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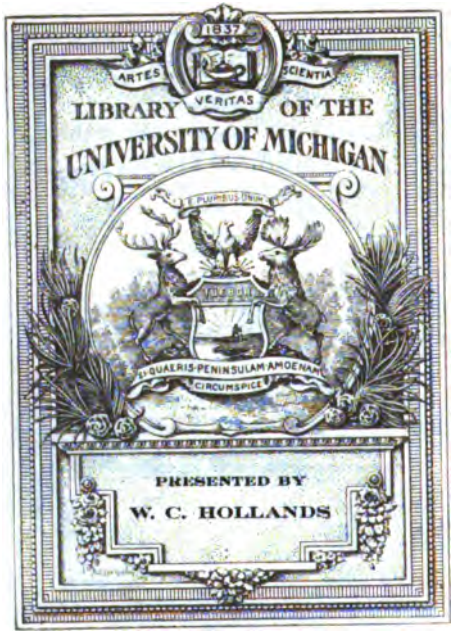
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PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

THE GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

Royal and Select MASTERS

—OF THE—

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

—AT ITS—

CONVENTION TO FORM GRAND COUNCIL,

HELD AT DETROIT,

Commencing Wednesday, January 13th, 1858.



GRAND RAPIDS, MICH:
H. H. COLESTOCK, MASONIC PRINTER, 51 LYON STREET.
1879.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 1858.

At a Convention of Representatives and Delegates, from the several Councils of Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Michigan, assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on the 13th day of January, 1858, the following Councils were represented :

MONROE COUNCIL, NO. 23.

N. B. CARPENTER,	T. I. G. M.
N. P. JACOBS,	D. I. G. M.
E. ROOD,	P. C.
C. JACKSON.	Treasurer.
W. BARCLAY	Recorder.
E. A. ELLIOTT,	C. G.
J. J. RHODES	Conductor.
D. B. NICHOLS,	Marshal.
S. S. BARROWS,	Steward.

ST. CLAIR COUNCIL, NO. 24.

G. B. ENGLE,	T. I. G. M.
S. B. BROWN,	D. I. G. M.

A. J. CUMMINGS,	P. C. p. t.
B. W. JENKS,	Treasurer.
F. H. BLOOD,	Recorder.
E. WHITE,	C. G.
JOHN CLARK	Conductor.
WM. COOK,	Marshal.
E. CARLTON,	Steward.

PONTIAC COUNCIL, NO. 25.

F. DARROW,	T. I. G. M.
A. B. CUDWORTH,	D. I. G. M.
A. B. MATHEWS,	P. C.
LEVI BACON, JR.,	Treasurer.
R. H. ELLIOTT,	Recorder.
A. C. BALDWIN	C. G.
J. A. CORBIN,	Conductor.
R. W. DAVIS,	Marshal.
G. R. HIXSON,	Steward.
T. A. FLOWER,	P. T. I. G. M.

On motion, Rev. Geo. B. Engle was appointed Chairman; and Frank Darrow, Secretary.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Convention deem it for the best interest of Royal and Select Masters, in this State, that a State Grand Council be formed.

The following Constitution and By-Laws were then presented; which were, on motion to that effect, read and adopted, for the government of the State Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of Michigan:

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

—OF THE—

GRAND COUNCIL

OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan shall consist of

Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant,
Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant,
Grand Thrice Illustrious,
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,
Grand Captain of the Guard,
Grand Treasurer,
Grand Recorder,
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Steward, and
Grand Sentinel.

AND ALL

Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissants,
Past Thrice Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissants,
Past Grands Thrice Illustrious, and
Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work.

TOGETHER WITH THE

Thrice Illustrious Grand Masters,
Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters, and

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Principal Conductors of the Work,
For the time being, of the several Subordinate Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council;

OR

Their Proxies, duly empowered;

AND

All Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Masters, who are members of Subordinate Councils, and who have presided one year over a Council in this State.

OF REPRESENTATION NECESSARY.

SEC. 2. There shall not be a Grand Council opened for business, unless there shall be present a representation from at least two subordinate working Councils.

POWER OF GRAND COUNCIL.

SEC. 3. The Grand Council shall have sole government and superintendence of the several Subordinate Councils in this State—shall assign their limits, and establish the fees for admission. In all cases of controversy, an appeal shall lie from an aggrieved Council, or any member of a Council, to this Grand Council. It shall also have power to grant charters, constituting new Councils of Royal and Select Masters, within the State of Michigan.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 4. The Annual Meetings of the Grand Council shall be held at the City of Detroit, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in January, in each and every year, at 12 o'clock M.; but a special meeting of the Grand Council may be called whenever the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant, Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant, Grand Thrice Illustrious, and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, or any three of them, shall deem it necessary.

DUTIES OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant, Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant, Grand Thrice Illustrious, and Principal Conductor of the Work, severally, to inform and perfect themselves in the Sublime Arts and Work of Royal and Select Masters—to make themselves acquainted with the Lectures and Ancient Charges, and to consult with each other; for the purpose of adopting suitable measures for diffusing the knowledge of the Work and Lectures, and to secure uniformity in the several Subordinate Councils under this jurisdiction.

OF DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

SEC. 6. The Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant and the Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant shall have authority, during the recess of the Grand Council, to grant Letters of Dispensation, under their respective signatures and private seals, to a competent number of duly qualified petitioners, empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters, for a specific term of time, not extending beyond the next meeting of the Grand Council, *Provided*, That the same fees as are required for a charter shall be first deposited in the hands of the Grand Recorder. And in all cases where such Dispensation is granted, the officer granting the same shall make report thereof at the next meeting of the Grand Council; and the Grand Council may continue or recall such Dispensation, or may, upon application for the same, grant the petitioners a charter; and in case a charter be so granted, the fees first deposited with the Grand Recorder shall be credited in payment for the same; but if the Dispensation is not continued, or charter granted, the money to be returned, except necessary expenses.

SEC. 7. No dispensation or charter shall be issued, for instituting a Council of Royal Masters independent of Select Masters.

SEC. 8. No dispensation or charter, for the institution of a new Council of Royal and Select Masters,. shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine Royal and Select Masters; which petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Council nearest to the place where the new Council is to be formed, vouching for the moral character and Masonic ability of the petitioners, and recommending to the Grand Council to grant the prayer of the same.

CHARTER FEE.

SEC. 9. No charter shall be granted for establishing a Council of Royal and Select Masters for a less sum than *fifteen dollars*.

LIMIT OF NUMBER OF COUNCILS.

SEC. 10. There shall not be a greater number of Councils established in this State than there are Royal Arch Chapters, nor more than one Council within the jurisdiction of each Chapter.

AMENDMENTS, ETC.

SEC. 11. The Grand Council shall be competent, on concurrence of two-thirds of its members present, to revise, amend, or alter this Constitution, provided a motion to that effect is duly made and seconded, at one annual meeting of said Grand Council, and laid over until the next for consideration.

OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

ARTICLE II.

OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. A Council of Royal and Select Masters shall consist of a

Thrice Illustrious Grand Master,
Deputy Thrice Illustrious Grand Master,
Principal Conductor of the work,
Captain of the Guard,
Treasurer,
Sentinel,

AND

As many Members as may be found convenient for working to advantage,

And ought to assemble for work at least once in three months.

AS TO STANDING OF COUNCILS.

SEC. 2. No Council of Royal and Select Masters in this State shall be considered legal unless they have a charter from the Grand Council, or a Dispensation from one of the Grand Officers; and Masonic communication, either public or private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Council under this jurisdiction, or any member thereof, and any Council or assemblage that may be so illegally established without such charter or dispensation, or any person admitted in such illegal Council; but nothing in this Section shall be so construed as to effect any Council, or members of any Council, which may be established by proper authority in other States.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE DEGREE.

SEC. 3. All applications for the degree of Royal and Select Master, or membership in any Subordinate Council under this jurisdiction, shall be by petition in writing to the nearest Council, from a member of a Royal Arch Chapter regularly constituted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and subordinate to the same, and also of the State Grand Chapter from which he hails, and shall lie over one lunar month after the same shall have been received and referred to a Committee for inquiry, unless by a unanimous vote of the Companions present, in which case the application may be acted upon instanter, and an unanimous ballot shall be necessary in all cases.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 4. The officers of the several Subordinate Councils shall be chosen annually by ballot. A majority of the whole number present shall be necessary to elect; and the persons so chosen shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and installed; which election shall take place on the regular meeting next preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

DUTIES OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER.

SEC. 5. The Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of every Subordinate Council has it in special charge, as appertaining to his office, duty and dignity, to see that the By-Laws of his Council, as well as the Constitution of the Grand Council, and general regulations of Royal and Select Masters, are duly observed and obeyed; that all the officers of his Council perform the duties of their respective stations, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions; that true and accurate records of the proceedings of his Council be kept by the Recorder; that the Treasurer render just and accurate accounts of all moneys belonging to the Council; and that the annual dues to the Grand Council be regularly and punctually paid.

He has the special charge and care of the charter or dispensation of his Council; he has a right to call his Council, at pleasure, upon any emergency. It is likewise his duty, together with the Deputy Illustrious and Principal Conductor of the Work, to attend the meetings of the Grand Council, either in person or proxy, when duly summoned by the Grand Recorder.

DEGREE FEE.

SEC. 6. No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master for a less sum than *Five Dollars*.

OF DUES.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Subordinate Councils to provide by By-Laws for the assessment of such dues (as well as the time of their payment) as they may think proper; which By-Laws shall be considered sufficient notice to the members. And it shall be the imperative duty of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Master to order the Recorder to enter *suspended* all members who shall refuse or neglect for two years to pay their dues.

PERCENTAGE TO GRAND COUNCIL.

SEC. 8. Each Subordinate Council shall pay to the Grand Treasurer, at each stated meeting of the Grand Council, the sum of *One Dollar* for every Companion receiving the degree of Royal and Select Master.

BY-LAWS.

I.

PRECEDENCE OF COUNCILS.

The several Councils in this State shall be numbered according to the date of their respective charters.

II.

RETURNS TO GRAND COUNCIL.

Each Council in this State shall make returns to the Grand Council, at their annual assembly, of the names of its officers and members, and of all Companions received and acknowledged the preceding year.

III.

COMPENSATION OF GRAND RECORDER.

The Grand Recorder shall receive an annual compensation of ten dollars for his services, and five dollars for each charter issued.

IV.

DUTY OF GRAND TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive all moneys; and at the stated meeting of the Grand Council he shall exhibit an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements; and no moneys shall be paid out by him without the consent of the Grand Council and the written order of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant or officer presiding.

V.

DUTY OF GRAND RECORDER.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to keep a record of the proceedings of the Grand Council.

VI.

DELINQUENT COUNCILS.

If any Council under this Jurisdiction shall fail to assemble and work, for the space of twelve months; or shall fail to be represented at the stated meetings of the Grand Council, for the term of two stated meetings in succession; or shall fail, for the same length of time, to discharge their dues—every such delinquent Council shall forfeit its charter, together with all its jewels, furniture and effects of every kind, subject to the disposal of the Grand Council, and shall be notified thereof by the Grand Recorder.

VII.

AMENDMENTS, ETC.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended, in the same manner as the Constitution only.

The Grand Council, on motion to that effect, then proceeded to ballot for Grand Officers; which election resulted as follows:

N. B. CARPENTER, as Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant.
S. B. BROWN, as Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant.
F. DARROW, as Grand Thrice Illustrious Puissant.
E. ROOD, as Illustrious Grand Treasurer.
N. P. JACOBS, as Illustrious Grand Recorder.
T. A. FLOWER, as Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard.
G. B. ENGLE, as Illustrious Grand Chaplain.
R. W. DAVIS, as Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Work.
A. J. CUMMINGS, as Illustrious Grand Marshall.
A. B. CUDWORTH, as Illustrious Grand Steward.
CHARLES D. HOWARD, as Illustrious Grand Sentinel.

Who were declared unanimously elected.

Companion T. I. G. M. Engle proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers, under the following dispensation from the Grand Council of Connecticut:

GRAND COUNCIL OF CONNECTICUT.

BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER IN ME VESTED, *as Most Puissant Grand Master, I do hereby authorize and empower T. I. Comp.* C. B. ENGLE, *G. M. of St. Clair Council, No. 24, to install the officers of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan, whenever they shall have been duly elected.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Seal of our Grand Council to be affixed, at Norwich, in the State of Connecticut, the 28th day of December*, 1857.

[L. S.] WM. L. BREWER, M. P. G. M.

Attest:

E. G. STORER,
Grand Recorder.

On motion it was

Resolved, That charters, without fee, be issued to Monroe Council, as Monroe Council, No. 1, Detroit; St. Clair Council, as St. Clair Council, No. 2, St. Clair; and Pontiac Council, as Pontiac Council, No. 3, Pontiac.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a dispensation is hereby granted to St. Clair Council, No. 2, for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be authorized to obtain a suitable seal; also charters, blanks, etc., for the use of the Grand Council, and to procure the printing of the Proceedings of this Grand Body.

No other business coming before the Grand Council, it was then closed in due and ample form until the next regular communication, unless sooner convened by the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant.

N. P. JACOBS,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

THE GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

Royal and Select

MASTERS

—OF THE—

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

HELD AT DETROIT,

Wednesday, Jan. 12th, 1859, and Wednesday Jan. 11th, 1860.



GRAND RAPIDS, MICH:
H. H. COLESTOCK, MASONIC PRINTER, 51 LYON STREET.
1879.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

The Grand Council of the State of Michigan assembled in Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on the second Tuesday of January, 1859.

Present:

FRANK DARROW.....G. T. I. P.
EZRA ROOD.....I G. T.
NATHANIEL P. JACOBS.....I. G. R.
T. A. FLOWER.....I. G. C. G.
R. W. DAVIS.....I. G. C. W.
C. B. ENGLE.....I. G. C.
A. J. CUMMINGS.....I. G. C. G.
A. B. CUDWORTH.....I. G. S.
C. D. HOWARD.....I. G. S.

Council opened in due and ample form. Owing to the sickness and consequent absence of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant, no address was delivered by him.

The Grand Recorder made a verbal report, as to the condition of the Fraternity in the State.

Returns were received from Monroe Council, No. 1, with fees—four dollars—for the conferring the degrees of Royal

and Select Masters, in said Council; and from Pontiac and St. Clair Councils, showing no change therein from the previous year.

On motion, an election of officers was entered into, and the officers of the preceding year were unanimously re-elected.

No other business coming before it, the Grand Council was then closed in due and ample form.

NATHL. P. JACOBS, Recorder.

The Grand Council of the State of Michigan assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on the second Tuesday of January, A. D. 1860.

Present :

N. B. CARPENTER.....T. I. G. M.
S. B. BROWN.....D. I. G. P.
FRANK DARROW.....G. T. I.
EZRA ROOD.....G. T.
NATHL. P. JACOBS.....G. R.
A. J. CUMMINGS.....I. G. C. G.
A. B. CUDWORTH, as.....I. G. S.
JOHN CLARK, as.....G. P. C.
CHAS. D. HOWARD.....G. S.

The Grand Council was then opened in due and ample form.

On motion, a committee on credentials was appointed by the T. I. G. P., consisting of the Grand Recorder and Companions Williams and Innes, who reported that the following were the Representatives of the several subordinate Councils to this Grand Council :

FROM MONROE COUNCIL, NO. 1.

S. B. MORSE.....T. I. G. M.
WM. P. INNES, proxy for N. P. JACOBS.....D. I. G. M.
E. A. ELLIOT.....P. C. W.

FROM ST. CLAIR COUNCIL, NO. 2.

G. B. ENGLE.....T. I. G. M.
JOHN CLARK.....D. I. G. M.
A. J. CUMMINGS.....P. C. W.

FROM PONTIAC COUNCIL, NO. 3.

COMP. J. B. HAMILTON, as proxy for FRANK DARROW.....T. I. G. M.
COMP. C. K. WILLIAMS, as proxy for A. B. CUDWORTH.....D. I. G. M.
A. B. MATTHEWS.....P. C. W.

Which was adopted.

The Report of the Grand Recorder was then presented and read as follows.

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

The Grand Recorder would represent that, since the last session of this Body, held on the second Tuesday of January, A. D. 1859, he has, under the instructions of the T. I Grand Puissant, issued dispensations to form Councils at Monroe, to D. B. Tracy, T. I. G. M.; John Tyrrell, D. I. G. M., and S. Blanchard, P. C. W.; at Jonesville, to L. H. Carson as T. I. G. M., Eutychus Champlin as D. I. G. M., and B. F. Doughty as P. C. W.; at Coldwater to Seaman L. Dart, T. I. G. M., Richard H. Drake, D. I. G. M., and Abram McCrea, P. C. W., which dispensations are herewith annexed and made part of this Report, receiving for each the sum of ($15) Fifteen Dollars, in accordance with the constitution; and that satisfactory information has been rendered to him as to the work performed, and future prospects of these Councils; and would therefore recommend that charters be granted to them. Other charters or dispensations will doubtless soon be asked for by our Brethren, in different sections of the State, making good the statement of your Grand Recorder, at the last meeting of this Body, that a brighter day was about dawning on Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction.

A petition is now in his hands, from certain Brethren who were desirous to establish a Council at Three Rivers. For reasons, satisfactory to the Grand Puissant, the dispensation was not granted.

Proceedings of the Grand Councils of Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, "New York, Texas," and Vermont for 1859, and of Illinois for 1858, have been received by him. These proceedings, without an exception, evince the flourishing condition of the Order, and a degree of prosperity highly gratifying to the friends of Royal and Select Masonry.

Encouraging as is the aspect of the past, that of the future is still more so. The rapid increase of subordinate and State Grand Councils indicates, at no distant day, their organization in every State and Territory of the Union. And if the diffusion of the sublime principles of the Order is attended with that moral effect which reasonably should be anticipated, great and beneficial must the result be upon the peace and happiness of our country.

For the information of the Fraternity in this State, as to the condition of the Craft under the jurisdiction of our sister Grand Councils, annexed is a digest of the proceedings of these several Bodies.

ALABAMA.

This Grand Council held its Twenty-first Annual Convocation, December 9th, A. D. 1858, in the city of Montgomery. Sixteen Councils represented.

This Grand Body returns 543.

Companion Henry A. Shelton was re-elected Grand Puissant and Daniel Sayre Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Council of this State convened at Hartford on the 10th of May, A. D., 1859.

Fourteen Councils represented. G T. Daskam, M. P. G. M., E. G. Storer, Grand Recorder. The Grand Master made no address, but the report of the Grand Recorder, embracing full and concise returns of the Grand Councils of the several States, is valuable not only for the information therein contained, but also for the Masonic soundness of the principles enunciated by him in the remarks called forth by the registration and proceedings of the several State Grand Councils. Connecticut has now fifteen Subordinate Councils within its Jurisdiction, which return 769 members. T. I. George Stancliff was elected M. P. G. M., Eliphabet G. Storer, Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Council of Florida met in the City of Tallahassee, January 12th, 1859. Four Councils represented. T. I. Comp. D. P. Holland was elected G. P., and Ill. Comp. John B. Taylor, of Tallahassee, re-elected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of this State, the oldest it is believed in the Union, was held at Masonic Hall, in the City of Augusta, on the 27th of April, A. D., 1859. Present, T. I. Phillip T. Schley with the Grand Officers and Representatives from sixteen Subordinate Councils. The T. I. G. M. read his annual address which, though confined mostly to the affairs of the Councils within its Jurisdiction, and of great brevity, is yet of general importance, being the only avenue of communication which the Grand Council of Georgia has with her Sister Grand Councils. We reciprocate most cordially the kind greeting extended by him on behalf of his Grand Council to the Grand Council of Michigan.

Seventeen subordinate, returning 510 members, acknowledge the supremacy of this Grand Body. T. I. Phillip T. Schley was re-elected G. M., and Benjamin G. Russell, Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

The Grand Council of this State assembled in the City of Springfield, September 30th, 1858. Five Councils represented. Seven Subordinate Councils with 222 members are embraced in her Jurisdiction. T. I. Comp. Sylvester Stephens was elected G. P., and Ill. Comp. Harmon G Reynolds, of Springfield, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Council of this State was held at Richmond on the 17th day of May, A. D. 1859. Comp. Wm.

Hacker, Grand Puissant. Comp. Francis King, Grand Recorder. Eleven Councils represented. An instructive and touching address was delivered by the Venerable Grand Puissant.

Twelve Councils with 377 members are subordinate to the Grand Council. Comps. Hacker and King were re elected Grand Puissant and Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Council of Kentucky met at the Masonic Temple in Louisville, Wednesday, October 19th, A. D. 1859. Representatives from fifteen Subordinate Councils present. The Grand Puissant, in announcing that there were a suitable number of Councils represented to form a Grand Council, remarked, "that so far as he was informed, great harmony prevailed in the Councils subordinate to the Grand Council, and recommended a thorough investigation of the claims of all who presented themselves at the portals of the Subordinate Councils for the rights and privileges of this branch of Masonry." This Grand Council appears to be in a highly prosperous condition, embracing within its Jurisdiction thirty-four Subordinate Councils and 459 members. Three Companions have been suspended, one expelled, one re-instated, and six died during the preceding year. Comp. Phillip Swigest was re-elected Grand Puissant, and Comp. A. G. Hodges, of Frankfort, Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for this State assembled in the City of Portland on the 4th day of May, A. D., 1859. Seven Councils with 123 members represented.

An admirable though brief address was delivered by the Grand Puissant J. C. Stevens. Comp. Abner B. Thomson was elected Grand Puissant, and Ira Berry, Grand Recorder. For the last time the venerable M. I. P. G. Puissant Dunlap was called to the East and installed the Grand Puissant elect in ample form.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Fourth Annual Convocation of this State was held in the City of Vicksburg on the 4th and 5th of May, A. D. 1859. Five Councils represented. A short but pertinent address was delivered by the Grand Master on the second day of the session.

Your Recorder would present to your favorable consideration the installation ceremony adopted by this Grand Council; we have experienced and do now the want of such a service. It

is certainly adapted to the purpose required. Although but five Councils appear to have been represented at the Annual Convocation, returns are published from fifteen of the twenty-three Councils, subordinate to the Grand Council, showing 409 members. Companion Daniel Rosser was elected M. P. Grand Master, and R. W. T. Daniels, of Jackson, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

This Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters convened in the City of New York, June 8th, A. D. 1859. Present, the Grand Officers and Representatives of three Councils. The well-written address of the Grand Master has reference entirely to the position and prospects of the three Subordinate Councils represented in the Grand Body, which seem to be in a highly prosperous condition. With the vast array of Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, and the immense hosts of Royal Arch Masons gathered therein ; there is certainly something unaccountable in the limited number of Councils, and it is to be presumed of R. and S. Masters in this State. Your Recorder most decidedly agrees with the recommendation heretofore made by this Grand Council, that the possession of the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters should be indispensable to a candidate applying for the orders of Knighthood ; in a great majority of the States it is difficult to find a Knight Templar who has not taken these Degrees, and in these States it is a tactic rule that this should be the case, and the confusion which sometimes arises from the non-observance of this rule is indiscribable.

Companions Nathan O. Benjamin and Josiah Shove were severally re-elected Grand Master and Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

The Grand Council of Ohio assembled at Columbus, Thursday, October 14th, 1859. Twenty-eight Councils represented. Companions John M. Parks and John Day Caldwell were severally re-elected.

Thirty-three Councils chartered and under dispensation, returning 734 members, are embraced in the Jurisdiction of this Grand Body.

TEXAS.

The M. P. Grand Council held its Fourth annual convocation at Huntsville, Wednesday, June 22d, A. D. 1859. M. P. G. M. Patrick, G. M., and Companion Andrew Neill, Recorder. Eight Councils represented. The M. P. G. M. delivered an appropriate address, represent-

ing the Subordinate Councils as in a very flourishing condition ; nineteen of which return 542 members. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence make an able and elaborate report by the hands of their Grand Recorder, that war-worn veteran in Masonry, Andrew Neill, whom from the midst of the snow and ice of the now frozen north we salute. In this report our friend objects to the mode in which the Grand Council of Michigan organized.

Receiving our charters from Connecticut, it was deemed but in accordance with Masonic courtesy, to ask consent of our Masonic Mother to organize as a Grand Council, and believing in Apostolic succession, Masonically at least, we preferred to have our Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant regularly installed by a Companion duly empowered, rather than by the hands of a Past or Present Master merely of a Subordinate Council.

VERMONT.

This Grand Council convened in Bennington on Friday, August 12th, A. D. 1859,

Present, the Grand Officers, and the Representatives of ten—all the Councils in the State. The Grand Master, Companion Gamaliel Washburn, delivered an able and affecting address, in which he thanks the Grand Body for the honor conferred upon him by being called to preside four years over their deliberations, and declines a re-election. The ten Councils subordinate return 394 members. Companion Stephen H. Pierce, of Royalton, was elected M. R. Grand Master, and John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN.

The Grand Council of Wisconsin was organized on the 28th of October, A. D. 1859, at Tanesville. Their Second Convocation was held in the city of Beloit, Thursday, October 28th, 1858. Three Councils represented.

M. P., C. Lofters Martin was elected Grand Master, and Comp. John W. Hunt, Grand Recorder.

Your Recorder would suggest to this Grand Body the policy of changing the time of the annual meeting thereof, by an alteration of the Constitution to the Wednesday following the

session of the Grand Commandery in June; the necessity of some change is apparent to all.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NATH'L P. JACOBS,
Grand Recorder.

DETROIT, June 9th, 1860.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Grand Puissant appointed Companions Williams, Clark and Innes a Committee on Charters and Dispensations, who offered the following report, which was read, and together with the resolutions adopted.

To the T. I. Grand Council of Michigan:

The undersigned "Committee on Dispensations and Charters" would respectfully report,

That they have examined the Petitions, Dispensations, Records and By-Laws of the following named Councils under Dispensation, to-wit:

River Raisin Council, at Monroe, Monroe Co. Jonesville Council, at Jonesville, Hillsdale Co. Mt. Moriah Council at Coldwater, Branch Co., and find them correct.

They have also had before them a petition from the constitutional number of Royal and Select Master, residing at or near Three Rivers, in St. Josephs county, praying for a Council of R. and S. Masters, to be located and opened at Three Rivers; they find that said petition is properly and constitutionally recommended, and that it is for the best interests of Cryptic Masonry that charters should be granted. They would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Charters be, and they are hereby, granted to River Raisin Council, to be located at Monroe, in Monroe county; Jonesville Council to be located at Jonesville, in Hillsdale county; Mt. Moriah Council, to be located at Coldwater, in Branch county; and to Three Rivers Council, to be located at Three Rivers, in St. Joseph's county, to be numbered respectively No. 4, 5, 6. and 7.

Resolved, That the Councils, chartered at this Grand Annual Communication be, and they are hereby, authorized, to hold an election of

officers, at their regular Communication, to be holden next after the close of the Grand Communication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAUNCY R. WILLIAMS,
JOHN CLARK,
WM. P. INNES,

Committee.

Comp. Williams offered the following resolution:

"That Section 4, Article 1 of the constitution, be so amended as to read: 'The annual meetings of the Grand Council shall be held at the City of Detroit, on the Wednesday following the first Tuesday of June of each year.'"

Which resolution, being duly supported, was laid on the table until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Council.

A Committee of Finance was appointed by the Grand Puissant, consisting of Companions Innes, Cummings and Elliott, to which was referred the reports of the Treasurer and Recorder.

On motion, the Grand Council proceeded to ballot for Grand Officers for the ensuing year, when the following were unanimously elected:

Comp. FRANK DARROW, Pontiac.....as T. I. G. P.
" JOHN CLARK, St. Clair.....as I. D. G. P.
" D. B. TRACY, Mt. Clemens.....as G. T. I.
" B. F. DOUGHTY, Three Rivers.....as G. P. C. of Work.
" S. B. MORSE, Detroit.....as G. C. Guard.
" EZRA ROOD, Detroit.....as G. Treasurer.
" NATHL. P. JACOBS, Detroit.....as G. Recorder.
" L. H. CORSON, Jonesville.....as G. Chaplain.
" WM. P. INNES, Grand Rapids.....as G. Stewart.
" CHAS. D. HOWARD, Detroit, ...G. Sentinel.

On motion, the Grand Council, from labor to refreshment, was then called off until to-morrow at 12 m.

WEDNESDAY, June 11th.

At 12 M., the Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor.

On motion of Companion Williams, the following Officers of the subordinate Councils, chartered yesterday, were admitted to seats, as members of this Council.

FROM RIVER RAISIN COUNCIL, No. 4.

D. B. TRACY.....T. I. G. M.
W. CORBIN,.....proxy for D. T. I. G. M. and P. C.

JONESVILLE COUNCIL, No. 5.

L. H. CORSON,.....T. I. G. M., and proxy for other two officers.

MT. MORIAH COUNCIL, No. 6, AT COLDWATER.

S. L. DART.....T. I. G. M.
A. ALLEN.....proxy for D. I. G. M.
D. BOVEE.....proxy for P. C. W.

THREE RIVERS COUNCIL, No. 7.

B. F. DOUGHTY,... .T. I. G. M., and proxy for other two Officers.

The Grand Council then called from labor to refreshment. until 6½ o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 6½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Council duly assembled, and called from refreshment to labor.

Companions Darrow, Clark, Tracy, Doughty, Carson and Innes were then duly installed in the several offices to which they had been elected.

Comp. Williams offered the following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to T. I., N. B. Carpenter, P. G. P., for the able, impartial and dignified manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Grand Council since its organization.

To which an appropriate reply was made by Past. T. I. G. P. Carpenter.

The T. I. G. P. appointed the Grand Recorder and Comps. Williams and Cummings, as a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Comp. Williams, it was

Resolved, That two hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Council, for the year 1859, and for the present year, be published in pamphlet form, and that three copies thereof be furnished to each of the present officers and members of this Grand Council, and that two copies be transmitted by mail to each Grand Council in the United States, and three copies to each subordinate Council in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Council was then closed in due and ample form.

ATTEST : NATH'L P. JACOBS,
Grand Recorder.

ACCOUNT OF MONIES RECEIVED AT THIS SESSION, AND PREVIOUSLY SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

1859.	January 11th.	Fees from Monroe Council No. 1....	$ 4	$ 4
"	" "	Dispensation to River Raisin Council,	15	00
		Less Recorder's fee for charter.....	5	10
"	August 27th.	Dispensation to Jonesville Council...	15	00
		Less Recorder's fee for charter.....	5	10
"	December 9th.	Dispensation to Mt. Moriah Council..	15	00
		Less Recorder's fee for charter... ..	5	10
1860.	January 10th.	Fees from Pontiac Council, No. 3...	3	3
"	" "	Fees from Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6,	12	12
"	" "	Fees from Jonesville Council, No. 5..	21	21
"	" "	Fees from St. Clair Council, No. 2...	3	3
"	" "	Dispensation to Three Rivers Council,	15	00
		Less Recorder's fee for charter.....	5	10

GRAND COUNCILS IN THE UNITED STATES IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THAT OF MICHIGAN.

STATE.	GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	GRAND RECORDER.	RESIDENCE.	TIME OF MEETING.	No. OF COUNCILS.	No. OF MEMBERS.
Alabama	H. S. Shelton	Pickensville	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery	December	22	543
Connecticut	G. F. Daskam	Norwalk	E. G. Storer	New Haven	May	15	769
Florida	Thos. Hayward		John B. Taylor	Talahassee		4	
Georgia	Phillip T. Schley	Savannah	B. B. Russell	Augusta	April	17	510
Indiana	William Hacker	Shelbyville	Francis King	Indianopolis	May	12	377
Illinois	Sylvester Stevens	Knoxville	H. G. Reynolds	Springfield	September	7	222
Iowa	J. R. Hartsock	Iowa City	D. S. Warren	Iowa City	May	4	
Kentucky	Phillip Swigert	Frankfort	A. G. Hodges	Frankfort	October	34	459
Louisiana	John H. Holland	New Orleans	S. G. Risk	New Orleans	February	4	
Maine	J. C. Stevens	Bangor	Ira Berry	Portland	May	7	123
Mississippi	Benj. Springer	Vicksburg	Wm. P. Mellen	Natchez	January	23	409
New York	N. O. Benjamin	New York	Josiah Shore	New York	June	7	
Ohio	John M. Parks	Cincinnati	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati	October	33	784
Pennsylvania	Alfred Creigh	Washington	T. W. Wright	Pittsburg	June		
Tennessee	E. W. Kinney	Nashville	C. A. Fuller	Nashville			
Texas	B. B. Cannon	Rusk	Andrew Neill	Seguin	June	19	542
Vermont	Gam. Washburn	Montpelier	J. B. Hollenbeck	Burlington	August	10	314
Wisconsin	Loftus Martin	Janesville	John W. Hunt	Madison	October	3	

PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

THE GRAND COUNCIL

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Royal and Select

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—OF THE—

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

HELD AT DETROIT,

Tuesday, January 8th, 1861.



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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 1861.

The Grand Council of the State of Michigan, assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1861, at 12 P. M.

Present:

Companion	FRANK DARROW	T. I. G. P.
"	JOHN CLARK	I. D. G. P.
"	D. B. TRACY	G. T. I.
"	B. F. DOUGHTY	G. P. C.
"	E. A. ELLIOTT	as G. C. G.
"	EZRA ROOD	G. Treasurer.
"	NATH'L P. JACOBS	G. Recorder.
"	L. H. CORSON	G. Chaplain.
"	WM. P. INNES	Steward.
"	CHAS. D. HOWARD	Sentinel.

The Grand Council was opened in due and ample form. The G. P. appointed the following committees:

On Credentials:

Companions INNES, TRACEY and JOHNSON.

On Charters, &c.:

Companions INNES, CUMMINGS and JOHNSON.

On Finance:

Companions CORSON, FLOWERS and CARPENTER.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following as members of this Grand Council. The Grand Officers present:

Companion N. B. CARPENTER, P. T. I. G. P.

MONROE COUNCIL, NO. 1.

S. B. MORSE.....T. I. G. M.
G. B. NOBLE.....Proxy for I. D. G. M.
E. A. ELLIOTT.....P. C. W.

ST. CLAIR COUNCIL, NO. 2.

S. B. BROWN.....Dep. I. G. M.
A. J. CUMMINGS.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.

PONTIAC COUNCIL, NO. 3.

A. B. CUDWORTH.....D. I. G. M. and Proxy for Council.

RIVER RAISIN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

JAMES DARRAH.....T. I. G. M.
B. DANSARD.....D. I. G. M.
B. J. TAYER.....P. C. W.

JONESVILLE COUNCIL, NO. 5.

JESSIE BUTTON.....T. I. G. M.
JOS. CLARK.....D. I. G. M.
HARVEY RANSOM.....P. C. W.

MT. MORIAH, NO. 6.

J. H. BEECH.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
A. ALLEN.....D. I. G. M.
D. BOVEE.....P. C. W.

THREE RIVERS, NO. 7.

J. E. JOHNSON.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
JOHN COWLING.....“ “ P. C. W.
D. M. BATEMAN.....“ “ D. I. G. M.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, reported that the Dispensations granted to A. B. AYERS and others, to form a Council at Romeo; T. H. TRACEY, Battle Creek; E. A. BENEDICT, Grand Rapids, had been placed in their hands, together with the Record of work and proceedings of said Coun-

cils; that they had examined and found the same correct, and would recommend that Charters be granted to said Councils, to rank as Nos. 8, 9 and 10, that their officers be allowed seats in this Council, and that on the first regular meeting after the closing of this Grand Body, the several Councils mentioned be authorized to elect officers for the ensuing year. They return as officers and representatives of said Councils, from

ROMEO COUNCIL, NO. 8.

A. B. AYERS.....T. I. G. M.
ABIJAH PALMER.....D. I. G. M.
A. WILLIAMS.....P. C. W.

BATTLE CREEK COUNCIL, NO. 9.

T. H. TRACEY.....T. I. G. M.
J. P. AVERILL.....D. I. G. M.
E. SPRAGUE.....P. C. W.

TYRE COUNCIL, NO. 10.

EDWARD D. BENEDICT.....T. I. G. M.
WM. P. INNES.....D. I. G. M.
L. W. ROGERS.....Proxy for P. C. W.

On motion, the G. P. appointed Companion CLARK, as a committee on the "work" of this and other Grand Councils, and the differences existing therein, and to report thereon to-morrow evening.

The Grand Council then proceeded to consider the resolution proposed by Companion WILLIAMS, at the Session of this Body held in January last, as follows: That Sec. 4, Art. 1 of the Constitution be so amended as to read:

"The annual meeting of the Grand Council shall be held at the City of Detroit, on the Wednesday following the first Tuesday of June of each year," which after discussion by yeas 23, nays 7, being a constitutional majority was adopted. The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow at 6:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 6:30 P. M.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Recorder presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finances :

DETROIT, January 8th, 1861.

The Grand Recorder respectfully submits the following report of money received, disbursed and now in his hands, subject to the order of the Grand Council. No payments have been made to the Grand Treasurer. The funds received being, until within a short time, as will be seen by the statement, absorbed by the previous liabilities of this Grand Body. Your Recorder would also state that in regard to a seal and press he has made arrangements for procuring them at an expense of thirty dollars, subject however to the approval of this Grand Body, all of which is respectfully submitted.

NATH'L P. JACOBS,
Grand Recorder.

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S. M. OF MICHIGAN, IN ACCOUNT WITH N. P. JACOBS, GRAND RECORDER:

DR.

1860, July 24th, Barnes, French & Way, printing proceedings 1859 and 1860	25.00
1861, January 8th, Record for Proceedings Grand Council and covering same	4.50
1861, January 8th, salary of Grand Recorder for 1858, 1859 and 1860	30.00
1861, January 8th, postage, stamps, and stationery for 1858, 1859 and 1860	10.69
Balance on hand	42.81
	113.00

CONTRA.

1861, January 8th, Net amount brought forward from last report	$83 00	$83 00
1860, March 16th, For Dispensation to Battle Creek	15 00	
Less Recorder's fee	5 00	10 00

1860, June 5th, For Dispensation to Rome.....	15 00	
Less Recorder's fee.....	5 00	10 00
1861, January 8th, For Dispensation to Grand Rapids,	15 00	
Less Recorder's fee.....	5 00	10 00
		$113 00

In relation to the above, the Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee, to whom was referred the above report, have examined the same and find it correct.

L. H. CORSON,
Chairman.

On motion of Comp. INNES, the Grand Recorder was authorized to procure a seal and press, the expense not to exceed thirty dollars.

On motion of Comp. ROOD, the Grand Puissant was authorized to draw a warrant in favor of Monroe Council, for the payment of the bill of Fisher & Palmer, for printing proceedings of 1858, and for twenty charters on parchment.

The Grand Recorder then submitted the following report on Foreign Correspondence, which on motion of Comp. NOBLE was adopted and ordered printed with the proceedings:

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

The Grand Recorder respectfully reports, that since the last session of this Grand Body, he has, under the instructions of the Grand Puissant, issued Dispensations establishing Councils at Battle Creek, Romeo, and Grand Rapids. From information communicated to him, he understands that these Councils have organized under favorable auspices and are now in successful operation. Besides these, no changes of moment have occurred in this jurisdiction. The several Councils are steadily progressing in the work, and new laborers are constantly being gathered into the fold. Our protecting Grand Master has graciously preserved us with fatherly care, since our last meeting under the mystic arches and our secret number is still complete.

A perusal of the proceedings of our sister Grand Councils reveals nothing of general interest or importance—like ourselves, they appear to be harmonious, and therefore prosperous at home, and rapidly increasing the number of their subordinate Councils and members. I have to note the recent organization of Grand Councils in Rhode Island and New Jersey, and with each we are now in official communication. Most cordially should we greet their accession to the roll.

For the past year, I have to acknowledge receipt of the proceedings of Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont and Wisconsin.

Those of Florida, Louisiana, Tennessee, and South Carolina, are either as yet unpublished or have not been forwarded.

In accordance with established usage, herewith is submitted a digest of the present standing and condition of the several Grand Councils compiled from the above mentioned proceedings;

ALABAMA.

This Grand Body held its twenty-second annual session in Montgomery, December 8th, 1859, H. S. Shelton, G. P., presiding over the eighteen Councils represented. A short but admirable address, in which allusion was made to the death of P. G. P., Wm. A. Farrell, in the most touching manner, was delivered by the Grand Puissant. Twenty-three Subordinate Councils with 681 members, are under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body. Comp. R. C. Torrey, was elected G. P., and Comp. Daniel Gayle, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Council of Connecticut assembled in New Haven, on the 9th day of May, A. D. 1860. The Representatives of eighteen chartered Councils, and of three under dispensation were present. Grand Recorder Storer, as usual, presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The returns of the several Councils show 912 members, 105 promotions, 12 deaths. Dues paid Grand Council $105,39. Comp. H. B. Ensign, was elected G. P., and Comp. E. G. Storer, re-elected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

The Annual Convention of this Grand Council was held in Augusta, April 25th, 1860, twelve subordinate Councils represented, T. I. Phillip T. Schley, G. M., presided; and in his address reviews the proceedings of ten Grand Councils. Seventeen Councils, returning 490 members—60 promoted the past year—are subordinate to this Grand Council.

ILLINOIS.

This Grand Council assembled at Springfield, September 27th, A. D. 1860, present the Grand Officers and Representatives from four subordinate Councils. Comp. Reynolds, the Grand Recorder, reviews briefly the proceedings of fourteen Grand Councils, and at length those of New York, and with some little asperity. Comp. Geo. W. Deering, of Chicago, was elected Grand Puissant, and H. G. Reynolds Recorder. Five Councils returning 174 members, 47 promotions, the past year, are subordinate to this Grand Body.

IOWA.

The proceedings received of this State embraces the years 1859 and 1860. The Grand Council for 1860 assembled at Independence, August 15th, 1860; present the Grand Officers and Representatives from five subordinate Councils. Comp. S. S. Parvin was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Recorder. Five Councils, with 156 members, are subordinate to this Grand Council.

INDIANA.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Council was held at Indianapolis, May 22d, 1860. Thirteen Councils represented. The Grand Master delivered a very lengthy and able address, reviewing the proceedings of eleven Grand Councils. This Body returns twelve subordinate Councils, with 336 members. Comp. Wm. Hacker was re-elected Grand Puissant, and Comp. Francis King Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Council assembled at Louisville, October 17th, 1860. Fourteen Councils represented. Comp. Tryon reviews, at length and with great ability, the proceedings of the different Grand Councils. His reproof, however, of the action of our own Grand Council, in reference to the granting of a charter to a Council at Three Rivers, when the Grand Puissant had refused a Dispensation, was uncalled for. The ground of objection raised by the Grand Puissant to the Dispensation no longer existed when the Grand Council convened; and the Companions being amply qualified received a charter. The list of subordinates embraces 23 chartered Councils, with three under Dispensation. Comp. Phillip Swigert was re-elected Grand Puissant, and Comp. A. G. Hodges, Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

This Grand Council assembled at Portland, May 2d, 1850, present the Grand Puissant and Representatives from all the Councils in the State. The short but pertinent address of the G. P., in suitable language, announces the death of that most exemplary man and Mason, Robt. P. Dunlap, and of the Rev. Cyrus Cummings, another of the first Grand Officers of that Body. The committee on returns report seven Councils with 153 members, as subordinate to the Grand Council.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Council was held in Vicksburgh, January 13th, 1860; present the Grand Officers and Representatives of eleven subordinate Councils. Comp. Wm. Cochran was elected M. P. G M., and Comp. Daniel, Grand Recorder. Twenty-eight subordinate Councils, with 722 members, acknowledge the jurisdiction of this Grand Body.

NEW JERSEY.

The proceedings of this State embrace those of the convention organizing the Grand Council, and of the Council after such organization. The convention met in New Brunswick, on the 26th November, 1860, Nathan O. Benjamin, G. M., of the Grand Council of New York, presiding. Delegates from three chartered Councils being present, the customary resolutions forming a Grand Council were adopted, and the convention dissolved. The Grand Council was then opened, and T. I. Comp. William Mead, chosen Grand Master, and Comp. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Recorder. During the session, a charter was granted to James N. Piper and others, under the name of *Delta Council No.* 4, to be held at such place or places in the cities of Hoboken, Jersey City, and Hudson City, as might be deemed expedient.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Council of the Empire State, having harmonized the dissensions heretofore existing between them, met as a United Grand Council on the 6th day of June, 1860, M. P., N. O. Benjamin, Grand Master presiding, with eleven subordinate Councils represented. We congratulate the Brethren of our native State on their union, and fervently hope that nothing may again occur to divide those whom the Great Architect of the Universe himself has joined together. A glorious future is now in store for them. The time cannot be far distant when the Councils subordinate to the M. P. Grand Council will equal the number of Chapters subordinate to the Grand Chapter of the State; for not till the R. A. Mason has passed under the arches of the secret vault is he capable of appreciating in full perfection the sublime beau-

ties of the Royal Arch degree. We cordially reciprocate the good wishes extended to our own Grand Council by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

OHIO.

The Grand Council of Ohio met at Columbus, October 11th, A. D. 1860; Comp. Parks, the T. I. G. P. presiding over the Representatives of 24 subordinate Councils then present. The Grand Puissant delivered a most admirable address, "for the purpose of directing the attention of this Grand Council to a subject of very great importance to the fraternity. I copy a resolution presented by Comp. Horace M. Stokes, in reference to the non-affiliation of R. and S. Masters and which was adopted by the Grand Council of Ohio:

Resolved, That any Select Master, withdrawing from a Council, shall, within twelve months thereafter, present his petition to that or some other Council, and join the same, unless excluded by the ballot; that each Select Master in a state of non-affiliation shall, within twelve months from the passage of this resolution, present his petition to the proper Council for membership, and become a member thereof, unless excluded by the ballot. And a failure so to do in either case, shall be held to place such person thereafter in a state of voluntary suspension from the rights and privileges of Cryptic Masonry, which disability can only be removed by re-affiliation. Provided, however, that Subordinate Councils shall have power by special resolution in each case, to dimit a member who, from age, long services, or inability to pay dues, shall be deemed a proper subject thereof, and extend to him the privilege of visit, and of recognition as a regular Select Mason. Such dimit, when issued, to state the special reason for granting the same.

It will eventually become the necessary duty of every Grand Masonic Body to take similar action. Comp. Chas. C. Kiefer, was elected Grand Puissant, and Comp. Jno. D. Caldwell, Grand Recorder.

TEXAS.

This Grand Council assembled at Huntsville, June 2d, 1860. Five Subordinate Councils represented: "In the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, we notice a reply to the address of the Grand Puissant of Ohio, in relation to the power assumed by the Grand Master of Texas, in making R. and S. Masters at sight. The reply is full, cogent and conclusive, and in our friend Neills best style. How it may be in other jurisdictions we know not, but in this, the power has invariably been exercised by Subordinate Councils of making R. and S. Masons at sight. The practice is to receive, ballot and if favorable confer the degrees the same night. The exception is to lay over till the next regular. This we take, it is all that is meant by making Masons

at sight, and unless restricted by the organic law, there can be no objection in Subordinate Councils suspending their By-Laws for that purpose. Twenty-one Councils, returning five hundred and ninety-nine members, are subordinate to this Grand Council. M. P., Ed. Clark, was elected Grand Master, and Andrew Neill, Recorder.

RHODE ISLAND.

Annexed is copy of a communication recently received from the Grand Recorder, John S. Driscoll, notifying us of the formation of a Grand Council in Rhode Island. Fully do we accede to their request, and at once extend to them the right hand of Fellowship, recognizing her as a new star in the constellation of Grand Councils.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF RHODE ISLAND.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND RECORDER,
PROVIDENCE, NOV. 1, A. D. 1860.

COMPANIONS:

At the first Convocation of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island, held October 30th, the following named Companions were duly elected and installed as Officers for the ensuing year:

Ill. Companion	JAMES SALISBURY	M. P. Grand Master.
"	CHARLES H. TITUS	D. P. " "
"	SAMUEL LEWIS	T. I. " "
"	HENRY F. SMITH	G. P. C. W.
Companion	BELA B. CLAPP	Grand Treasurer.
"	JOHN F. DRISCOL	Grand Recorder.
"	EDWIN HOWLAND	G. C. G.
"	SIDNEY DEAN	G. C.
"	CHRISTIAN M. NESTELL	G. S.
"	E. B. WHITE	G. G.

We therefore request of your Grand Council, a recognition, as a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Rhode Island.

JOHN F. DRISCOL,
Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

The Grand Council of Vermont convened in Poultney, August 10th, 1860—present, the M. P., Stephen H. Pierce, Grand Master, and the Representative of ten Subordinate Councils, returning 456 members. I quote from the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, on introducing their report which most happily states the condition of the

Fraternity, under the jurisdiction of the several Grand Councils, and is equally true of their own :

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report, that they have received the proceedings of eleven Grand Councils, and are pleased to notice the high degree of prosperity prevalent in all. Harmony and peace so prevail, that your committee can find in the proceedings received, but little other than the usual statistical information."

Comp. Henry Ruggles, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. John B. Hollenbeck, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN.

The Grand Council assembled in Madison, October 27th. 1859. Three Subordinate Councils represented. A lengthy report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted, emanating from that amiable Brother and Christian gentleman, the late John W. Hunt, written whilst laboring under the painful attacks of that disease to which shortly after the close of the Grand Council, he fell a victim. He has gone to his long home in the Supreme Grand Council of the blest. In the report are reviewed the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, with the delicacy and consideration characteristic of the man. Comp. A. Sidney Wood, was elected Grand Master, who has since appointed Comp. S. G. Benedict, Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of this State, held its 14th Annual Assembly in the city of Reading, June 22d, A. D. 1860. Present, the Grand Officers and the Representatives of nine Subordinate Councils, M. P. G. M. Alfred Creigh, delivered an address lengthy and comprehensive, embracing a record of correspondence, dispensations granted, decisions rendered, visitations made and labor generally performed for the good of the craft, showing his office at least to be no sinecure. More of such energetic and faithful laborers in the cause are needed. The Keystone State must be well advanced in Masonic perfection with such a Grand Master. The following extract from his address will be interesting and at the same time instructive to R. and S. Masons in our own State:

"To preserve, therefore, our institution, and transmit our principles to those who shall succeed us, when the hour of low twelve shall summons us from time to eternity, is a duty we owe to Cryptic Masonry. Thus believing, we should often revert to the origin of our institution, and from thence deduce lessons of wisdom and virtue. It is only by digging to the foundations, and examining each stone minutely, that

we can rightly estimate the superstructure which has been erected thereon. It is so with Masonry. The first Grand Council which assembled at Jerusalem, (Masonic tradition informs us) was composed of Solomon, King of Israel; Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff. These three Grand Masters, unobserved by "*prying eyes*," devised the whole and entire plan by which the Temple should be erected—how the workmen should be divided into various classes or degrees, each class consisting of an independent body in itself, whereby its members might be recognized by the *peculiar sign* of that degree. They happily, too, combined within the power of the Council, the *Alpha* and *Omega* of Freemasonry, thereby denominating Cryptic Masonry, by way of pre-eminence the *summit* and *perfection* of Ancient Craft Masonry. The powers, the duties, the responsibilities of a Council, embrace the whole range of Ancient Craft Masonry, from the conception of the idea *in the heart*, until the candidate is in the full possession of our mysteries, or in our own peculiar language, until he *has passed the Circle of Perfection*. It is in the Secret Vault, securely guarded, that the Illustrious Companions are required not only to search out the truth, but to determine, resolve, plan and design measures and objects for the private as well as the general good of the craft. We are constrained to offer a sentiment upon this subject, for which we shall make no apology, with the hope that our remark may be effective, and accomplish much good. It is this: If Illustrious Companions who constitute this class and who have passed the circle of perfection—who have witnessed the wisdom, strength and beauty of our principles, will be but true to their obligations and faithful to their requirements—what immense good could be accomplished. No bickerings, no strife, no rivalry, no out-break, no feuds, and no conflicts could ever exist in the Masonic institution; but peace, amity, concord and tranquility would prevail, and the only contention in the whole Masonic family on earth would be "who can best work and who can best agree." Brotherly love and charity would be happily blended together, and the life and character of a perfect gentleman, of a devoted and faithful brother and companion would be merged in the life and character of a consistent Mason. With you, and not you only, but with all Illustrious Companions who have entered the Secret Vault, rests the responsibility, if confusion ever prevail in a Lodge, Chapter or Council. Hence, you perceive, that the charge to a Select Master is literally true when it says to each of you "that your obligations are increased in proportion to your privileges, and also let it be your constant care to prove yourself worthy of the confidence reposed in you and of the high honor conferred on you, in admitting you among Select Masters."

