elected and installed:

W. S. LIDDELL.....Most Illustrious Grand Master.
J. H. HACKBURN..... Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. F. RANDOLPH .....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
E. P. BAILEY .....Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS.....Grand Recorder.
W. E. STORM.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
J. W. THOMPSON ... . Grand Conductor of the Council.
H. H. MUNSON .... Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY. .....Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Council having concluded its labors, the proceedings were read and approved, and it was closed in ample form, to meet in Greensboro on Wednesday, 14th May, 1901, or at the call of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

W. S. LIDDELL,
Grand Master.

Attest:

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL and SELECT MASTERS,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

HELD IN

GREENSBORO,

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MAY, 1901.

WILMINGTON, N. C.,
S. G. HALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1901.

PROCEEDINGS.

The twenty-fifth Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina was held in the City of Greensboro on Wednesday, May 14, 1901, A. Dep. 2901.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

W. S. LIDDELL ..... Most Illustrious Grand Master.
F. ULRICH .....as Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
W. F. RANDOLPH..... Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
WM. SIMPSON.....as Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS .... Grand Recorder.
A. B. ANDREWS, JR..... as Grand Captain of the Guard.
H. G. SMALLBONES.....as Grand Conductor of the Council.
W. ANDERSON. ..... as Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY..... Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

JAS SOUTHGATE ..... Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.
JOHN NICHOLS ..... " " " " "
W. SIMPSON .... " Deputy " " "

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

California ....W. F. Randolph.
Louisiana ....James Southgate.
Minnesota ....D. E. Allen.
Ohio ....W. S. Liddell.
Colorado..... .....John C. Drewry.
Illinois ....John Nichols.
Kentucky ....Wm. Simpson.
Michigan ....F. Ulrich.

A constitutional number of Councils being represented the Grand Council was opened in ample form.

The M. I. Grand Master announced the appointment of the following Committees:

Credentials—A. B. Andrews, Jr., E. Norden, J. D. Helms.

Returns of Subordinate Councils—J. H. Drakeforth, J. K. Norfleet, D. E. Allen.

Jurisprudence—John Nichols, Jas. Southgate, E. S. Martin.

Fraternal Correspondence—James Southgate.

The Committee on Credentials made their report as follows:

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following Councils duly represented:

Adoniram Council, No. 2.....W. S. Liddell, proxy.
Munson Council, No. 4.....E. O. Toomer, prox. T. I. M.
H. G. Smallbones, proxy, D. I. M.
E. Norden, proxy, P. C. W.
Enoch Council, No. 5.....John Nichols, T. I. M.
A. B. Anprews, Jr., proxy, T. I. M.
W. Simpson, proxy, P. C. W.
Durham Council, No. 7..... ... .Jas. Southgate, proxy.
Charlotte Council, No. 8 .....W. Anderson, proxy, T. I. M.
D. E. Allen, D. I. M.
Ionic Council, No 9.....W. F. Randolph, T. I. M.
J. H. Drakeforth, proxy, D. I. M.

Fraternally submitted,

A. B. ANDREWS. JR.,
E. NORDEN,
J. D. HELMS,
Committee.

ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

The Thrice Illustrious Grand Master made a verbal address to the Grand Council, in which he deplored the lethargy manifested in the Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction. Little work had been accomplished. No questions had been submitted for his decision, no dispensations were granted, and he made no visitations.

In concluding, he admonished us not to be disheartened at the gloomy review of the past, but urged us to infuse into Cryptic Masonry some of the life and vim with which the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery are blessed.

The address was well received, and upon its conclusion the Representatives of all the Councils present pledged their earnest support for the coming year.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

I herewith present my Annual Report for year ending this day:

RECEIPTS.

1900			
	Bal. from last report		53.67
1901			
	Received from Grand Recorder		30.00
	DISBURSEMENTS.		
	Paid Warrants 8, 9, 10, and 11	34.25	
	Balance to new account	49.42	
		83,67	83.67

Fraternally submitted,

E. P. BAILEY,
Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder submitted his report:

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of N. C.:

COMPANIONS:

No proceedings were issued last year, but they will be printed with this years.

I have received dues of

Adoniram Council, No. 2	.....	15.00
Charlotte " " 8	.....	15.00
Total	.....	30.00

Which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils reported as follows;

REPORT OF COMMITTE ON RETURNS.

To the Grand Council of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils beg leave to report that they have examined the Returns of Adoniram Council No. 2, Munson Council No. 4, Enoch Council No. 5, and Charlotte Council No. 8, and find them correct.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. H. DRAKEFORTH,
J. K. NORFLEET.
D. E. ALLEN,
Committee.