I will not be charged with traveling beyond my duty, if I briefly state what originally constituted Ancient Craft Masonry. The degrees of E. A., F. C., and W. M., were originally Ancient Craft Masonry; while the old constitutions gave the Master the right and authority to congregate his members into a Chapter for the purpose of conferring the *Royal Arch*, which originally constituted a part of the *third* degree.

In elucidating the Royal Arch, it becomes necessary that other degrees should be incorporated into the Chapter, for the purpose of explaining and expounding the various parts and minutiæ of the Temple. Hence, the Mark and Most Excellent Master's degrees were added and conferred before the Royal Arch.

In process of time, it became necessary to establish a Council, whose province it should be to "account for the concealment and preservation of those Essentials of the Craft, which were brought to light at the erection of the Second Temple, and which lay concealed from the mystic eye four hundred and seventy years." Hence Cryptic Masonry was inaugurated—the term being derived from a Greek word —meaning a *vault or cave*.

It is both right and proper that I should state that in different countries, different systems prevail to inculcate, enforce and teach Ancient Craft Masonry; but in America it is confined to the degrees of the Lodge, Chapter and Council.

Cryptic Masonry, therefore, is contained within the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, and are numbered eight and nine in the York Rite, although in a chronological point of view, they are the *first* and *last* degrees—hence called the Alpha and Omega of Ancient Craft Masonry. They illustrate the mysteries of Masonry, and without a full, perfect and complete knowledge of these degrees, our Masonic edifice is incomplete and unfinished; or, in the language of another, "the degrees of Royal and Select Masters are polished and perfect ashlers, marked and numbered for the building."

M. P., Alfred Creig, and R. P., T. W. Wright, were severally re-elected, G. M. and G. R.

Thus endeth the report of your Recorder on Foreign Correspondence. In reviewing the proceedings of the different Masonic Bodies, he has at times been most disagreeably impressed with the keensightedness of some of our Brethren in discovering errors which may possibly have been committed in other jurisdiction, and the alacrity with which the same are dragged forward and exposed to the gaze of the Masonic

world. In few of our Grand Bodies, in none which your Recorder is acquainted with, are there wanting old and experienced members, well skilled in the traditions and landmarks of the craft and capable of guiding and instructing the young and inexperienced Mason—innovations are not countenanced by such men, and for all that they do, good and sufficient reasons can be rendered.

The circumstances attendant upon the transactions of a Masonic Body are, and to a great extent must remain unknown to all outside thereof. The published proceedings are but an epitome, rather the result of what does occur, and in these even errors, both clerical and typographical may happen, giving to them an entire different phase from that which they shall really possess. No one, then, unless perfectly cognizant of the subject complained of, has any right of interference or censure. Each Grand Body may safely be considered competent to masonically manage and control its subordinates and their members.

The amendment proposed at the last session of this Grand Body, changing the time of the Annual Convocation to the 2d Tuesday of June, will now be brought up for disposal. That proposition must commend itself to your favorable consideration. The impossibility of giving the necessary attention to the wants and working of Subordinate Councils in the limited time left us between the meetings of the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge will be apparent to you all—some remedy for this must be devised, and I know of none better adapted to our wants than the one proposed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of the following officers for the ensuing year:

Companion FRANK DARROW, Pontiac.....T. I. G. P.
" JOHN CLARK, St. Clair.....I. D. G. P.
" D. B. TRACY, Mt. Clemens.....G. T. I.
" B. F. DOUGHTY, Three Rivers.....G. P. C. of Work.
" S. B. MORSE, Detroit.....G. C. of Guard.
" EZRA ROOD, " .....Grand Treasurer.
" NATH'L P. JACOBS, Detroit.....Grand Recorder.
" L. H. CORSON, Jonesville.....Grand Chaplain.
" A. B. CUDWORTH, Pontiac.....G. Steward.
" CHARLES D. HOWARD, Detroit.....G. Sentinel.

Companion CUDWORTH was presented and installed as G. Steward.

Comp. CLARK, of St. Clair, then in pursuance of his appointment, reported verbally upon and proceeded to exemplify the work.

On motion of Comp. Rood, the three first Grand Officers, together with the Recorder, were appointed a committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the work and lectures, with directions to report at the meeting of the Grand Council in June.

The Grand Recorder was instructed to procure the printing of three hundred copies of the proceedings of the Grand Council.

The Grand Council was then closed in due and ample form.

NATH'L P. JACOBS,
Grand Recorder.

Account of money received by the Grand Recorder at this Session of the Grand Council:

Council at Three Rivers	$34 00
" " Jonesville	5 00
" " Battle Creek	8 00
" " Romeo	8 00
Mt. Moriah Council	9 00
River Raisin Council	5 00
Tyre Council	11 00

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

—OF THE—

GRAND COUNCIL
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, shall consist of a

Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant,
Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant,
Grand Thrice Illustrious,
Grand Pricipal Conductor of the Work,
Grand Captain of the Guard,
Grand Treasurer,
Grand Recorder,
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Steward, and
Grand Sentinel.

AND ALL

Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissants,
Past Thrice Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant,
Past Grand Thrice Illutrious, and
Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work.

TOGETHER WITH THE

Thrice Illustrious Grand Masters,
Deputy Illustrious Grand Masters, and

Principal Conductors of the Work,
For the time being, of the several Subordinate Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council.

OR

Their Proxies, duly empowered.

AND

All Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Masters, who are members of Subordinate Councils and who have presided one year over a Council in this State.

OF REPRESENTATION NECESSARY.

SEC. 2. There shall not be a Grand Council opened for business, unless there shall be present a representation from at least two subordinate working Councils.

POWER OF GRAND COUNCIL.

SEC. 3. The Grand Council shall have sole government and superintendence of the several Subordinate Councils in this State, shall assign their limits, and establish the fees for admission. In all cases of controversy, an appeal shall lie from an aggrieved Council, or any member of a Council, to this Grand Council. It shall also have power to grant Charters constituting new Councils of Royal and Select Masters, within the State of Michigan.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 4. The Annual Meetings of the Grand Council shall be held at the city of Detroit, on the Wednesday following the first Tuesday of June, in each and every year at 12 o'clock M.; but a Special Meeting of the Grand Council may be called whenever the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant, Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant, Grand Thrice Illustrious, and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, or any three of them, shall deem it necessary.

DUTIES OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant, Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant, Grand Thrice Illustrious, and Principal Conductor of the Work, severally, to inform and perfect themselves in the Sublime Art and Work of Royal and Select Masters; to make themselves acquainted with the Lectures and Ancient Charges; and to consult with each other, for the purpose of adopting suitable measures for diffusing the knowledge of the Work and Lectures, and to secure uniformity in the several Subordinate Councils under this jurisdiction.

OF DISPESATIONS AND CHARTERS.

SEC. 6. The Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant shall have authority, during the recess of the Grand Council, to grant Letters of Dispensation, under their respective signatures and private seals, to a competent number of duly qualified petitioners, empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters for a specific term of time, not extending beyond the next meeting of the Grand Council: *Provided*, That the same fees as are required for a Charter shall be first deposited in the hands of the Grand Recorder. And in all cases where such Dispensation is granted, the officer granting the same shall make report thereof at the next meeting of the Grand Council; and the Grand Council may continue or recall such Dispensation, or may, upon application for the same, grant the petitioners a Charter; and in case a Charter be so granted, the fees first deposited with the Grand Recorder shall be credited in payment for the same, but if the Dispensation is not continued, or Charter granted, the money to be returned, except necessary expenses.

SEC. 7. No Dispensation or Charter shall be issued for instituting a Council of Royal Masters independent of Select Masters.

SEC. 8. No Dispensation or Charter for the institution of a new Council of Royal and Select Masters shall be granted,

except upon the petition of nine Royal and Select Masters; which petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Council nearest to the place where the new Council is to be formed, vouching for the moral character and Masonic ability of the petitioners, and recommending the Grand Council to grant the prayer of the same.

CHARTER FEE.

SEC. 9. No Charter shall be granted for establishing a Council of Royal and select Masters for a less sum than *Fifteen Dollars.*

LIMIT OF NUMBER OF COUNCILS.

SEC. 10. There shall not be a greater number of Councils established in this State than there are Royal Arch Chapters, nor more than one Council within the jurisdiction of each Chapter.

AMENDMENTS, &c.

SEC. 11. The Grand Council shall be competent, on concurrence of two-thirds of its members present, to revise, amend, or alter this Constitution, provided a motion to that effect is duly made and seconded at one Annual Meeting of said Grand Council, and laid over until the next for consideration.

OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

ARTICLE II.

OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. A Council of Royal and Select Masters shall consist of a

Thrice Illustrious Grand Master,
Deputy Thrice Illustrious Grand Master,
Principal Conductor of the Work,
Captain of the Guard,

Treasurer,
Sentinel,

AND

As many Members, as my be found convenient for working to advantage.

And ought to assemble for work at least once in three months.

AS TO STANDING OF COUNCILS.

SEC. 2. No Council of Royal and Select Masters in this State shall be considered legal unless they have a Charter from the Grand Council, or a Dispensation from one of the Grand Officers; and Masonic communication, either public or private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Council under this jurisdiction, or any member thereof, and any Council or assemblage that may be so illegally established without such Charter or Dispensation, or any person admitted in such illegal Council; but nothing in this Section shall be so construed as to affect any Council, or the members of any Council, which may be established by proper authority in other States.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE DEGREE.

SEC. 3. All applications for the degree of Royal and Select Master, or membership in any Subordinate Council under this jurisdiction, shall be by petition in writing to the nearest Council, from a member of a Royal Arch Chapter regularly constituted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and subordinate to the same, and also of the State Grand Chapter from which he hails, and shall lie over one lunar month after the same shall have been received and referred to a committee for inquiry unless by a unanimous vote of the Companions present, in which case the application may be acted upon instanter, and an unanimous ballot shall be necessary in all cases.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 4. The officers of the several Subordinate Councils shall be chosen annually by ballot. A majority of the whole

number present shall be necessary to elect; and the persons so chosen shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and installed; which election shall take place on the regular meeting next preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

DUTIES OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER.

SEC. 5. The Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of every Subordinate Council has it in special charge, as appertaining to his office, duty, and dignity, to see that the By-Laws of his Council, as well as the Constitution of the Grand Council, and genal regulations of Royal and Select Masters, are duly observed and obeyed; that all the officers of his Council perform the duties of their respective stations, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions; that true and accurate records of the proceedings of his Council be kept by the Recorder; that the Treasurer render just and accurate accounts of all moneys belonging to the Council; and that the annual dues to the Grand Council be regularly and punctually paid. He has the special charge and care of the Charter or Dispensation of his Council; he has a right to call his Council at pleasure, upon any emergency. It is likewise his duty, together with the Deputy Illustrious and Principal Conductor of the Work, to attend the meetings of the Grand Council, either in person or proxy when duly summoned by the Grand Recorder.

DEGREE FEE.

SEC. 6. No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees of Royal and Select Masters for a less sum than *Five Dollars.*

OF DUES.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Subordinate Councils to provide by By-Laws for the assesment of such dues (as well as the time of their payment), as they may think proper; which By-Laws shall be considered sufficient notice to the members. And it shall be the imperative duty of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Master to order the Recorder to enter *suspended* all

members who shall refuse or neglect for two years to pay their dues.

PERCENTAGE TO GRAND COUNCIL.

SEC. 8. Each Subordinate Council shall pay to the Grand Treasurer, at each stated meeting of the Grand Council, the sum of *One Dollar* for every Companion receiving the degree of Royal and Select Master.

BY-LAWS.

I.

PRECEDENCE OF COUNCILS.

The several Councils in this State shall be numbered according to the date of their respective Charters.

II.

RETURNS TO GRAND COUNCIL.

Each Council in this State shall make returns to the Grand Council, at their annual assembly, of the names of its officers and members, and of all Companions received and acknowledged the preceding year.

III.

COMPENSATION OF GRAND RECORDER.

The Grand Recorder shall receive an annual compensation of ten dollars for his services, and five dollars for each Charter issued.

IV.

DUTY OF GRAND TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive all moneys; and at the stated meeting of the Grand Council, he shall exhibit an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements, and no moneys shall be paid out by him without the consent of the Grand Council and the written order of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant or officer presiding.

V.

DUTY OF GRAND RECORDER.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to keep a record of the Proceedings of the Grand Council.

VI.

DELINQENT COUNCILS.

If any Council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble and work, for the space of twelve months; or shall fail to be represented at the stated meetings of the Grand Council, for the term of two stated meetings in succession, or shall fail for the same length of time to discharge their dues, every such delinquent Council shall forfeit its Charter, together with all its jewels, furniture, and effects of every kind subject to the disposal of the Grand Council, and shall be notified thereof by the Grand Recorder.

VII.

AMENDMENTS, &c.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended, in the same manner as the Constitution only.

Wm. H. REYNOLDS,
Recorder.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND RECORDERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE U. S.

STATE.	GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	GRAND RECORDER.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	R C Torrey	Claiborne	Daniel Sayers	Montgomery
Connecticut	H B Ensign	New Haven	E G Storer	New Haven
Florida	Thos Haywood	Tallahasse	Jno B Taylor	Tallahassee
Georgia	Philip T Schley	Savanna	Benj B Russell	Augusta
Illinois	Geo W Deering	Chicago	H G Reynolds	Springfield
Indiana	William Hacker	Shelbyville	Francis King	Indianapolis
Iowa	Thos S Parvin		W B Langridge	Muscatine
Kentucky	Phillip Swigert	Frankfort	A G Hodges	Frankfort
Louisiana	John H Holland	New Orleans	Samuel G Risk	Box R., 48, New Orleans.
Maine	Abner B. Thompson	Brunswick	Ira Berry	Portland
Massachusetts	E B Moore, M D	Boston	George Butts	East Boston
Michigan	Frank Darrow	Pontiac	Nathaniel P Jacobs	Detroit
Mississippi	Wm Cothran	Carollton	Ro W T Daniel	Jackson
New Jersey	Wm Mead	Newark	Joseph H Hough	Trenton
New York	N O Benjamin	New York	Josiah Shove	81 Nassau Street, N. Y.
Ohio	Chas C Kiefer	Dayton	John D Caldwell	Cincinnati
Pennsylvania	Alfred Creigh	Washington	T W Wright	Pittsburgh
Rhode Island	James Salisbury		John F Driscol	Providence
South Carolina	A G Mackey	Charleston	H W Shroeder	
Tennessee	H M Lusher	Memphis	Charles A Fuller	Nashville
Texas	Ed Clark		Andrew Neill	Galveston
Vermont	Henry Ruggles	Portland	John B Hollenbeck	Burlington
Wisconsin	A Sidney Wood	Madison	S G Benedict	Madison

PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

THE GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

Royal and Select

MASTERS

—Of The—

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

HELD AT DETROIT,

Wednesday, June 5th, 1861.



GRAND RAPIDS, MICH:
H. H. Colestock, Masonic Printer, 51 Lyon Street
1879.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 1861.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, convened in Masonic Hall, City of Detroit, at 12 A. M. on Wednesday, June 5th, A. D. 1861.

Present:

Companion	FRANK DARROW	T. I. G. P.
"	JOHN CLARK	I. D. G. P.
"	D. B. TRACY	G. T. I.
"	B. F. DOUGHTY	G. P. C.
"	E. A. ELLIOTT	as G. C. G.
"	EZRA ROOD	G. Treasurer.
"	NATH'L P. JACOBS	G. Recorder.
"	A. B. CUDWORTH	G. S.
"	CHAS. D. HOWARD	G. Sentinel.

The Grand Council was opened in due and ample form. The G. P. appointed the following committees:

On Credentials:

Companions Innes, Rhodes, and Ayres.

On Finance:

Companions Ayres, Wilson, and Rhodes.

On Correspondence :

Companion RECORDER, ELLIOTT, and CLARK.

On Charters and Dispensations :

Companions INNES, CLARK, and SPRAGUE.

The Committee on Credentials reported as members of this Grand Body. The Grand Officers present:

Companion N. B. CARPENTER, P. T. I. G. P.

From

MONROE COUNCIL, NO. 1.

S. B. MORSE.....T. I. G. M.
J. J. RHODES.....Proxy for I. D. G. M.
E. A. ELLIOTT.....P. C. W.

ST. CLAIR COUNCIL, NO. 2.

JOHN CLARK.....T. I. G. M.
S. B. BROWN.....I. D. G. M.
GEO. L. CORNELL.....P. C. W.

PONTIAC COUNCIL, NO. 3.

FRANK DARROW.....T. I. G. M.
A. B. CUDWORTH.....D. I. G. M.
A. B. MATTHEWS.....P. C. W.

RIVER RAISIN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

D. B. TRACY.....Proxy for Council

JONESVILLE COUNCIL, NO. 5.

No Returns.

MT. MORIAH, NO. 6.

S. L. DART.....Proxy for Council.

THREE RIVERS, NO. 7.

B. F. DOUGHTY, T. I. G. M., and Proxy for the I. D. G. M. and P. C. W.

ROMEO COUNCIL, NO. 8.

A. B. AYERS.....T. I. G. M.
B. PALMER.....I. D. G. M.
ISAAC CRAWFORD.....Proxy for P. C. W.

ZABUD COUNCIL, NO. 9.

SPRAGUE...T. I. G. M., and Proxy for I. D. G. M. and P. C. W.E.

TYRE COUNCIL, NO. 10.

WM. P. INNES.....D. I. G. M.
Comp. SCHLEY.....Proxy for T. I. G. M. and P. C. W.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

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

To the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your Recorder, since his Report in January last, has but to note the granting of Dispensations, to form Councils at Ypsilanti, Ionia and Sturgis, which Councils having been organized, are in successful operation, and now return their Dispensations and apply for charters. The proceedings of but three Grand Councils have been recorded by him; and no changes masonically have occurred within those Jurisdictions, nor within those of any other of our sister States, worthy of commemoration. In accordance with your instructions, he has procured the printing of 300 copies of the proceedings for 1861, which are now before you. He has also procured a plain and substantial seal, which he trusts will meet your approval. Excepting in some few localities, the progress of Cryptic Masonry is onward and satisfactory. No dissensions exist in our midst; but everywhere within the bounds of our Peninsula harmony prevails. It remains for your Recorder only to congratulate this Council thereon.

NATH'L P. JACOBS,
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P. M.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor.

Companion INNES offered the following Resolution, that Section IV., Article 1. of the Constitution be so amended as to read, "The Wednesday immediately succeeding the first Tuesday of August," which was laid on the table.

The T. I. G. M. then read the following address:

COMPANIONS:

On the 13th day of January, 1857, the delegates from three subordinate Councils met at Masonic Hall in this city, and formed a Grand Council of R. and S. M., for the State of Michigan; and from that time to the present we have gone on steadily increasing, under properly and well-directed efforts.

In surveying the field of our labors, it is a matter of congratulation that no elements of discord or division exist. All is harmony and peace.

Since our last communication, I have granted Dispensations to form Councils of Royal and Select Masters at Ypsilanti, Ionia and Sturgis.

We have now under our jurisdiction ten chartered Councils and three under dispensation, living in peace and harmony and doing good work.

By the kind assistance of my friend and most excellent Companion, D. B. TRACY, G. T. I., of this Grand Council, to whom I gave my proxy for the purpose, I have installed the officers of the several Councils under this Jurisdiction, located at Ypsilanti, Ionia and Sturgis; and from his report of their condition we feel greatly encouraged in the prosecution of our noble enterprise.

"Cryptic Masonry" has at last attained a proud position in the State of Michigan.

Through the politeness of M. P. N. O. Benjamin, of New York, M. P. Alfred Creighh, of Pennsylvania, B. B. Russell, G. R., of Georgia, Daniel Sayres, G. R., of Alabama, and Geo. Butts, G. P., of Massachusetts, I have received the proceedings of the Grand Councils of those States, all of which, I am happy to say, are in a flourishing and prosperous condition.

And now, my Companions, having had the honor of presiding over the deliberations of this Grand Council for two terms, permit me to express my gratitude for the cordial support I have received from you.

FRANK DARROW.

The committee to whom was referred the following account of monies, received and disbursed by the Recorder, reported the same back as correct, which report was adopted.

Account of money received by the Grand Recorder at the session of the Grand Council, January 8th, 1861.

Council at Three Rivers	$34 00
" " Jonesville	5 00
" " Battle Creek	8 00
" " Romeo	3 00
Mt. Moriah Council	9 00
River Raisin Council	5 00
Tyre Council	11 00
Balance on hand from previous report	42 81
	$122 81

Bill of printing	$49 50	
Bill of seal	44 00	
Paid Monroe Council	28 00	
Balance on hand	31 31	
		$122 81

Leave being granted, the Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, which was adopted :

That they have examined all the books and papers presented to them as well as the record of the work of the several Councils under dispensation, and find them correct, and would recommended that charters be granted as follows :

To Union Council No. 11, Ypsilanti.

To Ionia Council No. 12, Ionia.

To Sturgis Council No. 13, Sturgis.

And that they have permission to hold an election for officers at their next regular meeting.

(Signed.) WM. P. INNES.
JOHN CLARK.
E. SPRAGUE.

On motion the Grand Recorder was allowed the sum of Five Dollars for postage, &c., and the Grand Sentinel Five dollars for his services as Tyler.

The Grand Council then proceeded to elect the following Grand Officers for the ensuing year, who were duly installed:

Companion JOHN CLARK.....T. I. G. P.
" D. B. TRACY .....I. D. G. P.
" B. F. DOUGHTY .....G. T. I.
" EBENEZER SPRAGUE ..... G. P. C.
" SEAMAN L. DART .. ..G. C. G.
" EZRA ROOD..... .....G. Treasurer.
" NATHL. P. JACOBS .....G. Recorder.
" F. A. BLADES ....G. Chaplain.
" A. B. AYRES .....G. Steward.
" C. D. HOWARD .. ..G. Sentinel.

No other business coming before the Grand Council, it was then duly closed.

NATH'L P. JACOBS,
Grand Recorder.

Statement of money received and disbursed by the Grand Recorder at the session of the Grand Council, June 5th, 1861.

From Romeo Council No. 8	$ 6 00	
From Zabud Council, No. 9	1 00	
From Union Council, No. 11	8 00	
From Ionia Council, No. 12, For charter, less Recorder's Fee.	10 00	
From Sturgis Council, No. 13	8 00	
		$33 00

DR.

Amount paid for Postage, &c	$ 5 00	
Amount paid C. D. Howard	5 00	
Cash on hand	23 00	
		$33 00

STATE.	GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	GRAND RECORDER.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	R C Torrey	Claiborne	Daniel Sayers	Montgomery
Connecticut	H B Ensign	New Haven	E G Storer	New Haven
Florida	Thos Haywood	Tallahasse	Jno B Taylor	Tallahassee
Georgia	Philip T Schley	Savanna	Benj B Russell	Augusta
Illinois	Geo W Deering	Chicago	H G Reynolds	Springfield
Indiana	William Hacker	Shelbyville	Francis King	Indianapolis
Iowa	Thos S Parvin		W B Langridge	Muscatine
Kentucky	Phillip Swigert	Frankfort	A G Hodges	Frankfort
Louisiana	John H Holland	New Orleans	Samuel G Risk	Box R., 48, New Orleans.
Maine	Abner B. Thompson	Brunswick	Ira Berry	Portland
Massachusetts	E B Moore, M D	Boston	George Butts	East Boston
Michigan	John Clark	St. Clair	Nathaniel P Jacobs	Detroit
Mississippi	Wm Cothran	Carollton	Ro W T Daniel	Jackson
New Jersey	Wm Mead	Newark	Joseph H Hough	Trenton
New York	N O Benjamin	New York	Josiah Shove	31 Nassau Street, N. Y.
Ohio	Chas C Kiefer	Dayton	John D Caldwell	Cincinnati
Pennsylvania	Alfred Creigh	Washington	T W Wright	Pittsburgh
Rhode Island	James Salisbury		John F Driscol	Providence
South Carolina	A G Mackey	Charleston	H W Shroeder	
Tennessee	H M Lusher	Memphis	Charles A Fuller	Nashville
Texas	Ed Clark		Andrew Neill	Galveston
Vermont	Henry Ruggles	Portland	John B Hollenbeck	Burlington
Wisconsin	A Sidney Wood	Madison	S G Benedict	Madison

PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

THE GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

Royal and Select

MASTERS

—OF THE—

STATE OF MICHIGAN;

HELD AT DETROIT,

Wednesday, June 12th, 1862.



GRAND RAPIDS, MICH:
H. H. COLESTOCK, MASONIC PRINTER, 51 LYON STREET.
1879.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH, 1862.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on Wednesday, June 12th, A. D. 1862, at 12 o'clock M.

Present:

Companion	JOHN CLARK	T. I. G. P.
"	D. B. TRACY	D. I. G. P.
"	F. DARROW	as G. T. I.
"	E. A. ELLIOTT	G. P. C. of W.
"	E. ROOD	G. Treasurer.
"	G. B. NOBLE	as G. Recorder.
"	D. B. NICHOLS	as G. C. G.
"	A. McCREA	as G. S.
"	C. D. HOWARD	G. Sentinel.

The Grand Council was opened in due and ample form.

The T. I. G. P. appointed the following committees:

On Credentials:

Companions WADHAMS, WILSON, and ALLEN.

On Finance:

Companions AYERS, McCREA, and KING.

On Correspondence:

Companions NOBLE, DARROW, and KING.

On Charters and Dispensations:

Companions DARROW, AYERS, and ELLIOTT.

The Committee on Credentials reported as members of this Grand Body. The Grand Officers present:

Companion N. B. CARPENTER, P. T. I. G. P.
" F. DARROW, P. T. I. G. P.

MONROE COUNCIL, NO. 1.

E. A. ELLIOTT.....T. I. G. M.
J. P. WHITING.....D. I. G. M.
O. BOURKE..... P. C. of W.

ST. CLAIR COUNCIL, NO. 2.

Companion R. WADHAMS.....Proxy for Council.

PONTIAC COUNCIL, NO. 3.

Companion FRANK DARROW..... .....T. I. G. M.
" A. B. CUDWORTH.....D. I. G. M.
" A. B. MATTHEWS.....P. C. W.

RIVER RAISIN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

Companion WM. F. KING.....Proxy for Council.

JONESVILLE COUNCIL, NO. 5.

No Returns.

MT. MORIAH, NO. 6.

Companion A. ALLEN.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" A. McCREA.....D. I. G. M. and P. C. W.

THREE RIVERS COUNCIL, NO. 7.

No Returns.

ROMEO COUNCIL, NO. 8.

Companion ABIJAH PALMER.....T. I. G. M.
" S. W BELLOWS..... ....D. I. G. M.
" ISAAC CRAWFORD.....P. C. W.

ZABUD COUNCIL, NO. 9.

Companion A. NOBLE.....Proxy for Council.

TYRE COUNCIL, NO. 10.

No Returns.

UNION COUNCIL, NO. 11.

Companion E. BOGARDUS.....T. I. G. M.
" EZRA PLATT.....D. I. G. M.
" C. F. ASHLEY.....P. C. W.

IONIA COUNCIL, NO. 12.

Companion G. W. WILSON.....Proxy for Council.

STURGIS COUNCIL, NO. 13.

Companion C. H. PUTNAM.....T. I. G. M.
" W. H. KENT.....D. I. G. M.
" J. T. PACKARD.....P. C. W.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment until 4 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 4 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor.

The T. I. G. P. then read the following address :

Companions of the Grand Council :

For the fifth time since our organization as a State Grand Body, are we permitted by our Divine Grand Master to assemble in this retired and consecrated hall, to review the past, and legislate for the future good of our order. Would to high heaven we could say, as on former anniversaries, that peace and harmony prevailed through our once happy land, and that Cryptic Masonry stood forth in all her former beauty and loveliness. But, alas, a dark cloud has come over our beloved Union ; it is to be feared that in this lamentable struggle, that Companions have been arrayed against each other in deadly strife. Let us, my beloved Companions, look up to Him, who holds the destinies of nations in His hands, with one heart, and earnestly implore his interpositions to stay this fearful strife, and once more send the blessings of peace to this unhappy country.

Companions, we have not those fraternal greetings from our former correspondence. The unhappy state of things has interposed. Therefore, we are unable, as on former occasions, to give you a general state of our sister Grand Councils. So far as we can ascertain, there has but little been done.

It is with great satisfaction that we can say that peace and harmony prevails through our jurisdiction ; therefore, it is to the financial difficulties that we are to attribute the lack of increasing numbers.

During the past year I have received no application for dispensations; I have been informed that I. D. G. P., D. B. TRACY has granted one to the Companions of Marshall. I presume they will apply for a charter.

I was requested by the Three Rivers Council, No. 7, to appoint some one to install the officers elect for the ensuing year, owing to the absence of T. I. G. M., B. F. DOUGHTY. In compliance with their request I appointed Companion JOHN COWLING.

I find myself very much embarrassed, owing to the absence of our esteemed Companion and efficient Recorder, N. P. JACOBS, who has so ably conducted the correspondence of this Grand Body.

Companions, I have taken considerable pains to ascertain the number of State Grand Councils in the United States, and the date of their organization, which I give for the information of the Craft :

New York, organized in	...1807	Connecticut, organized in	.1819
Georgia, " "	...1825	Massachusetts, " "	.1826
Kentucky " "	...1827	Ohio, " "	.1829
Alabama, " "	...1838	Pennsylvania, " "	.1847
Tennessee, " "	...1847	Illinois, " "	.1853
Vermont, " "	...1854	Maine, " "	.1855
Indiana, " "	...1855	Louisiana, " "	.1856
Texas, " "	...1856	Mississippi, " "	.1856
Iowa, " "	.. 1857	Wisconsin, " "	.1857

Michigan,	"	" ...1858	Florida,	"	" .1858
New Jersey,	"	" ...1860	California	"	" .1860
Rhode Island,	"	" ...1860	South Carolina	"	" .1860

Making twenty-four Grand Councils. New Hampshire has Councils. The following States confer the Select, Royal and Super Excellent Masters' degrees, viz.: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York.

From my knowledge of the Super Excellent Degree, I would recommend that it be conferred upon all regular Royal and Select Masters, by the Subordinates of this Grand Body.

Companions, you will please accept my sincere thanks for the uniform kindness manifested towards me, and my assurance that I shall not cease to feel a deep and lively interest in all that concerns the welfare and happiness of each member of this Grand Body.

And when the hour of twelve at night shall be sounded, may we be ready, with our lamps trimmed and burning.

On motion of Companion WILSON, the T. I. G. P. address was referred to a special committee, as follows: Companions C. JONES, DARROW and BOVEE.

On motion of Companion TRACY, the resolution on page 5 of printed proceedings for 1861, for amendment to constitution, was taken from the table and discussed, and on motion for its adoption it was lost.

The Report of the Grand Recorder was then presented and read, as follows:

To the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your Recorder, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, respectfully reports, that since the meeting of this Body, in June last, proceedings of the Grand Councils of Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts and New York only, have to this date been received by him, an abstract of which is herewith presented.

CONNECTICUT.

At the annual assembly of this Grand Body, held in the city of Hartford, May 8th, 1861, twelve subordinate Councils were represented. T. I. Willis I. Goodsell was elected M. P. G. M.; and Companion Lucius E. Hunt, Grand Recorder—the Illustrious Companion E. G. Storer having completed thirty years of labor as Grand Recorder, refusing a re-election. The Grand Council, in reference thereto, adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand Council hereby extend the thanks of this Body to our P. G. Recorder, E. G. Storer, for his able, careful, and valuable services in behalf of this Grand Council for a period of thirty years.

Commendation well earned by that old and faithful laborer in Masonry.

The *amende* is due to the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for confounding him with the esteemed Companion above mentioned. The only apology which can be offered is, that the report referred to was well worthy the pen of even the Grand Recorder himself.

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence ably review the proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils, our own included, and appropriately quote, from the transactions of each, matters of interest to the fraternity at large.

Sixteen Councils are subordinate to this Grand Body.

INDIANA.

The annual communication of the Grand Council of R. & S. Masters of this State was held in the city of Lafayette, on the 21st of May, 1861. The Grand officers and representatives of fourteen Councils—two under Dispensation—being present.

The Grand Master, Companion Wm. Hacker, for the sixth time renders an account of his stewardship, reporting his official acts for the past year, in an interesting and instructive address—interesting as to the progress and condition of the craft within that Jurisdiction, and instructive in the views expressed as to the working of the craft abroad, especially as to the order of conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master. With Indiana, and, as we supposed, in accordanee with almost universal custom, the degree of Royal Master in this State is conferred first.

Companion Wm. Hacker was re-elected M. P. G. M., and Companion Francis King, Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

The Grand Officers and Representatives of four subordinate Councils of this State met in Grand Council at Davenport, July 10th, 1861.

Companion Parvin, the M. P. Grand Master, in chaste and elegant language, greets his assembled brethren, congratulates them upon the prosperity of the Craft at home and abroad, and respectfully declines a re-election to the responsible post, which, since the organization of the Grand Council of Iowa, he has so ably filled. From the report of Companion Jennings, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, we quote the following:

"Let us remember that our national skies are dark and lowering—that civil discord disturbs the peace of the land—that *Brothers* are engaged in deadly fratricidal strife—that every breeze brings to our ears the presages of a horrid civil war—that the clash of resounding arms is listened for with every breath—but that our mission is one of *love*, of *brotherhood*, and of peace.

And while we should shrink from no responsibility, and remember to discharge the duties we, as Masons and as loyal citizens, owe to our country and our government, let us not forget that those who are arrayed against us in this unnatural strife are our brethren, both by ties of blood and by the sacred obligations of our order; that while our prayers go up to the Mason's God for the success of our cause, they are praying to the same God (and we dare not say less devoutly) for the success of theirs. Let us therefore use our efforts with our brethren to put an end to this unhallowed contest,—discharging faithfully our duty as citizens, but ever remembering to extend to an enemy the excellent gift of charity, and to a fallen foe the noble attribute of mercy, looking for our reward in Heaven."

Sentiments that but reflect our own and, we doubt not, those of any R. & S. Master throughout the land.

Companion L. S. Swafford was elected Grand Master, and Companion W. B. Langridge re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

This M. P. Grand Council convened in annual assembly in the city of New York, June 4th, 1861. The Grand Officers and Representatives, from ten subordinate Councils being present. Grand Master Nathan O. Benjamin, in a comprehensive address, details at length the local transactions of the Craft, and in closing refers to the many and cheering circumstances which now surround them. The Companions of the Empire State owe their present union and prosperity to the wise

councils and indefatigable exertions of their Grand Master, whom they have done themselves the honor to retain as such for the present year.

A communication from Vincent W. Bate, collating the history of the Grand Council, was submitted, and is printed with the proceedings. It embraces information of great interest to the Craft, and most of which will doubtless be as new to you as it is to your committee. The Grand Council of Connecticut, it is stated, had always been treated as spurious and clandestine by the old Grand Council of New York. It closes by saying that the Grand Council of the State of New York, as united, is therefore the oldest in the Union, and one of the most prosperous in numbers and respectability. The paper evinces great research, and is the result of much labor,—of too great length to quote entire. It is well worthy of being read to the members of the Council, when present.

In closing this report, the last which in all human probability the chairman of your committee will have the pleasure of making to your Grand Body, I can but congratulate you on the progress which, since its organization four years ago, the Craft has made in this State. For years, Monroe Council of Detroit was the only organized body of Royal and Select Masters, her jurisdiction being co-extensive with the boundaries of the State itself. From her loins sprung St. Clair and Pontiac Councils, the Representatives of which, together with her own, met in the ante-chamber of the chapter-room, in Masonic Hall, and organized the Grand Council of Michigan. Gathered to our assembly in June last, we saw the delegates of twelve Councils, still further to be increased when you again meet. Surely, peace and prosperity have been within our borders. Whilst upon each breeze from the South comes the sound of strife, from her blood-stained hills and plains, where the hand of man is lifted against his brother, and the maddened passions and hatred of years, long treasured up, burst forth in unchecked ferocity, carrying with them slaughter and devastation: here our Heavenly Father has blessed us with abundant harvests; and each can repose under his own vine and under his own fig-tree in quietness and peace, and with none to molest or make him afraid.

Midst this unseemly and unnecessary strife, it is pleasant to know that the principles and teachings of Masonry are neither forgotten nor held in abeyance. From the lips of those returned to us from the prisons of the South, I learn that our brethren there still recognize the obligations of universal brotherhood, and, though closely watched by malignant eyes, have yet repeatedly relieved the distressed and comforted the weary and war-worn stranger in their midst.

In bidding you, as Companions, farewell, I can but hope that the

blessings, so abundantly poured forth upon you heretofore, may still be continued. From the midst of my duties in the new field of labor destined to me upon the opposite side of the globe, in spirit I shall still be with you, and my prayers and supplications will still ascend to the great Architect of the Universe for your future prosperity and happiness.

NATHANIEL P. JACOBS,
Grand Recorder.

On motion of Companion D. B. TRACY, Sturgis Council, No. 13, was granted a new charter, free of charge, having lost their former charter by fire. Also, that the fees, amounting to two dollars, paid to this G. C., be refunded to them.

The committee to whom was referred the following account of the moneys received and disbursed by the Grand Recorder, reported the same back as correct, which report was adopted:

GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN, IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND RECORDER.

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1861.	Cash on hand per report, see page 7 of proceedings for 1861	$31 31
1861.	Cash on hand, per report, see page 9 of proceedings for 1861	23 00
1861. Nov.	Dues of Ionia Council, per Fred Hall	12 00
		$66 31

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*Amount due by River Raisin Council, No. 4, heretofore accounted as cash	$ 6 00
Recorder's salary, from Jan. 6th to June 6th	14 00
†Recorder's fees for Councils at Sturgis and Ypsilanti	10 00
Stationery and postages for 1861-2	5 00
H. Barns & Co.'s bill, printing proceedings	33 00
	$68 00
Balance due me	$1 69

NATHANIEL P. JACOBS,
Grand Recorder.

*Warrant of River Raisin Council, drawn by D. B. Tracy, Recorder, upon Treasurer of said Council, for dues to Grand Council, of $6. Warrant sent to Treasurer for payment who has not remitted.

†The charter fees, amounting to $45, for Councils at Sturgis, Ypsilanti, and Marshall, are in the hands of the Rev. D. B. Tracy, the I. D. G. Puissant.

Treasurer's Report accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

Companion DARROW offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the G. Recorder pay all moneys received by him over to the G. Treasurer, and take his receipt, and that the Treasurer pay out no moneys, except on the order of Recorder, countersigned by the T. I. G. P.

Resolved, That the furniture procured by Companion D. B. Tracy for Eaton Rapids Council be delivered to the G. Treasurer, subject to the order of the T. I. G. P., and that G. R. pay Companion D. B. Tracy the amount paid by him for the same.

The special committee to whom was referred the address of the T. I. G. P., made the following report:

To the Grand Council of the State of Michigan :

The committee to whom was referred the very able address of the T. I. G. M., respectfully report, that they have had the same under consideration.

In regard to the dreadful struggle now going on in our beloved Union, your committee can only say, with our T. I. G. M., that we must look for help from that good Being, who holds the destiny of nations in his hands.

In regard to the recommendation that the subordinates within this Grand jurisdiction be empowered to confer the Super Excellent Master's degree on all regular Royal and Select Masters, your committee recommend that the matter be referred to a select committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CZAR JONES,
FRANK DARROW,
D. BOVEE,
Committee.

Which was adopted.

T. I. G. M. then appointed the following special committee upon the S. E. Degree: Companions G. B. NOBLE, E. A. ELLIOTT, and A. NOBLE.

The Grand Council then proceeded to elect the following Grand Officers for the ensuing year, who were duly installed:

Companions	D. B. TRACY	T. I. G. P.
"	E. A. ELLIOTT	I. D. G. P.
"	G. B. NOBLE	G. T. I.
"	D. BOVEE	G. P. C.
"	C. H. PUTNAM	G. C. G.
"	E. ROOD	G. Treasurer
"	O. BOURKE	G. Recorder
"	S. CAULKINS	G. Chaplain
"	A. McCREA	G. Steward
"	C. D. HOWARD	G. Sentinel

Resolved,, That the T. I. G. P., D. I. G. P. and G. Recorder be ap pointed a committee on printed proceedings.

Resolved, That they be instructed to have two hundred copies published in pamphlet form, and that three copies be furnished to each of the officers and members of this Grand Council, and that two copies be transmitted by mail to each G. Council in the United States, and three copies to each subordinate Council in this Jurisdiction.

On motion, the Grand Sentinel was allowed three dollars for his services in attendance of this Grand Council.

There being no further business to come before the Grand Council, it was duly closed.

G. B. NOBLE,
G. Recorder *pro tem.*

STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED BY THE GRAND RECORDER, AT THE SESSION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL JUNE 4TH, A. D. 1852.

From St. Clair Council No. 2	$ 1 00
From Mt. Moriah Council No. 6	5 00
From Union Council No. 11	13 00
From Sturgis Council No. 13	2 00
	$21 00
Paid over to G. Treasurer as per receipt	21 00

PROCEEDINGS

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GRAND RAPIDS, MICH:
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1879.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3D, 1863.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on Tuesday, June 3d, 1863, at 12 o'clock M.

Present:

Companion	D. B. TRACY	T. I. G. P.
"	E. A. ELLIOTT	D. I. G. P.
"	G. B. NOBLE	G. T. I.
"	D. BOVEE	G. P. C. of W.
"	E. ROOD	G. Treasurer.
"	O. BOURKE	G. Recorder.
"	E. BOGARDUS	as G. C. G.
"	A. McCREA	G. S.
"	C. D. HOWARD	G. Sentinel.

The Grand Council was opened in due and ample form.

The T. I. G. P. appointed the following committees:

On Credentials:

Companions CLARK, TAYLOR, and WHITING.

On Finance:

Companions SPRAGUE, FLOWERS, and BOGARDUS.

On Correspondence:

Companions BOURKE, DART, and TILLOTSON.

On Charters and Dispensations:

Companions DARROW, ELLIOTT, and DART.

The Committee on Credentials reported as members of this Grand Body. The Grand Officers present:

Companion N. B. CARPENTER, P. T. I. G. P.
" F. DARROW, P. T. I. G. P.
" JOHN CLARK, P. T. I. G. P.

MONROE COUNCIL, NO. 1.

Companion E. A. ELLIOTT.....T. I. G. M.
" J. P. WHITING.....D. I. G. M.
" D. B. NICHOLS.....Proxy for P. C. of W.

ST. CLAIR COUNCIL, NO. 2.

Companion JOHN CLARK.....T. I. G. M.
" C. WHITE.....Proxy for D. I. G. M.
" R. WADHAM.....Proxy for P. C. of W.

PONTIAC COUNCIL, NO. 3.

Companion F. DARROW.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" B. COGSHALL.....Proxy for D. I. G. M.
" T. A. FLOWER.....Proxy for P. C. of W.

RIVER RAISIN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

Companion WM. F. KING.....Proxy for Council.

JONESVILLE COUNCIL, NO. 5.

No Returns.

MT. MORIAH COUNCIL, NO. 6.

Companion S. L. DART.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" A. ALLEN.....Proxy for D. I. G. M.
" A. ALLEN.....Proxy for P. C. of W.

THREE RIVERS COUNCIL, NO. 7.

Companion ISAAC C. BASSETTE.....T. I. G. M.
" JOHN COWLING.....D. I. G. M.
" HENRY E. STONE.....P. C. of W.

ROMEO COUNCIL, NO. 8.

No Returns.

ZABUD COUNCIL, NO. 9.

Companion E. SPRAGUE ..... T. I. G. M.
" D. SHEPPARD ..... D. I. G. M.
" J. P. AVERILL ..... P. C. of W.

TYRE COUNCIL, NO. 10.

No Returns.

UNION COUNCIL, NO. 11.

Companion E. BOGARDUS ..... T. I. G. M.
" E. PLATT ..... D. I. G. M.
" C. F. ASHLEY ..... P. C. of W.

IONIA COUNCIL, NO. 12.

Companion G. W. WILSON ..... Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" P. H. TAYLOR ..... D. I. G. M.
" P. H. TAYLOR ..... Proxy for P. C. of W.

STURGIS COUNCIL, NO. 13.

Companion D. B. TRACY ..... Proxy for Council.

HIRAM COUNCIL, U. D.

Companion H. A. TILLOTSON ..... Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" Z. TILLOTSON ..... D. I. G. M.
" H. A TILLOTSON ..... Proxy for P. C. of W.

Which report was, on motion, accepted and adopted.

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor. The T. I. G. P., then read the following address:

Companions:

Through the goodness of the Supreme Grand Architect of Heaven and Earth, we are again permitted to meet under our constitution, upon this our sixth annual convocation, to take into consideration the condition of Cryptic Masonry within our jurisdiction. We have every reason to be thankful to the Great I AM, for the continued increase and prosperity of our

Order; there has been no occurrence within this jurisdiction, either in the affairs of the Grand Council, or of the several subordinates, to detract from our feelings of gratitude and thankfulness. Let us not forget to return to the Giver of all good—the Author of all our mercies and comforts, our unfeigned and heartfelt thanks for all the blessings which He has so richly bestowed upon us; and let our future suplications be for a continuance of His favors and loving kindness. Immediately after the adjournment of our last annual communication, I authorized our worthy Grand Recorder to continue the dispensation which has been granted to our worthy companions at Marshall, until the present session. I doubt not their representatives will be present at this meeting, and request a charter from this Body. A subject of deep interest to the prosperity of our beloved Order is to secure a uniformity of work and lectures in our subordinate Councils. This should not be lost sight of, and I know of no way the object can be obtained with so much certainty as by appointing a competent committee, with instructions to examine thoroughly the various works of our sister Grand Councils, and report at the next annual meeting of this Body. Within the past year no dispensations have been granted for the establishment of new Councils. This Grand Council is as yet in its infancy. We have much to learn by caution and experience. Of the latter I had hoped to have supplied myself in part by the perusal of the proceedings of our sister Grand Councils through the United States, who have had so much more experience than we, and from which much valuable information might be derived; but of this I have been disappointed, owing to the unhappy rebellion which now prevails to such an alarming extent throughout a large portion of our once happy but now distracted and bleeding country. While we are in the enjoyment of peace and comfort, the temples of our companions in many of our sister Councils have been desecrated, their altars overthrown, their homes made desolate, and their fair lands laid waste by the horrors of civil war. It is our duty to do all in our power

to assauge the horrors of this unnatural war, and make use of all honorable and legitimate means to aid in bringing it to a happy termination.

Companions, I can never be insensible of the honor conferred upon me by your suffrages in placing me at the head of this Body, over which I have presided for the past year. Whether I have discharged the duties of that office to your satisfaction it does not become me to inquire. Of one thing I cannot be deprived—that is, the reflection of having, according to the best of my ability, impartially discharged my duty to the Craft.

Companions, you will be called upon during this present session to go into the annual election of officers for the ensuing year. Your wisdom will guide you in this matter. I take occasion simply to remark that I deem it to be an imperative duty to decline re-election to my present office or any other in the gift of this Grand Council. Believing that your deliberations will prove the means of advancing the great objects of our beloved Order, I shall cheerfully co-operate with you in any measures tending to so desirable an end.

On motion, the address of the T. I. G. P., was referred to a special committee, consisting of Companions Darrow, Clark, and Morse.

The committee to whom was referred the T. I. G. P.'s address, presented the following report:

Your committee to whom the address of the T. I. G. P., was referred, would recommend that the portion of the address which relates to the work, be referred to a committee of three.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted, and Companions D. B. Tracy, E. A. Elliott, and G. B. Noble, were appointed as such committeee.

The Grand Recorder presented the folllowing report, which, on motion, was adopted and ordered to be printed with the procedings:

To the Grand Council R. and S. M. of the State of Michigan:

Your Recorder, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, respectfully reports: That since the meeting of this Body, in

June, 1862, no proceedings from sister Grand Councils of any State have been received by him ; that in obedience to resolution on printed proceedings for 1862, page 14, he caused 200 copies to be printed and mailed them to every Grand Council in the United States, also to each subordinate Council in this State, that having received no documents whereby to address the G. Recorders of other States by name, he had no alternative except to direct to those officers in their official capacity, and whether received by them or not he has no means to determine. However, no reply or return of similiar courtesy has, up to this writing, reached his hands.

Having no data whereupon to found an opinion of the progress of Cryptic Masonry, outside of this jurisdiction, he cannot speak with knowledge on that point, but thinks he is safe in presuming that the great and unprecedented degree of prosperity attending the various Masonic Bodies, has been fully participated in by this portion of the universal Masonic family ; that while our highly favored and once happy land is deluged with blood shed by fratricidal hands, and every interest and industry sorely feel the effects of a cruel and devastating strife, one secure haven invites the weried and care-worn to forget surrounding worldly scenes, and within the sanctuary of Masonry all can meet upon the level and part upon the square. So mote it be !

During the past year I have, in obedience to orders from the T. I. G. P., issued a renewal letter of dispensation to Hiram Council, at Marshall, to continue in force until the present meeting of the Grand Body.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.
Chairman Com. on Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the subject of granting a Charter to Hiram Council (under dispensation) recommended that a Charter be granted to said Council ; which report was accepted and adopted, and, on motion, a Charter was ordered to be issued to said Hiram Council, to be located at Marshall.

The same committee, to whom was referred the application of St. Clair Council No. 2, asking permission for that Council to meet at Port Huron, reported as follows :

We recommend that permission be granted to St. Clair Council to hold their meetings at Port Huron, in accordance with the resolution of the St. Clair Council.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

A minority report from the same committee was offered as a substitute for the majority report, which, on motion, was lost.

The special committee to whom was referred the subject of the Super-Excellent Master's degree, presented the following report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted,

Your committee on Super-Excellent Master's Degree, report that they do not deem it expedient, at present, to change the work or add thereto.

G. B. NOBLE,
E. A. ELLIOTT,
Committee.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, accompanied by the vouchers, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted :

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, IN ACCOUNT WITH E. ROOD, TREASURER.

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1862.

June 4,	By Cash of	Comp.	Noble	$ 8 00
" 5,	"	"	"	39 00
July 13,	"	"	Lacy,	13 00
				$60 00

DR.

June 4,	To paid voucher	No.	1	$ 2 00
" 4,	"	"	2	3 00
July 13,	"	"	3	23 25
				$28 25
			Bal. due the Gr. Council	31 75
				$60 00

E. ROOD,
Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder was, on motion, directed to have such number of these proceedings as he may deem expedient printed, and distribute same; also, to settle with Monroe Chapter for gas consumed by this Grand Council.

On motion, the sum of five dollars was ordered paid the Grand Sentinel for his services; also, the sum of five dollars to the Grand Recorder for cash paid by him for postages.

The Grand Council then proceeded to elect the following Grand Officers for the ensuing year, who were duly insalled;

Companion E. A. ELLIOTT..... ..... T. I. G. P.
" G. B. NOBLE.....D. I. G. P.
" D. BOVEE .....G. T. I.
" S. L. DART.....G. P. C.
" J. P. WHITING.....G. C. G.
" E. ROOD, ... G. Treasurer.
" O. BOURKE ..... G. Recorder.
" D. B. LYON ....G. Chaplain.
" H. A. TILLOTSON ..... G. Steward,
" C. D. HOWARD .....G. Sentinel.