The election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year was then gone into and the following Companions were duly elected:

W. S. LIDDELL ..... Most Illustrious Grand Master
W. F. RANDOLPH .....Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.
A. B. ANDREWS, JR.....Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
E. P. BAILEY .....Grand Treasurer.
JAMES C. MUNDS.....Grand Recorder.
F. ULRICH.....Grand Captain of the Guard.
W. ANDERSON..... ..Grand Conductor of the Council.
E. O. TOOMER .....Grand Steward.
R. H. BRADLEY.....Grand Sentinel.

Companion James Southgate, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, then installed the elected Grand Officers.

No further business appearing the minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Council was closed in ample form, to meet in Winston, on Wednesday, 11th June, 1902.

W. S. LIDDELL,
Grand Master.

Attest:

JAMES C. MUNDS,
Grand Recorder.

In Memoriam.

JAS. McD. FRENCH,

Munson Council No. 4,

Died 22nd July, 1900.

H. H. MUNSON,

Munson Council No. 4,

Died 9th September, 1900.

THOMAS PENCE,

Enoch Council, No. 5,

Died 18th March, 1901.

IN MEMORY

OF THE

FRATERNAL DEAD

OF

SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

RETURNS OF COUNCILS.

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRANDCOUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA, APRIL 1ST, 1901.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL No, 2.—SALISBURY.

Time of Regular Assembly: First Tuesday Night in each Month.

OFFICERS.

W. B. Smoot. .....Thrice Illustrious Master.
E. B. Neave .....Deputy Illustrious Master.
T C. Linn .....Principal Conductor of the Work.
P. A. Frercks .....Treasurer.
R G. Kizer .....Recorder.
J. R. Monroe. .....Captain of the Guard.
J. C. Sowers .....Conductor of the Council.
P. H. Bernhardt .....Stewart.
F. M. Tarrh .....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

W. S. Bridgers,	J. A. Holt,	A. L. Smoot,
A. H. Caldwell,	D. Hutchinson,	J. T. Sassamon,
W. C. Conghenour,	J. Lichtenstein,	S. J. Shuping,
Bismark Capps,	M. C. Quinn,	W. W. Taylor.
C. R Cumming,	T. L. Ross,	
J. D. Heilig,	O. N. Spencer,	

Number of Members 25.

MUNSON COUNCIL, No. 4.—Wilmington.

Time of Regular Assembly: Second Monday in each month,

OFFICERS.

A. J. Howell ..... Thrice Illustrious Master.
E. Norden ..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
W. A. Williams ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
J. T. Munds..... Treasurer.
James C. Munds ..... Recorder.
E. P. Bailey..... Captain of the Guard.
H. G. Smallbones ..... Conductor of the Council.
C. C. Brown..... Steward.
T. H. Johnson.. ..... Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

E. V. Baltzer.	W. C. Jones,	U. M. Robinson,
J. L. Cantwell,	W. R Kenan,	W. E. Storm,
W. H. Chadbourn,	J. C. Lodor,	F. H. Stedman,
A. David,	E. S. Latimer,	S. Solomon,
G. Z. French,	W. A. Martin.	W. P. Toomer,
R. H. Grant,	J. W. Munroe,	J. L. Toon,
S. G. Hall,	E. S. Martin,	E. O. Toomer,
J. B. Hanks,	J. E. Matthews,	F. Ulrich,
J. H. Hackburn,	M. C. S. Noble,	M. S. Willard.
J. W. Jackson,	R. W. Price,	

Number of Members 38.

ENOCH COUNCIL No. 6.—Raleigh.

Time of Regular Assembly: Tuesday evening after Third Monday in each Month.

OFFICERS.

John Nichols, ... Thrice Illustrious Master.
M. Bowes..... Deputy Illustrious Master.
Chas. Kleappelberg ..... Principal Conductor of the Work.
W. Simpson ..... Treasurer.
D. S. Hamilton ..... Recorder.
W. E. Faison ..... Captain of the Guard.

Jno. W. Thompson .....Conductor of the Council.
Jno. Whitelaw.....Steward.
R. H. Bradley.....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

A. B. Adams, Jr.	H. B. Greason,	C. P. Suggs,
E. W. Ayres,	W. T. Harding,	L. D. Terrell,
Thos. Badger,	E. G. Harrell,	S. D. Wait,
W. H. Bain,	W. J. Hicks,	Chas. Wallen,
T. W. Blake,	F. H. Hunnecutt,	F. A. Watson,
W. H. Bragg,	W. E. Jones,	W J. Weir,
James Cuthrell,	B. R Lacy,	W. P. Wetherell,
W. X. Coley,	A. Rosengarten,	W. A. Withers,
W. H. Dodd,	Ike Selegson,	C. A. Woodruff.
J. Worth Elliott,	Z. P. Smith,	

Number of Members 38.

CHARLOTTE COUNCIL No, 8.—Charlotte.

Time of Regular Assembly: Every Fifth Tuesday.

OFFICERS.