No other business coming before the Grand Council, it was then duly closed.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

STATE.	GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	GRAND RECORDER.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	R C Torrey	Claiborne	Daniel Sayers	Montgomery
Connecticut	H B Ensign	New Haven	E G Storer	New Haven
Florida	Thos Haywood	Tallahasse	Jno B Taylor	Tallahassee
Georgia	Philip T Schley	Savanna	Benj B Russell	Augusta
Illinois	Geo W Deering	Chicago	H G Reynolds	Springfield
Indiana	William Hacker	Shelbyville	Francis King	Indianapolis
Iowa	Thos S Parvin		W B Langridge	Muscatine
Kentucky	Phillip Swigert	Frankfort	A G Hodges	Frankfort
Louisiana	John H Holland	New Orleans	Samuel G Risk	Box R., 48, New Orleans.
Maine	Abner B. Thompson	Brunswick	Ira Berry	Portland
Massachusetts	E B Moore, M D	Boston	George Butts	East Boston
Michigan	E A Elliott	Detroit	O Bourke	Detroit
Mississippi	Wm Cothran	Carollton	Ro W T Daniel	Jackson
New Jersey	Wm Mead	Newark	Joseph H Hough	Trenton
New York	N O Benjamin	New York	Josiah Shove	31 Nassau Street, N. Y.
Ohio	Chas C Kiefer	Dayton	John D Caldwell	Cincinnati
Pennsylvania	Alfred Creigh	Washington	T W Wright	Pittsburgh
Rhode Island	James Salisbury		John F Driscol	Providence
South Carolina	A G Mackey	Charleston	H W Shroeder	
Tennessee	H M Lusher	Memphis	Charles A Fuller	Nashville
Texas	Ed Clark		Andrew Neill	Galveston
Vermont	Henry Ruggles	Portland	John B Hollenbeck	Burlington
Wisconsin	A Sidney Wood	Madison	S G Benedict	Madison

PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

THE GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

Royal and Select

MASTERS

—OF THE—

STATE OF MICHIGAN;

HELD AT DETROIT,

Wednesday, June 8th, 1864.



GRAND RAPIDS, MICH:
H. H. COLESTOCK, MASONIC PRINTER, 51 LYON STREET.
1879.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH, 1864.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, convened at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on Wednesday, June 8th, 1864, at 12 o'clock M.

Present:

Companion	E. A. ELLIOTT	T. I. G. P.
"	G. B. NOBLE	D. I. G. P.
"	D. BOVEE	G. T. I.
"	S. L. DART	G. P. C.
"	E. ROOD	G. Treasurer.
"	O. BOURKE	G. Recorder.
"	D. B. LYON	G. Chaplain.
"	H. A. TILLOTTSON	G. Steward.
"	C. D. HOWARD	G. Sentinel.

The Grand Council was opened in due and ample form.

The T. I. G. P. appointed the following committees:

On Credentials:

Companions CLARKE, NOBLE, and PALMER.

On Finance:

Companions NOBLE, JOHNSON, and PALMER.

On Correspondence:

Companions BOURKE, BENEDICT, and CLARK.

On Charters and Dispensations:

Companions PALMER, WHITING, and ROOD.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report:

Your Committee on Credentials having attended to the duty assigned them, ask leave to report:

That there are Companions present entitled to seats as members of this Grand Council, as follows:

THE GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

Companion N. B. CARPENTER, P. T. I. G. P.
" F. DARROW, P. T. I. G. P.
" JOHN CLARK, P. T. I. G. P.

REPRESENTATIVES.

MONROE COUNCIL, NO. 1.

Companion E. A. ELLIOTT.....T. I. G. M.
" J. P. WHITING.....D. I. G. M.
" H. R. JOHNSON.....Proxy for P. C. of W.

ST. CLAIR COUNCIL, NO. 2.

Companion JOHN CLARK.....T. I. G. M.
" ANDREW J. CUMMINGS.....D. I. G. M.
" R. H. JENKS.....P. C. of W.

PONTIAC COUNCIL, NO. 3.

Companion A. B. CUDWORTH.....T. I. G. M.
" A. C. BALDWIN.....D. I. G. M.
" T. A. FLOWER.....P. C. of W.

RIVER RAISIN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

No Returns.

JONESVILLE COUNCIL, NO. 5.

Companion L. H. CORSON.....T. I. G. M.
" E. I. HODGES.....D. I. G. M.
" H. RANSON.....P. C. of W.

MT. MORIAH COUNCIL, NO. 6.

Companion SEAMAN L. DART.....Proxy for Council.

THREE RIVERS COUNCIL, NO. 7.

No Returns.

ROMEO COUNCIL, NO. 8.

Companion	ABIJAH E. PALMER	T. I. G. M.
"	S. W. BELLUS	D. I. G. M.
"	J. CRAWFORD	P. C. of W.

ZABUD COUNCIL, NO. 9.

Companion	E. SPRAGUE	T. I. G. M.
"	D. SHEPARD	D. I. G. M.
"	J. P. NEWELL	P. C. of W.

TYRE COUNCIL, NO. 10.

Companion	W. H. FARMER	T. I. G. M.
"	EDWARD MOHE	D. I. G. M.
"	NOAH STEVENS	P. C. of W.
"	E. D. BENEDICT	P. T. I. G. M.

UNION COUNCIL, NO. 11.

Companion	E. BOGARDUS	T. I. G. M.
"	DAVID EDWARDS	D. I. G. M.
"	C. F. ASHLEY	P. C. of W.

IONIA COUNCIL, NO. 12.

No Returns.

STURGIS COUNCIL, NO. 13.

Companion	CHARLES H. PUTNAM	T. I. G. M.
"	WM. A. KENT	D. I. G. M.
"	HOMER DUNN	P. C. of W.

HIRAM COUNCIL, NO. 14.

No Returns.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN CLARK,
G. B. NOBLE,
A. PALMER.

Which report was accepted, with directions to the Grand Recorder to publish with proceedings any reports received prior to printing the transactions.

On motion, it was voted that all Royal and Select Masters in good standing be invited to be present during those proceedings.

The T. I. G. P., then read the following address:

Companions of the Grand Council:

Agreeable to the Constitution, by permission of Divine Providence, we are again assembled in this consecrated hall, to review the past, and draw our designs for the future. While war and tumult are without, peace reigns within the sacred retreat of the Select, throughout our Jurisdiction.

Since our last annual Convocation, I have not been called upon to perform any official duty, and know of no special legislation to recommend for your deliberations, but as Companions are present representing the different Councils in this Jurisdiction, they will, I trust, bring forward any matter that may seem best to promote the interest of Cryptic Masonry.

So far as my knowledge extends, the Subordinate Councils are generally in a healthy and prosperous condition.

From the records, it appears that Jonesville Council, No. 5, chartered at our regular Annual Convocation, in January, 1860, has made but one return since, to-wit: in January 1861. Should no returns be made at this session, I think it the duty of the Grand Council to enforce the provisions of by-law No. 6.

I am convinced that there is not that uniformity of work in the Councils under this Jurisdiction that there should be: it is therefore hoped that your Committee on work, appointed at our last Convocation, will, through their Chairman, our worthy P. T. I. G. Puissant, Companion Tracy, make their Report, and the Grand Council take such action as they deem best.

The proceedings of but five Grand Councils have been received during the past year—Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, Indiana and Iowa. It is to be hoped our sister Grand Councils will cherish a more friendly intercourse for the future. In conclusion, permit me to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, in electing me as your presiding officer. I

trust your deliberations may be conducted in the true spirit of Masonry, and for the best interests of the Craft.

Which, on motion, was referred to a Special Committee to apportion. Said committee to consist of Companions Clark, Noble and Palmer.

The Committee, to whom was referred the address of the T. I. G. P., beg leave to recommend that the portion of it relating to Jonesville Council be referred to a special committee. Report of the committee was adopted.

The Secretary and Treasurer then presented their annual Reports, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Correspondence then presented the following report:

Your Recorder, as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, reports, since our last annual meeting, the following proceedings have come to hand, viz: Maine, New Jersey, Vermont, Indiana, Iowa, and Connecticut. We regret that no more proceedings are received, and trust that our sister Grand Councils will be more prompt in future. The Recorder has mailed three copies of our proceedings to every Grand Council in the United States. While the calamity of war prevents friendly intercourse with many States, yet very many others have neglected the courtesy we had a right to expect.

In perusing the above-named documents, we cannot but admire the high, patriotic feeling pervading the address, coupled with the hope that a merciful Providence will, in his good time, remove the death-pall which overhangs our dearly beloved country, and restore Peace, Harmony and Concord all over the land.

IOWA.

Most Puissant Grand Master Z. C. LUSE writes: "While we, in our Jurisdiction, have been permitted, through the blessings of Divine Providence, to continue our labors unmolested

upon the sacred vault, our Companions, in many of our sister States, have been compelled to suspend their labors on account of the bloody strife now being waged in our once happy land and flee to the hills and mountains, there to seek that security which the American flag should vouchsafe to all true and loyal citizens. Others, heretofore honorable members of our fraternity, have forsaken our common country in the hour of peril and taken up arms to destroy the best government the world ever produced; and while we so much deprecate their actions, we still incline to extend to them a Mason's charity, with the hope that, ere another year shall have passed, they will all have returned to their allegiance to their God and their country, so that when the watchman shall cry high twelve, we will all have our sacred treasures safely deposited in the secret vault of Heaven, and guarded by one who is more vigilant than Ahisha."

The Annual Convention of this State, was held at Iowa City, May, 30, 1863, M. I. Comp. Z. C. LUSE, Grand Master; M. I. Comp. W. B. LANGRIDGE, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

Most Puissant Grand Master SOL. D. BAYLESS, after, in beautiful and appropritate language, adverting to the absence of many well known and tried workmen, "who have departed from our terrestrial Council to that country from whose bourne no traveler returns," calls the attention of the Companions to an object which has occupied the attention of many zealous Masons in this jurisdiction. A portion of the object we have in view is well expressed, as follows: "I would recommend that arrangements be made to set apart a per centage of our gross receipts, that we may act in concert with other Masonic Bodies in raising a fund to be expressly used for erecting a monument in honor of the Masons of Indiana, who have lost their lives in the Service of the United States Government, in suppressing the Rebellion which is now throwing a gloom over this once prosperous country, and bringing sadness and sorrow to

many homes and hearts. By such legislative provisions we evince our respect for our deceased Companions, and thereby encourage and animate the living to noble and valiant deeds."

Annual Convention, at Indianapolis, May 19, 1863. M. I. Comp. SOLOMON D. BAYLESS, G. M.; M. I. Comp. FRANCIS KING, Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

The all-absorbing subject which fills the minds and occupies the attention of every patriot is thus feelingly adverted to by Most Puissant Grand Master JOHN SHEVILLE: "It is unnecessary for me at this time to refer particularly to the alarming condition of our national affairs, or to point out the duty of Masons in this fearful crisis. My illustrious predecessor, in his address at our last Annual Assembly, spoke out plainly and unmistakably upon this point. It, therefore, only remains for me to 'stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance,' and to urge upon you the necessity of 'remembering in all your applications to Deity,' those of our Brethren and Companions who have gone forth to fight the battles of their country. Let us implore Him to have them in His special care and keeping—to grant them success, and to hasten the time when our beloved country shall be restored to peace and prosperity, and when our friends and Companions shall return to their happy and peaceful homes."

Annual Convention at Trenton, September 8th, 1863. M. P. Comp. JOHN SHEVILLE, Grand Master; M. I. Comp. T. J. CARSON, Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

EDWARD S. DANA, Grand Master, takes up the theme, and eloquently exhorts his Companions in the following feeling language: "The dark cloud of war, which hung over our beloved land like a pestilence over a doomed city, at our last assembling, still casts its gloomy and unwelcome shadow over us, pierced here and there by bright rays of sunshine, which herald the approaching day when a misguided people shall

return to an allegiance which had so long afforded them protection, and which had rendered them nothing but prosperity and happiness. It is a cheering consolation, at least, to know that the courtesy and sympathy, which springs from the mystic tie, have done much to ameliorate the barbarism of the conflict, and have brought kindness and protection where cruelty and death have ruled the hour."

The Grand Council of this State held their annual Covention at Bradford, October 7, 1863. Comp. EDWARD S. DANA, Grand Master; Comp. JOHN B. HOLLENBACH, Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

The Annual Convention was held at Portland, May 6, 1863. Most Puissant T. J. MURRAY presents a lucid and able address, mostly occupied by subjects of special importance to that Jurisdiction.

M. I. Comp. T. J. MURRAY, G. P.; M. I. Comp. IRA BERRY, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

Grand Master WILLIAM K. HIGBY, in his annual address, enjoins uniformity of work in that Jurisdiction; and, in acknowledging the receipt of the proceedings of the Grand Council of Louisiana, makes the following appropriate remarks: "It gave me much pleasure to receive the report of the proceedings of the Grand Council of Louisiana, held in New Orleans on the 12th of February, 1863, and to learn that one of our sister Councils, in the States in rebellion against the General Government, has been enabled to come together in Annual Assembly, and have not forgotten the Masonic tie which binds them to us in this our Commonwealth. God grant that the time may speedily come when the sounds of war and tumult shall cease, and we again be as one nation, one country,—union and harmony prevail in all our land,—and when all the Grand Councils in this land, whether North, South, East or West, are in good fellowship; and may brotherly love

prevail, and the only emulation be who can best work or best agree.

The Convention of this State, was held at Hartford, May 12, 1863. T. I. Comp. WILLIAM K. HIGBY, Grand Master; M. I. Comp. LUCIUS E. HUNT, Grand Recorder.

I would most cheerfully present extracts from every Grand Council on the continent, but regret that other jurisdictions have not reciprocated the favors which I have carefully extended to them. May I request that my Companion Recorders, in other States, will favor me with at least *one copy* of their proceedings.

I rejoice to announce that the utmost harmony prevades our subordinate Councils, and although some of them, from causes beyond their control, are unable to present returns to this meeting, I am justified in hoping that every Council will be represented at our next Convention.

I exhort my Companions to hasten the completion of the work so happily begun, figurative of the building of that Spiritual Edifice, that House not built with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Respectfully submitted.

O. BOURKE,
Chairman Com. on Correspondence.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, report that they have examined the same and found them correct.

G. B. NOBLE,
H. R. JOHNSON,
A. PALMER.
Committee.

On motion of Companion S. L. DART, it was

Resolved That the Grand Recorder procure a sufficient number of blanks and returns, and transmit two of them to each subordinate Council in this juisdiction, previous to the Annual Session of this Grand Body.

On motion of Comp. G. B. NOBLE, the sum of five dollars was ordered to be paid the Grand Sentinel, for his services; also, five dollars to the Grand Recorder, for postage and stationery.

On motion of Comp. S. L. DART

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder procure the printing of 150 copies of the proceedings, and distribute them as usual.

The Committee on Work, was, on motion, requested to report at the next Annual Convention of this Grand Body.

The Grand Council then preceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

Companion	G. B. NOBLE	T. I. G. P.
"	D. BOVEE	D. I. G. P.
"	S. L. DART	G. T. I.
"	J. P. WHITING	G. C. P.
"	E. D. BENEDICT	G. C. of W.
"	EZRA ROOD	G. Treasurer.
"	O. BOURKE	G. Recorder.
"	SYLVESTER CAULKINS	G. Chaplain.
"	A. E. PALMER	G. Steward.
"	C. D. HOWARD	G. Sentinel.

After which the Grand Officers were duly installed.

There being no further business, the Grand Council was duly closed after prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, IN ACCOUNT WITH E. ROOD.

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1864.		
By amount	brought forward from 1863	$31 75
"	Received from Grand Recorder	13 40
		$45 15

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To paid	warrant No. 1, to C. D. Howard	5 00
		$40 15

Your Grand Treasurer would respectfully report that he makes the foregoing as his report of the condition of the Treasury for the year ending June 8th, 1864.

EZRA ROOD,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1863.

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Cash from	Zabud	Council	No. 9, for 1862	$2 00
"	Monroe	"	1, for 1863	5 00
"	St. Clair	"	2, "	1 00

PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

THE GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

Royal and Select

MASTERS

—Of The—

STATE OF MICHIGAN:

AT ITS ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

HELD AT DETROIT,

Wednesday, June 7th, 1865.



GRAND RAPIDS, MICH:
H. H. Colestock, Masonic Printer, 51 Lyon Street.
1879.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH, 1865.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, convened at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on Wednesday, June 7th, 1865, at 12 o'clock M.

Present:

Companion	G. B. NOBLE	T. I. G. P.
"	D. BOVEE	D. I. G. P.
"	S. L. DART	G. T. I.
"	J. P. WHITING	G. P. C.
"	E. D. BENEDICT	G. C. of W.
"	EZRA ROOD	G. Treasurer.
"	O. BOURKE	G. Recorder.
"	S. CAULKINS	G. Chaplain.
"	A. E. PALMER	G. Steward.
"	C. D. HOWARD	G. Sentinel.

The Grand Council was opened in due and ample form.

The T. I. G. P. appointed the following Committee on Credentials: F. T. EDDY, D. B. NICHOLS and W. F. KING.

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock p. m.

Called from refreshment to labor at 7 o'clock p. m.

The Committee on Credentials made their report, as follows:

Your Committee on Credentials having attended to the duty assigned them, ask leave to report:

That there are Companions present entitled to seats as members of this Grand Council, as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

Companion FRANK DARROW, P. T. I. G. P.
" JOHN CLARK, P. T. I. G. P.
" NATHAN B. CARPENTER, P. T. I. G. P.

REPRESENTATIVES.

MONROE COUNCIL, NO. 1.

Companion E. A. ELLIOTT.....T. I. G. M.
" D. B. NICHOLS.....Proxy D. I. G. M.
" WM. WALKER.....P. C. W.
" N. B. CARPENTER.....P. T. I. G. M.

ST. CLAIR COUNCIL, NO. 2.

Companion JOHN CLARK.....T. I. G. M.
" ANDREW J. CUMMINGS.....D. I. G. M.
" R. H. JENKS.....P. C. W.

PONTIAC COUNCIL, NO. 3.

Companion FRANK DARROW.....T. I. G. M.
" J. P. FOSTER.....D. I. G. M.
" M. WALTER.....P. C. W.

RIVER RAISIN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

No Returns.

JONESVILLE COUNCIL, NO. 5.

No Returns.

MT. MORIAH COUNCIL, NO. 6.

Companion D. BOVEE.....T. I. G. M.
" FRANKLIN T. EDDY.....Proxy for Council.
" S. L. DART.....P. T. I. G. M.

THREE RIVERS COUNCIL, NO. 7.

Companion JOHN COWLING.....T. I. G. M.
" J. L. SLUCKEN.....D. I. G. M.
" O. B. TUCKER.....P. C. W.

ROMEO COUNCIL, NO. 8.

Companion ABIJAH E. PALMER.....T. I. G. M.
" SAMUEL W. BELLES.....D. I. G. M.
" SAMUEL WAYCOTT.....P. C. W.

ZABUD COUNCIL, NO. 9.

Companion EBENEZER SPRAGUE.....T. I. G. M.
" DAVID SHEPARD.....D. I. G. M.
" AUSTIN P. AVERILL.....P. C. W.

TYRE COUNCIL, NO. 10.

Companion W. H. TANNER.....T. I. G. M.
" E. MOHL.....D. I. G. M
" NOAH STEVENS.....P. C. W.

UNION COUNCIL, NO. 11.

Companion E. BOGARDUS.....T. I. G. M.
" J. E. MARVIN.....D. I. G. M.
" C. F. ASHLEY.....P. C. W.

IONIA COUNCIL, NO. 12.

Companion FREDERICK HALL.....T. I. G. M.
" D. BRAYTON LYON.....D. I. G. M.
" GEO. W. WILSON.....P. C. W.

STURGIS COUNCIL, NO. 13.

No Returns.

HIRAM COUNCIL, NO. 14.

No Returns.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. T. EDDY,
D. B. NICHOLS,
W. F. KING,
Committee.

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

On motion, it was resolved that all Royal and Select Masters be invited to be present during the session of this Grand Council.

The T. I. G. P. then read the following address :

Companions of the Grand Council :

By permission of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, we are again permitted to assemble in Annual Convocation, as required by our Constitution, to deliberate upon the welfare of Cryptic Masonry, and to devise measures for its continued prosperity and usefulness.

May He, who doeth all things well, so enlighten our minds that the results of our labors may be acceptable in His sight, conductive to our enjoyment and promotive of the greatness and prosperity of our Order.

I Congratulate you my Companions, on the return of the Annual gathering, and I rejoice with you that, through the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father, the dark cloud of war which hung over our beloved land at our last assembly, has cleared away, and the herald of peace proclaims all clear in the South. During the past year I have been called upon to perform but few official acts. I have, during the past year, issued letters of dispensation for the establishment of Councils of R. and S. Masters at the following places : One at Hillsdale, Hillsdale county, October 6, 1864 ; one at Hudson, Lenawee county, January 7, 1865 ; one at Fentonville, Oakland county, January 28, 1865 ; all of which will doubtless, present their proceedings to the Grand Council for approval and Charters. In December last, the hall of Jonesville Council was destroyed by fire, and their Charter burned. Upon the application of Comp. CARSONS, T. I. G. M. of said Council, I granted a dispensation to them, free of charge, to continue the work. They will, without doubt, apply for a Charter at this session; which I recommend be granted without fee.

The committee appointed to examine and compile a uniform for our jurisdiction, will make their report. I trust the Grand Council will take such action as to insure a uniformity of work within our jurisdiction.

From the records it appears that River Raisin Council, No. 4, Three Rivers Council, No. 7, and Ionia Council No. 12, have made no returns the past two years. Should no returns be made by the above Councils at this session, it will be the duty of the Grand Council to enforce the provisions of the by-law No. 6.

The proceedings of eleven Grand Councils have been received the past year, viz: Maine, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Vermont, Connecticut, Wisconsin, New York, Rhode Island, Kentucky and Missouri. On the 21st day of May, A. D. 1864, a General Council of R. and S. Masters was formed in the State of Missouri, by a convention of delegates assembled in St. Louis, representing three subordinate Councils. Let us extend the fraternal hand and welcome our sister among the Grand Councils of Cryptic Masonry.

So far as my knowledge extends, the subordinate Councils are in a healthy and prosperous condition.

And now Companions, let us address ourselves to our labors with that fervency and zeal that should actuate all good Companions, and perform our mission faithfully and well, that when we go from this sacred retreat, we may return to our homes with the proud satisfaction of having performed our whole duty to the Craft.

Companions, permit me to thank you for the honor you conferred upon me by electing me Presiding Officer the past year.

Which address was, on motion, ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Annual reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer were then made, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The T. I. G. P. apointed the following Committees:

On Finance:
Companions BOGARDUS, BOVEE and WALKER.

On Correspondence:
Companions BOURKE and CLARK.

On Charters and Dispensations:
Companions ELLIOTT, EDDY and BENEDICT.

The Committee on Finance, to whom the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer were referred, made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, have had the same under consideration, and find them correct as per books and vouchers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. BOGARDUS,
D. BOVEE,
WM. WALKER,
Committee.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations presented their report, as follows:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations have attended to their duty, and find the several returns correct, and would recommend that charters be granted to Mount Ararat Council, at Hillsdale, to be numbered fifteen; to Hudson

Council at Hudson, to be numbered sixteen; to Genessee Council at Fenton, to be numbered seventeen. They also recommend that a new charter be granted to Jonesville Council, No. 5, free of charge—their charter having been destroyed by fire.

E. A. ELLIOTT,
ED. D. BENEDICT,
F. T. EDDY,
Committee.

Which report was, on motion, accepted and adopted, with directions to the Grand Recorder to make out and forward charters.

On motion of Companion EDWARDS, it was

Resolved, That delegates from new Councils, under dispensation, are entitled to and invited to seats during the deliberations of this Grand Council.

On motion of Companion CLARK, it was

Resolved, That new Councils may proceed to the election of officers on receiving charters or notice from Grand Recorder.

Companion S. L. DART offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Section 4, of Article 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Council, be amended, so as to make the regular convocation of this Grand Body fall on the second Wednesday of January of each year, at 7 o'clock.

Which motion was accepted, and laid over under the by-laws, until next regular annual convocation.

Companion S. L. DART offered the following motion:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder procure the printing of a sufficient number of the proceedings of this session of the Grand Council, leaving out the names of the different subordinate Councils.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion it was

Resolved, That five dollars be paid the Grand Sentinel for his services, and five dollars to Grand Recorder for postage and stationery.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder notify delinquent Councils within this Jurisdiction, who have failed to make returns under Article 1 of the By-Laws, that they have forfeited their charters, and they are required to transmit the same to the Grand Recorder, subject to the disposition of the Grand Council.

Companion W. WALKER offered the following motion :

Resolved, That a special convocation of this Grand Council be called to assemble on the Monday evening preceding the second Wednesday in January next, for the special purpose of receiving the report of the Committee on Work.

On motion of Companion NOBLE,

Resolved, that the report of the Committee on Work be laid over until the special session of the Grand Council, in January, 1866.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following Report :

Your Recorder, as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, begs leave to report that, since the last meeting, he has received proceedings from the following Grand Councils : Connecticut, Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin, being nearly double the number received last year, to which he adverts with much pleasure. Undoubtedly, friendly intercourse being now opened, we may expect to hear from every State in the Union before our next Report.

I shall present short extracts from the above list, taking them in alphabetical order.

CONNECTICUT.

Grand Master W. R. HIGBY, in his annual address, adverts to a subject uppermost in our own minds, that of " uniformity of work," which he earnestly recommends to his Council. He thus feelingly adverts to the state of the country:

" Another year has rolled away, and still our beloved country is engaged in strife, and fighting for the peace and pres-

ervation of our Government. Our cherished rights and liberties are still menaced, and our existence, as a nation, still in peril. When will the time be, when peace and happiness shall again reign in our land? God grant the time may speedily come. Very many of our Companions have gone forth, and are fighting manfully for the liberty bequeathed to us by our forefathers. May they be endowed with true courage during the deadly strife of battle. May their lives be spared; and may they return to their homes, full of honors, with the satisfaction of having faithfully discharged their duty to their country. God speed the time when peace and union shall be restored, and we again be one people—one nation, forever inseperable!"

This Grand Council convened at New Haven, May 10th, 1864. Sixteen, out of twenty-seven subordinate Councils, were represented for the ensuing year. T. I. JAMES L. GOULD of Bridgeport, was elected M. P. G. M., and LUCIUS E. HUNT, of Hartford, Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

Grand Master, WILLIAM LEFFINGWELL has, during the past year, had nothing of importance officially brought to his notice, which would demand the consideration of the Grand Council. I present the following extracts from his able and truly Masonic address:

"The sad condition of our country; made so unavoidably by the horrors attendant upon civil war now raging within her borders, has seriously impeded the progress of our labors, and has divided the attention of many of our Select Companions from the instructions they have received. War of any description is, and always has been, detrimental to the progress and hostile to the spirit and interests of Masonry, as much so as it has been to the sublime teachings of Him who 'spake as never man spake,' and whose solemn injunction to all was 'Love one another.'

"Let us, therefore, stretch forth our hands, and raise our feeble voices, as Cryptic Masons, in humble intercession with our Most Puissant Grand Master above, and pray Him to consider for a moment the unhappy condition into which we, by our fervency and zeal (whether mistaken or not) have involved ourselves; and that he will mercifully stay the hand of the fell destroyer, and restore our country, and especially our beloved Institution, to her true spirit, privilege and calling, viz: 'Peace on earth and good will to all mankind.' Then, and then only, will the true spirit of Masonry shine with sufficient brilliancy to induce the weary sojourner to inquire at her portals after truth, and to exclaim with one of old, 'See how these Brethren love one another.'"

Convention held at Des Moines June 4th, 1864. Four out of six subordinate Councils represented. Most Illustrious Companion L. P. FROST, of Iowa City, was elected Grand Master, and W. B. LANGRIDGE, of Muscatine, Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

Grand Puissant ORLIN H. MINER, in his annual address, thus speaks of the entire harmony within the borders of his Jurisdiction:

"I have not, in the year that has just passed, been called upon to decide any point of Masonic law, or to investigate any matter of difference between Companions or Councils. I congratulate the Select Craft on this flattering indication of the perfect harmony which prevails throughout our borders. Whilst the outside world has been torn by dissensions and ravaged by war, all within the portals of our secret chambers has been peaceful and harmonious. Thankful to the Most Puissant of the Grand Council above, for this evidence of His benign favor, let us earnestly and humbly invoke His blessing on our present convocation and on our future career. And finally, my Companions, when we have wrought our regular hours as Select Masters, and have completed our tasks on

earth, may we find the portals of the Grand Council above left open for our reception."

Convention held at Springfield, October 7th, 1864. Twelve out of sixteen subordinate Councils represented. T. M. J. L. RAMSAY, of Rock Island, was elected Grand Puissant, and HARMAN C. REYNOLDS, of Springfield, Grand Recorder, for the ensuing year.

KENTUCKY.

T. Illustrious Companion P. SWYGERT, a veteran worker in the Ninth Arch, regrets the unhappy strife which desolates the country, thus:

"We can, but for a time, grieve in silence at the unhappy state of affairs, not doubting the time will come when all will be again peace and prosperity."

Convention of this State met at Louisville, October 19th, 1864. Only eleven out of thirty-five Councils were represented. Companion P. SWYGERT, of Frankfort, was re-elected G. P., and Companion A. G. HODGES, of Frankfort, Grand Recorder, for the next year.

MAINE.

This Grand Council met in the city of Portland, May 4th, 1864. Seven Councils represented. M. I. TIMOTHY I. MURRAY presented a very lucid and able address on the state of his jurisdiction, etc. I append brief quotations:

"Another year of labor is passed, and again, through the mercy of the Supreme Grand Master, are we met in Annual Convocation, to render and receive an account of the manner in which our various duties have been discharged, and to transact such business as the interest of the Craft demand at this time. During the past year, much has been accomplished for the permanent welfare of the Royal Art; the labors in the S. V. have been renewed with zeal and fervor; Councils that were dormant, or nearly so, have engaged, with renewed activity, in the good work and among all the subordinate

Councils in our jurisdictions, a new interest has been manifested in Cryptic Masonry. While in other sections of our once happy and prosperous country, our Companions are either denied these pleasures, or are engaged in the most awful fratricidal war that ever disgraced a free and enlightened nation; in this jurisdiction, peace, prosperity and happiness have been our lot.

"For these and all other mercies, it becomes us most devoutly to render thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father. And while we render thanks to Him for His mercies to us, let us remember all our worthy Companions in distress, wherever their lot may be cast, and let us pray if any of them are in the wrong, that they may see the error of their ways, and turn therefrom."

TIMOTHY J. MURRAY, of Portland, was re-elected M. P. G. Master, and IRA BERRY, of Portland, Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Council of this State convened in St. Louis, May 21st, A. D. 1864. Three Councils represented. The Grand Council of this State, was duly organized, and elected the following: Grand Puissant, Companion A. O. SULLIVAN and Companion JOSEPH FOSTER, Grand Recorder. We hail the accession of this co-laborer in our noble work, and wish them every possible prosperity.

NEW YORK.

The Empire State forwards, in a very neat and beautiful form, their proceedings from June, 1862, to February, 1865. The compass of these proceedings will not admit as copious extracts as we should be pleased to make. We rejoice in the prosperous condition of this Grand Council, and hope, in future, to welcome them every year. In 1865, thirteen out of twenty-two subordinate Councils were represented. M. P. Grand Master CHARLES H. PLATT presented a very able address,

replete with true Masonic admonition and advice. We present extracts :

"No justly balanced mind can entertain, without emotion, the facts of convulsion and discord which stare upon us from the furious features of our shattered and phrenzied country. Battles that bristle with grim horror, and revolution that wrenches the virtues of community, and agitations that dislocate the relations of Brotherhood—these are the porpentous evils which are infesting the society where our actions lie, and are throwing their baleful shadow even over our sequestered retreats. Grand Councils of jurisdictions like our own, in whose fellowship we found, in former years, the source of refreshment, and with whose brilliant examples of ardent zeal we re-kindled our own flickering energies, are exscinded from the associations of fraternal concord, and silenced to us, as if separated by a wall of death. The demands of war snatch from our assemblies many a Companion, who sounded the silver trump, or guarded well his post, or wrought his regular hours in the kind utilities of social peace. Conscription tasks the energies, or public emergencies engross the attention of those who would, in other times, be wielding the trowel of unity, and multiplying our depositories of light, and our laboratories for the chief skill of the ancient Craft."

M. P. CHARLES H. PLATT, of Binghamton, was again elected Grand Master, and JOSIAH SHORE, of New York City, Grand Recorder. The convention was held in the city of Albany, Feb. 7th 1865.

OHIO.

The thirty-fifth Annual communication of the Grand Council of this State was held at Cleveland, on the thirteenth of October, 1864. Twenty-eight of the thirty-four Councils represented. The T. M. G. Puissant's address was read by Companion CUNNINGHAM, D. T. Illustrious. The principal topic of general interest is that of merging the Royal and Select

Degress, in the Chapel Degrees, which subject is discussed at considerable length.

Companion W. M. CUNNINGHAM of Newark, was elected Puissant G. M., and our able and Illustrious Companion JOHN D. CALDWELL, Grand Recorder, for the ensuing year.

RHODE ISLAND.

From this State we only received a letter sheet, with list of officers elected for ensuing year, of which Companion JAMES SALSBURY, of Providence, is M. P. Grand Master, and HENRY M. RAWSON, of same place, Grand Recorder. Convention held at Providence, March 21, 1864.

VERMONT.

The convention of this State was held at St. Albans, October 5, 1864. Ten out of eleven Councils represented. M. P. Grand Master EDWARD S. DANA delivered an exceedingly appropriate and fraternal address. We make room for one extract:

"I deem it befitting that we should offer here our thanksgiving and praise in gratitude to our kind and Heavenly Father, that He has thus far preserved us, and that while the Angel of Death has strewn thickly in our midst his barbed arrows, but few members of this Grand Body have been stricken down since our last convocation. Others, valued members of our subordinates, have been taken from us, have given up every earthly object of love, or pride, or joy, and have gone to give an account of their workmanship, and, if due, to claim their just reward; while we, who linger yet a little, are pressing on

> 'To join
> The innumerable caravan that moves
> To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
> His chamber in the silent halls of death.'

"Let us, therefore, gird up our loins, and work earnestly while yet the day lasteth, while our prayer may be that of the

inspired Psalmist:

'Preserve me, O God, for in Thee do I put my trust!'"

Companion EDWARD S. DANA, of New Haven, was re-elected T. M. Grand Master; and Companion J. B. HOLLENBECK, of Burlington, Grand Recorder for ensuing year.

WISCONSIN.

We received in neat pamphlet form, the proceedings of this State, for 1861 to 1864, inclusive. In the last named year, convention assembled at Milwaukee, Feb. 2, 1864. Four Councils represented and one received U. D. The address of M. P. Grand Master L. PALMER is very brief, comprising too points of purely local interest. M. P. H. L. PALMER, of Milwaukee, was elected Grand Master, and R. M. W. T. PALMER, of same place, Grand Recorder.

Your committee with this brief compilation from other Grand Councils, are pleased to welcome so many new correspondents, and congratulate them, one and all, on the highly and increasing prosperity of their several jurisdictions. We hope, during the coming year, (with the return of peace), to hial many others—temporarily estranged by the calamity of war.

While all other social ties were severed, we have abundant evidence that Masonry was true to its mission, and smoothed many a *rough road*, alleviated sorrow and sickness, fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and visited those sick in prison. Many a valuable life has been spared through the instrumentality of our beloved Order, and we know and feel that, under Providence, Masonry will do more to bring together the relations between the two sections of the country, than all other influences combined. Let us do our part in this good work of reconstruction. Masonry is universal, not sectional. Its field is the world. Its sphere is limited from east to west, between north and south—from the earth to the heavens, and from the

surface to the centre. To our Southern Brethren we owe many, very many obligations, which, they are assured, shall be held in grateful remembrance and duly appreciated. We hold out to them the hand of fraternal brotherly love and friendship, and shall always welcome them as co-laborers in our exalted and sublime mission of "Peace on earth, and good will towards men."

Respectfully submitted.

O. BOURKE,

Chairman of Com. on Correspondence.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

Companion	D. BOVEE, Coldwater	T. I. G. P.
"	S. L. DART, Coldwater	D. I. G. P.
"	E. D. BENEDICT, Grand Rapids	G. T. I.
"	W. S. EDWARDS, Hillsdale	G. P. B.
"	EZRA ROOD, Detroit	G. Treasurer.
"	OLIVER BOURKE, Detroit	G. Recorder.
"	REV. L. CORSON, Jonesville	G. Chaplain.
"	D. H. BAKER, Fentonville	G. Steward.
"	W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit	G. Sentinel.

After election, the Grand Officers elect were duly insalled.

There being no further business, the Grand Council of the State of Michigan was closed in due and ample form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1865.

RECEIPTS.

Amount from 1864	$40 15	
Received from Recorder	14 50	
		$54 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

June 9. Paid warrant	$ 5 00	
" Cash on hand	49 65	
		$54 65

Respectfully submitted, with voucher.

EZRA ROOD,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1864.

RECEIPTS.

Monroe Council, No. 1		$12 00	
St. Clair " " 2		1 00	
Pontiac " " 3		2 00	
Jonesville " " 5		11 00	
Mt. Moriah " " 6		10 00	
Romeo " " 8		1 00	
Zabud " " 9		1 00	
Union " " 11		11 00	
Sturgis " " 13		3 00	
			$53 00
Dispensation, Mt. Ararat Council at Hillsdale	$15 00		
Less Fees	5 00		
			$10 00
Dispensation, Hudson Council at Hudson	$15 00		
Less Fees	5 00		
			$10 00
Dispensation, Genesee Council at Fenton	$15 00		
Less Fees	5 00		
			$10 00
			$83 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Free Press, printing proceedings, per voucher	$53 50	
Recorder's salary	10 00	
Stationery and postage	5 00	
Cash to Treasurer	14 50	
		$83 00

Respectfully submitted,

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

THE GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

Royal and Select

MASTERS

—OF THE—

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

AT A SPECIAL CONVOCATION,

HELD AT DETROIT,

Tuesday, January 9th, 1866.



GRAND RAPIDS, MICH:
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PROCEEDINGS

OF

SPECIAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 1866.

Pursuant to call, by T. I. G. Puissant DAVID BOVEE, under date December 4, 1865, the Grand Council assembled in Masonic Hall, Detroit, on Tuesday, January 9th, 1866, at noon, for the special purpose of "taking into consideration the importance and necessity of uniformity in the work."

Present :

Companion	D. BOVEE	T. I. G. P.
"	S. L. DART	D. I. G. P.
"	E. D. BENEDICT	G. T. I.
"	W. S. EDWARDS	G. P. C.
"	EZRA ROOD	G. Treasurer.
"	OLIVER BOURKE	G. Recorder.
"	REV. L. CORSON	G. Chaplain.
"	D. H. BAKER	G. Steward.
"	W. V. GRIFFITH	G. Sentinel.

The Grand Council was opened in due and ample form.

The T. I. G. P. appointed the following Committee on Credentials: S. L. DART, D. B. TRACEY and G. B. NOBLE.

The Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, January 10th, 2 P. M.

Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following Councils represented :

Monroe, *No.* 1.—Companions ELLIOTT, BARDWELL and WALKER.

St. Clair, *No.* 2.—Companion JOHN CLARK, Proxy for Council.

Pontiac, *No.* 3.—Companions F. DARROW, J. P. FOSTER and D. B. THURBER.

River Raisin, *No.* 4.—Companion W. CORBIN, Proxy for Council.

Jonesville, No. 5.—Companion W. RANSOM, Proxy for Council.

Mt. Moriah, No. 6.—Companion N. ROSENBAUM, Proxy for Council.

Three Rivers *No.* 7.—Companions COFFINBURY, BATEMAN and JOHNSON.

Zabud, *No.* 9.—Companions, SPRAGUE, SHAFFER and LIVINGSTON.

Union, *No.* 11.—Companions BOGARDUS, JENNE and EDWARDS.

Sturgis, *No.* 13.—Companions KENT and PACKARD.

Hiram, *No.* 14.—Companion H. A. TILLOTSON, Proxy for Council.

Mt. Ararat, *No.* 15.—Companion CANIFF, Proxy for Council.

Hudson, *No.* 16.—Companions HAYDEN, EDWARDS and BAKER.

Genesee, *No.* 17.—Companions BAKER, COLBRATH and THURBER.

Report accepted, with instructions to add any other representatives who may appear during the convocation.

The Committee on Work then proceeded to exemplify, through Companion ELLIOTT, Chairman.

On motion of Companion ROOD, the opening and closing of Councils, as exemplified, was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Companion DART, the remaining portion of the work was recommitted to the same committee, to which was added Companions DART, and SPRAGUE, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Grand Council, in June, 1866.

The Committee on Work now consists of Companions TRACEY, ELLIOTT, NOBLE, DART and SPRAGUE.

On motion of Companion KING, the Grand Council was then closed in ample form, after prayer by Companion Rev. D. B. TRACEY.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

THE GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

Royal and Select

MASTERS

—OF THE—

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

AT ITS ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

HELD AT DETROIT,

Tuesday, June 6th, 1866.



GRAND RAPIDS, MICH:
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH, 1866.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, met at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on Tuesday, 6th June, 1866, at 12 M.

Present :

Companion	D. BOVEE	T. I. G. P.
"	S. L. DART	D. I. G. P.
"	E. D. BENEDICT	G. T. I.
"	W. S. EDWARDS	G. P.C. of W.
"	EZRA ROOD	G. Treasurer.
"	OLIVER BOURKE	G. Recorder.
"	REV. L. CORSON	G. Chaplain.
"	D. H. BAKER	G. Steward.
"	W. V. GRIFFITH	G. Sentinel.

The Grand Council was opened in due and ample form.

The T. I. G. P. appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Companions DARROW, DOUGHTY and HAYDEN.

Called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor at 7 p. m.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

Your Committee on Credentials report the following entitled to seats and representation in this convention:

Companion D. BOVEE.....T. I. G. P.
" S. L. DART.....D. I. G. P.
" E. D. BENEDICT.....G. T. I.
" W. S. EDWARDS.....G. P. C. of W.
" EZRA ROOD..... G. Treasurer.
" O. BOURKE.....G. Recorder.
" REV. L. CORSON.....G. Chaplain.
" D. H. BAKER.....G. Steward.
" W. V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.
" FRANK DARROW.....P. T. I. G. P.
" JOHN CLARK.....P. T. I. G. P.
" NATHAN B. CARPENTER.....P. T. I. G. P.
" D. B. TRACEY.....P. T. I. G. P.
" G. B. NOBLE.....P. T. I. G. P.
" B. F. DOUGHTY.....P. G. P. C. W.

MONROE COUNCIL, NO. 1.

Companion E. A. ELLIOTT.....T. I. G. M.
" J. J. BARDWELL.....D. I. G. M.
" WM. WALKER.....P. C. W.

ST. CLAIR COUNCIL, NO. 2.

Companion J. CLARK.....T. I. G. M.
" A. J. CUMMINGS.....D. I. G. M.
" R. C. JENKS.....P. C. W.

PONTIAC COUNCIL, NO. 3.

Companion F. DARROW.....T. I. G. M.
" J. P. FOSTER.....D. I. G. M.
" M. WALTER.....P. C. W.

RIVER RAISIN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

[Not represented.]

JONESVILLE COUNCIL, NO. 5.

Companion JESSE BUTTON.....T. I. G. M.
" R. G. SPAULDING.....D. I. G. M.
" HARVEY RANSOM.....P. C. W.

MT. MORIAH COUNCIL, NO. 6.

Companion F. T. EDDY.....Proxy for T. I. G. M. and D. I. G. M.
" R. H. DRAKE.....P. C. W.

THREE RIVERS COUNCIL, NO. 7.

[Not represented.]

ROMEO COUNCIL, NO. 8.

Companion S. WAYCOTT..... T. I. G. M.
" J. CRAWFORD.....D. I. G. M.
" S. W. BELLS.....P. C. W.

ZABUD COUNCIL, NO. 9.

Companion D. SHEPARD.....T. I. G. M.
" E. COX.....D. I. G. M.
" M. SHAFER.....P. C. W.

TYRE COUNCIL, NO. 10.

Companion W. H. TANNER.....T. I. G. M.
" E. MOHL.....D. I. G. M
" N. STEVENS.....P. C. W.

UNION COUNCIL, NO. 11.

Companion E. BOGARDUS.....T. I. G. M.
" J. E. MARION.....D. I. G. M.
" C. F. ASHLEY..... P. C. W.

IONIA COUNCIL, NO. 12.

[Not represented.]

STURGIS COUNCIL, NO. 13.

[Not represented.]

HIRAM COUNCIL, NO. 14.

[Not represented.]

MT. ARARAT COUNCIL, NO. 15.

Companion JOSEPH T. HAYDEN.....T. I. G. M.
" J. H. ARMSTRONG.....D. I. G. M.
" W. W. DONAGHY..... P. C. W.

HUDSON COUNCIL, NO. 16.

Companion O. BOURKE..... Proxy for Council.

GENESEE COUNCIL, NO. 17.

Companion M. AYERS.....Proxy for Council.

ADRIAN COUNCIL, NO. 18.

[Under dispensation.]

Companion W. F. KING.....Proxy for Council.

NILES COUNCIL, NO. 19.

[Under dispensation.]

Companion B. F. DOUGHTY.....T. I. G. M.
" A. S. COOK.....D. I. G. M.
" R. W. LANDON.....P. C. W.

Respectfully,

F. DARROW,
B. F. DOUGHTY,
J. E. HAYDEN,
Committee.

Which report was accepted, with leave to insert other delegates who may be entitled to seats.

On motion of Companion BOURKE, it was

Resolved, That all Royal and Select Masters in good standing are invited to be present during this convention.

The T. I. G. M. appointed the following standing committees:

On Finance:
Companions ARMSTRONG, HAYDEN and AYRES.

On Correspondence:
Companions BOURKE, DRAKE and WALKER.

On Charters and Dispensations:
Companions DART, NOBLE and BARDWELL.

The T. I. G. P. then read his annual address, as follows:

Companions of the Grand Council:

The labors of another year are past; and by permission of the Supreme Architect of the Universe—"He who rules the destinies of all nations, and compassionately folds the arms of His love and protection around His select and chosen ones"—we have again assembled in annual convocation, to render and to receive an account of the manner in which we have discharged our various duties, and to deliberate and devise measures for the future advancement, prosperity, interest, harmony of Cryptic Masonry within our borders.

With gratitude may we render devout praise and thanksgiving to the Grand Puissant above for all the blessings and comforts we continually enjoy, and that he has permitted us once more to congregate in this hall.

Let us unitedly, earnestly and humbly invoke His blessing on the deliberations of our present convocation, and on our future career.

Companions ! it affords me much pleasure to be able to congratulate you on this return of our annual meeting, and to recognize so many familiar friends and faces, with whom I have had the honor, "from time to time," to meet in this place.

We have come up hither, "as you are aware," to transact business for the mutual benefit of the Craft; and while thus engaged in the discharge of our respective duties, let us endeavor to maintain that same spirit of union and harmony that has heretofore characterized our annual deliberations, and which is so essentially necessary for the prosperity of our noble institution.

During the past year, "as far as my knowledge extends," harmonious intercourse has been maintained among the Companions of the Select; and it is pleasing to say that peace and harmony evidently prevail throughout our Jurisdiction.

I regret only to say that there is not that uniformity in our Ritual that is to be desired, or which should exist for the advancement and welfare of the Royal and Select fraternity.

Therefore, to take such action as will have a tendency to remedy this evil ought to be our first object, and command our undivided attention.

I confidently hope and trust that the committee to whom this matter was referred will be able to present a correct and uniform work—one that will be approved and adopted by this Grand Body ere the close of its present session.

In conformity to the requirements of our constitution, I herewith submit "for your consideration," the report of my official acts since our last annual convocation. On the 30th day of June, I visited the village of Hudson, and constituted and installed the officers of Hudson Council, No. 16. On the 8th day of July, with the assistance of Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant S. L. DART, I constituted Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15, located at Hillsdale, and installed its officers.

These Councils are supported by true, noble and intelligent Companions, and I do not hesitate to say that the work which they will do, and have already done, will stand the test of the overseer's square, and that caution and vigilance will ever be their motto.

On the 12th day of December, I appointed Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant G. B. NOBLE as my proxy to constitute Genessee Council, No. 17, and install its officers.

Companion NOBLE reported to me that on the 18th of the same month, he perfomed those duties, and gave a good report of said Council, saying that it was supported by excellent Companions, doing good work, and who will ever be an honor to our institution.

On the 15th day of August, I received a petition from Companion W. F. KING and others, praying that a dispensation be granted them to form and open a Council in the city of Adrian. Said petitioners having complied with the requirements of the constitution, I issued a dispensation for that purpose, granting their prayer.

On the 24th day of August, I visited the city of Adrian and set their Council at work.

On the 10th of January, I received a petition from Companion DOUGHTY and others, to form and open a Council at Niles. They also having complied with the constitution, and being properly recommended, I issued a dispensation granting the prayer of said Companions.

These Councils under dispensation will probably apply for charters at this session, and I would recommend that charters be granted them on application.

On the 4th day of December, in compliance with a resolutions adopted at our last Annual Convocation, I called a special session of the Grand Council, for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee who were appointed in the year 1863, to examine and compile the work.

All who have received the proceedings of our last Annual meeting, have undoubtedly learned the result of our deliberations, as the proceedings of the special was published with the annual.

And now, my worthy Companions, let us dilligently apply ourselves to our labors. Let fervency and zeal stimulate us in the discharge of the various duties incumbent upon us, ever bearing in remembrance that to preserve the reputation of our institution, and to transmit unimpaired the principles of our Order to those who shall succeed us, is a duty we owe to ourselves, as well as Cryptic Masonry.

Finally, Companions, when we shall have finished our labors here, may we return to our respective homes with the proud satisfaction of having faithfully discharged our duties to the Craft, and at last, when we shall have finished our labors on earth, when the hour of low twelve shall summon us from time to eternity, may the tressel-board of our whole lives pass such inspection as will enable us to gain a ready admission within the portals of the Grand Council above, and find our names recorded in the Book of Life Eternal.

Companions ! you will please to accept my sincere thanks for the honors which you have conferred upon me by electing me to this honorable yet responsible office.

On motion of Companion BARDWELL, the address was referred to a special committee, consisting of Companions BOGARDUS, DRAKE and BARDWELL, to apportion.

On motion of Companion DART, it was

Resolved, That by courtesy the delegates of Councils under dispensation be invited to seats in this Grand Body.

The committee on Grand Master's address made the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the T. I. G. M., would report that they recommend so much of the address as refers to uniformity of work be referred to the Committee on Work.

So much of the address as refers to Councils working under dispensation, we would recommend to be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations; and that the address of Companion BOVEE, the T. I. G. M., be embodied in the printed proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. BOGARDUS,
R. H. DRAKE,
M. G. BARDWELL,
Committee.

On motion, the report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the accounts, as reported of the Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct.

J. H. ARMSTRONG,
JOS. T. HAYDEN,
M. AYRES,
Committee.

The Grand Council proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

Companion S. L. DART, Coldwater ....T. I. G. M.
" E. D. BENEDICT, Grand Rapids..... D. I. G. P.
" W. S. EDWARDS, Hillsdale .....D. T. I.
" WM. WALKER, Detroit .. ..G. P. C. W.
" J. T. HAYDEN, Hillsdale..... ...G. T.
" O. BOURKE, Detroit ....G. R.
" W. F. KING, Adrian.....G. C. G.
" B. F. DOUGHTY, Niles ..... . G. C.
" M. AYRES, Fentonville .....G. S.
" W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit.....Sentinel.

Who were duly installed by the last T. I. G. Puissant.

On motion of Companion EDWARDS, it was

Resolved, That at this convocation, and hereafter, the Grand Officers, and one delegate from each Council, be entitled to a per diem allowance of three dollars.

Resolution adopted.

On motion of Companion EDWARDS, the following amendment was received and laid over for action until the next annual convention:

SECTION 4. Art. 1. The annual meeting of the Grand Council shall be held on the second Wednesday of January in each and every year, at 12 o'clock M., at such place as shall be designated by the Grand Council; but a special meeting of the Grand Council may be called whenever the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant, Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant, Grand Thrice Illustrious and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, or any three of them, shall deem it necessary.

The following report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would report that they have examined the returns from Adrian and Niles Councils, under dispensation, and find them correct, and would recommend that charters be granted to them, and numbered Adrian, No. 18, and Niles, No. 19; and have also examined the application of Companions at East Saginaw for a Council, recommended by Fenton Council, No. 17, which application is regular and in due form, and would recommend that a charter be granted to them, to be called Saginaw Council, No. 20.

S. L. DART,
G. B. NOBLE,
M. G. BARDWELL,
Committee.

On motion of Companion NOBLE, it was

Resolved, That new Councils may proceed to the election of officers, at their first regular convocation after receiving charters.

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report, which, on motion, was ordered printed with the proceedings :

Your committee would respectfully report that they have received the proceedings of the Grand Councils of the following States : Connecticut, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Indiana, New York, Ohio, Vermont, Arkansas, and New Jersey.

MAINE.

Assembled at Hartford, on the 3d of May, 1865, and elected J. B. FILLIBROWN, Grand Master, and IRA BERRY, Grand Recorder. Seven Councils represented.

CONNECTICUT.

Met at Hartford on 9th May, 1865. JAMES L. GOULE, Grand Master, and JOHN W. PAUL, Grand Recorder. Eighteen Subordinates represented.

ILLINOIS.

Convened at Springfield 5th October, 1865. Thirteen Councils represented. J. H. MILES was chosen Grand Puissant, and H. J. REYNOLDS Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Council assembled at Louisville, 18th October 1865, and elected Companion PHILIP SWEGIRT Grand Master, and A. G. HODGES Grand Recorder. Eleven Subordinates out of thirty-six represented.

NEW YORK.

Convention held in Albany, on 6th February, 1866. Fifteen Councils represented. Rev. CHARLES H. PLATT was elected Grand Master, and Companion JOSIAH SHOVE Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

Met in annual convention at Columbus, 5th September, 1865. W. M. CUNNINGHAM was elected Grand Master, and JOHN D. CALDWELL Grand Recorder. Twenty-three Councils represented.

VERMONT.

Convened at Middlebury 4th October, 1865, and chose E. S. DANA Grand Master, and JOHN B. HOLLENBECK Grand Recorder. Eleven Councils represented.

NEW JERSEY

held its convention in Trenton, 12th September 1865. Elected JOHN R. TERRY Grand Master, and THOS. J. CORSON Grand Recorder. Three Councils were represented.

INDIANA.

Assembled at Indianapolis 16th May, 1665, and elected EBEN H. DAVIS Grand Master, and WM. HACKER Grand Recorder. Sixteen subordinates represented.

ARKANSAS.

We welcome the revival of our esteemed co-laborer, whose convention assembled at Little Rock, on 4th November, 1865. Four Councils were represented. E. H. ENGLISH was elected Grand Master, and T. D. MERRICK Grand Recorder.

Your Committee are under the necessity of only thus briefly giving the names and elections of our esteemed correspondents. There is abundant material in the several addresses of the Grand Masters and Committee on Correspondence to make extracts full of deep thought and Masonic research—full of the true fraternal spirit of our beloved Order. They evidently have wrought their regular hours; and their skilled work is entitled to the approval of the overseer.

May we all be true and faithful in our several vocations, and in like manner merit the approbation of our illustrious Grand Master above, and finally, having finished our labors on Earth, be received into everlasting mansions—that house not

made with hands, eternal in the heavens, whose builder and maker is God.

O. BOURKE,
R. H. DRAKE,
WM. WALKER,
Committee.

The Grand Council ordered the following sums paid :

Grand Sentinel, for services	$10 00
Grand Recorder, for stationery, etc	5 00
Monroe Chapter, for gas and fuel	5 00

The proceedings were directed to be printed by Grand Recorder, and distributed as usual.

Companion NOBLE moved that Companion BOVEE read the work as recommended by the Committee on Work.

On motion of Companion DOUGHTY, the work relating to opening and closing, as exemplified last January, and then adopted, was rescinded.

Companion BOVEE then proceeded to read and exemplify the work, which was accepted and adopted.

There being no further business, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was then closed in ample form, after the Throne of Grace was addressed by the Grand Chaplain.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

EZRA ROOD, *Treasurer*,
In account with Grand Council Royal and Select Masters.

To balance		$ 49 65
Grand Recorder		122 27
By balance on hand		$171 92

EZRA ROOD,
Grand Treasurer.

Detroit, June, 1866.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

O. BOURKE, *Recorder*.
In account with Grand Council Royal and Select Masters.

To Monroe Council, No. 1		$ 12 00
St. Clair Council, No. 2		13 00
Pontiac Council, No. 3		66 00
Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6		4 00
Three Rivers Council, No. 7		15 00
Romeo Council, No. 8		5 00
Zabud Council, No. 9		31 00
Union Council, No. 11		11 00
Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15		12 00
Hudson Council, No. 16		19 00
Genesee Council, No. 17		31 00
Niles Council, for dispensation		15 00
Adrian Council, for dispensation		15 00
		$249 00
By Companion Griffith, tyling	$ 5 00	
Free Press, returns, etc	24 60	
Free Press, proceedings	72 18	
Recorder's salary	10 00	
Postage and stationery	5 00	
Recorder, for dispensations	10 00	
Cash to Treasurer	122 27	
		$249 00

With vouchers, respectfully submitted.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

Detroit, June 5th, 1866.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

THE GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

Royal and Select

MASTERS

—OF THE—

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

HELD AT DETROIT,

Wednesday, June 5th, 1867.



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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 1867.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, held their Annual Convocation in Masonic Hall, Detroit, on Wednesday, 5th of June, 1867, at 12 M.

Present:

Companion	S. L. DART	T. I. G. P.
"	E. D. BENEDICT	D. I. G. P.
"	W. S. EDWARDS	D. T. I.
"	WM. WALKER	G. P.C. of W.
"	J. T. HAYDEN	G. Treasurer.
"	O. BOURKE	G. Recorder.
"	W. F. KING	G. C. G.
"	B. F. DOUGHTY	G. Chaplain.
"	M. AYRES	G. Steward.
"	W. V. GRIFFITH	G. Sentinel.

Also a large number of distinguished visitors, past presiding officers, and a full attendance of members from the different Councils of this State.

The roll being called, and a constitutional number of Councils found represented and in attendance, the Grand Council

NOTE—In consequence of the session of the Grand Commandery having been prolonged beyond the limit of time allotted, the Grand Council did not hold their adjourned meeting as expected.

GRAND RECORDER.

was opened by the T. Ill., assisted by the other officers, in due and ample form ; prayer being offered to the Throne of Grace by the Ill., Grand Chaplain.

The following were appointed by the T. Ill., a Committee to examine credentials of delegates, and report at the meeting of the Council this afternoon : Companions J. H. ARMSTRONG, BOVEE, and CHAMPLIN.

On motion of Past T. Ill., Companion NOBLE, the Grand Council was called from labor until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

THURSDAY, June 6.

The Grand Council were called to resume labor at 10 o'clock A. M. by the T. Illustrious Grand Puissant.

The Committee on Credentials read the following report, which was accepted and adopted, the privilege being granted the Grand Recorder to insert others who may legally present their credentials during the meeting of the Grand Body :

The Committee on Credentials report the following as entitled to seats and representation in this Grand Convocation, viz:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Companion S. L. DART .....T. I. G. P.
" E. D. BENEDICT .....D. I. G. P.
" W. S. EDWARDS .....D. T. I.
" WM. WALKER.....G. P. C. W.
" J. T. HAYDEN..... G. T.
" O. BOURKE.....G. R.
" W. F. KING.....G. C. G.
" B. F. DOUGHTY.....G. C.
" M. AYERS..... .....G. S.
" W. V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

Past Grand Officers—FRANK DARROW, JOHN CLARK, NATHAN B. CARPENTER, D. B. TRACY, G. B. NOBLE, and D. BOVEE.

MONROE COUNCIL, NO. 1.

Companion A. E. ELLIOTT.....T. I. G. M.
" WM. WALKER.....D. I. G. M.
" W. A. CARPENTER... .....P. C. W.

ST. CLAIR COUNCIL, NO. 2.

Companion J. CLARK.....T. I. G. M.
" ANDREW J. CUMMINGS.....D. I. G. M.
" R. H. JENKS.....P. C. W.

PONTIAC COUNCIL, NO. 3.

Companion ROBERT W. DAVIS.....T. I. G. M.
" JOHN P. FOSTER.....D. I. G. M.
" S. S. MATHEWS.....P. C. W.

RIVER RAISIN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

[Not represented.]

JONESVILLE COUNCIL, NO. 5.

Companion JESSE BUTTON.....T. I. G. M.
" LEVI H. CORSON.....D. I. G. M.
" HARVEY RANSOM.....P. C. W.

MT. MORIAH COUNCIL, NO. 6.

Companion D. BOVEE.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" F. T. EDDY.....Proxy for D. I. G. M.
" O. C. GRAHAM.....P. C. W.

THREE RIVERS COUNCIL, NO. 7.

[Not represented.]

ROMEO COUNCIL, NO. 8.

Companion A. E. PALMER.....Representative of Council.

ZABUD COUNCIL, NO. 9.

Companion DANIEL SHEPARD.....Representative of Council.

TYRE COUNCIL, NO. 10.

Companion J. W. CHAMPLIN.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" C. J. KRUGER.....Proxy for D. I. G. M. and P. C. W.

UNION COUNCIL, NO. 11.

Companion E. BOGARDUS.....T. I. G. M.
" J. E. MARVIN.....D. I. G. M.
" C. F. ASHLEY.....P. C. W.

IONIA COUNCIL, NO. 12.

Companion P. H. TAYLOR.....T. I. G. M. and Rep. of Council.

STURGIS COUNCIL, NO. 13.

Companion H. W. WALLACE.....Representative of Council.

HIRAM COUNCIL, NO. 14.

Companion H. A. TILLOTSON.....T. I. G. M.
" Z. TILLOTSON.....D. I. G. M.
" G. S. BUNETT.....P. C. W.

MT. ARARAT COUNCIL, NO. 15.

Companion J. H. ARMSTRONG D.I.G.M., Proxy forT.I.G.M. & P.C.W

HUDSON COUNCIL, NO. 16.

[Not represented.]

GENESEE COUNCIL, NO. 17.

Companion N. T. THURBER.....T. I. G. M. and Rep. of Council

ADRIAN COUNCIL, NO. 18.

Companion S. B. SMITH.....D.I.G.M. and Rep. of Council.

NILES COUNCIL, NO. 19.

Companion R. W. LANDON.....P. C. W. and Rep. of Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. ARMSTRONG,
D. BOVEE,
J. W. CHAMPLIN,
Committee.

Moved and adopted, that all Royal and Select Masters in good standing be admitted and invited to be present during the deliberations of this Grand Council.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Thrice Illustrious, to act on all matters referred to them, viz :

On Finance :

Companions LANDON, KRUGER and SMITH.

On Correspondence :

Companions BOURKE, KING and HAYDEN.

On Charters and Dispensations :

Companoions NOBLE, CHAMPLAIN and SHEPARD.

The Thrice Illustrius Grand Puissant read his Annual Address, which was referred to Companions NOBLE, ARMSTRONG and NICHOLS, to apportion :

OFFICE OF THE T. I. G. PUISSANT OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,
UNION CITY, June 3d, 1867.

Companions of the Grand Council:

As far as I am informed, peace and harmony reign within our Cryptic Vaults, and the light which is diffused beneath their arches throws its benign rays in peace and harmony over our mystic brotherhood.

Charters were granted at your last Annual Session to Councils at Adrian and Saginaw, and immediately after the close of the session they were constituted by Past T. I. G. P. BOVEE. Companion BOVEE reports very favorably to me of the condition of these Councils, for their efficiency of work and their exhibition of brotherly love.

I have granted but one Dispensation this year, for a Council at St. Johns, to be called St. Johns Council. The papers in this case will be presented to you for your consideration.

COMPANIONS: Permit me to express the hope that your proceedings will be harmonious, and that your Annual greetings will make still stronger that firm cement of friendship and brotherly love which marks the Companions of the secret vault.

Accept my heartfelt thanks for the many favors you have bestowed on me, and, Companions, ever may "peace reign within thy borders, and prosperity within thy palaces."

S. L. DART,
T. I. G. Puissant.

The committee, to whom was referred the address of the G.

T. I. P., recommend that the portion relating to Charters and Dispensations be referred to the appropriate committee.

G. B. NOBLE,
J. H. ARMSTRONG,
D. B. NICHOLS,
Committee.

Accepted and adopted.

On motion of Companion ARMSTRONG, the sum of $10 was ordered paid to the Sentinel, for his services, $5 to the Recorder for postage, etc., and $5 to Monroe Chapter No. 1, for gas-light supplied.

Companion NOBLE moved that the Recorder publish and distribute the usual number of Proceedings, omitting therefrom the returns in detail of the Subordinate Councils, which was adopted.

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

To the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would report that they have examined the application of Companions at St. Johns, Michigan, for a Charter, and find it correct, and in due compliance with the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Council, we recommend that a Charter be granted said Companions, to be called St. Johns Council, No. 21, their Dispensation having been returned to this Grand Body.

G. B. NOBLE,
J. W. CHAMPLIN,
D. S. SHEPARD,
Committee.

Report of Committee was adopted and Charter ordered:

Campanion NOBLE offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That St. Johns Council be authorized to proceed to an election of officers at their first Communication after receiving their Charter.

Which was adopted.

The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer presented statements of their accounts as follows, which were referred to the Committee on Finance;

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. T. HAYDEN, *Treasurer*,
In account with Grand Council Royal and Select Masters.

	CR.
By cash from Grand Recorder	$85 00

Detroit, June 1st, 1867.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

O. BOURKE, *Recorder*.

In account with Grand Council Royal and Select Masters.

	DR.	
To Pay Roll, 1866	$ 46 00	
Free Press, proceedings	58 00	
Recorder's fees, two dispensations	10 00	
Recorder's salary	10 00	
Postage and stationery	10 00	
		$134 00
Cash to Grand Treasurer		85 00
		$219 00

	CR.
By Monroe Council, No. 1	$ 16 00
St. Clair Council, No. 2	2 00
Pontiac Council, No. 3	30 00
Jonesville Council, No. 5	6 00
Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6	19 00
Romeo Council, No. 8	2 00
Zabud Council, No. 9	16 00
Tyre Council, No. 10	4 00
Union Council, No. 11	8 00
Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15	9 00
Hudson Council, No. 16	21 00
Genesee Council, No. 17	7 00
Adrian Council, No. 18	29 00
Niles Council, No. 19	20 00

East Saginaw Council, for dispensation	15 00
St. Johns Council, for dispensation	15 00
	$219 00

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

Detroit, June, 1867.

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder reported as follows, which report was accepted and adopted :

To the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

The undersigned, your Committee have carefully examined the reports of your Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, with vouchers submitted, and find the same correct.

R. W. LANDON,
S. B. SMITH,
Committee.

The Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result :

Companion	W. S. EDWARDS, Hillsdale	T. I. G. P.
"	WM. WALKER, Detroit	D. I G. P.
"	J. T. HAYDEN, Hillsdale	G. T. I.
"	W. F. KING, Adrian	G. P. C. of W.
"	WM. BARCLAY, Detroit	G. Treasurer.
"	O. BOURKE, Detroit	G. Recorder.
"	J. W. CHAMPLIN, Grand Rapids	G. C. G.
"	G. E. PETERS Detroit	G. Chaplain.
"	S. C. MUNSON, Saginaw	G. Steward.
"	W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit	G. Sentinel.

Who were duly installed and took their several stations in the Grand Council.

The following amendment to the Constitution, proposed by Companion EDWARDS, at the Convention in 1866, and reported on page 9 in the Proceedings of that year, was taken up, discussed and adopted, and Detroit was designated as the place of meeting in 1868 :

SECTION 4. Art. 1. The Annual meeting of the Grand Council shall be held on the second Wednesday of January in each and every year, at 12 o'clock M., at such place as shall be designated by the Grand Council; but a special meeting of the Grand Council may be called whenever the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant, Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissant, Grand Thrice Illustrious and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, or any three of them, shall deem it necessary.

The following amendment to the Constitution, Section 4, Article 1, was proposed and laid over to the next Convocation, under the rules:

"The hour of meeting for the Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, shall be 9 A. M., instead of 12 M., as heretofore."

The Grand Recorder was directed to examine the returns of the Subordinate Councils and make all necessary corrections, if any appear.

The Recorder was also requested to notify all delinquent Councils, that it will be his duty at the next Annual meeting of the Grand Council, to make a return of such delinquents, with the view of forfeiting the Charters of those who do not make proper and satisfactory excuses or pay deficiencies and make due returns.

The Grand Council of the State of Michigan was closed in due and ample form, prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain to the Great I AM, the Supreme Ruler and Governor of the Universe.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

NOTE—In compliance with above amendment, the next meeting of the Grand Council will be held at Masonic Hall, Detroit, on the second Wednesday of January, 1868. Subordinate Councils are requested to make their returns *prior to that time*, as the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter meet at the same time and place. It is earnestly hoped and expected every Council in this State will be represented.

Grand Recorder.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee have very great pleasure in acknowledging the proceedings of no less than seventeen corresponding Grand Councils during the current year, many of whom have been to us silent for several years. This large accession to our stock of Masonic literature places before us ample material for a much more elaborate and extensive review of the doings of the Royal Craft than the limits of our necessarily brief compendium will admit. It affords great satisfaction to your Committee to notice the evident healthy increase of the numbers who are unfurling the sacred emblem of the Order, and the enthusiasm animating their ranks points to victory and triumph in the name of the Great Ruler of the Universe. The several Grand Councils met at the times and places following:

Alabama, at Montgomery, on 5th December, 1866.
Arkansas, at Little Rock, on 3d November, 1866.
Connecticut, at New Haven, on 8th May, 1866.
Illinois, at Chicago, on 4th October, 1866.
Indiana, at Indianapolis, on 22nd May, 1866.
Iowa, at Davenport, on 1st June, 1866.
Kentucky, at Louisville, on 17th October, 1866.
Louisana, at New Orleans, on 15th February, 1866.
Massachusetts, at Boston, on 12th December, 1866.
Mississippi, at Jackson, on 18th January, 1867.
Maine, at Portland, on 2nd May, 1866.
Missouri, at St. Louis, on 24th May, 1866.
New York, at Albany, on 5th February, 1867.

New Jersey, at Trenton, on 11th September, 1866.
Rhode Island, at Providence, on 12th March, 1866.
Tennessee, at Nashville, on 7th December, 1866.
Vermont, at Burlington, on 3d October, 1866.

We shall briefly notice all the above mentioned esteemed correspondents in order.

ALABAMA.

Held its twenty-sixth annual assembly, as before mentioned. Fourteen Councils only, out of a list of forty-five, represented. The address of the Grand Puissant, apart from matters of local interest, contains only one topic of general interest, viz., the movement to incorporate the Council with the Chapter degrees. This proposition the G. P. most pointedly calls an innovation, and rejects the assumption that the Grand Council, embodying twenty-six active Councils and a membership of eight hundred and eleven, is unfit to manage its own affairs, and truly says that, being one of a fraternity of twenty-five Grand Councils, all linked together as one community, that a majority alone should determine the question. The able and learned Chairman on Correspondence adverts to the same subject, and intimates the absurdity of incorporation with Royal Arch organizations.

We regret the proceedings of our own Council did not reach their destination. We have endeavored, even through the bloody time of war, to get them to every Jurisdiction, and have succeeded in reaching many of our Southern sisters, even during those eventful times. Rev. E. V. LeVert was elected Grand Puissant, and Daniel Sayre Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS.

The convention of this Grand Council was held at Little Rock, on 3d November, 1866. Nine Subordinates were represented. There being no address from the Grand Master, or report on correspondence, your committee has no material to extract from. The Council adopted a Work given by Companion Mackey to Companion Albert Pike, which, coming from such high Masonic authority, we trust possesses correct exemplification of those degrees. Elbert H. English was re elected Grand Master, and W. D. Blocher Grand Recorder for the ensuing year.

CONNECTICUT.

Assembled in New Haven on 8th May, 1866. Nineteen subordinates represented. The address of the M. P. G. Master, James L. Gould, is

a sound practical paper, of local interest principally. He finds perfect harmony, and a deeper interest felt in the degrees than before exhibited. Reference is made to an illustrious presiding officer of Clinton Council No. 15, Companion Joshua R. Jewett, who has nearly attained the age of one hundred years, and yet retains his faculties healthy and vigorous. It is true that such another instance of longevity and activity cannot be found, probably in the world. We send our congratulations to this aged co-laborer in the Lord's vineyard. May the remainder of his days be cloudless, and the evening of his life pass serenely and calmly, and, after this fitful dream is over, may he wake to the joys of a blessed immortality.

The report on correspondence, from the pen of Illustrious Companion William Storer, presents a well-selected review of such correspondents as favored him with proceedings, our own included. The calendar, etc., embodied therein is very useful and interesting, and we return thanks for so useful a compilation. T. I. ELIAS QUINTARD was elected M. P. G. Master, and Illustrious John W. Paull, Grand Recorder, for the ensuing year.

ILLINOIS.

Assembled in Chicago on the 4th October, 1866. Seventeen Councils represented. The T. I. G. Puissant, James H. Miles, reviews at considerable length the working of the Order in his Jurisdiction. Peace and harmony prevail all over the Royal Craft in Illinois. The committee on correspondence review the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, our own among the number. We congratulate the Companions in Illinois on the evident prosperity and large increase in the Craft, and hope they may proceed rapidly, prospering, and diffusing light throughout their widely-extended field. James A. Hawley was elected Grand Puissant, and Harman G. Reynolds re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

This Grand Body convened at Indianapolis on the 22d May, 1866. Sixteen Councils were represented. M. P. Grand Master Eden H. Davis, in his address, intimates that "the past year has been one of peace, prosperity and victory to us Masonically. Universal peace has prevailed within our Jurisdiction. No feelings of hatred, envy or malice have been permitted to find a resting place among our Select number. We have been prosperous beyond our most sanguine expectations. Our numbers have been gradually increased. We have adhered strictly to the landmarks established by our fathers. We have been more than victorious in keeping innovations and innovators from destroying the harmony of the sounds of our working tools." A nov-

elty in the appointment of committees was that of the Grand Master appointing himself a Committee on Correspondence. His labors, however, in that capacity were exceedingly light, merely acknowledging having received the proceedings of ten States, including our own, and that they are all in a healthy condition. The remainder of his address abounds in many beautiful passages, and fully compensates for the cursory touch to correspondents. M. P. Thomas Newby was elected Grand Master, and Illustrious William Hacker Grand Recorder for the next Masonic year.

IOWA

Presents us with a neat and well-arranged pamphlet, embodying proceedings for 1865 and 1866, the former held at Marshalltown, on 2d June, 1865, and the latter at Davenport, on 1st June, 1866. The Grand Master presents a lucid exposition of the affairs of his Jurisdiction. He reiterates the pleasing words of every State Grand Council, that the Royal Craft are rapidly building the secret vault, and workmen numerously apply for the privilege of aiding in the work.

The Committee on Correspondence acknowledge ten proceedings received, ours included, and present an elaborate discussion on the antiquity and usefulness of the Super-excellent degree, and an essay on the different nomenclatures assumed for the officers in the different States. We confess that uniformity would be preferable, and should be pleased to extend this principle to the Work of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees, which is at present sadly out of uniformity. A convention for the purpose above mentioned would tend to strengthen and utilize the beautiful degrees of Cryptic Masonry, and probably aid in preventing its absorption by the Royal Arch Order, which process appears consummated in some States, in others far advanced toward that end, and in only a very few is the "faith held steadfast." M. P. Illustrious Companion Horace Tuttle was elected Grand Master, and W. B Langridge Grand Recorder, at the convocation in 1866.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Council met at Louisville, on the 17th October, 1866,—fourteen subordinates represented. Companion P. SWYGERT, G. P., announces harmony and returning good feeling among Companions throughout the Jurisdiction. No formal address appears in print, nor is any subject alluded to by him of the slightest general interest to the Craft.

The Committee on Correspondence acknowledge fifteen proceedings received from so many other States, ours included. The Committee make copious and well selected extracts from their correspondents.

We feel highly complimented for the notice taken of our humble selves. We earnestly hope this once pre-eminently flourishing Council may exhibit soon full ranks in its several Subordinates. Companion Philip Swygert was re-elected G. P., and N. G. Hodges Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

Held its eleventh Annual Assembly at New Orleans, on the 15th February, 1866, three Councils only having delegates present. M. P. Grand Master Samuel M. Todd delivered a brief address, opening with a fervent prayer that *harmony* and *concord* may prevail throughout the length and breadth of the land, and that our whole people will be hereafter content to dwell together in unity. He exhorts his companions, Select Masters in Masonry, to labor to accomplish this great end, and prove to the world by example that Brotherly Love is indeed the *principle*, as it is the most important *tenet*, of Freemasonry.

Companion Swasey, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reports receipt of only six exchanges, Michigan not included, which we regret, because copies have been regularly mailed every year to the last Recorder and Grand Master on record. With regard to the work of the R. and S. degrees, the Committee say "there is no denying there is a very great diversity, and so it will always be until those who are the custodians thereof will come together and agree among themselves to put aside all new and unsuitable matter, and do the work as it was done fifty years ago. It is much to be regretted the original work was ever departed from." He concludes by saying, in a fit language: "The bright wings of Peace are fluttering over us. Cryptic Masonry, in all our jurisdictions, is exceedingly prosperous. Thus it is placed in our charge; let us cherish this treasure as the apple of our eye, and let us so perform our labor that we can pass the trust to our successors pure and unsullied, as we have received it."

Companion Samuel M. Todd was re-elected M. P. Grand Master, and Gustavus Sontag Grand Recorder for the ensuing year.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Annual Convocation was held in Boston, 12th December, 1866; three Councils represented. We are much pleased to receive the proceedings of this State (so long absent from our intellectual feast), in a very neat, well compiled pamphlet. Companion E. B. Moon presented his sixth Annual Report on correspondence, remarking that forty-one years have now elapsed since the organization of the Grand Council. Looking over the roll of its founders, he finds but a few left to participate in the duties of the S. V. The great majority have been "gathered to their fathers," and now "rest from their labors" in the *Celestial*

Arch "where the Supreme Ruler of the Universe presides." Soon we too shall have passed away to join the innumerable train of worthies who have gone before us. Let us see to it that our record is untarnished, our work well done, and our secrets safely deposited in "the repository of faithful breasts," that we may receive the welcome plaudit, "enter ye into the joys of our Lord."

William P. Anderson was re-elected M. P. Grand Master, and Solon Thornton Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Ninth Annual Grand Convocation was held at Jackson, the 18th January 1867; twenty-one Subordinates represented. M. P. Grand Master J. M. Howry congratulates the Grand Council on the harmony which prevades the jurisdiction. The Committee on Correspondence do not enlighten outside barbarians, having made no report. M. P. I. O. Lusher was elected Grand Master, and Oscar T. Keeler Grand Recorder for the next year.

MAINE.

Met in Annual Convocation at Portland, on the 2nd of May, 1866; seven Councils represented. Grand Master John H. Fillerbrown presented a lucid address, couched in beatiful passages, of which we give one quotation: "May the sublime teachings of Symbolic Masonry, illustrating Labor, Knowledge and Fidelity—the august principles of Capitular, enforcing honor, reverence and industry—blend with the bright and glorious truths of the Cryptic, in showing that Mercy, Affection and Integrity combine to make us what the principles of our beloved institutions demand of its votaries."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have received proceedings from eleven Grand Councils, our own amongst them. Companion Drummond, or the sadly abused printer, murders the name of the writer, giving him down the "banks." He, however, having pleasing reminiscences of his old Norman ancestors, prefers to be "Bourked" in future. Our very worthy and undoubtedly Super-excellent Companion exhorts the Craft: "Let not our Trowel grow dim for want of use; let not the rubbish fill our unvisited Arches; let not our Sentinels sleep upon their posts, but let us all, each in his own sphere, bring forth specimens of our handiwork, to strengthen and adorn our noble institution." Companion Oliver Gerrish was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Ira Berry Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

The Annual Convention was held at St. Louis, on 24th May, 1866; four Councils represented. Grand Puissant A. O. Sullivan delivered an

able address on the origin and working of the R. and S. degrees. He regrets his feeble health prevented him visiting the Companions throughout the State. He hopes, if his health continues to improve, he may yet be able to visit his Companions. Alas! the ruthless destoyer intervened, and this intelligent and zealous Mason, having ceased from his labors on earth, has, we confidently trust, received his wages and sublime greetings, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." There is no report on Foreign Correspondence. The omission was, of course, necessary, or, perhaps, unintentional, for we assure our worthy co-laborer that such documents are very acceptable and, indeed, should not (however brief) be dispensed with. Companion O'Sullivan was re-elected Grand Puissant, and George F. Gonley Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

Convened in Annual Assembly at Albany, on 5th February, 1867; nineteen Subordinates in Council. M. P. Charles H. Platt, Grand Master, read a very lucid address. He congratulates his Companions that genuine prosperity has attended their efforts; tranquility and harmony have been signally allotted to the select few. We pursue our work in the methods of unobtrusive quietude, and at the seasons of unobserved dilligence, which are so impressively symbolized by the ceremonies of our Royal and Select Art. The Committee on Correspondence review the proeeedings of eleven States, including Michigan, and make copious extracts from some of the number, touching all, however lightly. M. P. C. H. Platt was re-elected Grand Master, and Josiah Shove Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

The Eighth Annual Convocation was held at Trenton, on 11th September, 1866; five Councils represented. M. P. Grand Master John R. Terry is evidently a hard-working craftsman, and like all genuine ones personally averse to sounding his own praises or having public proclamations thereof made by others. His address contains many beautiful symbolic passages. We make room for one. After giving a clear and concise statement of the amount of labor performed by him, having *visited all the Councils in the State*, a practice which should be followed by all supervising officers, closes by saying: "And this, my Companions, I conceive to be fulfilling the great mission we have in view—dispensing light and knowledge, opening up new avenues of usefulness, and adding strength, beauty and perpetuity to the great Pillars of our Mystic Temple. It is but fulfilling the great end of our being, and obeying the injunction of Him who has placed us in a world of beauty, carpeted with green, and quilted with silvery streams

and running rills, and scattered ten million flowers on their verdant banks, to shed their fragrance along the path of life, o'er which we travel home."

Illustrious Companion T. I. Corson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of fourteen Grand Councils, Michigan included, and culls many gems of thought from the able addresses presented. The writer feels highly complimented at the favorable mention made of his remarks, not only by this committee but many others. Our worthy Companion, Recorder Corson, claims to be *thirty-first cousin* to his namesake, Grand Chaplain Corson of our Council. Now, although our Jersey Corson is evidently very modest, but asserting no especial sanctity of character, he need not be ashamed of his Companion of Michigan, who is not only a "just and upright Mason," but a sincere, honest, Christian gentleman, of whom his Companions in Michigan are justly proud, and delight to honor him, but a man whose acquaintance even our esteemed new Jersey *frater* might cultivate with pleasure and much profit. The hint given ourselves about compiling lists may be followed. This year we publish a *full list* of the *officers* and *members* of all Councils which have reported. M. P. Charles Bichtell was elected Grand Master, and the aforesaid Illustrious Companion, Thomas I. Corson, Grand Recorder, whose happy, smiling pen we shall with pleasure greet (we hope) for many successive cycles.

RHODE ISLAND.

We acknowledge receipt of a pamphlet containing organization and proceedings of the Grand Council of that State from 1860 to 1866, inclusive. The progress of our little sister has been very slow indeed. Only three Councils in 1860, and only three in 1866. Not a word of address from the presiding officer; and similar taciturnity overshadows the Committee on Correspondence (if one exists.) They are indeed excellent secret-keepers, we trust not slumbering at their posts. Wake up. Companions, a noble work lies before you. Occupy so inviting a field. Work diligently, and your reward is certain. Companion James H. Armington was elected M. P. Grand Master, on 12th March, 1866, and Henry M. Rawson, Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

The stated annual meeting of this Grand Council was held at Nashville, on 7th December, 1866. Twenty subordinates were represented. The address of M. P. Grand Master William Maxwell is a brief, practical paper, exhibiting his work during his incumbency. He writes: "Masonry, that institution we love, has from its teachings enkindled and sustained in us that laudable ambition to do right and to prosecute

the work so happily begun, of erecting a moral temple that will shine throughout the limits of the Masonic circle—by this means encouraging those who may came after us to build a moral edifice for themselves which may outstrip the model we leave, and from the topmost pinnacle of which they may be enabled to view us in that temple not made with hands."

The Committee on Correspondence notice the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, our own included. Companion Grand Recorder Fuller presents a very comprehensive and well selected compendium of the proceedings in other States. Companion John McClelland was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Charles A. Fuller re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT,

The last in alphabetical order, but not by any means the least, held its annual convocation in Burlington, on 3d October 1866. Grand Master Dana, an experienced and skillful overseer, rings in clarion tones the glad tidings that his "tried and trusty craftsmen have come up with their implements bright from constant and uninterrupted labor, and have preserved from curiosity or unwarranted invasion those treasures which they have ever cherished like household idols." Companion Grand Master Dana discusses the origin of the Cryptic degrees at considerable length and much able research. He closes an exceedingly interesting and able address as follows: "As we cluster again about our familiar altar, let the remembrance of our common vows linger like the sweet incense of oriental gardens perpetually with us. Let their memory banish from us every beguiling passion, and disarm us of the malarious influence of every petty feud, religious, political or social. Let nothing but unfailing brotherly love and tenderness enter the calm hush of this sacred retreat, while with true nobility of soul and purpose we shall toil only for the sublimest object of dignifying and ameliorating our own condition, that of our brethren and of mankind."

The Committee on Correspondence review the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, Michigan among the number, giving brief extracts and notices of each. The committee, in conclusion, congratulate the Grand Council of Vermont on the apparent prosperity of its sister Grand Councils. The Great Author of Peace has vouchsafed unto us this inestimable blessing, during the year, in all our borders. It therefore becomes our duty, in humility, to render thanks and praise and blessing to Him who liveth for ever and ever, and who, from the glories of the perfect arch, is ever ready to accept a tribute of praise from the grateful, loving heart.

This State had a roll of eleven Subordinates duly represented, and elected Companion Squire Marcey Grand Master, and John B. Hollenbeck Grand Recorder.

Having thus called our Roll of Honor, and found our select numbers nearly all present, we congratulate them most sincerely and affectionately on their dilligence and perseverance in the good work. Masonry brings North and South under one fold. The true, fraternal hand of friendship and brotherly love is cordially extended. Heart meets heart, pulsating with one universal throb. "Peace on earth good will toward men." Here we can "meet upon the level and part upon the square." Let us then press forward to gain the prize. Our mission is divine; upheld by His right hand we cannot fail. What care we for the sneers and scoffs of the ignorant, vicious and profane. The Great Searcher of the hearts of men will always approve good, and time and centuries of experience have irresistibly proved the stability of our foundation on the *Rock of Ages.*

My beloved Companions, accept now our parting farewell. May the All Merciful Supreme Ruler direct all your doings for the next year, and during all time, and when again (if again) we have the happiness to welcome you, may it be bearing evidence of increased diligence, having full numbers, and all rejoicing in the kind Providence which we pray may direct our steps in the way of holiness—the performance of our duty toward God and toward our neighbor. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Respectfully submitted,

O. BOURKE,

For the Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

THE GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

Royal and Select

MASTERS

—OF THE—

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

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OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 1868.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, held their Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, Detroit, on Wednesday, the 8th of January, 1868, at 12 o'clock M.

Present :

Companion	W. S. EDWARDS	T. I. G. P.
"	WM. WALKER	D. I. G. P.
"	JOS. T. HAYDEN	G. T. I.
"	W. F. KING	G. P. C. of W.
"	WM. BARCLAY	G Treasurer.
"	O. BOURKE	G. Recorder.
"	J. W. CHAMPLIN	G. C. G.
"	G. E. PETERS	G. Chaplain.
"	S. C. MUNSON	G. Steward.
"	W. V. GRIFFITH	G. Sentinel.

With many past officers, visitors, and delegates from the several Subordinates; also a large attendance of Visiting Companions.

A constitutional number of delegates being present, the Grand Council was opened in ample form by the T. Ill. and

other Grand officers, prayer being offered by the Ill. Grand Chaplain.

The following were appointed a committee to examine credentials, and report this evening at 7 o'clock, viz.: Companions SAWYER, EVERETT, and SPAULDING.

The T. Ill. called the Grand Council from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock this afternoon.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Council resumed labor at the hour appointed, when the Committee on Credentials made their report, as follows:

The Committee on Credentials report the following Companions as entitled to seats and representation in the Grand Council, viz:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Companion W. S. EDWARDS, Hillsdale ..... T. I. G. P.
" WM. WALKER, Detroit ..... D. I. G. P.
" JOS. T. HAYDEN, Hillsdale ..... G. T. I.
" W. F. KING, Adrian ..... G. P. C. of W.
" WM. BARCLAY, Detroit, ... G. Treasurer.
" O. BOURKE, Detroit ..... G. Recorder.
" J. W. CHAMPLIN, Grand Rapids ..... G. C. G.
" G. E. PETERS Detroit ..... G. Chaplain.
" S. C. MUNSON, Saginaw ..... G. Steward.
" W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit ..... G. Sentinel.

Also all surviving Past T. I. G. Puissants.

MONROE COUNCIL, NO. 1.

Companion E. A. ELLIOTT ..... T. I. G. M.
" WM. WALKER ..... D. I. G. M.
" W. A. CARPENTER ..... P. C. W.

ST. CLAIR COUNCIL, NO. 2.

Companion SAMUEL BENDIT .. Proxy for T. I. G. M. and P. C. W.
" ANDREW J. CUMMINGS ..... D. I. G. M.

PONTIAC COUNCIL, NO. 3.

Companion JOHN P. FOSTER ..... D. I. G. M. and Rep. of Council.

RIVER RAISIN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

Companion A. J. SAWYER.....T. I. G. M. and Rep. D. I. G. M.
" H. S. NOBLE.....P. C. W.

JONESVILLE COUNCIL, NO. 5.

Companion WM. M. RANSOM.....Representative of Council.

MT. MORIAH COUNCIL, NO. 6.

Companion D. BOVEE.....Representative of Council.

THREE RIVERS COUNCIL, NO. 7.

Companion JOHN COWLING.....T. I. G. M.
" S. L. HEWITT.....D. I. G. M.
" J. C. BASSETT.....P. C. W.

ROMEO COUNCIL, NO. 8.

[Not represented. N. B.—Since Reported.]

ZABUD COUNCIL, NO. 9.

Companion WM. BROWN.....T. I. G. M.
" EDWARD COX.....D. I. G. M.
" HORACE ARNOLD.....P. C. W.

TYRE COUNCIL, NO. 10.

Companion WM. H. TANNER.....T. I. G. M.
" E. MOHL.....D. I. G. M.
" NOAH STEVENS.....P. C. W.

UNION COUNCIL, NO. 11.

Companion EDGAR BOGARDUS.....T. I. G. M.
" JARVIS E. MARVIN.....D. I. G. M.
" CALVIN F. ASHLEY.....P. C. W.

IONIA COUNCIL, NO. 12.

Companion P. H. TAYLOR..Representative and Proxy for P. C. W.

STURGIS COUNCIL, NO. 13.

Companion W. A. KENT.....T. I. G. M.
" IRA F. PACKARD.....D. I. G. M.
" N. J. PACKARD.....P. C. W.

HIRAM COUNCIL, NO. 14.

Companion H. A. TILLOTSON.....T. I. G. M. and Representative.

MT. ARARAT COUNCIL, NO. 15.

Companion R. A. EVERETT.....Representative of Council.

HUDSON COUNCIL, NO. 16.

Companion J. J. HOGABOAM...Proxy for T. I. G. M. and P. C. W.
" CHARLES LOWE.....D. I. G. M.

GENESEE COUNCIL, NO. 17.

Companion N. T. THURBER.....T. I. G. M.
" O. A. HINE.....D. I. G. M.
" J. BUCKBEE.....P. C. W.

ADRIAN COUNCIL, NO. 18.

Companion J. W. FINCH.....Representative of Council.

NILES COUNCIL, NO. 19.

Companion THEODORE G. BEAVER.....T. I. G. M.
" D. H. FREED.....D. I. G. M.
" C. M. ALWARD.....P. C. W.

SAGINAW COUNCIL, NO. 20.

Companion GEO. C. WARNER.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" D. M. BENNETT.....D. I. G. M.
" FRED. E. HOYT.....P. C. W.

ST. JOHNS COUNCIL, NO. 21.

Companion O. L. SPAULDING..T. I. G. M. and Proxy for P. C. W.
" ROBT. McFARLAN.....D. I. G. M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. SAWYER,
R. A. EVERETT,
O. L. SPAULDING,
Committee.

Which report was accepted and adopted, the Grand Recorder being directed to insert other Councils making returns prior to publication.

On motion,

Resolved, That all Royal and Select Masters, in good standing, be invited to seats during the present session of the Grand Council, as visitors.

The T. Ill. appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Masonic Jurisprudence:

Companions ELLIOTT, DARROW, and PETERS.

On Returns:

Companions G. B. NOBLE, MARVIN and HOGABOAM.

On Finance:

Companions TAYLOR, SPAULDING and H. S. NOBLE.

On Correspondence:

Companions BOURKE, WARNER and RANSOM.

On Charters and Dispensations:

Companions HAYDEN, TRACY and PETERS.

The Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant then read his Annual Address, as follows, which on motion was referred to Companions TRACY, BEAVER and SAWYER, for apportionment:

Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

By permission of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, we are again permitted to assemble at the Eleventh Convocation of this Grand Body, to review the past and consult together in regard to the future interests of Cryptic Masonry within our Jurisdiction. It is truly becoming that we should express our acknowledgments to our Heavenly Father, for His kind and tender mercy in permitting us again to assemble around our sacred Altar; and let us invoke his blessing to rest upon and guide us in our deliberations to-day.

Since our last annual convocation, so far as I have been enabled to learn, the greatest harmony has prevailed throughout this Jurisdiction.

At our annual convocation in June last, an important amendment to our Constitution was adopted, providing for the annual meeting of this Grand Body on the second Wednesday of January in each year, instead of June, as heretofore. Some of our Companions have supposed that this movement would necessitate a change in our Constitution, in regard to the time of election of officers. No change can be made, as the ancient Constitutional Rules of the Order require the election to transpire at the stated Convocation next preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. This amendment has met with general approval, in consequence of the intimate associations of Cryptic Masonry with the Capitular Degrees. The Grand Chapter holds its Annual Convocation on the first Monday in January, at 6 o'clock P. M., and our meeting should

immediately succeed the institution to which it is so closely allied.

As my term of office has been somewhat brief, it can scarcely be expected that I shall submit for your consideration an extensive report of official acts. As an evidence of our prosperity, I will simply ask a comparison of our present representation of subordinate Councils, in point of numbers as well as intelligence, with those of preceding years. Can we not safely congratulate ourselves with having a larger number of the Select present than has ever before assembled in this hall? During the last year, many Councils have been inspired with new zeal; and much credit is due to some of our Companions for the interest manifested in response to the requests of our Grand Recorder. For the first time in several years every Council in the State is represented, and has properly made returns. I am happy to notice that River Raisin Council of Monroe has been re-instated. For this we are indebted to the industry and perseverance of one of our brightest Companions, Dr. A. J. Sawyer.

In accordance with the usual requirement, I shall now proceed to submit for your consideration the report of my official acts:

In July last, I received a petition from Companion D. B. Tracy and the requisite number of Companions, for a Dispensation to constitute a Council at Petersburg, to be called Mosaic Council, U. D. A Dispensation was duly forwarded to them as desired, accompanied with my proxy to Past T. I. G. P. D. B. Tracy to duly constitute and install its officers. Companion Tracy reported to me that on the 12th of the same month he performed those duties, and I have received satisfactory information to warrant me in recommending the Council to be in a flourishing condition; and should you deem it expedient to grant them a charter, I have every reason to believe that their work to be presented for inspection will bring credit to our Institution.

A charter was granted, at the last annual session of this body, to St. Johns Council, No. 21; and on the 17th day of September it was duly constituted by Dep. T. I. G. P. Wm. Walker, assisted by Companions Ebenezer Sprague, of St. Johns, and P. H. Taylor of Ionia. The Companions of this Council have shown that their implements have not corroded through want of use, and their work will stand the closest scrutiny.

An application for a charter is now in the possession of the Grand Recorder, and will be presented at this session, to establish a Council at Portland, Ionia county. Judging from the recommendations these Companions have furnished from our worthy Companions who reside near that place, there can be no doubt of the expediency of establishing a Council in accordance with the request of the petitioners.

Since our last convocation, no question of Masonic jurisprudence, deemed worthy of sufficient importance to be embraced in a report, has been submitted to me for consideration. Upon examination of proceedings of Grand Councils held in other States, I find that there is not that uniformity existing that we could desire, in regard to what constitutes Cryptic Masonry. The States of Connecticut, New Jersey, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania, recognize the Superexcellent Master's Degree, as legitimately belonging to and explanatory of those of the Royal and Select Masters. I am not prepared to recommend to your consideration any changes from our view of the ancient and established evidences of Cryptic Masonry, as it now exists in this Jurisdiction. The Degree has been rejected in Ohio and Vermont, and, as far as I am informed, has been treated with indifference in a majority of States. No case has arisen within our knowledge where a Companion of this Jurisdiction has been excluded from Councils in the former States, in consequence of not having acquired that Degree. We cannot be too forcibly impressed with the importance of clinging to the ancient

and established landmarks of our Institution. Whatever is new or modern in Masonry is dangerous. It is to be regretted that many intelligent members of our Order frequently ignore the ancient tenets so sacredly transmitted to us, and allow their brilliant faculties to pursue a course tending strongly towards innovations. Such proceedings have a pernicious tendency, and if sanctioned would soon undermine the foundations of the most permanent institution. Our Companions of other States may be correct in their views; but from an examination of Masonic history I cannot find that the Super-excellent Degree was established in Pennsylvania and other States at the time of instituting those of the Royal and Select Master. If that Degree is an essential requirement, from whence does this requirement emanate?

I have found upon examination of the proceedings of Grand Councils a great lack of uniformity in the arrangement of names and titles of different officers. This subject has attracted the attention of many Grand Councils, and should at no distant period be considered by us. In order that the Grand Council may perfectly know the numerous titles now in general use, I will herewith produce a tabular statement from Companion J. H. DRUMMOND, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in the Grand Council of Maine:

GRAND COUNCILS.	OFFICERS AND TITLES IN GRAND COUNCILS.				OFFICERS AND TITLES IN SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.		
Alabama	G P	D G P	G T I	G P C W	T I M	D I M	P C W
Arkansas	M P G M	R P D G M	R P G I M	R P G P C W	"	"	"
Connecticut	"	D P G M	T I G M	G P C W	T I G M	D G M	P C
Florida	"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgia	T I G M	I G H T	I G H A B	.....	T I M	I H T	I H A B
Illinois	T I G P	M I D G P	I G T I	I G P C W	T I G M	D I G M	P C W
Indiana	M P G M	D P G M	T I G M	G P C W	"	"	"
Iowa	"	R I D G M	R I G M	"	T I M	R I M	I M
Kentucky	G P	D G P	G T I	"	"	D I M	P C W
Louisiana	M P G M	D G M	T I G M	"	"	D I G M	"
Maine	"	D P G M	R P G M	P G M	"	R I M	I M
Massachusetts	"	R P G M	P G M W	G M C	M I G M	R I G M	I G M
Michigan	T I G M	D I G M	D T I	G P C W	T I G M	D I G M	P C W
Mississippi	M P G M	D P G M	G T I G M	"	"	"	I P C W
Missouri	G P	D G P	G T I	"	"	D T I	P C W
New Hampshire	M I G M	R I G M	I G M	"	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey	M P G M	R P D G M	R P G I M	R P G P C W	T I M	R I M	I P C W
New York	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
South Carolina	"	T I D G M	.....	I G P C W	T I G M	I H T	I H A B
Ohio	T I G M	I D G P	G T I	G P C W	"	D I G M	P C W
Pennsylvania	M P G M	R P D G M	R P G I M	R P G P C W	"	"	"
Rhode Island	"	D P G M	I G M	G P C W	"	M J M	"
Tennessee	"	D M P G M	.....	"	.....	.....	.....
Texas	"	R P D G M	R P G M	R P G P C W	T I M	R I M	I P C W
Vermont	"	P D G M	T I G M	R I G W	T I G M	R I G M	I G M
Wisconsin	"	R P D G M	R P G T I	R P G P C	.....	.....	.....

In this statement our worthy Companion has erroneously substituted Master instead of Puissant as the title of our principal Grand Officer.

We have long felt the need in this jurisdiction, of a suitable Manual for general use in the Grand and Subordinate Bodies. Such a work has recently been prepared and published by that indefatigable Masonic student and profound scholar, Dr. ALBERT G. MACKEY, and from his known ability to prepare such a work, and a general examination of its contents, have no hesitation in cheerfully recommending it to your favorable consideration. It not only contains all the essential monitorial work of the Council, but such other information of Cryptic Masonry as should be studied by every Council member.

COMPANIONS: In closing my official acts, permit me to tender my sincere acknowledgments for the honor you have conferred upon me in elevating me to the position of your presiding officer. Unexpected as it was to me to assume charge of the honorable and responsible duties of the office to which by your kind partiality I was called, the kindness will ever be held in grateful remembrance. In retiring from the station, I regret to state that circumstances have not enabled me to do more for the good of the fraternity and the advancement of Cryptic Masonry within our borders. With the hope that a true fraternal spirit may ever prevail in your deliberations, and the Supreme and Grand Puissant bless your efforts in diffusing that light which is so essential to the interests of Masonry, I will return to the ranks, and I assure you that I shall ever be ready and willing to exert myself for the interests of our noble Order.

WM. S. EDWARDS, T. I. G. P.

On motion of Companion Noble, the resolution on page 9, Proceedings of 1867, changing the time of meeting from 12 M. to 9 A. M., was adopted.

On motion of Companion NOBLE, the resolution on page 9,

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The special Committee to whom the T. Ill. G. P.'s address was referred for apportionment made the following report, which was accepted :

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Thrice Ill. Grand Puissant would respectfully report, that so much of said address as refers to Charters and Dispensations, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

So much of said address as refers to MACKEY'S Manual be referred to a Special Committee of three.

So much of said address as refers to Titles of Grand Officers of the different States be referred to a Special Committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. G. BEAVER.
D. B. TRACY.
A. J. SAWYER.

The following were appointed by the T. Ill. as committee to perform the duties named in the foregoing report, viz :

On MACKEY'S Manual :
Companions ELLIOTT, BOURKE and WALKER.

On Titles of Grand Officers :
Companions TRACY, DARROW and CUDWORTH.

On motion of Companion CUDWORTH, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That a new Charter be issued to Pontiac Council, No. 3, in place of the Charter granted that Body in 1858, which was subsequently lost, and that no charge be made for same.

Companion NOBLE proposed to amend the Constitution, Sec. 4, Art. 1, by striking out from the second line "the second

Wednesday," and inserting in lieu thereof, "the Monday preceding the second Wednesday;" also by stiking out 9 o'clock A. M., and inserting in its place 7 o'clock P. M.

Accepted, and laid over until next regular Convocation under the By-Laws.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Council shall be held in the city of Detroit.

On motion of Companion WALKER,

Resolved, That Companion Bovee be requested to furnish all Subordinate Councils who may apply therefor with the work of this Council as heretofore adopted, they paying him for the same.

Which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Sentinel be paid $10; Monroe Chapter for gas, $5; and the Grand Recorder $25 for services.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the annexed report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would report that they have examined the papers, and would respectfully recommend that Charters be granted as follows, viz: Mosaic Council, No. 22, at Petersburg; Portland Council, No, 23, at Portland.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Jos. T. Hayden.
G. E. Peters.
D. B. Tracy.