T. S. Franklin .....Thrice Illustrious Master.
B. H. Dillon .....Deputy Illustrious Master.
G. A. Page.....Principal Conductor of the Work.
Tom Griffith .....Treasurer.
R. H. Ramsey.....Recorder.
A. E. McCausland.....Captain of the Guard.
C. H. Dudley.....Conductor of the Council.
R. W. Smith .....Steward.
B. F. Powell .....Sentinel.

MEMBERS.

D. E. Allen,	S. A. Kelly,	J. F. Misenheimer,
W. Anderson,	G. H. King,	E. M. Purefoy,
I. M Belk,	W. S. Liddell,	J. F. Robertson,
W. H. Belk,	R. E. McDonald,	T. R. Robertson.
S. H. Hilton,	D. G. Maxwell,	
R. H. Jordan,	G. Merridith,	

Number of Members 25.

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

COUNCILS.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	T. I. M.	RECORDER.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.
Adoniram	2	Salisbury	W. B. Smoot	R. G. Kizer	25
Munson	4	Wilmington	A. J. Howell	Jas. C. Munds	38
Enoch	5	Raleigh	John Nichols	D. S. Hamilton	38
* Durham	7	Durham	C. C. Taylor	H. J. Bass	18
Charlotte	8	Charlotte	T. S. Franklin	R. H. Ramsey	25
* Ionic	9	Asheville	W. F. Randolph	J. E. Dickerson	11
Total					155

* No returns made this year.

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM 1860 TO DATE.

Year.	Most Illustrious Grand Master.	Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.
1860	Alex. Murdoch.	John Howlett.	Wm. Murdoch.	D. A. Davis.	R. T. Hall.
1866	W. J. Hicks.	Luke Blackmer.	C. A. Cilley.	Thos. W. Brown.	Thos. B. Carr.
1867	W. J. Hicks.	Wm. Murdoch.	Thos. M. Gardner.	Thos. W. Brown.	Thos. B. Carr.
1868	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdoch.	Thos. M. Gardner.	Thos. W. Brown.	H. H. Munson.
1869	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdoch.	C. M. VanOrsdell.	Thos. W. Brown.	M. M. Katz.
1870	Thos. B. Carr.	Wm. Murdoch.	C. M. VanOrsdell.	Thos. W. Brown.	M. M. Katz.
1871	Thos. B. Carr,	Wm. Murdoch.	D. W. Bain.	H. H. Munson,	M. M. Katz,
1872	H. H. Munson.	John Nichols.	Wm. Murdoch.	A. Martin.	M. M. Katz.
1873	H. H. Munson.	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell.	A. Martin.	M. M. Katz.
1874	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell.	S. S. Everett.	R. H. Bradley.	D. W. Bain.
1875	John Nichols.	C. M. VanOrsdell.	S. S. Everett.	R. H. Bradley.	D. W. Bain.
1876	C. M. VanOrsdell.	J. R. Neathery.	S. E. Allen.	John Nichols.	D. W. Bain.
1877	C. M. VanOrsdell.	S H. Rountree.	S. E. Allen.	John Nichols.	D. W. Bain.
1878	C. M. VanOrsdell.	S. E. Allen.	A. S. Lee.	John Nichols.	D. W. Bain.
1879	S. E. Allen.	J. I. Macks.	M. Grausman.	John Nichols.	D. W. Bain.
1881	J. I. Macks.	S. H. Smith.	W. L. Wall.	W. Simpson.	D. W. Bain.
1882	J. I. Macks	W. L. Wall.	M. Grausman.	W. Simpson.	D. W. Bain.
1883	J. I. Macks.	Jas. Southgate.	Bernice Walker.	W. Simpson.	D. W. Bain.
1894	Jas. Southgate.	W. W. Allen.	W. Simpson.	G. W. Blount.	James C. Munds.
1895	Jas. Southgate.	W. Simpson.	W. E. Storm.	C. C. Taylor.	James C. Munds.
1896	Jas. Southgate.	W Simpson.	W. S Liddell.	E. P. Bailey.	James C. Munds.
1897	W. S. Liddell.	J H. Hackburn.	W. F. Randolph.	E. P. Bailey.	James C. Munds.
1898	W. S. Liddell.	J. H. Hackburn.	W. F. Randolph.	E. P. Bailey.	James C. Munds.
1900	W. S. Liddell.	J. H. Hackburn.	W. F. Randolph.	E. P. Bailey.	James C. Munds.
1901	W. S. Liddell.	W. P. Randolph.	A. H. Andrews, Jr	E. P. Bailey.	James C. Munds.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE GRAND COUNCIL OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.		GRAND COUNCILS.	TO NORTH CAROLINA.	
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.		GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.	ADDRESS.
.....	.....	.....ALABAMA.....	.....	.....
J. R. Dunnell	Conway.....	.....ARKANSAS.....	W. A. Williams..	Wilmington.
W. H. Davis	Sacramento..	..... CALIFORNIA	W. F. Randolph..	Asheville.
.....	.....	.....CANADA.....	.....	.....
Jethro C. Stanford .	Durango	..... COLORADO	John C. Drewry ..	Raleigh.
R. H. Tucker.....	Ansonia.....	..... CONNECTICUT	J. R. Williams ...	Wilmington.
.....	.....	.. ENGLAND AND WALES ..	.....	.....
W. P. Anderson....	Palatka	..... FLORIDA	.....	.....
John J. Seay .	Rome	..... GEORGIA	D. G. Maxwell ...	Charlotte.
J. M. Pearson	Godfrey.....	.....ILLINOIS.....	John Nichols.....	Raleigh.
Chas. Balch.....	Terre Haute..	.....INDIANA	P. A. Wilson.....	Winston.
John Rennie	Lehigh	... INDIAN TERRITORY	R. B. Lacy	Raleigh.
.....	.....	..... IOWA	.....	.....
R. E. Torrington ...	Wichita.....	.....KANSAS	Geo. Howard, Jr..	Tarboro.
.....	.....	..... KENTUCKY.....	W. Simpson	Raleigh.
Geo. O. Elms.....	Opelcusa.....	..... LOUISIANA	Jas. Southgate...	Durham.
B. B. Farmsworth..	Portland.....	.....MAINE	A. B. Andrews, Jr.	Raleigh.
J. James Fable.....	Cambridge ...	..... .MARYLAND	J J. Whitaker ...	Enfield.
J. B. Gardner	Roxbury	.....MASSACHUSETTS	J. S. Carr	Durham.
Traverse Phillips ..	Hastings	..... MICHIGAN	F. Ulrich.....	Newbern.
A. Brandenburg....	Fergus Falls..	.....MINNESOTA	J. T. Munds.....	Wilmington.
.....	.....	.....MISSISSIPPI.....	.....	.....
W. H. Barrett.....	Harrisonville.	..... MISSOURI	.....	.....
.....	.....	.... NEBRASKA	.....	.....
J. T. Whitlock	St. Stephen's..	..... NEW BRUNSWICK	J. L. Toon	Wilmington.