Companion A. J. SAWYER moved that the per diem of $3 heretofore granted to Representatives be now extended to Past T. Ill. Grand Puissants, which was adopted.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented the following reports, which on motion, were referred to a Committee consisting of Companions TAYLOR, SPAULDING and H. S. NOBLE, being the Standing Committee on Finance; which Committee reported that they had examined said Accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and found them correct.

GRAND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

W. BARKLAY, *Grand Treasurer*,

In account with Grand Council Royal and Select Masters.

	DR.
Cash from Companion Rood per Grand Recorder	$136 77
" " " Hayden " "	85 00
" " " Grand Recorder	3 00
	$224 77

Wm. Barclay,
Grand Treasurer.

Detroit, January, 1868.

GRAND RECORDER'S ACCOUNT.

O. BOURKE, *Recorder*.

In account with Grand Council Royal and Select Masters.

	DR.	
To Pay Roll, 1867 (per list)	$ 48 00	
Free Press, printing proceedings	93 00	
" " Return blanks	15 00	
Recorder's fees, one dispensation	5 00	
W. V. Griffith, as voted	10 00	
Recorder's salary	10 00	
Postage, etc., as voted	5 00	
Monroe Chapter, as voted	5 00	
		$191 00

	CR.
By Monroe Council, No. 1	$ 26 00
St. Clair Council, No. 2	2 00
Pontiac Council, No. 3	12 00
Jonesville Council, No. 5	6 00
Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6	8 00
Romeo Council, No. 8	17 00
Zabud Council, No. 9	18 00
Tyre Council, No. 10	6 00
Union Council, No. 11	15 00
Ionia Council, No. 12	10 00
Sturgis Council, No. 13	4 00
Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15	8 00
Genesee Council, No. 17	15 00
Adrian Council, No. 18	21 00

Brought forward		$191 00
Niles Council, No. 19	11 00	
Mosaic Council, N. D., for Dispensation	15 00	
		194 00
Paid Grand Treasurer		$3 00

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

Detroit, January, 8th 1868.

Pay Roll Grand Council, June, 1867.

W. S. Edwards	$3 00
J. W. Champlin	3 00
E. D. Benedict	3 00
P. H. Hayden	3 00
N. T. Thurber	3 00
D. Shepard	3 00
R. W. Landon	3 00
G. H. Armstrong	3 00
D. Bovee	3 00
W. F. King	3 00
L. B. Smith	3 00
W. Walker	3 00
S. C. Munson	3 00
H. H. Wallace	3 00
A. E. Barnes	3 00
O. Bourke	3 00
	$48 00

O. Bourke
Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Manual, to whom that subject was referred, recommended the adoption of Mackey's new "Cryptic Masonry" by all Subordinates in this Jurisdiction.

E. A. Elliott,
O. Bourke,
Wm. Walker,
Committee.

Which report was accepted.

The Grand Recorder reported the names of delinquent Councils (under last year's resolution), when, on motion, the action of the Grand Council was deferred until the next Annual Convocation. Meantime they will be allowed to report to the Grand Recorder and settle up all arrearages.

On motion of Companion DARROW, it was

Resolved, That Councils chartered at this Convocation may proceed to elect their officers at the next regular meeting of such Councils.

Adopted.

On motion, the Grand Recorder was directed to publish and distribute the usual number of Proceedings of this Convocation, omitting the detailed lists of members, etc.

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

The Committee on Returns respectfully report that they have examined the Returns of the following Councils: Monroe Council, No. 1; St. Clair Council, No. 2; Pontiac Council, No. 3; River Raisin Council, No. 4; Jonesville Council, No. 5; Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6; Three Rivers Council, No. 7; Zabud Council, No. 9; Tyre Council, No. 10; Union Council, No. 11; Ionia Council, No. 12; Sturgis Council, No. 13; Hiram Council, No. 14; Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15; Hudson Council, No. 16; Genesee Council, No. 17; Adrian Council, No. 18; Niles Council, No. 19; Saginaw Council, No. 20; St. Johns Council, No. 21; and found them correct.

G. B. Noble,
J. E. Marvin,
J. J. Hogaboam,
Committee.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made their report, which was ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Grand Council proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

Companion	J. T. HAYDEN, Hillsdale	T. I. G. P.
"	O. L. SPAULDING, St. Johns	D. I. G. P.
"	J. W. CHAMPLIN, Grand Rapids	G. T. I.
"	MARK WALKER, Pontiac	G. P. C. of W.
"	WM. BARCLAY, Detroit	G. Treasurer.
"	O. BOURKE, Detroit	G. Recorder.
"	H. S. NOBLE, Monroe	G. C. G.
"	G. E. PETERS, Detroit	G. Chaplain.
"	THEO. BEAVER, Niles	G. Steward.
"	W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit	G. Sentinel.

Wo were duly installed and took their several positions in the Grand Council.

On motion of Companion TRACY, the Grand Recorder was authorized and requested to purchase at publisher's prices a sufficient number of copies of MACKEY's Manual of Cryptic Masonry, and furnish one copy to each Subordinate Council at cost.

There being no further business, the Grand Council of the State of Michigan was closed in due and ample form, the Grand Chaplain having invoked the protecting care of the Sublime Architect of the Universe, on all the Companions, to guide them in the paths of virtue and direct them in their progress during the ensuing year.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Council, adopted at the last Annual Convocation, changing the time of meeting from June to January of each year, will necessarily derange our usual number of proceedings from corresponding Grand Councils; and this year especially, we can only expect a very limited supply of material whereon to found a report. We shall, however, glean items of general interest from such proceedings as may reach us before going to press. Others will receive due acknowledgment in the Report for 1869.

CONNECTICUT.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Masonic Hall, Hartford, on the 7th of May, 1867. Seventeen Subordinates represented, showing a full list of members. M. P. Grand Master E. S. Quintard, in a brief practical address, reviewed the condition of his jurisdiction. He with pleasure announces the continued prosperity of the Craft, and the interest taken by the Subordinate Councils for the success of Cryptic Masonry among them.

Companion Wm. Storer reviews the proceedings of six correspondents only. He remarks that he would, if he thought it would do any good, indulge in a little grumbling on account of receiving returns from so few sister Grand Councils. The Grand Recorders of most of the Cryptic jurisdictions, or the mail carriers, or the postmasters, or somebody else, seem to be beyond the hope of reformation, etc. Companion Storer, we think that your correspondents are not generally to blame. For ourselves, we can confidently assert that every year we have mailed to the last Recorder on record copies of our proceedings, and are equally confident Uncle Sam has performed his duty. But even in Subordinate jurisdictions, Past Recorders have frequently thrown aside not only proceedings but *blank returns*, careless of the effect of their culpable negligence, and subversive of the best interests of Masonry.

Just see if we are not right, and you may unearth many hidden treasures.

INDIANA.

T. Ill. Companion W. W. Lee, of Meriden, was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Ill. Companion, J. K. Wheeler, of Hartford, Grand Recorder, for the ensuing year.

This Grand Council assembled in Annual Communication at Indianapolis, on 21st May, 1867. Seventeen Councils under Charter and four Councils U. D., were duly represented. M. P. Grand Master Thomas Newby granted dispensations for seven new Councils, which fact demonstrates the great increase and interest felt for the advancement of Cryptic Masonry in this State. He notices that "Pennsylvania recognizes the Super-Excellent Master's Degree, as legitimately belonging to and explanatory of Cryptic Masonry, and requires all their Subordinates to incorporate it as the Second Degree conferred therein. The States of Connecticut, New Jersey, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, have adopted that Degree, and work it under the jurisdiction of their Grand Council. In Vermont and Ohio it has been rejected." From the disposition manifested by so many GrandCouncils to incorporate it in their work, he recommends that a Committee be appointed to exemplify the same at the next communication. He congratulates his Companions on the peaceful prosperity that reigns througout his jurisdiction, the encouraging prospects of the healthy continuance of the Subordinates, and the assurance that their zeal is unabated in the work on hand.

The Committee on Correspondence review the proceedings of thirteen Grand Councils, including our own, being about one-half of all the Grand Councils, and lament not having received more. We reiterate that Grand Recorders are not to blame. Your own officials and past officials are more likely derelict in their duty.

M. P. Grand Master Thomas Pattison was elected for the next year, and our Worthy Companion William Hacker re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

Assembled at New Orleans, on 14th February, 1867. Opened in ample form by M. P. Grand Master Samuel Manning Todd. Four Chartered Councils and two U. D., were represented. The Grand Master considers it a plain matter of duty to refuse to acknowledge any Royal and Select Masters, who may have taken these Degrees in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or who give their adherence to such irregular and illegal work. During the current year he granted three new

Dispensations, and speaks well of their prosperity. The Committee acknowledge nine Correspondents, Michigan absent. No fault of ours. The Recorder has mailed every year's proceedings regularly, and regrets their non-receipt. Should Companion Sontag advise us what years he wants, we will endeavor to supply them.

M. P. Grand Master and Grand Recorder Sontag were re-elected for the next year. We wish them abundant increase, and every possible prosperity in the work.

OHIO.

Thirty-eighth Grand Communication, held at Cincinnati, 10th October, 1867. Forty-one Chartered Councils and ten U. D., represented. Cryptic Masonry is in a flourishing condition in this State. Indeed, no other jurisdiction presents such a record of prosperity and steady advancement. Grand Master Companion W. L. Cunningham very fully and clearly recapitulates the operations of the Grand Councils. Issued nine new Dispensations, and rejected two applications. A copy of an ancient Charter granted to Adoniram Council at Granville, Ohio, in the year 1828, by John Barker, K. H. S. P. R. S., Sov. Grand Inspector-General 33d. and Agent for the Supreme Council of the United States of America, possesses some interest from its antiquity and authority. He calls the attention of his Companions to the necessity of a more perfect Ritual. The so-called revised work used within the jurisdiction, aside from the unmasonic manner in which it has in most instances been disseminated, is in many particulars erroneous. Mongrel Latin derivatives have been substituted to such an extent for pure Anglo-Saxon words and phrases, as in some cases to destroy the sense and mar the beauty of the work.

The Committee on Correspondence review the proceedings of fourteen Grand Councils, including ours. Many gems culled therefrom presented a rare intellectual feast to the reader.

T. Ill. Companion Charles Brown was elected P. G. Master, and John D. Caldwell Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

Assembled at Portland, 8th May, 1867. Nine Subordinates represented The address of M. P. Grand Master Oliver Gerrish is very brief, and is of no interest to the Craft in general. The Committee on Correspondence present an array of twenty-three jurisdictions heard from, Michigan included. The calendar and other Masonic rules for ascertaining dates, etc., published by the Grand Recorder, are very useful and interesting. We heartily indorse the resolutions adopted with the view of assembling representatives to agree on a Ritual and other matters of vital interest. We know that at present a wide disagreement

exists, and if persisted in, soon a member of one jurisdiction will find it almost impossible to visit beyond his own jurisdiction. Uniformity in work is essential to the perpetuity of Masonry under any name.

M. P. Edward D. Burnham was elected Grand Master, and Ira Berry re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We have a pamphlet containing a compilation, by M. P. Grand Master Alfred Creigh, of the proceedings of the Grand Council of this State, since its organization in 1847. also proceedings of June 15th, 1867, in Pittsburg. Eighteen Councils represented. The address of this hard-working and zealous man notices the want of uniformity not only in the number of the Degrees conferred, but in their arrangement as well as in the names and titles of their principal officers, and suggests a Convention for the purpose of supplying a remedy.

He announces that during the year, besides a large amount of business incident to his office, he has visited all the Subordinate Councils of the State, and found them in a healthy and prosperous condition. In his official visits he conferred the R. M. on 125 candidates, the S. E. M. on 130, and the S. M. on 123 candidates. This Illustrious Mason, now Presiding Officer *fourteen* years, is a host in himself, and with the Committee on the Address we say, "May Heaven's choicest blessings rest upon him."

The same Eminent Grand Master Alfred Creigh was re-elected, and Charles Stolz was elected Recorder for the ensuing year. No report on Correspondence, though the proceedings of Michigan are acknowledged, amongst others.

VERMONT.

The Annual meeting of this Grand Council was held at Vergennes, 2nd October, 1867. Thirteen Councils represented, with a membership of nearly seven hundred. We congratulate the brethren on the high prosperity attained. Grand Master Squire Marcy read an exceedingly interesting address. He says: "No discordant note has come to my ear from any of our Councils. All are working with a will, and their implements are bright, indicating constant use." He refers to the introduction of the S. E. Degree in several States, and suggests some action should be taken concerning it, as in several jurisdictions "Companions cannot be admitted into their Councils, if found deficient in this degree, without violating their rules and regulations." While we know nothing of the merits or demerits of this S. E. Degree, and consequently cannot either praise or condemn it, we regret very much that our jurisdiction would, under such a rule, be excluded from the association of so many sister Councils. "Harmony" imperatively demands a settlement of this vexed question, and nothing short of a general Conference can produce so desirable result.

The Committee on Correspondence review the proceedings of fourteen States, our Michigan included, and administer a castigation to your Committee for too brief a review in 1866. Probably they will find fault for too lengthy remarks in 1867. In each case we tried to keep the Grand Council out of debt, and measured our means before printing. We assure our Vermont friends that we derive great pleasure and profit from the perusal of so many able addresses and reports, and shall try to contribute our mite to so rich a fund, provided the Grand Council sanction such a course, and no other impediment prevents.

This Grand Council re-elected M. P. Squire Marcy, of Hartland, Grand Master, and Illustrious Companion John B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington, Grand Recorder for the ensuing year.

TENNESSEE.

The proceedings of the annual convocation of this State, held in Nashville, on the 14th of October 1867, have just been received. Only twenty out of a list of thirty-nine Subordinate Councils represented. The T. I G. M. John McClelland finds no cause for special legislation in this department of Masonry. He appears, in his address, to favor the idea of having the several Chapters confer the Council Degrees after the Royal Arch, and abolish the Councils as separate organizations. Your Committee do not think that this Grand Council will coincide in his opinion, either on the score of economy or utility, and are pleased to see the Grand Council took no action on the suggestion. Here in Michigan, the steady increase of the Cryptic Order is very flattering, and its condition highly prosperous and flourishing.

The Committee on Correspondence review proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils, ours included. The report presents extracts and opinions on many subjects of much interest to the Royal Craft.

Companion William H. McLesky, of Newbern, was elected Grand Master, and Companion Charles A. Fuller, of Nashville, was re-elected Grand Recorder for the ensuing year.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

We sincerely and cordially welcome the proceedings of this new organization. It starts into life under excellent discipline and well-digested regulations. The first meeting was held at St. Johns, for "the purpose of forming a Grand Council of Rayal and Select Masters," on the 15th August 1867. The charters are derived from the State of Maine, and three Councils so chartered from the nucleus for this new body. We have reciprocated their courtesy in sending us proceedings, and entered their name among our list of correspondents, wishing them many years of uninterrupted prosperity. Several tables and other data, compiled in the appendix to their pamphlet, are very useful for reference and exhibit much research.

T. Illustrious Companion Robert Marshall, was elected the first Most

Puissant Grand Master, and R. Ill. Companion D. R. Munro, Grand Recorder.

Having thus briefly and imperfectly touched upon matters of interest prevading other jurisdictions, we desire to express the great gratification derived from a perusal of their records. One and all appear to be laboring diligently toward the accomplishment of our Masonic mission, and the furtherance of that high feeling of brotherly love and charity which should prevade every branch of our beloved Order. Alas, that occasionally some mistaken brethren forget they are Masons and the principles which bind them as such, and intrude their private opinions and prejudices within the precincts of the Sanctum Sanctorum, opening afresh wounds which charity should suffer to heal, and with utter want of even common magnanimity glory in belaboring a fallen foe. Such is not Masonry in any of its phases. Such conduct is not manly and we are safe in saying, does not meet the approbation of even a small moiety of those to whom it is addressed. The Order of Cryptic Masonry has assumed large proportions in the United States, and a high degree of prosperity reigns in nearly all the jurisdictions. There is no discord in the Secret Vault. Willing hands labor to complete the glorious wrok so happily begun. Let us not grow weary in well doing. The harvest truly is plenteous. The reward laid up for the faithful passes all human understanding. The All-seeing Eye directs us in our ways, and guides us in paths of virtue. Let us aspire to obtain the recompense of reward prepared for the faithful in mansions of eternal bliss.

We now desire to say farewell to all our esteemed co-laborers in other jurisdictions. Should a kind, protecting Providence permit us in another year to take you by the hand it will afford abundant happiness to peruse your bright pages, and gather thoughts always instructive and full of kindness, firmly fixed in Faith, confident in Hope, and overflowing with Charity.

O. BOURKE,
For the Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

THE GRAND COUNCIL

—OF—

Royal and Select

MASTERS

—Of The—

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

HELD AT DETROIT,

Wednesday, January 13th, 1869.



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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 1869.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, held their Eleventh Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, Detroit, on Wednesday, the 13th of January, 1869, at 12 o'clock M.

Present :

Companion	JOHN CLARK, P. T. I., as	T. I. G. P.
"	EDWARD A. ELLIOTT, P. T. I., as	D. I. G. P.
"	DAVID BOVEE, P. T. I., as	G. T. I.
"	MARK WALTER	G. P. C. of W.
"	WM. BARCLAY	G Treasurer.
"	O. BOURKE	G. Recorder.
"	H. S. NOBLE	G. C. G.
"	G. E. PETERS	G. Chaplain.
"	THEO. G. BEAVER,	G. Steward.
"	W. V. GRIFFITH	G. Sentinel.

A large attendance of visitors, past officers, and a full representation from nearly all the Subordinate Councils, were present.

The Grand Recorder having reported that a constitutional number of delegates were in attendance, the Grand Council

of Michigan was opened in ample form, the Ill. Grand Chaplain invoking the blessing of Heaven on the Companions, and praying for an outpouring of *wisdom* from on High to guide their deliberations; strength to withstand the many trials and temptations to which they are exposed in their earthly pilgrimage; and the *beauty* of virtue and holiness to adorn their lives and conversation, reflecting the radiance of that heavenly, effulgent light, whose smile illumes all the works of creation, dispels the gloom produced by sin and transgression, and points to that final recompense of reward where all is *beauty* and "*holiness to the Lord.*"

The Thrice Illustrious appointed the following Companions a Committee on Credentials: W. P. INNIS, D. B. TRACEY, and J. COWLING.

Pending their investigations, the Grand Council was called from labor until 7 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Council resumed labor at the appointed hour, when the Committee on Credentials reported the following members and delegates entitled to seats: Grand Officers of the Grand Council, Past T. I. G. Puissants, and the representatives of Subordinate Councils, of which the subjoined is a detailed list:

PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS:

Companion	J. T. HAYDEN	T. I. G. P.
"	O. L. SPAULDING	D. T. I. G. P.
"	J. W. CHAMPLIN	G. T. I.
"	M. WALTER	G. P. C. W.
"	WM. BARCLAY	G. Treasurer.
"	O. BOURKE	G. Recorder.
"	H. S. NOBLE	G. C. G.
"	G. E. PETERS	G. Chaplain.
"	T. G. BEAVER	G. Steward.
"	W. V. GRIFFITH	G. Sentinel.
Companion	F. DARROW	P. T. I. G. P.
"	J. CLARK	P. T. I. G. P.
"	D. B. TRACEY	P. T. I. G. P.

Companion E. A. ELLIOTT..... P. T. I. G. P.
" D. BOVEE..... .....P. T. I. G. P.
" W. S EDWARDS.....P. T. I. G. P.

MONROE COUNCIL, NO. 1.

Companion E. A. ELLIOTT.....T. I. G. M.
" W. A. CARPENTER... ..... D. I. G. M.
" J. J. RHODES..... .....P. C. W.

ST. CLAIR COUNCIL, NO. 2.

Companion JOHN CLARK T. I. G. M. and Representative of Council.

PONTIAC COUNCIL, NO. 3.

[Not represented.]

RIVER RAISIN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

Companion A. I. SAWYER.....T. I. G. M.
" JOSEPH CLARK.....D. I. G. M.
" H. S. NOBLE .....P. C. W.

JONESVILLE COUNCIL, NO. 5.

Companion C. S. SPAULDING.....Representative of Council.

MT. MORIAH COUNCIL, NO. 6.

Companion DAVID BOVEE.....Representative of Council.

THREE RIVERS COUNCIL, NO. 7.

Companion JOHN COWLING.....T. I. G. M.
" J. M. BATEMAN.....D. I. G. M.
" T. G. GREEN.....P. C. W.

ROMEO COUNCIL, NO. 8.

Companion ABIJAH PALMER.....Representative of Council.

ZABUD COUNCIL, NO. 9.

Companion WM. BROWN..... .....T. I. G. M.
" EDWARD COX..... .....D. I. G. M.
" MARK SHAFER..... ....P. C. W.

TYRE COUNCIL, NO. 10.

Companion CHAS. H. JOHNSON.....T. I. G. M.
" J. W. SMITH.....D. I. G. M.
" WM. P. INNES.... .....Proxy for P. C. W.

UNION COUNCIL, NO. 11.

Companion E. BOGARDUS.....T. I. G. M.
" J. E. MARVIN.....D. I. G. M.
" W. BABCOCK..... .....P. C. W.

IONIA COUNCIL, NO. 12.

Companion P. H. TAYLOR.....T. I. G. M.
" A. W. DODGE.....D. I. G. M.
" E. P. WORDEN.....P. C. W.

STURGIS COUNCIL, NO. 13.

Companion HOMER DUNN.....Representative of Council.

HIRAM COUNCIL, NO. 14.

Companion H. A. TILLOTSON.....T. I. G. M.
" J. B. WARNER.....D. I. G. M.
" GEO. BARRETT.....P. C. W.

MT. ARARAT COUNCIL, NO. 15.

Companion T. M. SILVER.....T. I. G. M.
" J. J. LONG.....D. I. G. M.
" D. W. C. PECK.....P. C W.

HUDSON COUNCIL, NO. 16.

Companion C. H. PUTNAM.....T. I. G. M.
" CHAS. LOWE.....D. I. G. M.
" O. A. SUMNER.....P. C. W.

GENESEE COUNCIL, NO. 17.

Companion D. H BAKER.....T. I. G. M.
" WM SMITH.....D. I. G. M.
" D. W. WILMOT.....P. C. W.

ADRIAN COUNCIL, NO. 18.

Companion O. F. GREGORY.....T. I. G. M.
" S. HURLBUT.....D. I. G. M.
" L. W. HEATH.....P. C. W.

NILES COUNCIL, NO. 19.

[No returns.]

SAGINAW COUNCIL, NO. 20.

Companion W. L. WILBUR.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" F. E. HOYT.....D. I. G. M.
" G. C. WARNER.....P. C. W.

ST. JOHNS COUNCIL, NO. 21.

Companion O. L. SPAULDING.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.

MOSAIC COUNCIL, NO. 22.

Companion D. B TRACEY.....T. I. G. M. and Rep. of Council.

PORTLAND COUNCIL, NO. 23.

Companion GEORGE HILL.....T. I. G. M.
" R. H. SCHOFIELD.....D. I. G. M.
" B. F. WILLEY. .....P. C. W.

COUNCILS NOS. 24, 25, 26, 27.

[Under dispensation.]

WM. P. INNIS,
D. B. TRACY,
JNO. COWLING,
Committee.

The Thrice Illustrious appointed the following regular standing Committees:

On Jurisprudence:

Companions ELLIOTT, WEBBER and PUTNAM.

On Returns:

Companions RHODES, MARVIN and BAKER.

On Finance:

Companions INNES, MONROE and W. BROWN.

On Foreign Correspondence:

Companions BOURKE, DUNN and BLOSSER.

On Charters and Dispensations:

Companions EDWARDS, SPRAGUE and PALMER.

In the absence of Thrice Ill. Companion JOSEPH T. HAYDEN, the Grand Recorder read the Annual address of that officer to the Grand Council, as follows:

Companions of the Grand Council:

By permission of our Supreme Grand Master, we are again permitted to meet in the S. V., to offer up to Him our thanksgivings for the blessings we enjoy, and to draw designs upon the Trestle Board for the government of the Craft.

All is in security. Let us therefore enter upon our work with the determination to discharge our duty to the Craft, leaving the results with Him who doeth all things well.

I have been unable to visit all the Councils in this Jurisdiction during the year. It has been my privilege to visit some

of them, and from what I have seen, and from the reports of Illustrious Companions in various parts of the State, I am happy to report that Cryptic Masonry is in a healthy and prosperous condition. Not a discordant note has reached me. All are at peace and practicing charity. From all parts of the quarries can be heard the stroke of the hammer and the sound of the chisel. All are working with a will.

In March last I received a petition from Companions J. D. VANDUYN, J. W. SCOTT, PETER F. BLOSSER, H. C. CALHOUN, L. HOLATING, ARTHUR CASE, M. C. DAWES, IRA C. HAIGHT and E. R. CRAFTS, accompanied by a recommendation from Adrian Council, No. 18, for a Council to be located at Manchester, Washtenaw county, to be called Adoniram Council, No. 24. I granted a Dispensation, and issued my proxy to Illustrious Companion W. F. KING to constitute them in due form, its officers to consist of Illustrious Companions J. D. VANDUYN as T. I. G. M.; J. W. SCOTT, D. I. G. M.; and P. F. BLOSSER, P. C. of W.

In June last I received a petition from Companions C. C. FULLER, C. GAY, W. J. LATTIMER, F. E. NELSON, J. F. GANWEILEN, G. F. STERNS, J. BIGELOW, B. E. HUTCHISON, and E. O. ROSE, accompanied by recommendation from Tyre Council, No. 10, for a Council to be located at Big Rapids, Mecosta county, to be called King Solomon Council, No. 25. I granted a Dispensation, and issued my proxy to G. T. I. J. W. CHAMPLIN, who constitued them in due form.

On the 14th of July, 1868, upon the recommendation of Adrian Council, No. 18, I issued a Dispensation to W. G. TUTTLE, T. I. G. M.; ANDREW ROBINSON, D. I. G. M., and JOHN TYRELL, P. C. of W., and a requisite number of Companions, to form and open a Council of R. and S. Masters at Clinton, Lenawee county, to be called Clinton Council, No. 26. Illustrious Companion KING constituted this Council in due form.

From reports received, all these Councils are doing good

work, and I have no doubt they will give a good account of their stewardship.

At the last Annual session of this Body a Charter was granted to Portland Council, No. 23, and on the day of it was duly constituted, and its officers installed, by Dep. T. I. G. P. O. L. SPAULDING.

A Charter was also granted to Mosaic Council, No. 22, and on the day of its officers were duly installed by Illustrious Companion

In many of our sister Grand Councils the subject of the degree of Super-Excellent Master has been taken up and thoroughly discussed. Thirteen of our sister Grand Councils have adopted it, viz: Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kansas, Tennessee, New York, Massachusetts, Iowa and Louisiana. It has made rapid progress the last year, and I have no doubt that the day is not far distant when this degree will be conferred in every Grand Council Jurisdiction in the United States. I would therefore earnestly recommend that a committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to obtain the Degree and Ritual, and that they be requested to exemplify the work on this Degree before the Grand Council at our next Annual session.

I would also recommend that after this session of this Grand Body, no Charter for a Council be granted for a less sum than twenty-five dollars, fifteen dollars of this to be paid when a Dispensation is granted.

At the Annual Grand Council of Maine, held in May, 1867, a resolution was adopted calling for a convention of R. and S. Masters, to be held at St. Louis on the third Tuesday of September, 1868, to devise measures to effect a uniformity of Work, Ritual, etc. This Grand Council, at its last Annual session, having unintentionally omitted to appoint a representative, and having a desire to promote the interest of the Craft,

I appointed Illustrious Companion T. A. FLOWER as the representative from this Grand Council; but, for reasons unknown to him, there was no session of this convention.

And now, Companions, allow me to express the hope that we may all be enabled to perform our whole duty to the Craft and the Brotherhood of Man. May we be always vigilant; never sleeping at our post; guarding every thought, word and action; deaf to every insinuation that tends to lessen our respect for a Companion; dumb to the world without of his faults and foibles, yet never forgetting to give them good council and aid them in reformation. Then, when we have wrought our regular hours here below, and the grim intruder, Death, shall invade our most retired apartments, with joy shall we obey the summons of the Grand Warden of Heaven, and go from our labors on earth to everlasting rest in the Paradise of God.

JOSEPH T. HAYDEN,
Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant.

On motion of Companion INNES, the address was accepted and referred to a special committee to apportion, which committee consists of Companions INNES, ELLIOTT and SPRAGUE.

On motion of Companion BOURKE,

Resolved, That all Royal and Select Masters in good and regular Masonic standing be invited to attend the Convocation of this Grand Council.

A petition was received from a constitutional number of Royal and Select Masters at Pentwater, Oceana county, praying for letter of Dispensation, or a warrant of constitution, empowering them to hold a legal Council at that place. The petition was duly recommended by Tyre Council, No. 10, at Grand Rapids, who unanimously resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted.

On motion, the subject was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Companion WEBBER presented his credentials as proxy for the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant.

The amendment to the Constitution, Sec. iv, Art. 1, changing the time for the Annual meeting of the Grand Council, as proposed by Companion NOBLE in 1868, and laid over under the rules, was taken up, discussed, and the amendment adopted.

Under this amendment, the time for the Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Michigan hereafter will be on *Monday* preceding the second Wednesday of January, and the hour seven o'clock P. M. Subordinates will please take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

The Committee on the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant's Address, reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant for division would respectfully beg leave to report that they have performed that duty, and respectfully recommend that so much of the address as refers to Charters and Dispensations be referred to that committee.

That so much as refers to the degree of Superexcellent Master be referred to a select committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair, to report to this Grand Body.

That so much of the address as refers to the raising the fees for charters to be referred to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. P. INNES,
E. SPRAGUE,
E. A. ELLIOTT,
Committee.

The report of the Committee was accepted and adopted. The portion thereof referring to the Superexcellent Degree was referred to a select committee consisting of Companions INNES, TRACEY and JACOBS.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made their report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted, to wit:

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

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report that they have examined the necessary papers and find them

correct, and would respectfully recommend that charters be granted, to be called as follows: Adoniram Council, No. 24, at Manchester; King Solomon Council, No. 25, at Big Rapids; Clinton Council, No. 26, at Clinton; Oceana Council, No. 27, at Pentwater.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. S. EDWARDS,
E. SPRAGUE,
Committee.

The select committee appointed on the subject of the Super-excellent Degree made the following report, which was accepted, and, on motion, adopted :

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant, treating upon the Degree of Super-excellent Master, beg leave respectfully to report that, in accordance with his suggestion, they recommend the reference of the whole subject to a select committee of five, to be appointed by the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant, to obtain the degree from such authentic source as may be, on inquiry, deemed satisfactory, and to exemplify the work thereof before this Grand Body at its next annual Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. INNES,
D. B. TRACY,
NATH. P. JACOBS,
Committee.

And Companions W. P. INNES, D. B. TRACEY, N. P. JACOBS, DAVID BOVEE and J. P. FISKE were selected a committee of five to procure the work and exemplify it at the next annual convention.

The Committee on Finance made the following report. On motion, it was accepted and adopted :

Your committee, to whom was referred that part of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant's address recommending the increase of fee for the charters of Councils have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully recommend that hereafter the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25) be charged for charters, fifteen dollars ($15) to be paid on

the granting of the Dispensation, and the balance on the granting of the charter.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. P. INNES,
GEO. C. MUNRO,
WM. BROWN,
Committee.

On motion of Companion INNES,

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder return to the Subordinate Councils any returns which are incorrect or informal, for revision.

Resolved, That the representatives of Councils under dispensation be permitted to cast the vote of their respective Councils for Grand Officers, and on other questions have the same privileges as chartered Councils.

On motion, the Grand Council of Michigan was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

JANUARY 14—9 A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, T. I. G. Puissant called the Grand Council to labor at the appointed time.

On motion,

Resolved, That all Subordinate Councils receiving charters at the present convocation of the Grand Council, are authorized to hold meetings for the election of officers at any time after the present annual assembly.

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the several returns of the following Councils, respectfully report that they find the same correct, so far as money is concerned, but they discover several irregularities in signing returns, reports of elections and other details, as notified below:

Monroe Council, No. 1, correct.
St. Clair Council, No. 2, correct.
River Raisin Council, No. 4, no seal.
Jonesville Council, No. 5, correct.
Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6, correct.
Three Rivers Council, No. 7, correct.
Romeo Council, No. 8, no seal.
Zabud Council, No. 9, correct.

Tyre Council, No. 10, correct.
Union Council, No. 11, correct.
Ionia Council, No. 12, no Companions but officers reported.
Sturgis Council, No. 13, correct.
Hiram Council, No. 14, no seal or report of election.
Mt, Ararat Council, No. 15, correct.
Hudson Council, No. 16, correct.
Genesee Council, No. 17, no report of election.
Adrian Council, No. 18, no report of election.
Saginaw Council, No. 20, correct.
St. Johns Council, No. 21, correct.
Mosaic Council, No. 22, correct.
Portland Council, No. 23, correct.

All of which is respectfully reported.

D. H. BAKER,
J. E. MARVIN,
J. J. RHODES,
Committee.

NOTE—Several of those irregularities have since been corrected, and hereafter it is hoped Recorders will see the blanks properly filled, the Seal (if any) affixed—every Council should have a Seal—and the lists of officers and members plainly and legibly written in detail, giving separately a list of Companions admitted since last returns. If such returns are not carefully and properly made, they are totolly useless as records, or for statistical purposes. A summary statement could with very little trouble be made by the Recorder giving the aggregate Number of Members, Exaltations, Admissions, Demissions, Deaths, Expulsions, Suspensions, Reinstatements and Rejections. Such a list in each individual case could be made with little trouble, and it would enable the Grand Recorder to preserve and publish a useful Compendium. The attention of Subordinate Recorders is earnestly and fraternally requested.

GRAND RECORDER.

The Committee on Finance reported that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, annexed, and find them correct, according to the books and vouchers. That there is a balance due the Grand Recorder of $46.57, for which they recommend a warrant should be drawn in his favor on the Grand Treasurer.

The report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

GRAND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

W. BARCLAY, *Grand Treasurer*,

In account with Grand Council Royal and Select Masters.

DR.

1868.

January. Cash on hand at date.....$224 77

W. BARCLAY,

Detroit, January, 1869. Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S ACCOUNT.

O. BOURKE, *Grand Recorder.*

In account with Grand. Council Royal and Select Masters.

	DR.	
To Pontiac Council, No. 3	$4 00	
Three Rivers Council, No. 4	6 00	
Jonesville Council, No. 5	9 00	
Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6	11 00	
Three Rivers Council, No. 7	26 00	
Romeo Council, No. 8	1 00	
Zabud Council, No. 9	7 00	
Union Council, No. 11	7 00	
Ionia Council, No. 12	9 00	
Sturgis Council, No. 13	6 00	
Hudson Council, No. 16	9 00	
Adrian Council, No. 18	2 00	
Niles Council, No. 19	3 00	
Saginaw Council, No. 20	38 00	
St. Johns Council, No. 21	25 00	
Portland Council, No. 23 for Charter	15 00	
Manchester Council, No. 24 for Dispensation	15 00	
Big Rapids Council, No. 25, for Dispensation	15 00	
Clinton Council, No. 26, for Dispensation	15 00	
Received for three copies "Cryptic Masonry"	4 65	
Received for one copy "Cryptic Masonry"	1 55	
Received for one copy "Manchester"	1 75	
Received for one copy "Monroe, No. 1"	1 56	
		$232 51
Balance due Grand Recorder		46 57
		$279 08

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By Pay Roll, 1868	$ 68 00	
W. V. Griffith, per receipt	10 00	
Monroe Chapter, as voted	5 00	
Grand Recorder	25 00	
Recorder's fee, one Charter	5 00	
Recorder's fee, three dispensations	15 00	
Postage and stationery	10 00	
Clark & Maynard's bill	45 00	
Express charges on books	1 00	
Postage, and distributing same	3 00	
Free Press, bill for printing	92 00	
		$279 09

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

PAY ROLL GRAND COUNCIL, JANUARY, 1868.

A. B. Cudworth	$3 00
J. P. Foster	3 00
A. J. Sawyer	3 00
W. M. Ransom	3 00
D. Bovee	3 00
W. Brown	3 00
J. E. Marvin	3 00
P. H. Taylor	3 00
W. A. Kent	3 00
J. J. Hogabaum	3 00
J. W. Finch	2 00
T. G. Beaver	3 00
George C. Warner	3 00
O. L. Spaulding	3 00
F. Darrow	3 00
G. B. Noble	3 00
D. B. Tracy	3 00
E. A. Elliott	3 00
W. S. Edwards	3 00
W. Walker	3 00
J. T. Hayden	3 00
J. W. Champlin	3 00
G. E. Peters	3 00
	$68 00

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Council be held in Masonic Hall, Detroit.

The Grand Recorder reported that in compliance with the wish of the Grand Council, he had purchased from the publishers, thirty copies of "Cryptic Masonry," and distributed the same to every Council in the State; that not having been yet paid for all, he would defer reporting delinquents until next session of the Grand Council.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder publish and distribute the usual or necessary number of copies of these Proceedings, and mail same to correspondents, Subordinate Councils, Grand Officers and others, as heretofore.

Resolved, That the Sentinel be paid $10, Monroe Chapter $5, and the Grand Recorder $25, for services and rent of rooms. Also, that the thanks of this Grand Council are hereby voted to Union Lodge of Strict Observance, for their great and prompt kindness in giving the Council the use of their hall when crowded out of the usual Council Chamber by the Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was, on motion, ordered printed with the proceedings, as usual.

The Grand Council then proceeded to ballot for officers to serve during the ensuing year, with the following result:

Companion	CHARLES H. PUTNAM, Hudson	T. I. G. P.
"	O. L. SPAULDING, St. Johns	D. I. G. P.
"	EZRA SPRAGUE, Grand Rapids	G. T. I.
"	H. S. NOBLE, Monroe	G. P. C. W.
"	W. BARCLAY, Detroit	G. Treasurer.
"	O. BOURKE, Detroit	G. Recorder.
"	J. E. MARVIN, Ypsilanti	G. C. of G.
"	G. E. PETERS, Detroit	G. Chaplain.
"	CHARLES LOWE, Hudson	G. Steward.
"	W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit	G. Sentinel.

The officers elect were duly installed in proper form, and conducted to their several positions in the Grand Council, with the usual honors.

No Companion having any further business to bring before the Grand Council, the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant proceeded to close the same in due and Ample Form, the Grand Chaplain having invoked the protecting care of the Great I AM, to be extended to all the Companions during the prosecution of their journey; finally, having "fought the good fight," having "finished their course," having "kept the faith," they may obtain the "Crown of Glory" promised to the faithful from the foundation of the world; and

"May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us. Amen. So mote it be."

(A true record.) O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

NOTE—Recorders of Subordinate Councils are requested in future to furnish a detailed list of ALL the members, and affix the consecutive number opposite each name.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondence would respectfully report:

Since last addressing your Grand Body, we have with pleasure perused the proceedings of fourteen other State Grand Councils, affording ample resources from which to elaborate a report; but a work of this kind must necessarily be circumscribed, and although as a choice we should cull liberally from the labors of our fraters, we do not think such a course would be either useful or acceptable. Therefore, we touch on points of prominent interest only, endeavoring to make our extracts readable, and suited to the object of such a report. We pursue our accustomed order of alphabetical arrangement regarding priority. First is

ALABAMA.

Annual assembly was held in the city of Montgomery on 4th December, 1867. Nineteen Councils represented. We find on the roll of Subordinates fifty-two numbers. Many doubtless have long since passed away, and sad havoc must have swept the ranks of an army once so numerous. Grand Puissant EUGENE V. LEVERT issues a very brief address. He reports but little of an official character or duties performed by him. The following allusions to a very afflictive occurrence, and his christian resignation admonitions to his Companions, are worthy of reproduction and imitation:

"During the year which has elapsed since our last assembly, we have witnessed many scenes calculated to depress and afflict us; the unsettled political state of the country, the blighted harvest, the great scarcity of provisions, the depreciated currency of the country, and impoverished condition of our citizens, together with the ravages of death—all, all conspire to fill us with gloom. Among the victims of death we have to lament the untimely loss of our respected and venerated P. G. P. James B. Harrison, who was murdered on the highway while returning home from his place of business to his residence. This mysterious dispensation of a wise Providence we shall not attempt to scrutinize; but, assured that the Judge of the earth will do right, while we feel most keenly this sad bereavement, we bow without a murmur to the stroke. Our hearts should glow with gratitude, that through all the scenes of afflictions and privations which have fallen to our lot, and in the midst of danger, disease and death, we have been preserved, and are premitted to assemble again in this sacred retreat, consecrated to Freedom, Harmony and Love. Here, withdrawn from the scrutiny of vulgar curiosity, we may throw off all unnecessary restraint, and indulge that free interchange of thought and cordial kindness, to which the outer world is a stranger, and which, indeed, is to be found nowhere but in this sacred retirement."

The report on correspondence, from the pen of the Grand Recorder DANIEL SAYRE, reviews the proceedings of twelve Grand Councils, ours included. We hardly can spare the time to translate terms or names for the edification of our quizzical companion. Companion DRUMMOND, of Maine, can probably furnish a key, having passed the probationary stages of the same disease, but in worse form. We really do not attach great consequence as to whether a congregation of persons shall be called a meeting, an assembly, or a convocation. Grand Puissant EUGENE LEVERT and Grand Recorder DANIEL SAYRE were severally re-elected.

ARKANSAS.

The ninth annual assembly was held at Little Rock on the 14th of November, 1868. Sixteen Subordinates represented. The proceedings are exceedingly brief, and possess scarcely an item of general interest. No address from the Grand Master, and no report on correspondence. We don't know but it is just as well. M. P. H. FLANAGAN was re-elected Grand Mas-

ter, and W. D. BLOCHER Grand Recorder. Here is a flagrant violation against the sensitiveness of Alabama on nomenclatures. We follow the names they choose, acceding their right to select.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The annual meeting was held at Wilmington, 5th June, 1868. Five Councils, including one under Dispensation, were represented. The Order in this State appears rather weak, and the work done very limited. No address from the presiding officer, nor report by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We trust next year to have a much enlarged field to select from.

Companion THOS. B. CARR was elected M. P. G. M., and Companion H. H. MUNSON re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

Grand annual assembly at Springfield on the 8th of October 1868. The address of T. I. G. P. DANIEL G. BURR, is almost entirely of local interest, referring to operations within their own jurisdiction. Reference is made to the proposed Convention at St. Louis to revise the work, which, however, never was held, and that much discussed and vexed question is still undisposed of, and probably will remain so till future generations shall find out the right. We think that in Michigan our work is pretty perfect, and are opposed to innovations or so-called improvements in this as in all other branches of Masonry. They engender confusion, and rob the institution of one of its principal attractions—*antiquity*. Masonry cannot be improved by outside tinsel or gilded ornament; the internals, not the externals, are its vital principles. Only twenty-three out of a list of thirty-five Councils are reported represented, with a total membership of 1,319. The report on correspondence, from the very able pen of Illustrious Companion J. C. REYNOLDS, reviews the proceedings of sixteen States, Michigan included. Our worthy Companion proposes a new tabular nomenclature for officers of Grand and Subordinate bodies. Perhaps they

will be adopted. They certainly possess the merit of simplicity. Thrice Illustrious Companion JOHN M. PIERSON was elected Grand Puissant, and Illustrious Companion JOHN C. REYNOLDS re-elected Grand Recorder for the ensuing year.

INDIANA.

Thirteenth annual communication was held at Fort Wayne, 20th October, 1868. We can find no report from the Committee on Credentials, therefore are unable to say how many Subordinates were represented. We fine a tabular statement of the work of the several Councils, from which the total number of active Subordinates is 27, with a membership of 1,003, and showing an increase since last report of 286.

The Grand Master's address contains a very brief reference, in lieu of a Report on Correspondence, to the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, including our own. He finds Cryptic Masonry everywhere harmonious and prosperous. In some quarters the Super-excellents are agitating and creating some discord. He does not recommend its adoption, leaving the question to the Grand Council. This excellent officer republishes Companion DRUMMOND'S titular list, which certainly looks more curious the oftener we see it, and while the use of those zodaical synonysms may be perfectly innocuous, they are positively too cabalistic for the advanced civilization of our republican institutions, and may by jaundiced eyes be construed to belong to the Ku Klux, woman's rights, or some other dark lantern organization. We most sincerely hope the sensitiveness of our valued correspondents will soon be spared the infliction of translating those discordant affixes, which should be abolished at one fell swoop.

Companion THOMAS PATTISON was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. JOHN M. BRAMWORTH Grand Recorder for the ensuing year.

IOWA.

Our "Western" (?) neighbor and much esteemed correspondent is welcome to our mental board. We can clasp the

fraternal hand of a kindred spirit with charity and benevolence as wide as his extensive and fertile prairies. In such company it is glorious and pleasant to dwell in unity. But pardon our fervent digression from dry statistics and formal courtesies. To resume the sterotyped form, we announce to all inquiring minds that the "Most Puissant Grand Council of the State of Iowa" convened in Des Moines on the 19th October, 1868. Eight subordinates, including one U. D., were represented. We find, by adding up the number of members of the Order, 270. Grand Master WOODWARD presents an epitome of his doings within the past year, and makes some happy and appropriate remarks suited to the occasion. We make an extract, which well expresses a thought frequently presented in experience to the eye of the writer. The subject deserves careful reflection. The result anticipated is undoubted, and whoever desires to perpetuate Cryptic Masonry as a distinct and component part of our Masonic fabric, must take heed to preserve its place in the regular order of degrees, and not use it as an appendix, which may or may not be received, at the whim of each person progressing:

The history of Cryptic Masonry in our Jurisdiction for the past year is uneventful and of little importance, save as it suggests the necessity of prompt and radical legislation, in order to infuse new life into our Councils. The retired situation in which they grow hides them from the eye of the Masonic traveler, whose aim, in these days, appears to be to pass as rapidly as possible through the avenues of our Mystic Temple, rather than to explore its hidden recesses and search out its beauties. As long as the degrees of Royal and Select Master are conferred in independent Councils, and are not made a requisite qualification for the reception of either the Royal Arch or the Red Cross, there will be sleeping guards among the arches, and labor in the secret vault can not progress. That this is not the fault of our Jurisdiction is shown by the position they hold in other States, in many of which they are under the protection of the Chapters, or made an item of suitable proficiency in the Commanderies. The hot haste of our neophytes of the present day to climb the Masonic ladder will invariably lead them to neglect such degrees as are considered of secondary importance, or placed in secondary positions. It is beyond doubt that the Cryptic degrees must be placed in the regular line of Masonic pro-

motion, or sooner or later expire. Their present *status* is anomalous, and is not sustained by their history or their symbolism and the Grand Councils, in which their organization is preserved, are little more than nurseries of empty honors.

"In this view of their condition, and with an earnest desire to achieve the greatest possible good from the Cryptic degrees, by securing for them the largest possible prosperity, I recommend that, if they cannot be placed in the regular line of Masonic promotion, that we take the necessary steps to surrender our State organizations, and restore the degrees to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters, or the A. and A. rite, to which they originally belonged, and which still has jurisdiction over them."

The report on correspondence, from the accomplished and facile pen of our esteemed frater, W. B. LANGRIDGE, is a document of more than ordinary merit. He warns Masons to prepare for a second Morgan raid, and forsees evil brooding among the "aggressive religionists," who are never satisfied unless others look through their jaundiced eyes. Companion Recorder, we owe you one for the handsome and undeserved compliment paid our hurried and feeble efforts. We are not egotistic, but always speak candidly as we feel, and responsive breasts beating in unison with ours will inspire new energy into our Masonic labors of love, and incite perseverence in the beautiful motto, "Peace on earth, and good will towards men."

Illustrious Companion JOSEPH A. HEORSCH was elected Most Puissant Grand Master, and, of course, Illustrious Companion W. B. LANGRIDGE was re-elected Grand Recorder for the ensuing year. Until our next meeting, *vale!*

KANSAS.

We sincerely greet this acquisition to our band of brotherhood. A convention of delegates from the several Councils of Royal and Select Masters met in the City of Leavenworth on the 11th December, 1867, for the purpose of organiziug-Thrice Illustrious RICHARD K. KEES was chosen chairman, and Thrice Illustrious OWEN A. BASSETT secretary.

On the 12th, three Councils being represented, a Grand Council was opened in ample form. A constitution and code of by-laws were adopted, and the following elected: As M. P. Grand Master, Companion RICHARD K. KEES, and for Recorder, Companion OTTO C. BERLER.

We have cursorily looked over the foundation of this new Council, and have much pleasure in noticing a close adherence to the ancient landmarks. We wish them every possible prosperity, and every successive cycle shall watch with gratification a healthy, rapid and prosperous growth, but admonish care in selecting good materials. Employ none but good workmen—well-tried, true and trusty men.

KENTUCKY.

Grand annual communication was held at Louisville on the 23d October, 1867. Sixteen Subordinates were represented, with a large list of members, showing a rapid and prosperous advance in this branch of Masonry since the war. We are informed the Grand Puissant gave a neat and concise address, but the text is not printed, preventing us from gleaning from its pages. We have, however, a report on Foreign Correspondence, compiled with considerable care from the proceedings of thirteen correspondents, and quoting liberally from their records, our own included.

Companion PHILIP SWIGERT was elected Grand Puissant, and Companion A. G. HODGES Grand Recorder for the ensuing year. The Grand Council of this State, once so prosperous, and numbering over forty Subordinates, bears evidence of again ere long resuming its superiority, and occupying one of the highest positions among the constellation of the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters.

LOUISIANA.

The thirteenth assembly of this Grand Council assembled in the city of New Orleans, on the 13th of February, 1868. Six Councils represented, numbering four hundred and thirty-six

members. The address of Grand Master SAMUEL M. TODD refers principally to matters relating to his jurisdiction. He does not view favorably the effort to introduce the Super-excellent degree, which he says there is hardly a doubt was manufactured at a comparatively recent date in Massachusetts. Comp. H. R. SWASEY, for the Committee on Correspondence, acknowledges receipt of the proceedings of fourteen Grand Councils, including Michigan, and leaving the beaten track of alluding to each separately, has selected under three headings subjects of interest to that jurisdiction, namely, "Uniformity of Work," "Change of Jurisdiction," and the "S. E. Master's Degree," the latter of which is recommended, but the Grand Council did not adopt the accompanying resolution until the report of the committee on that subject was read, when it was unanimously resolved that it be accepted as a legitimate Council degree, and Illustrious Companion JOSEPH P. HORNER then and there, by request, conferred it on thirty-three Companions of the Grand Council. Quick work. Being as yet in the dark, we know nothing about it, and consequently cannot approve or disapprove. Companion J. Q. A. FELLOWS was elected Grand Master, and Companion GUSTAVUS SONTAG re-elected Grand Recorder for the ensuing year.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The annual convocation was held in the city of Boston on the 11th December, 1867. Nine Subordinates represented, two of which were U. D. Total list of members eight hundred and ninety-one, of which Boston Council has three hundred and seventy-four, probably the largest in the United States. The address of Grand Master WILLIAM P. ANDERSON refers entirely to the various Subordinates, the work and position of each, and other subjects of purely local interest. He announces the Order in that jurisdiction as prosperous, and anticipates a very brilliant future, which no doubt will be fully realized. The report on correspondence, from the pen of Companion E. B. MOON, M. D., reviews the proceedings of twelve correspondents, our own included. His work is well

and elaborately done. Had our friend received the deserved number, twenty-eight, he would fill a very big book, but his report is an ably one, and amply compensates for the brevity of the transactions.

M. P. CHARLES EDWARD POWERS was elected Grand Master, and Companion SOLON THORNTON Grand Recorder. The constitution and other appendices are well arranged and compiled, and furnish all necessary forms; and finally, the arrangement of the work is exceedingly creditable, and worthy of the accomplished Grand Recorder. We extend our hearty good will to this Grand Council, and hope on again opening its fair pages to see a largely increased membership, and full ranks of all the Subordinates.