John Hatch	Greenland	NEW HAMPSHIRE	J. L. Cantwell	Wilmington.
		NEW JERSEY	W. L. Wall	Durham
E W. VanVranken.	Brooklyn	NEW YORK.	E. S. Martin	Wilmington.
William E. Banta	Springfield	OHIO.	W. S. Liddell	Charlotte.
Z. H. Davis	Corvalis	.OREGON	W. P. Toomer	Wilmington.
F. J. Collins	Bradford	PENNSYLVANIA		
A. H. Arrington	Providence	RHODE ISLAND	J. W. Thompson	Raleigh.
		SCOTLAND.		
J. T. Barron	Columbia	SOUTH CAROLINA	Sam'l G. Hall	Wilmington.
P. N. Matlock	Kinton	TENNESSEE.	W. R. Kenan	Wilmington.
		VERMONT	W. H. Baine	Raleigh.
		WASHINGTON		
		WISCONSIN		

GRAND COUNCILS AND ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS.

GRAND COUNCILS.	GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESS.
General Grand Council..	Henry W, Mordhurst...	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Alabama...	H. Clay Armstrong	Montgomery.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
California.	W. A. Davies	San Francisco.
Canada	S. J. Stanford	Barrie, Ontario.
Colorado	E. L. N. Foster	Denver.
Connecticut	James McCormick	Hartford.
England and Wales	Chas. F. Matier	London, W. C.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Illinois	Gil. W. Bernard	Chicago.
Indiana	C. W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory.	J. S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa..	Alf. Wingate	Des Moines.
Kansas	W. M. Shaver	Topeka.
Kentucky	Jas. W. Staton	Brooksville.
Louisiana.	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine.	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Geo. L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts..	J. Gilman Waite	Boston.
Michigan	J. S. Conover	Cold Water.
Minnesota	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	Wm. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	F. E. White	Omaha.
New Brunswick	John A Watson.	St. John.
New Hampshire	F. D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Charles Becktel	Trenton.
New York	Geo. VanVliet	New York.
North Carolina	James C. Munds	Wilmington.
Ohio	W E. Evans	Chilicothe.
Oregon	Seth L Pope	Portland.
Pennsylvania	J. L. Lyte	Lancaster.
Rhode Island	W. R. Greene	Providence.
Scotland	Robert S. Brown	Edinburg.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	W. A. Clendenning	Nashville.
Vermont	W. G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Washington	E. R. Hare	Tacoma.
Wisconsin	W. W. Perry..	Milwaukee.