MAINE.

This Grand Council assembled in Portland on the 6th of May, 1868. Eleven Councils represented, with a membership of 400. The Order appears to be highly prosperous in this State.

The address of Grand Master EDWARD P. BURNHAM reviews the condition of the several Subordinates. His suggestion relative to taking the Council degrees in regular order, before joining a Commandery, are *apropos*, and we think would have a good effect. The report on correspondence, from the fertile brain of our esteemed Companion JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, displays his usual ability, and, like all his productions, is one of the most exhaustive and best we peruse. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-four correspondents, a very large number, Michigan among them, and we thank Companion DRUMMOND for his handsome compliment. We make an extract or two:

"SUPEREXCELLENT DEGREE.—This has made rapid progress during the year. The two new Grand Councils—one in the East and the other in the West—have adopted it. Louisiana, after full investigation and exemplification, has adopted it by an unanimous vote. Ohio last year decided against it, but this year reversed her action so far as to recognize the degree, to be conferred as an honorary degree. Iowa

and Vermont have it under consideration, to report next year. Indiana, not being able to exemplify the work, declines to express an opinion. Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee confess that they know nothing about it; and the latter, in accordance with the old maxim, holds that anything unknown must be horrible, and therefore inclines against it. It is recognized by Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Louisiana Ohio, Kansas, and New Brunswick. Missouri and others favor an investigation. And it is a most significant fact that those who oppose or question it, while they admit their ignorance of it, base their opposition on the supposition that it will cause a change in the ritual of the other degrees, or that it has no connection with them; but that those who become acquainted with it almost unanimously recognize it as a constituent part of Cryptic Masonry.

"In this connection, we desire to refer to our extract from the address of the Grand Puissant of Michigan. He assumes that it is a modern degree, recognized in only six States, treated with indifference by the majority, and not essential to Cryptic Masonry. If he will become acquainted with the degree, he will find the answer himself. We are glad to see great caution exercised in this matter, but we *do* ask that it shall not be condemned unheard. It is more than ever apparent that this degree is to be universally adopted, as one of the series in the Crpytic Rite.

"Dr. Mackey, during the last year, has published a 'Manual of the Council.' He gives a manual of this degree, but rejects it from the Rite—not because it is modern; for he says it is as old as the others, but because neither Webb or any other Ritualist has recognized it as constituting any part of the rite, and because it has been conferred as an honorary degree. But he says, also, that none of the earlier Ritualists noticed any of the Council degrees; and all that has been contained in *any* of the Manuals is of but little assistance, and most of it entirely inapplicable; moreover, the other Council degrees were originally and for a long time conferred as honorary degrees. *He shows it had the same origin in this country as the other degrees.*

"He hopes it will not be made a part of the system, because it will mar the symmetry of the Rite. But we consider that Comp. Creigh, in the letter before cited (which was written before Comp. Mackey's book was published), has completely answered this objection. Indeed Comp. Mackey considers it an extension of a portion of the Royal Arch degree."

We also steal the following table, the best exhibit we have seen of the number and strength of the Order. Illustrious

Companion DRUMMOND was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Companion IRA BERRY Grand Recorder for the ensuing year.

We have great profit and much pleasure in perusing the transactions of this State, especially the lucid address of Companion DRUMMOND. His history of the Super-excellent Degree would be more intelligible to us were we in the secret. We think at its next session the Grand Council will act definitely on the report of the committee appointed on this subject, and if adopted it is likely the subscriber will be an applicant for the mysteries of this, we suppose, Tenth Arch, although it will look like a retrogressive movement, having many years fixed our limit, without aspiring to or aiming at a Grand Lodge of Perfection, or its benefits:

NUMERICAL RETURNS.

GRAND COUNCILS.	No. of Subordinates.	No. making returns.	No. of Members.	No. received, etc.
Alabama	30	20	922	118
Arkansas*	16	12	454	...
California*	7	7	447	...
Connecticut	18	17	1,112	76
Florida	...	4	.....	...
Georgia	14	13	.....	...
Illinois	31	29	1,024	234
Indiana	21	17	782	190
Iowa	10	10	267	58
Kansas	3	3	86	...
Kentucky	24	17	822	...
Louisiana†	7	6	482	34
Maine	11	11	400	78
Massachusetts	9	9	891	...
Michigan	21	21	1,121	...
Mississippi	42	27	985	97
Missouri	8	8	350	115
New Hampshire	5	5	371	37
New Brunswick	3	3	.....	...
New Jersey	...	...	.....	...
New York	23	23	1,405	206
North Carolina	5	4	78	...
Ohio	46	44	1,434	538
Pennsylvania‡	31	31	1,300	200
Rhode Island	3	3	443	88
South Carolina	...	...	.....	...
Tennessee	37	26	.....	...
Vermont	13	13	672	45
Wisconsin‡	6	6	200	58
Totals.	444	389	16,048	2,167

*For 1866. †Returns of one Council for 1867. ‡Estimated.

MISSOURI.

We have the proceedings of the third annual convocation of this Grand Council before us, held at St. Louis on the 11th of October, 1867.

Four Councils represented, with a membership of about two hundred and fifty. The address of Comp. JAMES A. H. LAMPTON, acting Grand Puissant, opens sincerely regretting the lamentable death of Comp. A. O'SULLIVAN, which placed him in his present position, paying a well merited tribute to his many virtues and Masonic worth. He gives a summary of his own official acts within the past year, and announces that harmony prevails in all the Councils in his jurisdiction, and all are reported to be in a prosperous condition. He admonishes his Companions to stand by the landmarks, as the only true safeguard to their labor, with Silence and Secrecy as the watch-word, and have nothing to fear for the future progress of the Secret Work so happily begun. Referring to Comp. O'SULLIVAN, he says:

"It is almost needless for me to say a word in reference to the manly virtues and true Masonic zeal of Comp. O'Sullivan. He was too well known in this Jurisdiction, and throughout the country, as a learned and exemplary Mason, to require at our hands a rehearsal of his good works that his memory may live. Those of us who knew him can never forget him.

"We are justly proud of him as a Missouri Mason, made and cherished in our State; and his name will go down to the latest posterity linked to the Order which he loved and to the interests of which he devoted his life. He is gone from amongst us; and as we can neither see nor hear him more, let us forever revere his memory, and transmit unimpaired to our successors the lessons he taught us, and the noble principles of which he was so long the expounder and defender."

Illustrious Comp. GEORGE FRANK SONTAG presented a well written review on correspondence. We regret ours is not noticed. We have always mailed three copies to Comp. SONTAG and wonder who got them each year. Perhaps they are not worth looking at, and are thrown away among the rubbish. Still, we are proud of our Michigan, and although not yet

Super-excellent, we think our twelve hundred members attest that we have not been idle. The notice to Grand Recorders shall have our attention. We have heretofore practically followed his rule, and with much pleasure perused his proceedings, and hope Missouri will go on prospering and to prosper.

Comp. THOMAS E. GARRETT was elected Grand Puissant, and Comp. SONTAG re-elected Grand Recorder for the ensuing year. We append an extract from Comp. SONTAG's closing remarks:

"In conclusion we have to say that we find the beautiful Cryptic Rite of Masonry meeting with that substantial appreciation which its merit demands. Intelligent Royal Arch Masons are beginning to realize that there is a connecting link between the degree of Royal Arch and its unwritten history, and that link can only be found in the Council, since the Royal and Select Master's degrees are no longer conferred in Chapters. We find Masonic harmony prevailing throughout the land, and a peaceable and prosperous future before us."

NEW YORK.

We next look at the proceedings of the Empire State. The annual assembly was held in the city of Albany on the 4th of February, 1868. Twenty Subordinates represented, returning 1,405 members. Grand Master CHARLES H. PLATT presents an ample and able address, adverting to two leading matters which require the thoughtful consideration of his Companions. First, the discrepancies in the Ritual as now used in that jurisdiction, and secondly, the subject of the order of conferring degrees, both of which he recommends to the serious consideration of the Council. It is to be regretted that such discrepancies are almost in every jurisdiction a prevalent topic of complaint, and we do sincerely trust some remedy may be speedily devised to introduce uniformity. The opening passages of this address breathe the true spirit of Masonry, and are well worth commending to all our readers:

"We enter again the sanctuary of our annual resort under circumstances of eminent favor. Better auspices than for the past seven years are hailed by the Cryptic Fraternity throughout our national

domain, and for our own Grand Jurisdiction the era of greatest harmony and of most assured stability is inaugurated.

"If we have any persuasion that the Most Holy One, in His supreme wisdom, has cherished the ancient Craft for the sake of the traditions faithfully preserved therein, we shall need no argument to convince us that the result in which we now rejoice is due to His sovereign command, and tends to promote His providential purposes. As reverential hearers of His Word, and as earnest worshipers of his adorable perfections, who searcheth the heart and looks for the ark of His covenant in the secret vault of our inmost affections, let us treasure here the memory of the great things he has done for us already. He delights in order. He compels everything to fall into the arrangements of a system. He brings even wandering comets back to the governing focus of their orbits. He subjects every production of His wonderful hand to '*a law* which shall not be broken.'

"We therefore recognize the sovereignty of His order-loving will in the conciliation, symmetry, subordination, fraternal concord and unforced assimilation which by degrees have been more and more characterizing the one once sundered, inharmonious and disunited elements of Cryptic Masonry."

The committee on correspondence review the proceedings of fourteen Grand Councils, ours included. They make a report and supplementary report, the latter, like a postscript to a lady's letter, being incomparably the longest, and containing the spice, or rather the satirical snap. While we acknowledge our own imperfectness and vast inferiority, we positively cannot find much material or new thoughts in this extra-refined production to enable us to make amends for former shortcomings, or on which to lavish "rivers of words" or "torrents of sentences." We notice, by the names, the thistle element predominates, the one Welsh member not sufficiently counterbalancing. "*Hinc illæ lachrymæ*," but at heart the kernel is sound; and the following extract has the proper ring. M. P. and Rev. Charles H. Platt was elected Grand Master, R. P. Josiah Shove Grand Recorder.

"In conclusion, your committee would say that, from the general tone of such transactions as they have had the privilege of perusing, Cryptic Masonry is gradually fulfilling its high mission in a most satisfactory manner, and is gradually and noiselessly closing up the gap that has so long existed between Capitular and Chivalric Masonry; and we trust that the time is not very remote when all vestiges of that gap shall have entirely disappeared. Then will the beautiful syetem of symbolism emanating from and connected with the Ancient York Rite be perfect and complete. Then will he who travels from afar be in

possession of the *when*, the *why* and the *wherefore* of the contents of the Royal Arch, which lay buried in darkness such a long period of years, and which were eventually brought to light by three of our worthy ancients, to be and remain the admiration of long succeeding ages, and which are treasured with such scrupulous integrity by the worthy, the faithful and the select—a knowledge of which the best men in all ages have not deemed it derogatory to themselves to be possessed of. We can only add, *Esto perpetua*."

TENNESSEE.

The last on our roll is Tennessee, whose stated annual meeting was held at Nashville on the 30th September, 1868. Twenty-six only, from a list of forty-six Councils, were represented. The total membership of all will number about 1,700. In a year or two we sincerely hope to see their broken ranks full, and their batallions all marshalled in line.

The address of Grand Master WILLIAM H. MCLESKEY is a model brevity. He granted dispensations for three new Councils during the year. Alludes in feeling language to the great lost Masonry in general, and especially their State jurisdiction, has suffered in the death of our old and highly esteemed Companion, Grand Recorder FULLER.

The Committee on Correspondence review the proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils, Michigan included, and is a well-written, sensible and charitable document—a relief, after leaving our last fault-finding and querulous Manhattan associates.

The author still adheres to his opinions respecting the relative and distinct positions of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry, and does not see how a blending would increase the prosperity of either. Our child is big enough to take care of itself. Our worthy reviewer, we think, agrees with us. We quote his concluding remarks, and heartily endorse the prayer contained therein:

"It is evident, from all the matter which we have examined, the importance of the study of Cryptic, for the better understanding of Capitular and Craft Masonry, is receiving more attention. Whether these degrees be genuine in origin or not, whatever their parentage

may be, in the American Rite they are now a fixed fact, and should be studied by all with an aim to perpetuating their instructions with as much uniformity as possible.

"And now, Companions, fare ye well! May an All-wise Supreme Ruler guide and direct your doings, and lead you in the paths of true holiness, and a strict compliance with the last and great commandment, "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself."

And now, having finished our hurried sketches in intervals snatched from the cares and pressing calls and anxieties of a busy, bustling life, we loiter a moment before saying *Vale!* If there is a green spot under the canopy of heaven where the weary pilgrim may rest, Masonry is our choice. However the storms of life may buffet us, and our bark be tossed about and rent in the troubled voyage of life, we never fail to find a sympathetic friend within the hallowed walls of the craft. A gleam of sunshine dispels the gloom, and points to that final resting place where the "wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest." God bless you all, esteemed friends and correspondents. May your pathway through life be serene, and your reward that of the just. Our cause is righteous, and, if faithful, our reward will be eternal.

O. BOURKE,

For the Committee.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 1870.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, held their Twelfth Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, Detroit, on Monday, the 10th of January, 1870, at 7 o'clock.

Present:

Companion	CHARLES H. PUTNAM,	T. I. G. P.
"	EBENEZER SPRAGUE, as.	D. I. G. P.
"	W. F. KING, as	G. T. I.
"	H. S. NOBLE,	G. P. C. of W.
"	WM. BARCLAY,	G. Treasurer.
"	OLIVER BOURKE,	G. Recorder.
"	J. E. MARVIN,	G. C. of G.
"	D. B. TRACY, as	G. Chaplain.
"	CHARLES LOWE,	G. Steward.
"	W. V. GRIFFITH,	G. Sentinel.

Many of our worthy Past Grand officers, and several distinguished visitors from this and other jurisdictions, were present, and gave their valuable counsel and assistance.

The published proceedings of the last Annual Convocation

being in possession of the Grand Officers and Subordinate Councils, the detailed reading of them was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Grand Recorder informed the Grand Council that a majority of all the Councils were represented. The Thrice Illustrious G. P. called the meeting to order, and proceeded to open the Grand Council of Michigan in Ample Form. The Ill. Grand Chaplain then prayed for Divine guidance in all our deliberations for the good of the order, and their efforts to diffuse light to mankind, and ameliorate the condition of the human race.

The following Companions were appointed a Committee on Credentials: J. BOYNTON, BLOSSER, and JEROME B. FITZGERALD.

On motion of Companion G. B. NOBLE, the Thrice Illustrious called the Grand Council from labor to refreshment until 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, at which hour the Grand Council reassembled and resumed business.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report, which was, on motion, accepted:

To the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that we find the following members and delegates entitled to seats:

PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS:

Companion	CHARLES H. PUTNAM,	T. I. G. P.
"	O. L. SPAULDING,	D. T. I. G. P.
"	EZRA SPRAGUE,	G. T. I.
"	H. S. NOBLE,	G. P. C. W.
"	W. BARCLAY	G. Treasurer.
"	O. BOURKE,	G. Recorder.
"	J. E. MARVIN,	G. C. G.
"	G. E. PETERS,	G. Chaplain.
"	CHARLES LOWE,	G. Steward.
"	W. V. GRIFFITH,	G. Sentinel.

All Past T. I. G. P.'s and Past T. I. D. G. P.'s, Past G. T. I.'s and Past G. P. P. C. W.

REPRESENTATIVES.

MONROE COUNCIL, NO. 1.

Companion E A. ELLIOTT.....T. I. G. M
" J. J. RHODES.....D. T. I. G. M.
" J. A. BARNS..... P. C. W.

ST. CLAIR COUNCIL, NO. 2.

Companion JOHN CLARK .....T. I. G. M.
" S. D. BROWN..... ...D. T. I. G. M.
" A. J. CUMMINGS .....P. C. W.

PONTIAC COUNCIL, NO. 3.

[Not represented.]

RIVER RAISIN COUNCIL, NO. 4.

Companion A. J. SAWYER.....T. I. G. M.
" JOSEPH CLARK .....D. T. I. G. M.
" H. S. NOBLE .....P. C. W.

JONESVILLE COUNCIL, NO. 5.

Companion ROSWELL G. SPAULDING .....T. I. G. M.
" JOHN H. HUNTER .....D. T. I. G. M.
" HENRY RANSOM.....P. C. W.

MT. MORIAH COUNCIL, NO. 6.

Companion DAVID BOVEE.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" D. B. PURINTON..... D. T. I. G. M.
" F. S. DOESEN .....P. C. W.

THREE RIVERS COUNCIL, NO. 7.

Companion JOHN COWLING.....T. I. G. M.
" F. L. HERRICK .....D. T. I. G. M.
" J. C. BASSETT .....P. C. W.

ROMEO COUNCIL, NO. 8.

Companion SAMUEL WAYCOTT .....T. I. G. M.
" R. E. PALMER .....D. I. G. M.
" J. D. HANSCOMB.....P. C. W.

ZABUD COUNCIL, NO. 9.

Companion WM. BROWN..... .....T. I. G. M.
" EDWARD COX .....D. T. I. G. M.
" MARCUS C. SHAFER ....P. C. W.

TYRE COUNCIL, NO. 10.

Companion CHAS. H. JOHNSON.....T. I. G. M.
" CHAS. S. ALLEN.....D. T. I. G. M.
" LEONARD H. RANDALL.....P. C. W.

UNION COUNCIL, NO. 11.

Companion E. BOGARDUS .....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" J. E. MARVIN.....Proxy for D. T. I. G. M.
" W. BABCOCK.....P. C. W.

IONIA COUNCIL, NO. 12.

Companion P. H. TAYLOR.....T. I. G. M.
" A. W. DODGE.....D. I. G. M.
" E. P. WORDEN.....P. C. W.

STURGIS COUNCIL, NO. 13.

Companion W. A. KENT.....T. I G. M.
" NELSON J. PACKARD .....D. T. I G. M.
" IRA. F. PACKARD.....P. C. W.

HIRAM COUNCIL, NO. 14.

Companion H. A. PETERMAN.....T. I. G. M.
And Proxy for D. T. I. G. M. and P. C. W.

MT. ARARAT COUNCIL, NO. 15.

Companion W. S. EDWARDS.....Representative of Council.

HUDSON COUNCIL, NO. 16.

Companion JOSEPH D. DARLING.....T. I. G. M.
" WM. B. THOMPSON.....D. T. I. G. M.
" FRANK D. BEACH.....P C. W.

GENESEE COUNCIL, NO. 17.

" WM. SMITH.....D. I. G. M.
" GEO. W. WILMOT.....D. T. I. G. M.
" J. BUCKBEE.....P. C. W.

ADRIAN COUNCIL, NO. 18.

Companion JOHN W. FRIECH.....Representative of Council.

NILES COUNCIL, NO. 19.

Companion J. V. FITZGERALD.....D. T. I. G. M.
And Proxy for T. I. G. M. and P. C. W.

SAGINAW COUNCIL, NO. 20.

[Not represented.]

ST. JOHNS COUNCIL, NO. 21.

Companion JOHN B. NIXON .....Representative of Council.

MOSAIC COUNCIL, NO. 22.

Companion D. B. TRACY.....T. I. G. M.
" JOHN J. SUMNER.....D. T. I. G.
" WM. CORBIN.....P. C. W.

PORTLAND COUNCIL, NO. 23.

Companion GEORGE HILL.....T. I. G. M.
" R. H. SCOFIELD.....D. T. I. G. M.
" B. F. WILLEY.....P. C. W.

ADONIRAM COUNCIL, NO. 24.

Companion J. D. VAN DINE.....T. I. G. M.
" ARTHUR CASE.....D. T. I. G. M.
" P. F. BLOSSER.....P. C. W

KING SOLOMON COUNCIL, NO. 25.

Companion C. O. ROSE.....Representative of Council.

CLINTON COUNCIL, NO. 26.

Companion ANDREW ROBINSON.....D. T. I. G. M.
And Proxy for T. I. G. M. and P. C. W.

OCEANA COUNCIL, NO. 27.

Companion B. F. DOUGHTY..... P. C. W.
And Proxy for T. I. G. M. and D. T. I. G. M.

And all Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Masters, who are members of subordinate Councils, and who have presided one year over a Council in this State.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. BOYNTON,
P. H. BLOSSER,
J. B. FITZGERALD,
Committee.

The Grand Recorder was requested to insert the names of other delegates which may be received before close of this Convocation.

The Thrice Illustrious appointed the following standing committees:

On Returns:

Companions RHODES, PETERMAN and BAKER.

On Finance:

Companions DARLING, HARRIS and FINCH.

On Foreign Correspondence:

Companions BOURKE, INNES, and KENT.

On Charters and Dispensations:

Companions CUDWORTH, NOBLE and DOUGHTY.

On Jurisprudence :

Companions BOYNTON, CHAMPLIN and EDWARDS.

The Thrice Illustrious Grand Pussant delivered the following his annual address :

Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan :

Once more are we permitted by the Grand Architect of the Universe to assemble together in our council chamber for the advancement of this branch of our order, to review the past and draw our designs for the future. Our first duty is to return thanks to our Supreme Grand Master for his watchful care and protection.

Peace and harmony prevail throughout this Jurisdiction. I have but little to report to you of my official acts since our last Convocation. There have been no dispensations issued for new Councils. I have visited but few, owing to sickness and my business relations preventing.

January 18th I appointed Ill. Companion B. F. DOUGHTY my proxy to institute and install the officers of Oceana Council No. 27, at Pentwater. Also, to Ill. Companion J. W. CHAMPLIN, of Grand Rapids, to institute and install the officers of King Solomon's Council, No. 25, at Big Rapids. Also, to Ill. Companion W. F. KING, of Adrian, to institute and install the officers of Adoniram Council, No. 24, at Manchester. Of their doings you will find report in the returns of the above named Councils.

On the 27th of January, with the assistance of Ill. Companion H. S. NOBLE, G. P. C. W., I instituted and installed the officers of Clinton Council, No. 26, at Clinton. The new officers conferred the degrees upon three worthy Companions in a manner that would have done credit to any of our older Councils.

At the last convocation of this Grand Body, there was a committee of five appointed to procure the ritual of the Superexcellent Master's degree. Through the courtesy of Ill. Companion J. H. DRUMMOND, W. P. G. M. of the Grand Council of Maine, I procured the correct work, and placed it in the hands of your committee. As that committee will probably exemplify it at this session, you can then take such action as is required in reference to it.

Since our last session several bright lights in our order have been summoned from their labors on earth to their rewards above Among the number I will mention Ill. Companion Rev. C. H. PLATT, W. P. G. M. of New York, who died at his residence in Binghampton February 25th. He was universally respected by all who knew him. Peace to his ashes.

In conclusion, Companions, I tender to you all my fraternal regards and my heartfelt thanks for the distinguished honors you have conferred upon me, by placing me in the highest office in your order, hoping, as I am now about to retire, you may find some one more competent to fill this important position. And now may the blessings of Heaven rest upon you all, and brotherly love prevail.

CHAS. H. PUTNAM,
T. I. G. Puissant.

Which, on motion, was referred to a special committee consisting of Companions D. B. TRACY, COWLING and INNES, to apportion.

The order of unfinished business having been called for, the matter of exemplifying the Superexcellent Degree was taken from the table, when, on motion of Companion SPAULDING, such illustration was made the special order at 10 A. M. to-morrow, in the rooms of Union Lodge of Strict Observance.

The Committee on the T. I. G. P.'s Address made the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the T. I. G. P., would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and find the address complete as it is, and cannot find it necessary to refer any portion thereof to a committee.

D. B. TRACEY,
J. COWLING,
W. P. INNES,
Committee.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the T. I. G. P. and Grand Council of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report that they have examined the petitions of the Companions from Dowagiac and Lansing and find them correct, and recommend that charters be granted to Dowagiac, No. 28, and Lansing, No. 29. Also, that the petitions from the Companions from Northville are correct, but no fee accompanies the same; your committee would recommend that a charter be granted them upon payment of the proper fee, to be called Northville Council, No. 30. Also, from Companions at Reading, Hillsdale county, and recommend a charter be granted, to be called Reading Council, No. 31.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. NOBLE,
B. F. DOUGHTY,
Committee.

Which was accepted and adopted, and the Grand Recorder was directed to prepare charters accordingly.

On motion, the Grand Council then proceeded to election of officers for the ensuing year, Companions EDWARDS and ELLIOTT being appointed tellers. On ballot the following were elected:

Companion OLIVER L. SPAULDING, St. Johns.....T. I. G. P.
" EBENEZER SPRAGUE, Lyons.....D. I. G. P.
" H S NOBLE, Monroe.....G. T. I.
" WILLIAM BROWN, Battle Creek.....G. P. C. of W.
" WILLIAM BARCLAY, Detroit.....G. Treasurer.
" OLIVER BOURKE, Detroit.....G. Recorder.

Companion JOHN B NIXON, St Johns.....G. C. of G.
" J BOYNTON, Dowagiac.....G. Chaplain.
" A J SAWYER, Monroe.....G. Steward.
" W V GRIFFITH, Detroit.....G. Sentinel.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their annual report, which, on, motion, were referred to the Finance Committee to examine and report.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WM. BARCLAY, *Grand Treasurer*,
In account with Grand Council of Michigan.

1869.		
January.	Cash on hand at date.....	$224 77

Respectfully submitted.

WM. BARCLAY,
January, 1870. Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

O. BOURKE, *Grand Recorder.*
In account with Grand Council of Michigan.

1869.			
Jan. 13.	Received from	Monroe Council, No. 1.....	$22 00
"	"	River Raisin, No. 4.....	5 00
"	"	Jonesville, No. 5.....	14 00
"	"	Three Rivers, No. 7.....	6 00
"	"	Romeo, No. 8.....	2 00
"	"	Zabud, No. 9.....	10 00
"	"	Tyre, No. 10.....	12 00
"	"	Union, No. 11.....	9 00
"	"	Sturgis, No. 13.....	4 00
"	"	Hiram, No. 14.....	18 00
"	"	Mt. Ararat, No. 15.....	2 00
"	"	Hudson, No. 16.....	10 00
"	"	Fenton, No. 17.....	11 00
"	"	Adrian, No. 18.....	12 00
"	"	Saginaw No. 20.....	8 00
"	"	St. Johns, No. 21.....	4 00
"	"	Mosaic, No. 22.....	22 00
"	"	Portland, No. 23.....	8 00
"	"	Oceana, No. 27, for Charter.....	15 00
"	Received for copies Cryptic Masonry.....		15 55
	Balance.....		82 02

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By	Balance due Grand Recorder, 1868	$ 46 57	
	Pay roll, January, 1869	64 00	
	Paid W. V. Griffith, Tyling	10 00	
	" Monroe Chapter, No. 1	5 00	
	" Grand Recorder	25 00	
	" Grand Recorder, for one charter	5 00	
	" Postage and stationery	10 00	
	" Free Press, for printing proceedings	116 00	
	" E. B. Smith, six copies Cryptic Masonry	9 00	
	" A. Wanless, for binding one vol. proceedings	1 00	
			$291 57
		$291 57	
	Balance due Grand Recorder	82 02	

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COUNCIL PAY ROLL, 1869.

No. 1.	E. A. Elliott	$3 00
4.	H. S. Noble	3 00
5.	C. L. Spaulding	3 00
7.	John Cowling	3 00
8.	Isaac Crawford	2 00
10.	C. H. Johnson	3 00
11.	J. E. Marvin	3 00
13.	H. Dunn	3 00
14.	H. A. Packard	3 00
15.	T. M. Silver	2 00
16.	C. H. Putnam	3 00
17.	D. H. Baker	3 00
18.	O. F. Gregory	3 00
20.	J. C. Warner	3 00
21.	R. McFarlane	3 00
22.	D. B. Tracy	3 00
23.	George Hill	3 00
	R. McFarlane, for D. T. I	3 00
	G. E. Peters, Grand Chaplain	3 00
	W. Barclay, Grand Treasurer	3 00
	W. S. Edwards, P. T. Ill	3 00
	Frank Darrow, P. T. Ill	3 00
		$64 00

After examination, the Finance Committee reported as follows :

Thrice Illustrious and Companions:

Your Committee, appointed to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, have examined their reports, and the vouchers, and find it correct. We find a balance of $82.02 due the Grand Recorder, and would recommend that a warrant be drawn on the Grand Treasurer in his favor for that amount, there being a balance in the treasury of $224.77. All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

J. D. DARLING,
J. W. FRENCH,
Committee.

Which report was accepted and adopted, and a warrant ordered, as recommended.

On motion,

Resolved, That all Councils receiving Charters by virtue of the action of this Grand Council, at its present session, are hereby authorized and empowered to hold regular meetings for the election of officers at any time convenient for them after receiving such Charters, and after adjournment of this session of the Grand Body.

The Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

THURSDAY MORNING, January 11th, 1870.

The Grand Council resumed labor at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Committee on Returns made a report, which, having been read, was recommitted to the committee for amendment and correction.

On motion of Companion INNES, the Superexcellent Degree was exemplified in full, and, after considerable discussion, on motion of Companion ELLIOTT, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

The officers elect were then duly installed, and took their stations in the Grand Council with proper honors.

The Committee on Returns presented their report corrected and amended, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the several returns of the following Councils, respectfully report that they find the same but partially correct. They discover several errors in dates, and find also some Councils who have had no election the past year for officers, and a number without seals. The returns are in the main correct, and they recommend they be received by the Grand Council, and omissions, so far as possible, supplied by the Grand Recorder, assisted by and under information from the delegates represented by the several subordinates. The following shows the condition of those returns in detail:

No. 1. Monroe Council, correct.
2. St. Clair Council, correct.
3. Pontiac Council, no returns.
4. River Raisin Council, correct.
5. Jonesville Council, correct.
6. Mt. Moriah Council, correct.
7. Three Rivers Council, correct.
8. Romeo Council, correct.
9. Zabud Council, correct.
10. Tyre Council, correct.
11. Union Council, correct.
12. Ionia Council, correct.
13. Sturgis Council, correct.
14. Hiram Council, correct.
15. Mt. Ararat Council, correct.
16. Hudson Council, correct.
17. Genesee Council, correct.
18. Adrian Council correct.
19. Niles Council, correct.
20. Saginaw Council, no returns.
21. St. Johns Council, correct.
22. Mosaic Council, correct.
23. Portland Council, correct.
24. Adoniram Council, correct.
25. King Solomon Council, correct.
26. Clinton Council, correct.
27. Oceana Council, correct.

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to further report that all material corrections have been made, and recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to make, on inquiry and information, all other additions or corrections necessary.

J. J. RHODES,
H. A PETERMAN,
D. H. BAKER,
Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Council be held in Masonic Hall, Detroit.

The Grand Recorder was, on motion, directed to publish and distribute the usual number of copies of these proceedings.

The Grand Council voted that the Sentinel be paid $10; Monroe Chapter, for use of hall, $5; and the Grand Recorder, for his services for the past year, $25. Also, $5 to Union Lodge of Strict Observance for the use of their hall; and the thanks of this Grand Council are further tendered to said Union Lodge for their kindness and courtesy on this and previous occasions.

The following amendment to the by-laws was accepted, and under the rules laid over for action to next annual meeting:

That the time for the Annual Convocation of this Grand Body be changed to the Monday preceding the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, at 6 o'clock P. M.

On motion, the Grand Recorder was authorized to purchase jewels for this Grand Council whenever the state of the exchequer will warrant that expenditure for suitable ones.

The reports on Correspondence and Returns were, on motion, ordered printed with the proceedings.

There being no further business, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was closed in Ample Form, the Grand Chaplain offering to the Throne of Grace a petition for blessings individually and collectively on the Grand Body and the members thereof.

(a true record) O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

NOTE—I request Recorders of subordinates will number every name from 1 to 100, less or more, and "not" include officers in the list of members. Also furnish a detailed list of exaltations, names, dates, etc., separate from list of members.
O. BOURKE, Grand Recorder.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The very pleasant duty again becomes ours of reviewing the transactions of our fellow-guardians of the beautiful and ennobling principles presented to our view in the progressive and culminative stages of the mysteries of Masonry, taught by Royal and Select Masters; and although, as distinctive degrees, those are partially isolated, being in some State jurisdictions prerequisites to advancement to the position of "Templarism," in others (and very many, we regret to say), ignored altogether in their natural consecutive order; by some absorbed and blended with Capitular Masonry; yet suffering from all those unfavorable circumstances, they are possessed of wonderful vitality, and show a rapid increase of numbers and extent of domain, constantly adding new Councils, and making their influence for good felt in new channels heretofore in darkness, inculcating the sublime virtues and principles in this phase of our beloved Order, which everywhere pervades Masonic teaching.

Since our last review we received the following, in the order in which we notice them. Their convocations were held as follows:

Missouri, in St. Louis, October 9, 1868.
Massachusetts, in Boston, December 9, 1868.
Vermont, in Brandon, October 8, 1868.
Connecticut, in Hartford, May 12, 1868.
New York, in Albany, February 2, 1869.
Alabama, in Montgomery, December 9, 1868.
Mississippi, in Jackson, January 23, 1869.
Louisiana, in New Orleans, February 11, 1869.
Georgia, in Augusta, April 29, 1869.

New Jersey, in Trenton, September 8, 1868.
Connecticut, in New Haven, May 10, 1869.
New Hampshire, in Concord, June 9, 1869.
Kentucky, in Louisville, October 21, 1868.
Vermont, in Burlington, June 10, 1869.
Maine, in Portland, May 5, 1869.
Indiana, in Franklin, October 20, 1869.
Tennessee, in Nashville, September 29th, 1869.
Iowa, in Mt. Pleasant, Oct. 21st, 1869.

Also, under date 8th March, 1869, a notice of annual convocation and election of officers in Rhode Island, but no proceedings.

We will look at each in the order presented, and necessarily with as much brevity as admissible, glean thoughts of use and interest to our readers.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Council was opened in solemn and ancient form, Thomas E. Garrett, M. P. Grand Master. Only four Councils represented. The Grand Master reports that they are prosperous, and well cemented together. He regrets that the jurisdiction of the Council, over the Cryptic Degrees is not universal. He understands there have been movements in some quarters to regulate and possibly dispose of the Council Degrees to the highest bidder. In some Jurisdictions, the Royal Arch Chapters claim the guardianship of both Capitular and Cryptic Masonry; in others, the Councils are desirous of relinquishing their rights to the control of the Chapters. There is also an awkward discrepancy in the number of degrees conferred. They have two only; and he characterizes the third or Super-excellent as playing the old school game of "Pussy wants a corner." One charter was granted, and one dispensation.

The report on correspondence is very brief, merely looking at each, and dropping the smallest quota of sweetness. *En passant* our friend Gouley *can* do much better than this, and if he don't improve will deserve and get scolded. Aggregate members of this Jurisdiction, 321, besides 91 lost by formation of the Grand Council of Kansas.

George W. Bell, of Platte City, was elected Grand Master, and George Frank Gouley, of St. Louis, re-elected Grand Recorder

MASSACHUSETTS.

Companion M. P. Grand Master, Charles E. Powers, delivered an address, reciting in detail his official acts for the year, no topic of general interest being alluded to. Ill. Companion E. B. Moon reviews with great ability the transactions of seventeen Jurisdictions, including Michigan. He differs materially with our late Thrice Illustrious Edwards as to the meaning of the celebrated Super-excellent Degree, and affirms that it has been adopted by fifteen instead of six Grand Councils, and proves it perfectly innocuous, from the fact that it has been conferred and recognized in Massachusetts since 1818, and no injury has resulted; but, in his opinion, some good. Yet Michigan handles her tenderly, and with evident distrust. There are many beautiful features in this degree, and we rather imagine a connecting historical link exists. We with pleasure find Companion Moon favors the idea presented in our last, that the Council Degrees should be pre-requisites to the advancement to Templar Masonry. Such a course would place the Council on firm, strong ground, and insure not only their permanence, but we think their non-liability to change in number or character of degrees. Massachusetts enumerates 1,056 Royal and Select Masters, and prosperity and harmony prevail. The same Grand Master was elected for the ensuing year, and Companion Solon Thornton reappointed Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

Squire Marcy, M. P. Grand Master, also recommends a committee to confer with the Grand Commandery, tending to their making the Council prerequisites to the Templar degrees. This is right. Companion T. F. Stuart, for the Committee on Correspondence, carefully and with ability reviews all received, and we return our grateful acknowledgments for the flattering notice taken of our own humble efforts. The Committee on the Super-excellent Degree presented an able report. They cannot see that its symbolism, or even its history, can have the least possible affinity or connection with the Royal and Select Master, as received from the Fathers.

M. P. Companion Squire Marcy, and Ill. Companion John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Recorder, were re-elected for the following year.

CONNECTICUT.

M. P. Grand Master W. W. Lee presents a summary of his official acts, and shows that Cryptic Masonry, in his Jurisdiction, is planted on a firm basis, numbering 1,645 members. Ill. Companion William Storer presented an exhaustive and lengthy report on correspondence. We bow gratefully for his kind notice of ourselves. Emanating from so refined a Masonic brain, we value his flattering remarks more highly, and regret space will not suffer us to quote or make comments *in extenso*.

Companion Stephen A. Bartlett was elected Grand Master, and Companion Jos. K. Wheeler Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

The address of Grand Master Charles H. Platt, is a document of singular beauty of phraseology. Alluding to the much-regretted death of Companion Charles A. Fuller, of Nashville, he bestows a glowing eulogium on his Masonic knowledge and virtues; and while he cannot claim that they witnessed his Masonic usefulness, they recollect that he sprung from their own soil, and earned the affection and esteem of our universal brotherhood.

> "Time cannot teach forgetfulness,
> While Grief's full heart is fed by fame."

The dread catastrophe that hovers in the atmosphere of Masonry is Death; but the light that beams through the same atmosphere is Life—Life at the command of the Master—Life rising out of the ashes of the dead.

> To die is landing on some silent shore,
> Where billows never beat, nor tempests roar;
> Ere well we feel the kindly stroke 'tis o'er."

One of the ever-honored patrons of Masonry has condensed its instruction into these few golden syllables: "We know that we have passed from death unto life; because we love the brethren."

My Companions, I must startle you by opening to your sympathetic visions, a picture grand but awful. The soul from which emanated those bright effulgences, the hand and heart from whose

portals dreams of prophetic realities floated to guide our paths and illume the dark valley of life, are stilled forever. Death, the reality of those blissful thoughts, has cut the slender thread of life, and launched our beloved and Illustrious Companion on the sea of eternity. "Eternity, that pleasing, dreadful thought!" The soul lives—returns to God who gave it—but the instruments and agents of that pure mind will no longer point out to us the way we should go. Let us live the life of the righteous, that our last end may be like his. Farewell, beloved brother and Companion.

ALABAMA.

The Order in this State is in a flourishing condition, recovering rapidly from the prostration caused by the late war, and it must soon occupy its former proud position among its sisters. D. G. P. George D. Norris, in the absence of the Thrice Illustrious, delivered the annual address, prepared at a few hours' notice, and while it gives no details of the working of the Order within the State, many instructive lessons are taught therein, and the mind is directed, in very pleasing language, to the beauties of Masonry, of which Cryptic is the apex. It is not until we arrive here that we can look abroad over the whole field and view its hight and depth, its length and breadth.

The report on correspondence, from the pen of Companion Daniel Sayre, is a document worthy of commendation, reviewing in detail and quite lengthily the proceedings of over twenty States, ours included.

Companion Joseph H. Johnson was elected Grand Puissant, and Daniel Sayre Ill. Grand Recorder, for the ensuing year.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Order appears to prosper in this State. Some 27 Councils represented, with a large membership—912. No address from the Grand Puissant. The report on correspondence looks at the proceedings of only seven States, and includes Michigan for 1866. It is well written, and our Companion Patton should have more material to cull from.

Companion Morris Cook was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Oscar T. Keeler Grand Recorder, for next year.

LOUISIANA.

This Grand Council, parading the Super-excellent affix or embellishment, held its fourteenth assembly. Only six subordinates represented. Grand Puissant J. Q. A. Fellows recounts only two official acts during the year, and announces harmony and prosperity in his jurisdiction. Equally brief is the correspondent's report. He disposes of thirteen of them in about as many lines, and pleads overburdening business for its brevity. Just as well. The same Grand Master was re-elected.

GEORGIA.

Grand Master Stephen D. Heard condemns the adopting the Super-excellent Degree by some of the Northern States. Some of the Southern States are equally culpable, if any offense applies. We really think this degree, in some respects, beautiful in imagery, and while it is difficult to locate its exact Masonic position, yet should not condemn it.

No report on correspondence. The same T. I. Grand Master and Ill. Grand Recorder were re-elected.

NEW JERSEY.

1867 and 1868—The former year only six Councils represented. T. Ill. Companion Charles Bechtel gives a good account of this jurisdiction, and details his visits and official acts, and views with some apprehension the status of Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction. No report on correspondence in 1868. M. P. Ludlow Allen is proud to say that a true spirit prevades the body of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, and the prosperity of this branch of our ancient Order is such as to give great hope of future increase and usefulness. He leaves untouched the impression which the suggestions of his predecessors made upon the mind of every reflecting craftsman.

The report on correspondence, from the able mind of Ill. Comp. Thomas I. Corson, reviews nineteen Grand exchanges, including ours; and we make our most graceful bow for the flattering compliment paid the writer of this.

M. P. Marcus Higginbotham was elected Grand Master, and R. P. Thos. I. Corson re-elected.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sends us two sheets, containing the printed proceedings of this State. No address or correspondence published. Five Councils were represented, and the receipt of our publication for 1868 acknowledged. A committee of three was appointed to revise the Grand Constitution, collect the proceedings of the Grand Council from its institution for publication, and report at the next meeting. We wish them prosperity.

Companion Thomas I. Sanborn was elected M. I. Grand Master, and Luther B. Nichols re-elected Grand Recorder, for next year.

KENTUCKY.

The published proceedings are very brief, although seventeen chartered Councils and two under dispensation were represented, some returning very full ranks. Not a word from the Grand Master, and no correspondence; not even an item of interest can be gleaned.

The same Grand Puissant, Companion Philip Swigert, was re-elected, and Ill. Companion A. G. Hodges, Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

Fourteen Councils represented, with a large membership. Grand Master Edward A. Dana delivered a long and very instructive address much of which is devoted in eulogizing the memory of eight prominent men who have fallen since last meeting. The tear of affection dropped on each beloved tomb is timely and well expressed, and we sincerely but modestly tender our smypathies to mingle with theirs.

A committee was appointed at the previous meeting to confer with the Grand Commandery, asking that Body to insist that candidates for the Orders of Knighthood should be in possession of the Council Degrees. We hope to hear a favorable report. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have reviewed the proceedings of only twelve jurisdictions, ours not included, which we much regret, because we have faithfully and regularly mailed them. We can discern no subject of importance, and find it difficult as our cotemporaries to present a living

thought on the history, traditions, etc., of the Order, which is not stereotyped.

The same Grand Master and our veteran friend, John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Recorder, was again chosen.

MAINE.

Eleven Councils assembled; about 550 members. Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond reports the Order in a languishing condition, the energies of the Companions being expended chiefly in other directions. There needs only an impulse to be given to it to place Cryptic Masonry in as flourishing a condition as the other branches. The report on correspondence, from the same able Companion Drummond, with much ability reviews all correspondence received, and in closing, hopes a convention may be successfully held at an early day, for the purpose of producing uniformity of work and generally devising measures for the good of the Royal Craft. Companion Drummond states that fifteen from twenty-nine jurisdictions have adopted the Superexcellent Degree.

Gordon McGarden was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Companion Ira Berry re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

This State holds Cryptic Masonry in a highly prosperous condition. Thirty chartered Councils and five under dispensation. Grand Master Pattison says nothing of importance has transpired in his official duties during the past year. Peace, harmony and prosperity reign triumphant throughout this jurisdiction. He, acting as a Committee on Correspondence, acknowledges the receipt of proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, and regrets his inability to review them in proper manner.

Companion W. W. Austin was elected Grand Master, and Companion John M. Branwell re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

Ill. Deputy Grand Master Wilbur F. Foster, in the absence of the Grand Master, says, in many respects the past has been a year of prosperity in Cryptic Masonry in Tennessee, and by this does not refer especially to inceased numbers, but interest manifested by those who labor in the Secret Vault. About forty-two Councils represented 1,687 members—214 received the past year. The report on correspondence sums up by regretting want of uniformity and concert of action, and hopes a remedy may be devised.

Companion Wilbur F. Foster was elected T. I. Grand Master, and Companion John Frizzell re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

The last on our list is Iowa, and here confusion worse confounded exists. A dissolution of the Grand Council is permanently advocated. At present, however, no final action is taken, but if no vigorous action prevents this suicidal course, the downfall is not far distant. An election of officers was duly held, and Ill. Companion Benjamin Crabb was elected M. P. Grand Master, and W. B. Langridge Ill. Grand Recorder. There are ten subordinate Councils, with a membership of 332.

And now, Companions, we have looked in at the intellectual congregation presented to us, and presented a summary sufficient, we hope, to show how the general family are laboring. We confess that in this branch of the order, interest flags very much, and we see only one tangible and probably effective plan to solidify our structure; that is a combined effort to make the Council Degrees prerequisite to the receiving the Templar order. Knight Templarism is eminently prosperous and popular, and the combination would at once place Cryptic Masonry in a sure position. Not that we would admit any inherent weakness or want of beauty and symmetry in the Council Degrees; but while in the regular order, they may be adopted or dispensed with, at the pleasure of each individual. The position is wrong and unusual. We hope for speedy remedy.

Now Companions, I must apologize for the lateness of publishing these proceedings. I could not help it. My time is so constantly and unceasingly occupied that only the utmost urgency compels me to snatch a moments recreation, and while I would fain read and write of my old love and favorite theme, Masonry, the busy world constantly interrupts and claims almost my every moment. Therefore I ask your indulgence; lightly weigh my shortcomings. I have in my younger and less busy days faithfully and diligently worked my full hours, and while the disposition is young as ever, the ability to peform is not equal. May God grant you all, my Companions, every prosperity and happiness for time and through eternity. Farewell!

(For the committee,)

O. BOURKE,

Grand Recorder.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

Grand Council of R. & S. Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN held its Thirteenth Annual Convocation in Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on Monday, the 9th day of January, 1871, at 7 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT:

Comp. E. SPRAGUE.....D. I. G. P., as T. I. G. P.
" H. S. NOBLE.....G. T. Ill.
" W. BROWN.....G. P. C. of Work.
" W. BARCLAY.....G. Treasurer.
" O. BOURKE.....G. Recorder.
" J. B. NIXON.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" J. BOYNTON.....G. Chaplain.
" A. J. LOWE.....G. Steward.
" W. V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

Several Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissants and other Grand Officers were present, and a large attendance of Companions.

The Grand Recorder announced that the published proceedings of the last meeting had been recently circulated, and that Companions could, if required, obtain them at his desk; when, on motion, the formal reading of the same was dispensed with.

The Grand Recorder announced that he had returns from a majority number of all the Subordinate Jurisdictions, and he believed a constitutional number of delegates were in attendance,

upon which the Grand Council was called to order and opened by the T. I. G. Puissant in ample form, prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain for the Divine aid and guidance in the deliberations of the Grand Body, that thereby their action might tend to the greatest benefit, not only to the organization, but to mankind in general.

The T. I. G. Puissant appointed Companions E. A. Elliott, Geo. Hill and D. Bovee a committee to examine and report on credentials.

On motion, the Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment until 12 M. on to-morrow, the 10th inst.

TUESDAY, January 10, 1871.

The Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor at the hour appointed, 12 M., and prayer was offered to the Divine Throne of Grace by Rev. A. J. Davis, of Lansing.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following as Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Representatives of Councils entitled to seats in the Grand Council, viz:

To the T. I. G. P. and Companions of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they find the following members and delegates entitled to seats:

PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS.

Comp. O. L. SPAULDING.....T. I. G. P.
" E. SPRAGUE.....D. I. G. P.
" H. S. NOBLE.....G. T. I.
" WM. BROWN.....G. P. C. of Work.
" WM. BARCLAY.....G. Treasurer.
" O. BOURKE.....G. Recorder.
" J. B. NIXON.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" J. BOYNTON.....G. Chaplain.
" A. J. SAWYER.....G. Steward.
" W. V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

All Past T. I. G. P.'s and D. I. G. P.'s, Past G. T. I.'s and P. C.'s of W.; also, the following delegates from Subordinate Councils, in numerical order, viz:

Monroe Council, No. 1.

Comp. E. A. ELLIOTT.....T. I. G. M.
" J. J. RHODES.....D. I. G. M.
" J. STRACHAN.....P. C. W.

St. Clair Council, No. 2.

Comp. SAMUEL BENDIT....Proxy for T. I. G. M. and D. I. G. M.
" A. J. CUMMINGS.....P. C. W.

Pontiac Council, No. 3.

Comp. H. M. LOOK.....T. I. G. M.
" J. P. FOSTER.....D. I. G. M.
" S. S. MATTHEWS.....P. C. W.

River Raisin Council, No. 4.

Comp. H. S. NOBLE.....T. I. G. M.
" JOSEPH CLARK.....D. I. G. M.
" S. MYERFELD.....P. C. W.

Jonesville Council, No. 5.

Comp. R. G. SPAULDING.....T. I. G. M.
" GEO. KRAPP.....D. I. G. M.
" H. RANSOM.....P. C. W.

Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.

Comp. D. BOVEE.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" N. ROSENBAUM.....D. I. G. M.
" D. B. PURINTON.....Proxy for P. C. W.

Three Rivers Council, No. 7.

Comp. JOHN COWLING.....Representative of Council.

Romeo Council, No. 8,

(Not represented, and no returns.)

Zabud Council, No. 9.

Comp. WM BROWN.....Representative of Council.

Tyre Council, No. 10.

Comp. CHAS. H. JOHNSON.....T. I. G. M.
" C. S. ALLEN.....D. I. G. M.
" L. H. RANDALL.....P. C. W.

Union Council, No. 11.

Comp. E. BOGARDUS.....T. I. G. M.
" C. N. WEBB.....D. I. G. M.
" E. BATWELL.....P. C. W.

Ionia Council, No. 12.

(Not represented, and no returns.)

Sturgis Council, No. 13.

Comp. WM. A. KENT.....T. I. G. M.
" NELSON J. PACKARD.....D. I. G. M.
" L. NOLTON, JR.....P. C. W.

Hiram Council, No. 14.

(Not represented, and no returns.)

Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.

Comp. WM. S. EDWARDS.....T. I. G. M.
" J. D. DESSERT.....D. I. G. M.
" M. KACHENTHAL.....P. C. W.

Hudson Council, No. 16.

Comp. A. J. SKUTT.....T. I. G. M.
" L. J. FLING.....D. I. G. M.
" F. D. BEACH.....P. C. W.

Genesee Council, No. 17.

Comp. W. E. SMITH.....T. I. G. M.
" E. M. ADAMS.....D. I. G. M.
" D. H. BAKER.....P. C. W.

Adrian Council, No. 18.

Comp. E. M. DOAN.....Representative of Council.

Niles Council, No. 19.

Comp. J. B. FITZGERALD.....Representative of Council.

Saginaw Council, No. 20.

Comp. FRED. E. HOYT.....T. I. G. M.
" GEO. C. WARNER.....D. I. G. M.
" D. B. REFOR.....P. C. W.

St. Johns Council, No. 21.

Comp. A. J. WIGGINS.....Representative of Council.

Mosaic Council, No. 22.

Comp. D. B. TRACY.....T. I. G. M.
" J. J. SUMNER.....D. I. G. M.
" E. W. REYNOLDS.....P. C. W.

Portland Council, No. 23.

Comp. GEO. HILL.....T. I. G. M.
" JOHN BENSON.....D. I. G. M. and Proxy for P. C. W.

Adoniram Council, No. 24.

Comp. J. D. VAN DUYN.....T. I. G. M.
" A. CASE.....D. I. G. M.
" P. F. BLOSSER.....P. C. W.

King Solomon Council, No. 25.

(Not represented, and no returns.)

Clinton Council, No. 26.)

Comp. A. ROBINSON.....Representative of Council.

Oceana Council, No. 27.

Comp. J. M. RICE.....T. I. G. M.
" J. ATWOOD..... D. I. G. M.
" B. F. DOUGHTY.....P. C. W.

Dowagiac Council, No. 28.

Comp. E. F. AVERY.....T. I. G. M.
" D. W. CLEMMER.....D. I. G. M.
" E O. ADAMS.....P. C. W.

Lansing Council, No. 29.

Comp. Rev. A. J. DAVIS.....T. I. G. M.
" W. H. CHAPMAN.....D. I. G. M.
" B. B. BAKER.....P. C. W.

Northville Council, No. 30.

Comp. D. B. SMITH.....T. I. G. M.
" WM. P. HUNGERFORD.....D. I. G. M.
" F. K. BEAL.....P. C. W.

Reading Council, No. 31.

Comp. C. B. REYNOLDS....T. I. G. M. and Proxy for D. I. G. M.
" E. W. REYNOLDS.....Proxy for P. C. W.

E. A. ELLIOTT,
D. BOVEE,
GEORGE HILL,
Committee.

The report of the committee was accepted, and authority given them to insert the names of any more Councils which may be represented during this session of the Grand Council.

In the absence of T. I. G. Puissant, O. L. Spaulding, the Grand Recorder, by his request, read his annual address to the Grand Council, as follows:

Companions—Pursuant to the requirements of our constitution, we are again met in annual Convocation, to take counsel together in the cause of Cryptic Masonry. In beginning your deliberations, it is becoming to return thanks to an All-wise Providence for His protecting care during the past, and to ask that wisdom that cometh from on high, and without which all our counsels will come to naught.

In reporting to you the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction, I take pleasure in saying that harmony prevails in all our Subordinate Councils, and that Cryptic Masonry is assuming the position to which it is entitled. Masons are beginning to recognize its importance and its merits, and it will not be long, it is confidently believed, before a Council will exist wherever there is a Chapter.

I have been unable to visit Subordinate Councils as I wished and had intended. I regret it the more, as I am convinced that much good would flow from frequent visits of the Grand Officers to the Subordinate Councils. Were the Grand Council in possession of the means of defraying the expenses of a Grand Lecturer, or could the Subordinate Councils receive the services of such an officer by defraying his expenses, very marked benefit would result. I commend the subject to you as worthy of attention.

At the last annual Convocation, charters were granted to Dowagiac Council, No. 28; to Lansing Council, No. 29; to Northville Council, No. 30; and to Reading Council, No. 31.

On the 24th of January, I constituted and installed the officers of Lansing Council, No. 29. The zeal and proficiency manifested by the Companions of this Council give assurance that the interests of Cryptic Masonry in the young and enterprising capital of our State are in safe hands.

April 20th, assisted by Comp. R. McFarlane, of St. Johns Council, No. 21, I constituted and installed the officers of Northville Council, No. 30. In committing the interests of the Order to the Companions of this Council, I felt assured they would fall into no unworthy hands.

January 21, I granted my proxy to Comp. J. B. Fitzgerald, of Niles Council, No. 19, to constitute and install the officers of Dowagiac Council, No. 28. I have his report that this was done in due and ancient form, February 8th. The following extract from his report assures us that a charter was worthily bestowed upon the Companions of Dowagiac: "Immediately after the installation the new Council was called to labor, and I had an

opportunity to witness, with great surprise and gratification, the skill of T. I. Grand Master Boynton and his officers in the royal mysteries."

On the same day, I granted my proxy to Comp. R. G. Spaulding, of Jonesville Council, No. 5, to constitute and install the officers of Reading Council, No. 31. I have his report that this was done February 5th.

I have granted two dispensations—September 23d, one at Jackson, to be called Jackson Council. Comp. J. L. Mitchell was named T. I. G. M.; Comp. Ira H. Smith, D. I. G. M.; and Comp. Thomas J. Wilder, P. C. W. October 8th, one at Ithaca, Gratiot county, to be called Ithaca Council. Comp. W. W. Comstock was named as T. I. G. M.; Comp. Elijah Peck, D. I. G. M.; and Comp. A. J. Utley, P. C. W.

In retiring from this position with which you have honored me, I return my thanks for the confidence you have reposed, and trust that my official course will meet your approval.

O. L. SPAULDING.

Which address was, on motion, referred to a committee of three to apportion.

On motion of Comp. John Clark,

Resolved, That all Royal and Select Masters in good standing are invited to take seats with this Grand Council during its Convocation.

Comp. A. J. Sawyer moved that the resolution contained on page sixteen of the proceedings of 1870, changing the time of meeting of this Grand Body, be taken from the table, when, on motion, it was amended by inserting Tuesday, instead of Monday, and in its amended form adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the annual Convocations of this Grand Council shall in future be held on the Tuesday preceding the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, at 6 o'clock P. M.

Comp. Tracy moved that the election of officers be the special order for 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Adopted.

The Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant appointed the following regular standing committees:

ON RETURNS—Comps. G. B. Noble, D. B. Tracy, J. Cowling.
ON FINANCE—Comps. H. M. Look, John Clark, J. B. Fitzgerald.
ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—Comps. O. Bourke, Smith, O. L. Hoyt.
ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS—Comps. Mitchell, Bovee, Cummins.
ON JURISPRUDENCE—Comps. Elliott, Robinson, Doan.

Also, the following Companions, to apportion the address of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant, viz: Comps. Rosenbaum, Hill and Davis.

The Grand Council of Michigan was then, on motion, called from labor to refreshment until 9 A. M. to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, January 11—9 A. M.

At the appointed hour the Grand Council resumed labor.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, which was accepted and the committee discharged:

To the T. I. G P. and Companions of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations ask leave to report that they have examined all the papers of Councils under dispensation referred to them, and find them correct. We would therefore recommend that charters be granted to Companions at Jackson, to be known and designated as Jackson Council, No. 32; also to Companions at Ithaca, to be known as Ithaca Council, No. 33.

Your committee would further report that they have had before them the petition of nine Companions of Tecumseh to form a Council at that place. Said petition having been properly recommended by Clinton Council, No. 26, R. & S. M., and finding their papers all correct, we would recommend that a charter be granted them, to be known and designated as Blanchard Council, No. 34.

All of which is respectfully submitted

D. BOVEE,
Chairman, for Committee.

The committee to whom the address of the Thrice Illustrious was referred for apportionment, made their report, as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant, beg leave to make the following report:

1st. That so much of the address as refers to the subject of a Grand Lecturer be referred to a special committee of three.

2d. That the portion relating to charters and dispensations be referred to the standing committee on those subjects.

Respectfully submitted,

N. ROSENBAUM,
GEORGE HILL,
A. J. DAVIS,
Committee.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Comp. G. B. Noble offered the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted:

Resolved, That a Companion residing thirty miles or over distant from an organized Council of R. & S. Masters may petition any Council within the State for the privilege of receiving the degrees, or for membership, and such Council is authorized to receive and act on such petition.

Resolved, That representatives of Councils under dispensation, to whom charters were granted by this Grand Council at its present Convocation, may vote for officers at this meeting.

A petition was received from a constitutional number of Companions residing in Union City, Branch county, praying that a charter or warrant be granted them to open a Council of Royal and Select Masters at that place, which petition was recommended by Mt. Moriah Council, at Coldwater; and it appearing for the interest of the Cryptic Circle that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, on motion,

Resolved, That a warrant be granted the Companions for the purposes mentioned, and they be empowered to open a new Council accordingly.

On motion of Comp. Tracy, it was

Resolved, That hereafter the names of officers of the Subordinate Councils only be published, omitting the list of members.

Comp. Noble offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Ionia Council, No. 12, have permission to hold an election for officers at their next regular Convocation.

On motion of Comp. W. S. Edwards, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Action has been taken by a large number of Grand Councils to solidify the structure of Masonry, and more intimately connect its several component parts, so as to form a more perfect and complete whole; and

WHEREAS, In this Jurisdiction a most important connecting link between Cryptic and Templar Masonry has for years been suffered to remain unconnected, to the great detriment of both orders; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by this Grand Council to present this subject to the Grand Commandery of Michigan, and urge that Grand Body to pass a resolution making the Council degrees pre-requisite to a candidate receiving the Templar orders or petitioning therefor.

Comps. Edwards, Noble and Bourke were appointed a committee for the purposes aforementioned.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their annual financial statements, subjoined, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WM. BARCLAY, Grand Treasurer,

In account with GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

Jan'y 9, 1870, Cash on hand to date	$224 77

WM. BARCLAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Detroit, January 10, 1871.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

O. BOURKE, Grand Recorder,

1870, In account with GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

Jan. 10,	Received from	Monroe Council, No. 1	$18 00
"	"	St. Clair Council, No. 2	2 00
"	"	Jonesville Council, No. 5	4 00
"	"	Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6	17 00
"	"	Romeo Council, No. 8	2 00
"	"	Zabud Council, No. 9	13 00
"	"	Tyre Council, No. 10	7 00
"	"	Union Council, No. 11	5 00
"	"	Sturgis Council, No. 13	6 00
"	"	Hiram Council, No. 14	7 00
"	"	Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15	4 00
"	"	Hudson Council, No. 16	8 00
"	"	Genesee Council, No. 17	1 00
"	"	Adrian Council, No. 18	9 00
"	"	Niles Council, No. 19	9 00
"	"	St. Johns Council, No. 21	8 00
"	"	Mosaic Council, No. 22	1 00
"	"	Portland Council, No. 23	20 00
"	"	Adoniram Council, No. 24	20 00
"	"	Big Rapids Council, No. 25	7 00
"	"	Clinton Council, No. 26	15 00
"	"	Oceana Council, No. 27	11 00
"	"	Lansing Council, for charter	25 00
"	"	Dowagiac Council, for charter	25 00
"	"	Reading Council, for charter	25 00
"	"	Northville Council, for charter	25 00
"	"	Three copies Cryptic sold	4 60
Feb'y 8,	"	One copy Cryptic sold	1 55
Sept. 20,	"	Jackson Council, for dispensation	15 00
Oct. 10,	"	Ithaca Council, for dispensation	15 60

1870,		CR.		
Jan'y 10,	By pay-roll for January, 1870		$ 86 00	
Jan'y 15,	By paid	W. V. Griffith, for tyling	10 00	
"	"	J. P. Fiske, use of room	5 00	
"	"	Monroe Chapter	5 00	
"	"	Grand Recorder	25 00	
"	"	Fees for charters	20 00	
"	"	Postage and stationery	10 00	
"	"	E. B. Smith & Co., for Cryptic	8 45	
"	"	Free Press, printing proceedings	126 00	
	Balance due Grand Council		24 70	
			$320 15	$320 15
	Balance to credit of Grand Council			24 70

Detroit, January 9, 1871.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COUNCIL PAY-ROLL, 1870.

J. B. Nixon	$3 00	C. C. Fuller	$3 00
D. B. Tracy	1 00	George Hill	3 00
George Hill	3 00	R. G. Spaulding	3 00
J. D. VanDuyn	3 00	D. Bovee	3 00
E. O. Rose	3 00	Wm. Brown	3 00
Andrew Robinson	3 00	C. H. Johnson	3 00
B. F. Doughty	3 00	J. E. Marvin	3 00
W. S. Edwards	3 00	W. A. Kent	3 00
C. H. Putnam	3 00	H. E. Peterman	3 00
H. S. Noble	3 00	J. D. Darling	3 00
Charles Lowe	3 00	Wm. Smith	1 00
O. L. Spaulding	3 00	J. W. French	3 00
Eber Sprague	3 00	J. B. Fitzgerald	3 00
Wm. Barclay	3 00	E. A. Elliott	3 00
John Clark	3 00		
G. B. Noble	3 00	Total	$86 00

The Committee on Finance, to whom the foregoing accounts were referred, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same, together with the accompanying vouchers, and find them correct.

H. M. LOOK,
J. B. FITZGERALD,
JOHN CLARK,
Committee.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, tellers having been appointed, with the following results:

Comp.	EBENEZER SPRAGUE, Lyons	T. I. G. P.
"	H. SHAW NOBLE, Monroe	D. I. G. P.
"	WM. BROWN, Battle Creek	G. T. Ill.
"	A. J. SAWYER, Monroe	G. P. C. of W.
"	WM. BARCLAY, Detroit	G. Treasurer.
"	GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit	G. Recorder.
"	EDWARD M. DOAN, Adrian	G. C. of G.
"	Rev. A. J. DAVIS, Lansing	G. Chaplain.
"	CORNELIUS B. REYNOLDS, Reading	G. Steward.
"	W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit	G. Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed by Past G. T. Ill. D. B. Tracy, in ample form, and took their positions in the Grand Council.

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

Your Committee on Returns have examined the annual reports of the Subordinate Councils of the State, and find the following correct, viz:

Monroe Council, No. 1.
St. Clair Council, No. 2.
Pontiac Council, No. 3.
River Raisin Council, No. 4.
Jonesville Council, No. 5.
Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.
Three Rivers Council, No. 7.
Zabud Council, No. 9.
Tyre Council, No. 10.
Union Council, No. 11.
Sturgis Council, No. 13.
Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.
Hudson Council, No. 16.
Genesee Council, No. 17.
Adrian Council, No. 18.
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Portland Council, No. 23.
Adoniram Council, No. 24.
Clinton Council, No. 26.
Oceana Council, No. 27.
Dowagiac Council, No. 28.
Lansing Council, No. 29.
Northville Council, No. 30.
Reading Council, No. 31.

There are several other Councils from whom no returns have so far been received. Your committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be authorized to examine any reports received before publication of these proceedings, and include same in this report, if found correct.

G. B. NOBLE,
D. B. TRACY,
J. COWLING,
Committee.

The committee to whom the subject of a Grand Lecturer was referred reported—

That this Grand Council are not financially in a position to employ and pay a person competent to fill such an office, and the Grand Thrice Illustrious has power to go, or send his proxy, to any Subordinate Council wishing instruction, and the Council receiving the benefit can defray the expense of the Lecturer so furnished.

EDWARD M. DOAN,
E. A. ELLIOTT,
D. BURNHAM TRACY,
Committee.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Comp. RHODES,

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder shall receive for his services the past year $25; the Grand Sentinel, $5; and Union Lodge of Strict Observance, $5 for use of hall.

On motion of Comp. TRACY, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Our past Grand Recorder, Comp. Oliver Bourke, before the election of officers at this Convocation, announced, with much regret, his utter inability any longer to perform the duties of Grand Recorder to his own satisfaction, or for the best interests of Cryptic Masonry, in consequence of his business affairs, and the large demands on his time as a public officer, engrossing his whole attention and labor, and respectfully, but positively, declining a re-election; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council are hereby given to Comp. Bourke for his long and faithful performance of the duties of Grand Recorder, and that he has the acknowledgment of this Grand Body for the services rendered during his administration.

On motion,

Resolved, That Councils receiving charters at this session of the Grand Council may hold an election for officers at any regular Convocation after receiving their charters.

Resolved, That the next annual Convocation of this Grand Body be held in Masonic Hall, Detroit.

The Grand Recorder was, on motion, directed to publish and distribute the proceedings as usual, the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to form a part of such publication.

There being no further business, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was closed in ample form, the Grand Chaplain invoking in solemn prayer the Divine protection on the assembly, on the whole Masonic fraternity, and that all men would flee to Him for succor who is the Light of Life—the Author and Finisher of our Faith—and through whose love we finally hope to inhabit that Heavenly Temple "not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

(A true record.)

G. P. Noble

Grand Recorder.

Report on Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report, which was ordered to be published with the proceedings:

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of the following Grand Councils since the date of our last report, viz.:

Rhode Island, in Providence, March 11, 1867; March 9, 1868; March 8, 1869.
Missouri, in St. Louis, October 8, 1869.
New Brunswick, in St. Johns, August 12, 1868; August 11, 1869.
Alabama, in Montgomery, December 8, 1869.
Louisiana, in New Orleans, February 17, 1870.
North Carolina, in Wilmington, December 2, 1869.
Ohio, in Cleveland, October 15, 1869; in Cincinnati, September 13, 1870.
Georgia, in Augusta, April 28, 1869.
Illinois, in Springfield, October 7, 1869.
New Jersey, in Trenton, September 9, 1869; September 15, 1870.
Arkansas, in Little Rock, October 30, 1869.
South Carolina, in Charleston, February 10, 1869; February 16, 1870.
Connecticut, in Hartford, May 9, 1870.
New York, in Albany, February 1, 1870.
Kentucky, in Louisville, October 20, 1869.
New Hampshire, in Concord, May 18, 1870.
Maine, in Portland, May 4, 1870.
Indiana, in Indianapolis, October 18, 1870.
Vermont, in Burlington, June 16, 1870.

RHODE ISLAND.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Council for 1867, 1868 and 1869. The annual Convocation in 1867 was held in Providence, March 11. Comp. James H. Armington, M. P. G. M., presided. Three Councils were represented. Number of members not given. The Grand Master, in his address, speaks of the unusual interest manifested by the three regular Councils in

its jurisdiction, there having been received and greeted 72 Companions. Comp. Armington, M. P. G. M., and H. M. Rawson, Grand Recorder, were re-elected.

The annual Convocation of 1868 convened at Providence March 9, Comp. J. H. Armington, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Three Councils were represented. Number of members not given; advanced during the year, 88. Comp. J. H. Armington was re-elected M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. Clinton D. Sellew, Grand Recorder.

The annual Convocation of 1869 convened at Providence, March 8, Comp. J. H. Armington, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Four Councils were represented, and returned a membership of 514. Advanced during the year, 61. The M. P. Grand Master in his address congratulates the Companions upon their continued prosperity. Comp. A. C. Robbins, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of 21 Grand Councils—ours for 1865, 1866 and 1868—saying for 1867 they were not favored with. We can assure our Companions they were duly mailed to them. In concluding his report, Comp. Robbins craves indulgence of his Companions of the Cryptic craft for the length of his report, it being the first ever offered since the formation of the Grand Council. We congratulate our Companion for his very able report, and hope we may receive many more from him.

Comp. Charles R. Cutler, of Warren, was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. Edward B. Knight, of Providence, Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Council met at St. Louis October 8, 1869, Comp. Martin Collins, D. P. G. M., as M. P. Grand Master, presiding. No annual address. Seven Councils were represented, returning a membership of 372.

Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley, in his usual terse and succinct manner, reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, ours not included.

Comp. Martin Collins was elected M. P. Grand Master, and George Frank Gouley re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

We have the proceedings of the Grand Council for August, 1868 and 1869. M. P. Grand Master Robert Marshall, in his address for 1868, says: "It is with unfeigned pleasure that I meet you on this, the first anniversary of our Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, under circumstances so favorable as to warrant the conclusion that the standards of our beautiful rite are now permanently planted in this Dominion." Three Councils represented; membership, 62.

Comp. R. Marshall, M. P. G. M., and Comp. D. R. Munroe, Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

In 1869 three Councils were represented. The address of the M. P. Grand Master Marshall, who presided, is confined to local matters. The Committee on Correspondence reviews the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, ours of the number.

Comp. Dr. Joseph Canby Hatheway was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. D. R. Munroe re-elected Grand Recorder.

ALABAMA.

The Grand Council met at Montgomery, December 8, 1869, Comp. Joseph H. Johnson, G. P., presiding. Twenty-five Councils were represented; membership, 900. One charter granted, and one dispensation.

The Committee on Correspondence reviews the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, Michigan not of the number. We assure our Companions our proceedings were mailed, as usual.

Comp. Robert D. Webb was elected Grand Puissant, and Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

The fifteenth Assembly of the Grand Council was held at New Orleans, February 17, 1870, Henry R. Swasey, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Six Councils were represented; membership, 431. The M. P. Grand Master's address is short, and confined to local matters only.

The Committee on Correspondence reported a very able review of the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, our own for 1869 included.

Comp. Rufus L. Bruce was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. Gustavus Sontag re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Council met at Wilmington, December 2, 1869, Comp. Thos. B. Carr, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Four Councils were represented. Grand Master Carr, in his address, says: "There are some questions of interest to our body which cannot well be settled except in general convention, one of which we conclude to be that of titles for officers of the Councils." He also says that, finding the degree of Super-Excellent Master attracting considerable interest, he received it while on a visit to New York, and recommends that, if deemed advisable, a committee be appointed to consider its merits, and report thereon. The only advantage, however, in his estimation, to be derived in its adoption, would be that the members of that jurisdiction would not be excluded from those Grand Councils where this degree is made a pre-requisite to admission to those Councils.

No Report on correspondence. Comp. Thos. B. Carr was re-elected M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. M. M. Katz, Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

The thirty-ninth annual Communication was held at Cleveland, October 15, 1869, Comp. Charles Brown, Puissant Grand Master, presiding. Forty-eight Councils were represented. The Grand Master delivered a brief address, relating to local matters.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of nine Grand Councils, Michigan not included.

Comp. Joseph R. Conrad was elected Puissant Grand Master, and Comp. J. D. Caldwell re-elected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

The Grand Council convened at Augusta, April 28, 1869, T. I. Stephen D. Heard, Grand Master, presiding. Grand Master Heard in his address acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of fourteen Grand Councils, ours included—all representing their Subordinate Councils to be in a flourishing condition. But he says: "There seems, however, to be a want of harmony among some of them, owing to the Grand Councils of some of the States having incorporated in the ritual of Cryptic Masonry the degree of Super-Excellent Master, an innovation to which your attention was called in my annual address of 1867. According to all the authorities that we have, the Royal and Select were the only degrees taught in Council Masonry until the recent innovation. And deeming it the duty of the Grand Council of Georgia to guard and preserve the purity of the Cryptic Degrees, as handed down to us, I would suggest for the consideration of this Grand Council the propriety of ignoring all Grand Councils that have, or that may hereafter, incorporate in the ritual of Cryptic Masonry the Super-Excellent or any other side degree."

Declining a re-election, Comp. Joseph E. Nells was elected T. I. G. M., and Comp. Chas. R. Armstrong, Ill. Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

Convened at Springfield, October 7, 1869, T. Ill. Comp. John M. Pearson, Grand Puissant, presiding. Twenty-eight Councils were represented. The Grand Puissant in his address, speaking of the degree of Super-Excellent Master, says: "Nothing is officially known of it in the jurisdiction, but I recommend that steps be taken to obtain such information as will enable this Grand Council to act understandingly at its next Convocation."

The Committee on Correspondence reviewed the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils, Michigan not included, saying the Grand Recorder informs them that he has been unable to obtain any information in regard to our Grand Council. We

know no reason, for our proceedings have been mailed regularly to the Grand Recorder.

Comp. Wm. M. Avise was elected Grand Puissant, and Comp. John C. Reynolds re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

The twelfth annual Convocation was held in the city of Trenton, September 15, 1870, M. P. J. V. Mattison, Grand Master, presiding. Seven Councils were represented; membership, 393. The address of the Grand Master relates entirely to local matters.

Comp. Thos. J. Corson presented a very full report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 28 Grand Councils, ours of the number.

Comp. E. Goeller, Grand Master, and Comp. T. J. Corson, Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS.

The tenth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the city of Little Rock, October 30, 1869, M. P. E. H. English, Past Grand Master, presiding. Of the 18 Councils entitled to representation, nine only were represented. No address; no report on correspondence.

Comp. E. H. Whitfield was elected Grand Master, and Comp. L. E. Barlow, Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

We have the proceedings of two annual Convocations, held in the city of Charleston, February 10, 1869, and February 16, 1870, Comp. Albert G. Mackey, M. P. Grand Master. Nine Councils were represented.

Grand Master Mackey delivered, as usual, a very interesting and instructive address—one that we would like, if time and space permitted, to publish *in extenso*.

Comp. A. G. Mackey, M. P. Grand Master; Comp. H. W. Schroder, Ill. Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

Held at Hartford, May 9, 1870, Comp. Edmund Tweedy, M. P. Grand Master, presiding, with representatives from twenty-two subordinates, reporting 2,038 members; 187 promotions; admitted, 1; withdrawn, 6; died, 15; suspended, 1; expelled, 2. Dues received, $187. The Grand Master delivered a very able address, from which we would like to quote many good things, but time and space will not allow.

Comp. Wm. Storer courteously reviews the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, including a very fraternal report of Michigan.

Comp. Chas. W. Stearns, of Middletown, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. J. K. Wheeler, of Hartford, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

In the City of Albany, February 1, 1870, R. P. John Hoole, as Grand Master, presiding. Twenty-eight of the thirty-seven Councils were represented. Comp. Hoole, in his opening address, says: "I find myself, by a sad dispensation of the Supreme Authority, from which there is no appeal, standing in the place of our late honored chieftain, and attempting as I may to discharge the duties alloted to him—duties which, by education and natural ability, he was so well fitted to discharge—which under his skillful direction moved as under the hand of a master workman. Scarce had the echoes of our last annual Assembly ceased, ere we were called to mourn the loss of our M. P. Grand Master, who, after a brief illness, yielded to the mandate of the destroyer, on the 25th of the month in which we had, in this place, listened to the accents of his last annual address. To-day his name stands upon our record in the sombre drapery of the dead, but his memory will be cherished while we can appreciate a noble heart, a sincere piety, unselfish devotion, and the shining example of an upright and perfect man."

Councils, 37; members, 1,713; admitted, 273; died, 8. Comp James McCrèdie was elected Grand Master, and Comp. Josiah Shove re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

The annual Communication was held in Louisville, October 20, 1869, Ill. Comp. Philip Swigert, G. P., presiding. Eighteen Councils were represented. No address.

The Committee on Correspondence reviews the proceedings of ten Grand Councils, Michigan not of the number. Comp. Philip Swigert was re-elected Grand Puissant, and A. G. Hodges, re-elected Grand Recorder, both of Frankfort.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Grand Council was held in Concord, May 18, 1870, Comp. Thomas J. Sanborn, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Six Councils were represented. Grand Master Sanborn's address is short relating to local matters. He says during the year "harmony has prevailed throughout our jurisdiction." No report on correspondence.

Comp. Thomas J. Sanborn was re-elected M. I. Grand Master, and Comp. Abel Hutchings elected Grand Recorder—both of Concord.

MAINE.

The annual Convocation was held in Portland, May 4, 1870, Comp. Gordon R. Garden, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Eleven Councils were represented; membership, 562; received, 54; died, 2. The Grand Master delivered an address devoted to local matters exclusively.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of Comp. J. H. Drummond, and is, as usual, a very able and instructive report of the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils, including Michigan for 1869. He touches our Past Grand Recorder, Comp. O. Bourke, rather lightly though, for some few errors in names, and says: "*Lay it to the printer;* everybody will clear you who ever *read* your writing." We will do so, Companion, for we know it to *be printers.* He closes his report in a very interesting summary of historical facts, gathered from proceedings of Grand Councils and Grand Chapters, and other

sources he has been able to examine, that we should like to publish in full, but time and space will not allow.

Comp. Gordon R. Garden, M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Recorder, of Portland, were each re-elected.

INDIANA.

The fifteenth annual Communication of the Grand Council was held in the City of Indianapolis, October 18, 1870, Comp. Wm. W. Austin, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Thirty-five Councils were represented; membership, 1,253. Grand Master Austin delivered a very interesting address, and also an excellent and instructive report on foreign correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, ours included.

Comp. Wm. W. Austin, of Richmond, M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. John M. Bramwell, Grand Recorder, of Indianapolis, were each re-elected.

VERMONT.

The Grand Council convened in Burlington, June 16, 1870, Comp. E. S. Dana, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Fourteen Councils were represented; 678 members. A short address from Grand Master Dana, and a good report from Comp. T. F. Stuart, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils. Michigan receives a fraternal notice.

Comp. Edward S. Dana, of Cornwall, M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. John B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington, Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

CONCLUSION.

Companions, in closing this report, we congratulate you on the healthy and prosperous condition of Cryptic Masonry in the several jurisdictions from which we have received proceedings. There are, however, some three subjects that seem to agitate the whole body of Cryptic Masonry. The first of these is uniformity in work, titles and degrees. The want of uniformity in titles seems to be in a deplorable condition, hardly any one Grand Council agreeing with another. The second is the determining whether the Super-Excellent degree belongs to the Council

or not; and the third is obtaining the consent of the Commanderies to make the Council degrees pre-requisite to obtaining the Orders of Knighthood. From our former proceedings in regard to the first and second propositions, and our present in reference to the third, the views of our Companions and action of our Grand Council are fully expressed.

And now, Companions, imperfect as it is, we submit this, our first effort in reporting, to the charity of the Companions, hoping that the sentiments expressed may meet your approval, and trust that in the future we may be better prepared to do justice to the important trust confided to us.

Fraternally,



For the Committee.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

Grand Council of R. & S. Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN held its Fourteenth Annual Convocation in Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on Tuesday, the 2d day of January, 1872, at 6 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT:

Comp. E. SPRAGUE.....T. I. G. P.
" H. SHAW NOBLE.....D. I. G. P.
" W. BROWN.....G. T. Ill.
" A. I. SAWYER.....G. P. C. of Work.
" WM. BARCLAY.....G. Treasurer.
" G. B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
" E. M. DOAN.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" REV. A. J. DAVIS.....G. Chaplain.
" C. B. REYNOLDS.....G. Steward.
" W. V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

Comp. JOHN CLARK.....P. T. I. G. P.
" E. A. ELLIOTT.....P. T. I. G. P.
" D. B. TRACY.....P. T. I. G. P.

Also, the Representatives of a constitutional number of Subordinate Councils. The Grand Council of Michigan was opened in ample form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. A. J. Davis.

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Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.

Comp. JOSEPH TORBE .....Proxy for Council.

Hudson Council, No. 16.

Comp. MYRON M. MAXSON.....T. I. G. M.
" JAMES J. HOGABOAM.....D. I. G. M.
" ELIAS CONSELYEA.....P. C. W.

Genesee Council, No. 17.

Comp. W. E. SMITH.....T. I. G. M.
and Proxy for D. I. G. M. and P. C. W.

Adrian Council, No. 18.

Comp. E. H. LYMAN.....P. C. W.
and Proxy for T. I. G. M. and D. I. G. M.

Niles Council, No. 19.

Comp. J. B. FITZGERALD.....D. I. G. M.
and Proxy for T. I. G. M. and P. C. W.

Saginaw Council, No. 20.

Comp. WALTER FITZGERALD.....Proxy for Council.

St. Johns Council, No. 21.

Comp. SYLVESTER HOYT.....T. I. G. M.
" A. G. WIGGINS.....D. I. G. M.
" J. H. CRANSON.....P. C. W.

Mosaic Council, No. 22.

Comp. D. BURNHAM TRACY.....T. I. G. M.
" JOHN J. SUMNER.....D. I. G. M.
" E. W. REYNOLDS.....P. C. W.

Portland Council, No. 23.

Comp. GEO. HILL.....T. I. G. M.
" JOHN BENSON.....Proxy for D. I. G. M. and P. C. W.

Adoniram Council, No. 24.

Comp. H. C. CALHOUN.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" ARTHUR CASE.....D. I. G. M.
" P. F. BLOSSER.....P. C. W.

King Solomon Council, No. 25.

Comp. W. IRWIN LATIMER.....T. I. G. M.
" CHARLES D. BROWN.....D. I. G. M.
" JOSEPH W. PERRY.....P. C. W.

Clinton Council, No. 26.

Comp. WM. G. TUTTLE.....T. I. G. M.
" GEORGE FISHER.....D. I. G. M.
" ANDREW ROBINSON.....P. C. W.

Oceana Council, No. 27.

I. RICE.....T. I. G. M.
. G. B. ATWOOD.....D. I. G. M.
E. EDWARDS.....P. C. W.

Dowagiac Council, No. 28.

. HENDERSON.....Proxy for Council.

Lansing Council, No. 29.

J. DAVIS.....T. I. G. M.
F. BUCK.....D. I. G. M.
B. BAKER.....P. C. W.

Northville Council, No. 80.

ARK M. SLY.....T. I. G. M.
I. P. HUNGERFORD.....D. I. G. M.
H. DIBBLE.....P. C. W.

Reading Council, No. 81.

B. REYNOLDS.....T. I. G. M.
EAZER GLEASON.....D. I. G. M.
A. WOODARD.....P. C. W.

Jackson Council, No. 82.

IN L. MITCHELL.....T. I. G. M.
NJ. PORTER, JR.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
F. EGGLESTON.....P. C. W.

Ithaca Council, No. 83.

J. UTLEY.....T. I. G. M.
and Proxy for D. I. G. M. and P. C. W.

Blanchard Council, No. 84.

ORGE T. KETCHAM.....T. I. G. M.
A. WRIGHT.....D. I. G. M.
NOR DAVIDSON.....P. C. W.

Union City Council, No. 85.

B. AIKEN.....T. I. G. M.
DNEY SIMONS.....D. I. G. M.
H. TRACEY.....P. C. W.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. UTLEY,
E. BOGARDUS,
GEORGE HILL,
Committee.

port of the committee was accepted.

The T. I. G. Puissant then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Illustrious Companions—Since we last met, another year in the annals of Cryptic Masonry has passed, and by permission of the Grand Puissant and Creator of all things, we are again permitted to assemble, as Select Masters, around our Sacred Altar in Annual Convocation, to review the proceedings of the past and to provide for the future welfare and prosperity of our beloved Order; and in performing that duty let us ask assistance of Him who doeth all things well, to aid us in providing for its future welfare, and to assist in our legislation for its prosperity.

And as Select Masters let us pause and review our own proceedings of the past, and see if, by our labor, we have proved that Brotherly love has reigned within us, and that we have labored in the Grand call of relief, because of its own sake. If so, then have we been true Masons, and our deeds have made us Select, and we may unhesitatingly claim the reward due us by being admitted to the Ninth Arch in the Paradise of God.

In relation to my official duties I have but little to report. At our Grand Convocation, in January last, there were four charters granted; one at Jackson, to be called Jackson Council, No. 32, one at Ithaca, Gratiot County, to be called Ithaca Council, No. 33, one at Tecumseh, to be called Blanchard Council, No. 34, and one at Union City, to be called Union City Council, No. 35. On the 29th of January I appointed P. T. I. G. P. Boden, of Coldwater, to meet the Companions of Union City to institute their Council and install its Officers, which, he informs me, was performed on the 9th of February in due and ample form. On the 2d of February I appointed Illustrious Companion Wm. G. Tuttle, of Clinton Council, No. 26, to meet the Companions of Jackson Council, No. 32, institute their Council and install its Officers, which duty, Companion Tuttle informs me, was done in ample form. After the installation he assisted them in conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on one candidate. On the 14th of February I met the Companions at Ithaca, opened a Grand Council, instituted their Council

d their officers. After the installation I conferred the Royal and Select Master on one candidate and the officers in the ritual. I found their numbers heir zeal for the advancement of Cryptic Masonry I have no doubt the work they bring up to be depose approved and accepted. On the 27th of May I Illustrious Companion W. G. Tuttle, of Clinton o. 26, to meet the Companions of Blanchard Council, Tecumseh, institute their Council and install its offi- he complied with on the 5th of June in ample form. llation, witnessed the conferring of the degrees of Select Master on two candidates, which was perform- eat zeal and skill.

equence of a great misfortune, entirely beyond my have not been able to visit any of the Subordinate hich I very much regret; but from the information rough inquiry from the different sections of our jur- am happy to state, that no disturbing element has ed to enter the Secret Vault to disturb the peace and f the workmen; and the sentiment of Brotherly love be unsparingly spread throughout our jurisdiction.

last, through the hands of our Grand Recorder, I circular notice calling a convention of representa- e Grand Councils of the several States. For your rmation I give you its contents, which is as follows:

PORTLAND, Me., May 10, 1871.

OMPANION—At the session of the Grand Council of Maine, 3d instant, after a conference with Companions from Massa- as directed to call a convention of representatives from the l Councils of Royal and Select Masters, to meet in New York, , for the purpose of securing uniformity in the ritual, etc., of ite.

gly, I have fixed upon the second Wednesday in June of that ur Grand Council is hereby invited to be represented on that if your Grand Council declines or neglects to act in the shall be happy to meet there any of the Companions of

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.

Uniformity in the ritual, etc., I suppose to include uniformity in the official titles of the Grand Officers and the officers of the Subordinate Councils, and in arranging the priority of conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and also the adopting of the degree of Super-Excellent Master in the Councils of Royal and Select Masters in the several Grand Jurisdictions.

Most P. G. Master Garden, of Maine, in his address in May last, recommends the alteration of their constitution and by-laws, changing the title of Grand and Subordinate Councils from Royal and Select Masters to Select and Royal Masters, so their title will conform to the order of conferring the degrees. By which I am led to infer there is a discrepancy in Maine and Michigan, in the order of conferring the Cryptic degrees. The titles of the Grand and Subordinate Councils of Maine and Michigan are the same; our titles conform to the order of conferring the degrees, which chronologically, I believe to be correct. Any alteration in our jurisdiction, therefore, would greatly impair their beautiful connection, and dim the luster of their progressive light.

Companions, I would recommend that you take the subject of this call for a convention under your advisement, and give to it such thought and consideration as its merits appear to demand, and dispose of it as you in your good judgment may deem proper for the future welfare of the Grand Cryptic Rite.

Cryptic Masonry for the past year has been the subject of much discussion. In all our sister Grand Councils, the Masonic mind is becoming fully awakened to its beauty and utility, and the students of the Cryptic Rite throughout our borders are anxious to see it placed on a basis that its importance demands. The most popular way, at the present time, of obtaining that result, appears to be to make the degrees of Cryptic Masonry pre-requisite to the Order of Knighthood, and I am informed

eral of their grand jurisdictions the Sir Knights have
and I have no doubt the time is not far distant when
pproved by the Grand Encampment of the United
be adopted by all the Grand Commanderies under its
; not that Cryptic Masonry lacks self-sustaining
ts own, for it will surely flourish in the future as it
past, whether adopted or not, for every Royal Arch
vandering in the dark without the knowledge these
part, and no cautious Sir Knight will deprive himself
able lessons they teach.

ber last I received notice of the forming and organ-
a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the
ronto, Canada. I also received a copy of their pro-
nbracing their Constitution and by-laws. The notice
lows:

COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF ONTARIO,
AT THEIR GRAND EAST, IN THE CITY OF TORONTO.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND RECORDER,
ORILLA, Ontario, September 30, 1871.

. Ebenezer Sprague, M. P. G. M. of the Grand Council of Royal and
ers, of the State of Michigan:

NT SIR—*Greeting:*

ommand of the Most Puissant, Grand Master of Ontario, I
r to inform you that on the 8th ult. duly appointed delegates
Councils of Royal and Select Masters in the Province of On-
t in Convention at Toronto, and there, after mature delibera-
d a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, in the Prov-
o. (*Vide* proceedings forwarded.)

instructed by the Most Puissant Grand Master of Ontario to
aternal regard to yourself and the Grand Council, over which
honor to preside, and his desire that by a friendly exchange
tives we may draw the ties of Cryptic Masonry still closer.
and of the Most Puissant Grand Master, I have the honor to
nally yours,
ysteries of the Secret Vault.

ROBERT RAMSAY,
Grand Recorder.

The second section of their constitution reads as follows: This Grand Council claims exclusive jurisdiction, and shall have sole government and superintendence of Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and appendant orders within the Province of Ontario.

Section five, for the regulation of Subordinate Councils, reads thus: Every Council shall have power to confer the degrees of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master, and Red Cross of Babylon. It appears our Companions in the Province of Ontario have assumed jurisdiction over another order. It is well known that the American system of Knighthood embraces the order of the Red Cross. The English system, which prevails in Canada, does not, and I am informed the order has been conferred there as a kind of side degree by certain offieers whose authority was recognized by the proper authority in the United States, it being under no fixed authority in Canada. Recognizing the possession of it as necessary to gain admission into assemblies of Knights in this country, they saw the necessity of placing it under some organized Masonic authority; therefore, our Companions of Ontario have attached the Order of the Red Cross to their Councils of Royal and Select Masters, where it is conferred as an appendant order. I understand that the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States has decided their authority as legitimate, and those that receive the order under that authority are entitled to admission in all conclaves of Knights of the Red Cross under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and I have no doubt this action will have much influence in favor of making the degrees of Cryptic Masonry pre-requisite to the Order of Knighthood, and thus make the American system of Masonry complete, progressive and harmonious.

Companions, the adoption of the Super-Excellent Master's degree, by the several Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, has for the past few years been the subject of much discussion. Many of our sister Grand Councils have adopted it, and from information received, I think quite a number of others are

avor of its adoption. I would therefore recommend
nsideration the propriety of adopting it in this juris-
be conferred in the Councils of Royal and Select
an appendant degree, not that it has any connection
degrees, but, by so doing, place our Companions of
iction on an equality with the Companions of other
s where it has been adopted, and whether you think
ot strengthen the bonds of union, and contribute to
ess of our Companions.

lusion, my Companions, permit me to tender you my
knowledgment for the honors your suffrages bestowed
n placing me in this honorable position, and for the
r kind offices I have received at your hands, and I
ccessor will be much more competent to discharge
s duties of this high and honorable station than
en.

E. SPRAGUE.

ion of Comp. A. J. Utley, the address was referred
owing committee for apportionment: Comp. A. J.
P. Innes and John Clark.

ion of Comp. W. Brown:

That all Royal and Select Masters in good standing are invited
with this Grand Council during its Convocation.

rice Illustrious Grand Puissant appointed the follow-
standing committees:

URNS—Comps. J. L. Mitchell, A. J. Cummings, John Clark.
NCE—Comps. E. Bogardus, A. B. Aiken, J. Spencer.
IGN CORRESPONDENCE—Comps. Grand Recorder, Benj. Porter,
nes.
RTERS AND DISPENSATIONS—Comps. D. B. Purinton, H. C.
rge Hill.
SPRUDENCE—Comps. J. B. Fitzgerald, B. F. Doughty, P. F.

mittee to whom was referred for apportionment the
the T. I. G. Puissant, made the following report:

To the T. I. G. P. and Companions of the Grand Council of R. & S. Masters of the State of Michigan:

The committee to whom was referred the address of the T. I. G. P. for apportionment, respectfully report as follows:

1st. That so much of the address as refers to the call for a convention of the several Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, to meet in New York, in June, 1872, be referred to a special committee of three.

2d. That so much as refers to the communication of the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of Ontario, be referred to a select committee of three.

3d. That so much as relates to the adoption of the Super-Excellent Master's degrees, as one of the degrees of the Council, be referred to a select committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. J. UTLEY,
W. P. INNES,
JOHN CLARK,
Committee.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The T. I. G. Puissant then appointed the following committees:

1st.—Comps. W. P. Innes, E. Bogardus, George Hill.
2d—Comps. George C. Monro, D. B. Purinton, Wm. Walker.
3d—Comps. A. J. Cummings, A. B. Aiken, C. W. Sly.

The Grand Recorder presented the following communication from Ionia Council, No. 12:

IONIA, January 2, 1872.

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

WHEREAS, The election for officers of Ionia Council, No. 12, was not held as it should have been, although due notice had been given; therefore we, the T. I. G. M. and P. C. W., would most respectfully ask the Grand Council to authorize a special election to be held at our next regular Convocation, due notice being given to all the Companions of said Ionia Council, No. 12.

P. H. TAYLOR, T. I. G. M.
A. W. DODGE, P. C. W.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Ionia Council, No. 12, be allowed to hold an election for officers at its first regular Convocation after receiving this notice, first giving written notice to all members of the Council of said election.

Innes moved that the election of officers be made the
er for 2 o'clock P. M. Adopted.

mmittee to whom was referred that portion of the
's address, relative to the holding of a Convention in
, in June next, made the following report, which was

P. and Companions:

ommittee, to whom was referred that part of the T. I. G. P.'s
ting to the call for a Convention of the several Grand Councils
d Select Masters, to meet in New York, in June, 1872, would
report that they have had the subject matter under considera-
commend that the three first officers of this Grand Council be
attend such meeting and represent this Grand Body, and in
bsence of any one of said officers, they appoint a proxy in their
ead. This to be attended with no cost to our Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. P. INNES,
GEORGE HILL,
E. BOGARDUS,
Committee.

rand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their
ancial statements, subjoined, which, on motion, were
o the Committee on Finance:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

LAY, Grand Treasurer,

In account with GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

71, Cash on hand to date.....$224 77

WM. BARCLAY,
Grand Treasurer.

January 2, 1872.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

G. B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder,

1871, In account with GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

Jan. 9,	To balance per account rendered	$24 70
"	Received from Monroe Council, No. 1	16 00
"	" St. Clair Council, No. 2	7 00
"	" Pontiac Council, No. 3	8 00
"	" Jonesville Council, No. 5	1 00
"	" Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6	11 00
"	" Three Rivers Council, No. 7	20 00
"	" Zabud Council, No. 9	6 00
"	" Tyre Council, No. 10	4 00
"	" Union Council, No. 11	10 00
"	" Sturgis Council, No. 13	4 00
"	" Hudson Council, No. 16	2 00
"	" Genesee Council, No. 17	14 00
"	" Adrian Council, No. 18	7 00
"	" Niles Council, No. 19	3 00
"	" Saginaw Council, No. 20	4 00
"	" St. Johns Council, No. 21	4 00
"	" Adoniram Council, No. 24	2 00
"	" Clinton Council, No. 26	9 00
"	" Dowagiac Council, No. 28	9 00
"	" Lansing Council, No. 29	15 00
"	" Northville Council, No. 30	6 00
"	" Reading Council, No. 31	13 00
"	" Jackson Council, U. D., extra for charter	10 00
"	" Ithaca Council, U. D., extra for charter	10 00
"	" Blanchard Council, for charter	25 00

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Jan'y 9,	By pay-roll, per detailed list	$ 82 00	
"	By paid W. V. Griffith, for tyling	5 00	
"	" Union Lodge of S. O., use of room	5 00	
"	" Grand Recorder	25 00	
"	" Fees for three charters	15 00	
"	" Postage and stationery	10 00	
"	" Free Press, printing proceedings	94 00	
"	" Notices for meetings	1 25	
"	" Balance	2 20	
		$239 70	$239 70
	Balance to credit of Grand Council		2 20

G. B. NOBLE,
Grand Recorder.

Detroit, January 9, 1872.

GRAND COUNCIL PAY-ROLL, 1871.

les, No. 1	$3 00	J. D. VanDuyn, No. 24	$2 00
No. 2	3 00	Andrew Robinson, No. 26	3 00
k, No. 3	3 00	D. W. Clemmer, No. 28	3 00
No. 6	3 00	A. J. Davis, No. 29	3 00
g, No. 7	3 00	D. B. Smith, No. 30	3 00
wn, No. 9	3 00	C. B. Reynolds, No. 31	3 00
nson, No. 10	3 00	W. S. Edwards	3 00
b, No 11	3 00	A. I. Sawyer	3 00
nt, No. 13	3 00	H. S. Noble	3 00
g, No. 16	2 00	John Clark	3 00
ith, No. 17	3 00	G. B. Noble	3 00
n, No. 18	3 00	E. Sprague	3 00
gerald, No. 19	3 00	Wm. Barclay	3 00
t, No. 20	3 00		
gins, No. 21	3 00	Total	$82 00

Committee on Finance, to whom the foregoing accounts were respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same, ith the accompanying vouchers, and find them correct.

E. BOGARDUS,
A. B. AIKEN,
J. SPENCER,
Committee.

notion of Comp. John Clark the following resolution imously adopted:

d, That a duplicate charter be issued, free of cost, to Monroe o. 1, in place of the charter granted that body in 1858, which st.

committee to whom was referred that portion of the elating to the S. E. Master's degree, made the following

committee, to whom was referred so much of the T. I. G. P.'s relates to the Super-Excellent Master's degree, have had the r consideration, and beg leave to offer the following:

d, That in order to place Cryptic Masonry in the State of more in harmony with Sister G. Councils, that there be incor- o the system of degrees now conferred in Councils in this juris- degree of Super-Excellent Master, to be conferred after the ter's degree, and without additional charge.

A. J. CUMMINGS,
A. B. AIKEN,
C. M. SLY,
Committee.

Which report was accepted and referred to the three first officers of the Grand Council, to report at the next Annual Convocation.

On motion, the Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, January 3—2 o'clock P. M.

Grand Council resumed labor.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following results:

Comp.	H. SHAW NOBLE, Monroe	T. I. G. P.
"	WM. BROWN, Battle Creek	D. I. G. P.
"	MORTIMER MANSFIELD, Coldwater	G. T. Ill.
"	EDWARD M. DOAN, Adrian	G. P. C. of W.
"	E. A. ELLIOTT, Detroit.	G. Treasurer.
"	GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit	G. Recorder.
"	GEORGE, HILL, Portland	G. C. of G.
"	REV. A. J. DAVIS, Lansing	G. Chaplain.
"	A. J. UTLEY, Ithaca	G. Steward.
"	W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit	G. Sentinel.

The committee upon that portion of the T. I. G. P.'s address relative 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.

G. C. MUNRO,
D. B. PURINTON,
WM. WALKER,
Committee.

Which was accepted and adopted.

nmittee on Returns presented the following report, accepted and adopted:

nmittee on Returns of Subordinate Councils have examined find them correct, as follows:

uncil, No. 1.
ouncil, No. 2.
uncil, No. 3.
n Council, No. 4.
Council, No. 5.
Council, No. 6.
rs Council, No. 7.
uncil, No. 8.
ncil, No. 9.
cil, No. 10.
ncil, No. 11.
cil, No. 12.
uncil, No. 13.
ncil, No. 14.
Council, No. 15.
uncil, No. 16.
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uncil, No. 18.
Niles Council, No. 19.
Saginaw Council, No. 20.
St. Johns Council, No. 21.
Mosaic Council, No. 22.
Portland Council, No. 23.
Adoniram Council, No. 24.
King Solomon Council, No. 25.
Clinton Council, No. 26.
Oceana Council, No. 27.
Dowagiac Council, No. 28.
Lansing Council, No. 29.
Northville Council, No. 30.
Reading Council, No. 31.
Jackson Council, No. 32.
Ithaca Council, No. 33.
Blanchard Council, No. 34.
Union City Council, No. 35.

J. L. MITCHELL,
A. J. CUMMINGS,
JOHN CLARK,
Committee.

ion of Comp. Innes:

That the Grand Recorder shall receive for his salary the 50; the Grand Sentinel, $10; and Monroe Chapter No. 1, of hall.

rand Council proceeded to the installation of the cers elect, P T. I. G. P., E. Sprague presiding, the Grand Officers elect were severally installed into ctive stations.

ion,

That the next annual Convocation of this Grand Body be held Hall, Detroit.

and Recorder was, on motion, directed to publish ute the proceedings as usual, including the report on

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Foreign Correspondence, and also the Constitution and By-laws of this Grand Body.

The following amendment to Section 4, Article 1, of the Constitution, was laid over for action until the next Annual Convocation:

The annual meeting of this Grand Council shall be held on the day preceding the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, at 6 o'clock P. M.

There being no further business, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Michigan was closed in ample form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Comp. Rev. A. J. Davis.

(A true record.)



Grand Recorder.

ort on Foreign Correspondence.

nmittee on Foreign Correspondence presented the port, which was ordered to be published with the

nmittee have received the proceedings of nineteen Grand ollow:

November 19, 1870.
December 7, 1870.
ut, May 8, 1871.
April 26, 1871.
ober 14, 1870; October 17, 1871.
October 17, 1871.
, October 19, 1870.
, February 16, 1871.
ay 3, 1871.
October 7, 1870.
, December 12, 1870; January 11, 1871.
setts, December 14, 1871.
olina, December 1, 1870.
swick, August 25, 1870.
, February 7, 1871.
pshire, May 17, 1871.
tember 26, 1871.
, November 7, 1870; November 6, 1871.
June 15, 1871.

ARKANSAS.

venth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was tle Rock, November 19, 1870. Comp. George A. Deputy G. M., presiding. Eight Councils were rep- No address. No report on correspondence.

eorge A. Donnelly was elected Grand Master, and . Barber, of Little Rock, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ALABAMA.

The Thirty-third annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the city of Montgomery, December 7, 1870, Comp. Robert D. Webb, Grand Puissant, presiding. Twenty-two Subordinate Councils were represented.

Comp. Webb's address is short. Relating to local matters, he says: "I have been unable to visit the different Councils of the State, but from what I can learn, I fear much indifference exists as to the true interests of the Order." And closing, says: "Let us, then, zealously continue our work in the Sacred Vault, shake off chilling icy indifference, and by cultivating the higher principles of our nature, approach nearer to that Great Architect who is the source of all light, and who is the Light."

Comp. Daniel Sayre reviews the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, ours, for 1869, of the number.

Comps. Webb and Sayre were each re-elected.

CONNECTICUT.

The annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the city of New Haven, May 8, 1871, T. I. Chas. W. Stearns, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Twenty-four Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address relates to local matters only. Comp. Wm. Storer, in his communication to the Grand Council, says, owing to severe illness he is unable to write a report on Foreign Correspondence.

Comp. Chas. W. Stearns, of Middletown, M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. Jos. K. Wheeler, of Hartford, Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

GEORGIA.

The Grand Council assembled in the city of Augusta, April 26, 1871, Comp. Robert M. Smith, Thrice Illustrious Grand Master, presiding. Fifteen Subordinate Councils were represented. Grand Master Smith made a short address relating to his official acts; also a report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, ours, for 1870, of the

here are twenty-two Councils, numbering 539 mem-

obert M. Smith, of Athens, T. I. G. M., and Comp. rmstrong, of Macon, Grand Recorder, were each

IOWA.

e the proceedings for 1870 and 1871. The Grand 1870 convened in the city of Clinton, October 14, Comp. Benjamin Crabb, M. P. Grand Master, presid- Councils were represented.

nd Master in his address, says: "The past year has of great prosperity, temporally and Masonically. ty and prosperity is the ruling gift of a munificent throughout this beautiful heritage of ours." Comp. ngridge, for the Committee on Correspondence, es the receipt of the proceedings of eleven Grand cluding Michigan for 1869, and says a careful exam- hese proceedings reveals nothing needing particular

, the Grand Council convened in the city of Council ober 17, Illustrious Comp. B. Crabb, presiding. ouncils were represented. The Grand Master gave a sting address, showing that Cryptic Masonry was r slumbering in Iowa. No report on Foreign Cor- e.

Benjamin Crabb, of Mt. Pleasant, M. P. Grand Mas- mp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Recorder, were each Iowa has, October 1, 1871, nineteen Councils; 476

INDIANA.

teenth annual Communication of the Grand Council the city of Logansport, October 17, 1871. Comp. W. M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

P. G. Master, in his address, says: "As we look circle we note with grateful hearts that, during our freshment, the Angel of Death has not been permit-

ted to touch with his dark wing any of our stations; that our Trowels are not draped with the emblem of sorrow; that we are again granted the happy privilege of meeting with our perfect number."

M. P. Grand Master submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 21 Grand Councils; ours for 1870 and 1871 included. Statistics—36 Subordinate Councils; 1,381 members.

Comp. Martin H. Rice, of Indianapolis, was elected M. P. G. Master, and Comp. John M. Bramwell re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

The annual Communication of the Grand Council was held in the city of Louisville, October 19, 1870, Comp. Philip Swigert, G. P., presiding. Seventeen Councils were represented.

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 does not favor the adoption of the Super-Excellent Degree, and quotes Comp. Mackey's address to the Grand Council of South Carolina upon the subject. Closing, he says: "I have presided over this Grand Council twenty-eight years, during which time I have had the co-operation and aid of my associate officers, and harmony has invariably prevailed. I have often urged the propriety of being relieved, and now renew the request, knowing there are now present many Companions much better qualified for the position." No report on Correspondence.

Comp. Philip Swigert, G. P., and Comp. A. G. Hodges, Grand Recorder, of Frankfort, were each re-elected.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Council assembled in the city of New Orleans, February 16, 1871, Comp. Rufus L. Bruce, M. P. Grand Master,

Seven Councils were represented. The Grand
ldress is short, relating to local matters wholly.
mmittee on Foreign Correspondence reviews in brief
dings of nineteen Grand Councils, ours of the number.
Joseph P. Horner was elected M. P. Grand Master,
Gustavus Sontag re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

and Council assembled in the city of Portland, May
mp. Gordon R. Garden, M. P. Grand Master, presid-
lve Councils were represented. The Grand Master's
short, and relates to local doings only. He says:
y own observations, and from conversing with Com-
various Councils, I have reason to suppose that the
s jurisdiction is in a much more flourishing condition
been for some time past."
J. H. Drummond reviews the proceedings of twenty-
nd Councils, from which we should like to quote.
forego the pleasure, for if we should commence, we
know how or when to stop, and time and space will
. Michigan for 1870 and 1871 is included.
Gordon R. Garden, M. P. Grand Master, and Comp.
Grand Recorder, of Portland, were each re-elected.

MISSOURI.

xth annual Convocation of the Grand Council was
e city of St. Louis, October 7, 1870, Comp. Martin
P. Grand Master presiding. Six Councils were rep-
The Grand Master's address is short and concise.
he Councils are in a prosperous condition, and the
ip continually increasing; but that there is something
insure the continued prosperity—the want is propa-
l extension—and appeals to the Grand Council to
ly provide the means for the purpose, and suggests the
of amending the regulations in such a manner as to
Grand Puissant, or his duly authorized deputy, with
to open Councils and confer degrees when needed.

In accordance with the suggestions of the Grand Master, the committee to whom was referred the address, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That a petition for a dispensation may be signed by nine or more Royal and Select Masters and Royal Arch Masons who are desirous of forming a Council, and if the Grand Master shall decide that such a Council will be a benefit to Cryptic Masonry, that he be and is hereby empowered to deputize any competent Present or Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master to proceed to the place designated with a legal number of Royal and Select Masters, there open a Council, and confer the degrees upon all the Royal Arch Masons who may be unanimously acceptable to the Royal and Select Masters who are to be members of the new Council, and when the degrees are conferred, to then and there institute the new Council under its dispensation, with the proper officers properly instructed.

Comp. G. F. Gouley reviews, in his usual elaborate and instructive manner, the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, Michigan not of the number.

MINNESOTA.

We have the proceedings of a Convention of Royal and Select Masters held in the city of St. Paul, December 12, 1870, and the formation of the Grand Council, and adoption of a constitution and regulations. Comp. J. C. Perry was elected M. P. G. M., and Comp. Wm. S. Combs, Grand Recorder.

The Second Convocation of the Grand Council was held in the city of St. Paul, January 11, 1871, Comp. J. C. Perry, M. P. G. Master, presiding. Three Subordinate Councils were represented.

Comp. A. E. Ames was elected M. P. G. Master, and Comp. B. F. Wright, Grand Recorder.

Welcome, thrice welcome, Minnesota!

MASSACHUSETTS.

The annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Select and Royal Masters was held at Masonic Temple in the city of Boston, December 14, 1870, Comp. Charles Edward Powers, M. P. G. Master, presiding. Eleven Subordinate Councils were represented.

rand Master delivered a very interesting address, account of his stewardship during the past year, from nake the following quotation: "I have the pleasure ıg, as I have in previous years, that the Council vas never in a more flourishing condition, in the Com-, than at the present time.

Edward B. Moore gives us a very excellent report on orrespondence, reviewing the proceedings of eighteen ıncils, ours not of the number, from which, if time permitted, we should like to make many quotations. nly quote from his conclusion. He says: "Cryptic s evidently in a prosperous condition throughout its in, and destined at no distant day to rival all other stitutions. The idea of a convention of all the Grand r the purpose of harmonizing the work and degrees ne, and we favor the meeting."

Charles Henry Norris, of Salem, was elected M. P. ter, and Solon Thornton, of Boston, re-elected Grand

rs, 1,670; Subordinate Councils, 15.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

and Council held its annual Convocation in the city of lay 17, 1871. Six Councils represented. Grand Mas-s is short, and relating to local Councils only.

Recorder acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings ı Grand Councils, Michigan, for January, 1871, of the No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Geo. H. True, of Manchester, was elected M. P. Grand l Comp. Abel Hutchins, of Concord, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

nual Convocation of the Grand Council convened in f Albany, February 7, 1871, M. P. James McCredie, ster, presiding. Twenty-eight Councils were repre-he Grand Master, in his address, says: "The past

year has been one of general prosperity to the fraternity, and particularly to our own especial branch of the Order, and should its growth continue, but a few years will be necessary to settle in a great and peaceful way the question of where our position is in the Masonic family."

There were ten dispensations granted to form New Councils the last year.

Comp. C. Craig, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reported the proceedings of fourteen Grand Councils during the last year, Michigan, for 1870, of the number, also a supplemental report for the previous year. We have only space to quote from his closing remarks. He says: "The question of making the degrees of Royal and Select Masters a prerequisite to the Order of Knighthood is gaining friends, and hardly a Companion opposes it, for we know not of one. So, Companions, let us labor on until our mission is accomplished, for everything now looks bright for Cryptic Masons, and already the bright lights of our arches are showing forth to the world that, although the work is secret, yet our acts and deeds plainly tell that they bring forth good fruit."

Comp. James McCredie, of Buffalo, Grand Master, and Comp. Josiah Shove, New York City, Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

New York has 39 Subordinate Councils, and 2,072 members.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

In a neatly printed volume of seventy-six pages we have the proceedings of an Emergency Assembly of the Grand Council, held at Masonic Hall, St. John, July 18, 1870, to receive and act upon an application for a Council in the City of Halifax. That was granted. Also of the annual Assembly, held in the City of St. John, August 25, 1870, Comp. Dr. J. C. Hathaway, M. P. G. M., presiding. Also of the special Assembly, called the 22d of November, 1870, to receive and act upon an application for a Council in the village of Orilla, Province of Ontario, Canada. That was granted. Also of the special Assembly on the 13th of January, 1871, called to receive and act upon an application

ncil in the City of Toronto, Province of Ontario, That was also granted.

rand Master's address is short, relating to the business and Council only.

D. B. Munro, for the Committee on Foreign Corres- reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, 870, included.

Dr. J. C. Hathaway, M. P. G. M., and Comp. D. Munro, Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

NORTH CAROLINA.

rand Council convened at Wilmington, December 1, mp. Thos. B. Carr, M. P. G. M., presiding. Three were represented. The Grand Master's address is short ed to local matters only. No report on Correspondence.

Thos. B. Carr, M. P. G. M., and Comp. M. M. Katz, corder, were each re-elected.

ve also received the proceedings of the Grand Council 7, 1871, Comp. Thos. B. Carr, presiding. Three Coun- represented. The Grand Master, in his address, says: ceived and perused with much pleasure the proceedings f our sister Grand Councils. With scarcely an excep- all look with favor upon the proposition to hold a con- f Grand Councils for the purpose of agreeing upon a nomenclature and system of work," and recommends l Council to make suitable provision for representation vention, called by Comp. J. H. Drummond, of Maine, n New York City, in June, 1872. Comp. Thos. B. Carr sted to represent the Grand Council at that convention. on Correspondence.

s. Carr and Katz were each re-elected.

OHIO.

orty-first annual Convocation of the Grand Council was andusky City, September 26, 1871, Comp. Joseph R. P. G. M., presiding. Fifty-two Councils were repre- The Grand Master, in his address, says: "I am pleased

to say that Cryptic Masonry is taking no backward steps in our jurisdiction." He issued dispensations for the institution of new Councils at Warren and Urbana.

Comp. David R. Austin, for the Committee on Correspondence, submitted a brief report of the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, ours, for 1870, of the number.

Comp. J. R. Conrad, of Atwater, was re-elected P. G. M., and Comp. J. D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, Grand Recorder. Fifty Councils reported 2,560 members.

TENNESSEE.

The annual Convocation of the Grand Council was held in the city of Nashville, November 7, 1870, Grand Master W. F. Foster presiding. Thirty-three Subordinate Councils were represented. The address of the Grand Master is brief and confined to local matters. He reports the appointment of representatives to fifteen Grand Councils, and the granting of dispensations for four new Councils.

Comp. Geo. S. Blackie, Assistant Grand Recorder, submitted a very excellent report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils, Michigan, for 1869, included. Returns from fifty-nine Councils give a total membership of 1,938.

Comp. A. V. Ware, M. D., of Rossville, T. I. G. M., and Comp. John Frizelle, of Nashville, Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

The annual Convocation was held in the city of Nashville, November 6, 1871, Comp. A. V. Ware, T. I. G. Master, presiding. Forty-four Councils were represented. The Grand Master's address is brief, mostly a recapitulation of his official acts during the year. He says: "From many of the Councils, and from nearly all the old R. and S. Masters with whom I have communicated, a decided dissatisfaction is expressed at the addition of the S. E. Degree. Being myself unable to find either place or use for said degree, and believing the circle complete without it, I earnestly recommend that said degree be discontinued as one of the necessary Council degrees of this jurisdiction."

mittee to whom the address of the Grand Master
l, made the following report, which was adopted:
o the incorporation of the Degree of Super-Excel-
the committee respectfully refer to the language of
on, unanimously adopted by the Grand Council in
to say:

, That in order to place Cryptic Masonry in Tennessee more
ith sister Grand Councils, that there be incorporated into the
rees now conferred in Councils the degree of Super-Excellent
conferred after the Select Master's degree, and without addi-
"

ve construe to mean, that the degree is officially
n this jurisdiction to be conferred upon such Royal
Masters, as wish to receive it, without additional
he candidate, or additional dues to the Grand Coun-
erefore consider no action necessary or advisable."
eo. S. Blackie submitted the report on Foreign Cor-
, reviewing briefly the proceedings of twenty-one
cils, Michigan, for 1870 and 1871, included.
ames McCallum, of Pulaski, was elected Illustrious
er; Comp. John Frizelle, Nashville, re-elected Grand

, 59; total membership, 1,885.

VERMONT.

annual Convocation in the city of Burlington, June
Fourteen Subordinate Councils were represented. M.
Master Edward S. Dana presided, who, in his address
again permitted to congratulate you that brotherly
med to reign supreme over all our craftsmen, wher-
, with unwonted diligence and care, to guard our
rches and the valued treasures they contain. The
nd of the Trowel fitting with nice and skillful touch
its permanent place, has not been broken by the
nance of contentious strife, but stimulated by the
of fraternity and charity, each one has striven to
elf with that self respect which lends a charm and
oil, and will meet its merited reward.

"As the rough diamond in the hands of the skillful lapidary is brought from a cold dullness, to an effulgent brightness and dazzling beauty, so will the treasures of Cryptic Masonry be the more deeply valued and cherished, as the degrees are the more thoroughly studied, and properly and perfectly conferred."

Comp. T. F. Stewart reviews briefly the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, including ours, for 1870 and 1871. Vermont numbers 14 Subordinate Councils, and 735 members.

Comp. Edward S. Dana, of Middleburg, was re-elected M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. W. H. S. Whitcomb, of Burlington, Grand Recorder.

ONTARIO.

We learn from the proceedings of the Grand Council of Tennessee, that the Grand Council of Ontario has been organized at Toronto, from four Councils chartered by the Grand Council of New Brunswick, and with full consent of that Grand Body.

Comp. T. D. Harrington, of Ottawa, M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. Robert Ramsay, of Orilla, Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

We greet her, and welcome her to the body of Cryptic Masonry, and place her on our list of correspondence.

COMPANIONS—In submitting this, our annual report, we congratulate you upon the fraternal feeling that prevails within the Arches of Cryptic Masonry. The question of making the Degrees of Royal and Select Master a pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood, is being argued; and seems to be gaining friends throughout the several jurisdictions. We have met with some few things to discourage, but very many more to encourage and cheer us on our way. We have endeavored to show to you the interest taken throughout the several Grand Jurisdictions in this branch of Masonry. We hope and trust our efforts have not been entirely in vain.

Fraternally submitted,

G. B. NOBLE,
For the Committee.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

dCouncil of R. & S. Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Masters of Michigan held its Fifteenth Annual on in Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on Tuesmber 31, 1872, at 6 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT:

SHAW NOBLE	T. I. G. P.
I. BROWN	D. I. G. P.
MANSFIELD	G. T. Ill.
M. DOAN	G. P. C. of Work.
A. ELLIOTT	G. Treasurer.
B. NOBLE	G. Recorder.
O. HILL	G. Capt. of Guard.
. A. J. DAVIS	G. Chaplain.
J. UTLEY	G. Steward.
V. GRIFFITH	G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

IN CLARK	P. T. I. G. P.
B. TRACY	P. T. I. G. P.
I. S. EDWARDS	P. T. I. G. P.
SPRAGUE	P. T. I. G. P.
L. SPAULDING	P. T. I. G. P.
I. WALKER	D. I. G. P.

he representatives of a constitutional number of Sub-Councils.

The Grand Council being opened in ample form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. A. J. Davis, the T. I. Grand Puissant appointed Companions Wm. S. Edwards, E. Bogardus, and J. J. Hogaboam a Committee on Credentials.

On motion, the Grand Council was called from labor until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, January 1, 1873.

Grand Council resumed labor.

Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the T. I. G. P. and Companions of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the credentials submitted to their inspection, and find the following members and delegates entitled to seats in this Grand Council:

PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS.

Comp. H. SHAW NOBLE.....T. I. G. P.
" WM. BROWN.....D. I. G. P.
" MORTIMER MANSFIELD.....G. T. I.
" EDWARD M. DOAN.....G. P. C. of Work.
" E. A. ELLIOTT.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
" GEO. HILL.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" REV. A. J. DAVIS.....G. Chaplain.
" A. J. UTLEY.....G. Steward.
" W. V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

And all Past T. I. G. P.'s and D. I. G. P.'s, Past G. T. I.'s and P. C.'s of W.; also, the following delegates from Subordinate Councils:

Monroe Council, No. 1.

Comp. E. A. ELLIOTT.....T. I. G. M.
" STEPHEN W. LOVETT.....D. I. G. M.
" J. D. BOYLE.....P. C. W.

St. Clair Council, No. 2.

Comp. JOHN CLARK.....T. I. G. M.
" S. B. BROWN.....D. I. G. M.
" A. J. CUMMINGS.....P. C. W.

Pontiac Council, No. 8.

NRY M. LOOK.....Representative of Council.

River Raisin Council, No. 4.

L. SAWYER.....Representative of Council.

Jonesville Council, No. 5.

. L. H. CORSON.....Representative of Council.

Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.

B. PURINTON.....Proxy for T. I. G. M. and P. C. W.
I. ANDERSON.....Proxy for D. I. G. M.

Three Rivers Council, No. 7.

OS. G. GREEN.....P. C. W. and Representative of Council.

Romeo Council, No. 8,

E. PALMER.....T. I. G. M.
MES H. BODEN.....D. I. G. M.
MUEL WAYCOTT.....P. C. W.

Zabud Council, No. 9.

I. BROWN.....T. I. G. M.
W. STRAIT.....P. C. W. and Proxy for D. I. G. M.

Tyre Council, No. 10.

J. LONG.....T. I. G. M.
B. TANNER.....D. I. G. M.
G. McGOWAN.....P. C. W.

Union Council, No. 11.

BOGARDUS.....T. I. G. M.
N. WEBB.....D. I. G. M.
BATWELL.....P. C. W.

Ionia Council, No. 12.

H. TAYLOR.....T. I. G. M.
P. WORDEN.....D. I. G. M.
W. DODGE.....P. C. W.

Sturgis Council, No. 13.

J. PACKARD.....T. I. G. M.
NOLTON, JR.....D. I. G. M.
A F. PACKARD.....P. C. W.

Hiram Council, No. 14.

(No returns.)

Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.

Comp. JOSEPH TORBE.....Proxy for Council.

Hudson Council, No. 16.

Comp. JAMES J. HOGABOAM.....T. I. G. M. and Proxy for P. C. W.
" MYRON M. MAXSON.....Proxy for D. I. G. M.

Genesee Council, No. 17.

Comp. W. E. SMITH.....T. I. G. M.
" G. W. WILMOT.....D. I. G. M.
" HENRY CLARK.....P. C. W.

Adrian Council, No. 18.

Comp. J. W. FINCH.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" A. P. SECORD.....D. I. G. M.
" E. H. LYMAN.....P. C. W.

Niles Council, No. 19.

Comp. J. B. FITZGERALD.....Representative of Council.

Saginaw Council, No. 20.

Comp. FRED. E. HOYT.....T. I. G. M.
" GEORGE C. WARNER.....D. I. G. M.
" D. B. REEVE.....P. C. W.

St. Johns Council, No. 21.

Comp. O. L. SPAULDING.....Representative of Council.

Mosaic Council, No. 22.

Comp. D. BURNHAM TRACY.....T. I. G. M.
" JOHN J. SUMNER.....D. I. G. M.
" E. W. REYNOLDS.....P. C. W.

Portland Council, No. 23.

Comp. F. G. LEE.....T. I. G. M.
" CHESTER SMITH.....Proxy for D. I. G. M.
" J. S. PERIGO.....Proxy for P. C. W.

Adoniram Council, No. 24.

Comp. J. D. VAN DUYN.....T. I. G. M.
" ARTHUR CASE.....D. I. G. M.
" P. F. BLOSSER.....P. C. W.

King Solomon Council, No. 25.

Comp. A. M. GREEN.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" CHARLES D. BROWNSON.....D. I. G. M.
" JOSEPH W. PERRY.....P. C. W.

Clinton Council, No. 26.

. G. TUTTLE.....T. I. G. M.
ORGE FISHER.....D. I. G. M.
DREW ROBINSON.....P. C. W.

Oceana Council, No. 27.

I. RICE.....T. I. G. M.
. G. B. ATWOOD.....D. I. G. M.
E. EDWARDS.....P. C. W.

Dowagiac Council, No. 28.

OMAS RIX.....Proxy for Council.

Lansing Council, No. 29.

F. BUCK.....Representative of Council.

Northville Council, No. 30.

R. BEAL.....Representative of Council.

Reading Council, No. 31.

B. REYNOLDS.....Representative of Council.

Jackson Council, No. 32.

IN L. MITCHELL.....T. I. G. M.
R. EVERARD.....D. I. G. M.
PORTER, JR.....Proxy for P. C. W.

Ithaca Council, No. 33.

J. UTLEY.....Representative of Council.

Blanchard Council, No. 34.

VID WOODARD.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
A. WRIGHT.....D. I. G. M.
NOR DAVIDSON.....P. C. W.

Union City Council, No. 35.

B. AIKEN.....T. I. G. M.
DNEY SIMONS.....D. I. G. M.
F. EWERS.....P. C. W.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. EDWARDS,
E. BOGARDUS,
J. J. HOGABOAM,
Committee.

The T. I. G. Puissant, H. Shaw Noble, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

COMPANIONS:—Once more we are permitted by the grace of the S. G. A. O. T. U. to assemble around our Holy Altar, and offer up our devotion to Deity, and let us remember that it is from Him that all blessings flow, and that His All-Seeing eye is constantly upon our every thought, word and action.

In your deliberations, then, let that spirit of harmony prevail which has always actuated you in the past to deeds of wisdom. That we may all return to our respective Councils with the pleasing satisfaction of having faithfully performed our duty to the Craft.

In presenting to you my report for the past year, I have but little of importance to communicate.

In an official capacity, there have been but few matters claiming my attention, and most of these so plainly provided for in the regulations of the Grand Council as to leave no doubt as to the manner in which to dispose of them.

It affords me great pleasure to inform you that peace reigns throughout our Subordinate Councils, and that although there has not been that rapid increase in numbers, which has characterized some of the other branches of our noble order, yet the growth has been steady, and the work brought up for inspection has passed the overseer's square with good work, square work, such work as we are authorized to receive, pronounced upon it, with more than the usual confidence that the reward prepared for the faithful will be well merited. Where all is good it is impossible to give special mention to any. Suffice it to say that never, from all reports, has the work brought up for inspection been of such good material.

On the 19th of March last I received a petition in due form from eleven Companions of the city of Charlotte, recommended by Lansing Council, No. 29, asking for a dispensation to form and open a Council of Royal and Select Masters in the city of Charlotte, to be called "Charlotte Council, No. —," which I im-

granted, and the following Companions were named
e first officers, viz: Comp. B. F. Doughty, T. I. G.
Thomas G. Green, D. I. G. M., Comp. Edward E.
P. C. W. And I have no doubt but that they will
work for your inspection that will be found of the

14th of May last, I received a petition in due form
Companions at Constantine, recommended by Three
uncil, No. 7, asking for a dispensation to form and
uncil of Royal and Select Masters at Constantine, to
Nebuzaraden Council, No. —," which I granted, and
rein the following as the first three officers, viz:
C. Coffinberry, T. I. G. M., Comp. S. B. Bickford, D.
Comp. A. B. Gage, P. C. W.
s but a glance at the names here presented to be
at the interests of the Royal Craft will be well pre-
he hands of our illustrious companions. And I do
fully recommend that charters be granted in both
cases.
and Commandery of the State of Michigan saw fit,
s by them considered great wisdom, not to take any
egard to making the Royal and Select Masters' De-
requisite to the Orders of the Temple.
and Commandery having decided that Templar Jur-
did not give them the right to place these degrees
lar order, we are left as heretofore, "to paddle our
," and it behooves us to stand by and see that the
e not tampered with, but be placed in that exalted
the front rank which they so much deserve, and I
ubt, from the spirit manifested by all the companions
ll still flourish like the green bay tree, and that the
erfection will remain complete and without a single
its lustre in the least obscured.
ed a request from St. John's Council for instruction
o style of aprons and collars, and their trimmings.
ence of any regulation on the subject by this Grand

Council, I replied in accordance with the rule laid down by Mackey, as follows:

The apron and collar must be black, lined and edged with red. The apron should be of a triangular form, in allusion to the sacred Delta. The Jewel of a Select Master is a silver trowel within a Triangle of the same metal.

I would suggest the propriety of taking some action in regard to the adoption of some style of apron and collar to be used by the subordinate Councils in this Grand jurisdiction.

Companions, it is a well known fact that money is absolutely necessary to the success of any business, institution or society, and it is equally well known by you that the finances of this Grand Council are not adequate for its requirements. Therefore to make this Grand Council independent and self-sustaining, I recommend that the Constitution be so amended as to increase the income from the subordinate Councils.

In my investigation of the subject, I find nothing that leads me to the conclusion that the Super-Excellent degree should be included, and made a part of the degrees conferred in this Grand jurisdiction. On the other hand I find that it certainly has no connection, in its history or symbolism, with the Royal and Select Masters' degrees, nor was it ever, (until it was within the last few years introduced in some of the western Councils) considered as forming any part of the work of a Council; and even they differ as to the proper place for it; and in one State the Grand Master recommends that "said degree be discontinued."

I agree with Companion Mackey, when he says, "its introduction into the Council destroys the symmetry of the rite, which very properly closes with the ninth degree," and with the report of the committee at the late convention of Royal and Select Masters, held at the city of New York in June last, who say they "can see no good reason why it should be retained in the American rite, as it inculcates no lessons not better taught elsewhere."

The M. P. Grand Master of Mississippi says of the degree: "after getting all the information in my power, I would give it as my opinion that it stands in the same relation to Cryptic

hat the Good Samaritan does to the Royal Arch, or
s of Collatraver to Knighthood."
State of Tennessee, where this degree has been worked
ordinate Councils, and they had been able to form an
regard to its relative merits, the M. P. Grand Master
ng myself unable to find either place or use for said
d believing the circle complete without it, I earnestly
d that said degree be discontinued."
. P. Grand Master of Vermont, in referring to this
peaks of our action last year thus: "Sympathizing
deeply with this view of the case, we suggest that
tant degrees of Knights of Three Kings and Knights
gham be added to the category, and for the same

rand Master of South Carolina, one of our most emi-
rs, says in his address in 1871: "The Super-Excellent
ntinues to be used in many of our sister jurisdictions,
ore enlarged experience on the subject only leads me
ger conviction of the correctness of the opinion I have
xpressed, and which you have unanimously endorsed,
uld be both improper and inexpedient to adopt it as a
r system."
we find Comp. A. G. Mackey speaking as follows:
hat there is nothing in the degree (Super-Excellent)
ows any light on the symbolism of Freemasonry, as a
e science, or which is at all necessary to the more com-
rstanding of its philosophy. Nothing is more unde-
n that Freemasonry has in the present day assumed an
osition as a system of Philosophy, engaged in the
ion of the Lost and the Recovered Word, not in itself
t importance but as the ground work of a symbolism
aches the ineffable truth of the Lost and Recovered
ere is everywhere about it a dualism, which has refer-
is change of condition. Borrowing the idea from the
steries, where this symbolic resurrection was brought,
phanism 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."

I have thus placed before you the opinions of some of the best informed Masonic writers, that in your action in the premises you may be guided somewhat by their judgment on this subject, which, with one exception, has agitated the minds of Cryptic Masons more than any other during the last few years, and hope that you will take such action on the subject as shall definitely settle all controversy thereon. I am aware that in this opinion I am not sustained by all the companions in this Grand jurisdiction, but I hope and believe that I have the right of authority in my favor, and that should you so decide, all will cheerfully acquiesce in the decision and that the Super-Excellent will lie buried in

"The swallowing gulf
Of dark forgetfulness and deep oblivion."

Owing to other business arrangements, I was unable to attend the Convocation of Royal and Select Masters, held in the city of New York on the 12th of June last, and I presume such was the case with the other officers of this Grand Council who were requested to attend.

This Grand Council was not represented.

The President of that convention was directed to issue the following circular to the Grand Councils, and as it contains in substance all the proceedings of that convention, I herewith submit it for your consideration;

"CIRCULAR TO THE GRAND COUNCILS.

llustrious Grand Masters, Officers and Members of the several Grand
Royal and Select Masters:

NIONS:—The Convention of Royal and Select Masters, held in
une 12, 1872, directed me as their presiding officer, to issue a
u in reference to another session of that Convention, to be
rnment in New York on the second Wednesday of June, 1873.
the foregoing official report of its transactions you will per-
urteen Grand Councils, and the Council in the District of
here no Grand Council exists, were represented by duly
legates, and members of two other Grand Councils were pre-
cipated in the proceedings.
l of the Grand Councils not represented, had elected delegates,
cident or other causes failed to attend; indeed, I find that ten
Councils acted favorably upon the proposition for the Con-
expected to be represented in it.
few others, my circular failed to reach some, and only two
ly upon the proposition. The foregoing report of the trans-
s only what was actually done and omits all the discussions.
st question presented was in reference to the expediency of
e degrees at all; that was unanimously settled in the affirma-
h was the decided sentiment of the Convention.
the question of remitting the degrees to the Grand Chapter,
fully and freely discussed, the Convention was unanimous
roposition, and in most decided terms favored the system of
ils. In connection with this it was announced that the Chap-
strict of Columbia had ceased to confer the Council degrees,
Companions in Maryland and West Virginia are taking active
eparate these degrees from the Chapters, and place them under
jurisdiction of Grand Councils. This would leave the Chapter
iling only in Virginia and Texas. It was also announced that
been formed in England under the authority of the Grand
ew York, and that a Grand Council would be formed there at

he exemplification of the work, it was found that a serious
opinion existed in reference to the number and order of the
that there are substantial differences between the rituals of
sdictions. To settle these required more time than the con-
l command, and it was determined to remit these matters to a
pon which Companions from Grand Councils not represented
pointed. This necessarily involved an adjourned session of

the Convention, and it was decided to adjourn for a year, to give the committee full time to agree upon a report, to afford the Grand Councils an opportunity to act upon the measures recommended, and especially to secure a more full representation.

"If the Council system is to be continued it should be made uniform; it can be made uniform only by united action; we can secure united action only by means of such a convention.

"I therefore, in behalf of the Convention, most earnestly commend to your early and favorable consideration the recommendations it makes to you, and ask, in order to make its future action useful, and to accomplish the purpose for which it was created, that you be represented at its adjourned session At that time it is expected that there will be presented the question of making the Council degrees pre-requisite to the order of Knighthood, in order to make the American system continuous and uniform.

"By order of the Convention.

"JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
"President."

The objects sought to be attained, as set forth in the foregoing circular, are such as will have an important bearing upon the future usefulness and prosperity of Cryptic Masonry in this country, and demands from us at this time a careful investigation. The efforts now being made to reconcile the differences, and produce uniformity in the work are certainly praiseworthy, and should be assisted by every Grand Council. By the plan proposed in the circular it seems as though the object was feasible and one easily attained by unity of action on the part of all the Grand Councils. I think it important that this Grand Council be represented in that convention and every facility afforded to remove the obstacles which now impede the growth and prosperity of Cryptic Masonry; and would recommend that a suitable appropriation be made to defray the expenses of some Companion, whom you shall consider best qualified to represent the interests of this Grand Council in that Convention.

I would also recommend to your favorable notice the report of the committee on nomenclature, and recommend that such amendments be made to our Constitution and By-Laws as to make them correspond therewith.

now Companions, it only remains for me to return to rust you confided to my care one year ago. If there is in the manner in which I have discharged the trust its your approbation, I am glad, at the same time being s of the many imperfections therein, I can only attribute errors of the head and not of the heart, and hope that cast the broad mantle of Masonic charity over all herever they may appear.

H. SHAW NOBLE,
T. I. Grand Puissant.

h, on motion, was referred to the following special ee to apportion: Companions J. L. Mitchell, J. J. m, Rev. A. J. Davis.

otion of Comp. W. Brown:

ed, That all Royal and Select Masters in good standing are take seats with the Grand Council during its Convocation.

Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant appointed the follow-lar standing committees:

ETURNS—Comps. F. G. Lee, Thos. Rix, C. B. Reynolds.
INANCE—Comps. T. G. Green, J. E. Fitzgerald, Wm. G. Tuttle.
OREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—Comps. Grand Recorder, John Clark, Jr.
HARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS—Comps. D. B. Purinton, A. J. Sprague.
URISPRUDENCE—Comps. E. A. Elliott, W. S. Edwards, E.

committee to whom was referred for apportionment the of the T. I. G. Puissant, made the following report:

G. P. and Companions of the Grand Council of R. & S. Masters of the State igan:

ommittee to whom was referred the address of the T. I. G. P. for nent, respectfully report as follows:

That that portion of the T. I. G. P.'s address which relates to etc., be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.
That so much as refers to the question of increase of the revenues and Council, to the Committee on Finance.

3d. That so much as refers to the Super-Excellent Degree, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

4th. That so much as refers to a Convention of Royal and Select Masters in the City of New York, be referred to a committee of three.

5th. That so much as refers to nomenclature, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

JAMES J. HOGABOAM,
J. L. MITCHELL,
A. J. DAVIS,
Committee.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The T. I. G. Puissant then appointed the following committee in compliance with the foregoing report:

4th. Comps. Wm. Brown, B. Porter, Jr., Wm. J. Long.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their annual financial statements, subjoined, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. A. ELLIOTT, Grand Treasurer,

In account with GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

1872.	DR.	
Jan'y 20,	To cash of W. Barclay, late Treasurer	$224 77
March 15,	" G. B. Noble, Grand Recorder	15 00
" 25,	" " " " "	20 00
	Total	$259 77

1872.	CR.	
Jan'y 20,	By paid warrant to O. Bourke	$ 82 02
March 1,	" " " Printing bill	119 00
"	" Cash on hand	58 75
	Total	$259 77

All of which, with the vouchers, is most respectfully submitted.

E. A. ELLIOTT,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

LE, Grand Recorder,

In account with GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

eived from	Monroe Council, No. 1	$14 00
"	St. Clair Council, No. 2	14 00
"	Pontiac Council, No. 3	5 00
"	River Raisin Council, No. 4	5 00
"	Jonesville Council, No. 5	2 00
"	Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6	8 00
"	Three Rivers Council, No. 7	6 00
"	Romeo Council, No. 8	2 00
"	Zabud Council, No. 9	15 00
"	Tyre Council, No. 10	4 00
"	Union Council, No. 11	16 00
"	Ionia Council, No. 12	12 00
"	Sturgis Council, No. 13	7 00
"	Hiram Council, No. 14	3 00
"	Mt. Ararat Council, No 15	3 00
"	Hudson Council, No. 16	3 00
"	Genesee Council, No. 17	7 00
"	Adrian Council, No. 18	4 00
"	Niles Council, No. 19	1 00
"	Saginaw Council, No. 20	19 00
"	St. Johns Council, No. 21	19 00
"	Mosiac Council, No. 22	1 00
"	Portland Council, No. 23	4 00
"	Adoniram Council, No. 24	3 00
"	King Solomon Council, No. 25	3 00
"	Clinton Council, No. 26	3 00
"	Oceana Council, No. 27	8 00
"	Dowagiac Council, No. 28	4 00
"	Lansing Council, No. 29	10 00
"	Northville Council, No. 30	4 00
"	Reading Council, No. 31	1 00
"	Jackson Council, No. 32	5 00
"	Ithaca Council, No. 33	5 00
"	Blanchard Council, No. 34	7 00
"	Union City Council, No. 35	10 00
"	O. Bourke, P. G. Recorder	2 20
"	for Dispensation, Charlotte	25 00
"	" Constantine	25 00
		$227 20

1872,	Cr.		
Jan'y 9,	By pay-roll, per detailed list	$ 82 00	
"	By paid W. V. Griffith, for tyling	10 00	
"	" Monroe Chapter, No. 1, use of hall	10 00	
"	" Grand Recorder	50 00	
"	" Postage and stationery	13 05	
"	" Notices for meetings, 1872 and 1873	3 00	
"	" J. R. Perkins, repairing seal	2 15	
"	" Grand Treasurer	35 00	
		$205 20	$227 20
	Balance due Grand Council		22 00

G. B. NOBLE,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COUNCIL PAY-ROLL, 1872.

E. A. Elliott, No. 1	$3 00	H. C. Calhoun, No. 24	$3 00
R. G. Spaulding, No. 5	2 00	J. M. Rice, No. 27	3 00
M. Mansfield, No. 6	3 00	A. J. Davis, No. 29	3 00
T. G. Green, No. 7	3 00	J. L. Mitchell, No. 32	3 00
Wm. Brown, No. 9	3 00	A. J. Utley, No. 33	3 00
W. P. Innes, No. 10	3 00	Geo. T. Ketcham, No. 34	3 00
E. Bogardus, No 11	3 00	A. B. Aiken, No. 35	3 00
R. H. Morrison, No. 13	3 00	E. Sprague, T. I. G. P.	3 00
H. A. Peterman, No. 14	3 00	H. S. Noble, D. I. G. P.	3 00
W. E. Smith, No. 17	3 00	A. I. Sawyer, G. P. C. W.	3 00
E. H. Lyman, No. 18	3 00	Wm. Barclay, G. Treas.	3 00
J. B. Fitzgerald, No. 19	1 00	E. M. Doan, G. C. G.	3 00
W. Fitzgerald, No. 20	3 00	C. B. Reynolds, G. S.	3 00
D. B. Tracy, No. 22	1 00	John Clark, P. T. I. G. P.	3 00
Geo. Hill, No. 23	3 00		
Total			$82 00

Comp. John Clark moved that the election of officers be made the special order for 3 o'clock P. M., which was adopted.

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

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

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for the preceding year, respectfully report that they have examined the same, together with the accompanying vouchers, and find them correct.

T. G. GREEN,
J. B. FITZGERALD,
Committee.

ollowing amendment to Section 4, Article 1, of the ion, submitted at the last annual Convocation, was and adopted:

nual meeting of this Grand Council shall be held on the day he annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, at 6 o'clock P. M.

Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred of the T. I. G. Puissant's address, relating to the Super- Master Degree's, would most respectfully report:

n the opinion of your committee the degrees consist of: 1st. ster; 2d. Select Master. And that in regard to the S. E. Mas- e, your committee entirely concur in the unanimous vote of this ncil two years ago, to postpone indefinitely the consideration of on. And your committee would further add that, in their opin- son can be conceived why the degree of Super-Excellent Master r be adopted by this Grand Council as any part of Cryptic

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committee would report that in view of the approaching Con June, at New York, would not recommend any change from our es until the action of the Convention; and your committee mmend that this Grand Council should concur with that Con- taking such action as will produce general uniformity upon that

E. A. ELLIOTT,
W. S. EDWARDS,
E. BOGARDUS,
Committee.

h, on motion, was adopted.

pecial committee, to whom was referred that portion of G. Puissant's address relating to representation at the on in New York, June next, made the following report, s accepted and unanimously adopted:

l Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

mmittee to whom was referred the matter relative to sending a ive to the Convention of R. and S. Masters, to be held in New in June next, would most respectfully submit the following:

n the opinion of your committee it would be to the best interests Masonry that this Grand Council should be repres nted, and a rt made to secure a uniform system of work throughout all the

Grand Jurisdictions on this continent, and to transact such other business as may come before that body for their consideration, for the good of Cryptic Masonry in general, and "Jewish nations in particular."

It is further recommended that this Grand Council defray all necessary expenses of said representative attending the Convention.

WM. BROWN,
BENJ. PORTER,
W. J. LONG,
Committee.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils reported as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

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

Your Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils have examined the same, and find them correct, as follows:

Monroe Council, No. 1.
St. Clair Council, No. 2.
Pontiac Council, No. 3.
River Raisin Council, No. 4.
Jonesville Council, No. 5.
Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.
Three Rivers Council, No. 7.
Romeo Council, No. 8.
Zabud Council, No. 9.
Tyre Council, No. 10.
Union Council, No. 11.
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Sturgis Council, No. 13.
Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.
Hudson Council, No. 16.
Genesee Council, No. 17.
Adrian Council, No. 18.
Niles Council, No. 19.
Saginaw Council, No. 20.
St. Johns Council, No. 21.
Mosaic Council, No. 22.
Portland Council, No. 23.
Adoniram Council, No. 24.
King Solomon Council, No. 25.
Clinton Council, No. 26.
Dowagiac Council, No. 28.
Lansing Council, No. 29.
Northville Council, No. 30.
Reading Council, No. 31.
Jackson Council, No. 32.
Ithaca Council, No. 33.
Blanchard Council, No. 34.
Union City Council, No. 35.

COUNCILS UNDER DISPENSATION.

Charlotte Council.
Nebuzaraden Council.

F. G. LEE,
THOMAS RIX,
C. B. REYNOLDS,
Committee.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully report that they have examined the returns and transcript of work submitted to them

te Council, U. D., and Nebuzaraden Council, U. D., and find
iformity with the requirements of this Grand Council.
ommittee would therefore recommend that a charter be granted
e Council, to be called Charlotte Council, No. 86, and that J. M.
he first T. I. G M., D. Baughman the first D. I. G. M., and E.
the first P. C. of W.
charter be granted to Nebuzaraden Council, to be called Nebu-
uncil, No. 87, and that S. C. Coffinberry be the first T. I. G. M.,
ord the first D. I. G. M., and A. B. George the first P. C. of W:
which is respectfully submitted,

E. SPRAGUE,
A. J. UTLEY,
S. B. PURINTON,
Committee.

was accepted and adopted and the Grand Recorder
o prepare charters accordingly.
otion of Comp. Rev. A. J. Davis, the representatives
ncils under dispensation that have been granted char-
is time, be admitted to seats in the Grand Council.

rand Council called from labor until 2 o'clock P. M.

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rand Council resumed work at 2 o'clock P. M.
anion Rev. L. H. Corson presented his credentials as
epresentative of the Grand Council of New York, and
ved and welcomed as such.
following report from the Finance Committee was
and adopted, and the amendment laid over, under the
ion, for action at the next annual meeting.

l Council of Michigan:

Committee on Finance to whom was referred so much of the
he Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant as relates to the fiscal con-
e Grand Council, beg leave to report:
the opinion of your committee, the financial system, adopted
isely, in this jurisdiction, while Cryptic Masonry was yet in its
no longer adequate to the wants arising from its growth and

our committee are not able to suggest any plan for raising a
the use of this Grand Body more uniform and equitable than
prevails in other Masonic bodies, of dues upon membership.

So far as your committee are informed, annual dues have not been heretofore required of the members of Subordinate Councils. But the power of Subordinate Councils to assess annual dues upon their members, seems to be plainly conferred by the 7th Sec. of Art. II. of the Constitution.

Your committee would therefore respectfully submit for your adoption a prepared amendment to the Constitution, to stand as a substitute for Sec. 8 of Art. II., viz:

Each Subordinate Council shall pay to the Grand Council the following sums to wit: For each Companion receiving the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, $1. For each member annually, 25 cents.

The dues for degrees and membership shall accompany the returns to the Grand Council, and no Council shall have a vote till such dues are paid.

In the opinion of your committee, the adoption of this amendment, followed by the adoption of by-laws in Subordinate Councils for the assessment of such dues as to them shall seem proper to defray their own expenses, in addition to the dues payable to the Grand Council, is all that is required to effect the desirable change.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. GREEN,
J. B. FITZGERALD.
Committee.

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, Companions Wm. S. Edwards and A. J. Utley, acting as tellers, with the following result:

Comp. WM. BROWN, Battle Creek..... T. I. G. P.
" MORTIMER MANSFIELD, Coldwater.....D. I. G. P.
" EDWARD M. DOAN, Adrian.....G. T. Ill.
" GEORGE HILL, Portland..... ..G. P. C. of W.
" E. A. ELLIOTT, Detroit. ....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit.....G. Recorder.
" A. J. UTLEY, St. Louis.....G. C. of G.
" REV. A. J. DAVIS, Lansing.....G. Chaplain.
" C. B. REYNOLDS, Reading.....G. Steward.
" W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit.....G. Sentinel.

On motion of Comp. J. L. Mitchell,

The T. I. Grand Puissant elect, Comp. Wm. Brown, was elected to represent this Grand Council at the National Convention of Royal and Select Masters, at New York in June next.

The Grand Recorder presented for the Committee the report on Correspondence, which was received, and on motion was

o be published with the proceedings of this Grand

Wm. S. Edwards offered the following resolution, s adopted:

d, That the Grand Recorder shall receive for his salary the $50; the Grand Sentinel, $10; and Monroe Chapter, No. 1, e of hall.

tion, the Grand Recorder was authorized to procure all blanks for returns and charters. Also a suitable trunk oper keeping of the records and papers of the Grand

Rev. A. J. Davis offered the following resolution:

d, That there be a committee of three to take into consideration of providing suitable clothing for the companions, to be used our jurisdiction, and report at our next annual meeting.

was adopted, and the T. I. Grand Puissant appointed ing as said committee: Comps. Rev. A. J. Davis, E. J. L. Mitchell.

otion of Comp. E. Bogardus, the Councils receiving t this session of the Grand Council were permitted to lection for officers at any regular Convocation after their charters, due notice being given to all members uncils.

tion of Comp. Rev. A. J. Davis, it was

d, That the next annual meeting of this Grand Council be held ce as shall be designated by the Grand Chapter as their place of

Grand Council proceeded to the installation of the ficers elect, whereupon the Grand Officers elect were duly installed into their respective stations.

rther business appearing, the Most Illustrious Grand as closed in ample form until its next Annual Grand ion, which will be held in the city of Detroit, on January 19, 1874, at 6 o'clock P. M.

ue record.)

G. B. NOBLE,
Grand Recorder.

Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Your Committee on Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings from twenty-two Grand Councils since our last report, as follows:

Arkansas, November 4, 1871.
Alabama, December 6, 1871.
Connecticut, May 6, 1872.
Florida, June 19, 1872.
Georgia, April 24, 1872.
Illinois, October 6, 1870; October 5, 1871.
Indiana, October 22, 1872.
Kentucky, October 18, 1871.
Kansas, for years 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1871.
Louisiana, February 15, 1872.
Missouri, October 6, 1871, and 1872.
Massachusetts, December 13, 1871.
Maine, May 8, 1872.
Mississippi, January 20, 1871.
New Jersey, January, 1871 and 1872.
New York, February 6, 1872.
New Brunswick, October 27, 1871.
New Hampshire, May 13, 1872.
North Carolina, June 7, 1872.
Ohio, October 1, 1872.
South Carolina, February, 1871, and 1872.
Vermont, June 13, 1872.

Have received no proceedings from California, Iowa, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. We have regularly mailed our proceedings to the Grand Recorder of all the last named Grand Councils, and would like to receive their proceedings in return.

ARKANSAS

The Twelfth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held at Masonic Hall, Little Rock, November 4, 1871, Comp. M.

A. Donnelly, Grand Master, presiding. Fifteen Coun-
resented. No address or report on correspondence.
p. E. H. English, elected M. P. Grand Master, Comp. L.
r, re-elected R. P. Grand Recorder.

ALABAMA.

Grand Council of R. and S. Masters held its Thirty-
nnual Assembly in the city of Montgomery, December
Comp. Robert D. Webb, presiding. Twenty-two
represented; 738 members.

Grand Master in his address says: "No questions of
lence has been submitted to me during the recess, from
may infer that Cryptic Masonry is working smoothly in
sdiction."

p. Daniel Sayre reviews the proceedings of seventeen
Councils, Michigan, for 1871, of the number.

p. Robert D. Webb, of Livingston, Grand Puissant, and
Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, Grand Recorder, were
d.

CONNECTICUT.

its annual Assembly at Masonic Hall, City of Hartford,
872, T. I., C. W. Stearns, M. P. Grand Master, presid-
ghteen Councils represented.

Grand Master's address relates to local matters only.
nmends the appointment of delegates to the Convention
d S. Masters, to be held in New York, June 1872.

ollowing resolution was adopted in accordance with the
laster's recommendation:

ed, This Grand Council appoint the first four officers as dele-
e proposed convention, but no action of the convention shall be
ntil they have reported their action to this Grand Council, and
approved and adopted.

Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp.
allace Lee, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand
, in a short, humorous style—Michigan, for 1872,
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Comp. H. W. Coye, of Rockville, elected M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

We have received only a circular containing a synopsis of the proceedings of the Grand Council, held at Macon, April 2, 1872.

Comp. Robert M. Smith, of Athens, was elected Grand T. I. Master, and Comp. Chas. R. Armstrong, of Macon, Grand Recorder. Fourteen Councils represented. Members reported, 457. Amount of dues, $258.50.

The following resolutions were adopted: Not to print the proceedings for the present year, and to send a delegate to the Convention at New York, in June, 1872. They acknowledge the receipt of the Grand Council proceedings of twenty-one States the present year, Michigan included.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Council assembled at Masonic Hall, in the city of Tallahassee, June 19, 1872. Comp. Wm. Morrill, M. P. G. M., presiding. Five Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, relating to his duties throughout the jurisdiction, during the recess. In his commencement, he says: "Through the interposition of a kind Providence, we are once more permitted to assemble in Grand Council after a lapse of more than three years." And concludes as follows: "I trust that the constituent members of this Grand Jurisdiction, being thus reminded of their former negligence, may be stimulated to greater energy of action and usefulness in the Cryptic Art. My companions, I congratulate you upon this re-union in our Grand Council; may our intercourse be pleasant and happy—your acts dictated by wisdom and prudence in such a manner as the Great "I Am" may be pleased to approve and bless. In the meantime, I would urge upon each one of you, where luke-warmness exists, to re-double your exertions, to restore your Councils to that active and efficient position that

Masonry, which alone completes the Masonic Circle, at your hands and of right belongs to you to effect."
port on Foreign Correspondence.
. Wm. Morrill, of Warrington, M. P. Grand Master, p. D. L. Oakley, of Montecello, Grand Recorder, were

ILLINOIS.

ave the proceedings of the Grand Council for the years 1871, included in one volume.
ighteenth annual Assembly was held in the City of Chi-ober 6, 1870, Thrice Illustrious Comp. Wm. M. Avise, issant, presiding. Thirty-two Councils represented. ddress of the Grand Puissant is short, but to the point. ers were granted for seven Subordinate Councils. No Correspondence.
. Hiram W. Hubbard, of Centralia, was elected Grand and Comp. John C. Reynolds, of Springfield, re-elected ecorder.
ineteenth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was e City of Chicago, October 5, 1871, Grand Puissant, ubbard, presiding. Thirty-seven Councils represented. rand Puissant, in his address, says: "Every Council in diction has had an opportunity of availing itself of the he S. E. M. Degree, as adopted by the Grand Council, nearly all have done so, and are now working the ccessfully." He granted two dispensations for new the last year.
tics—Councils, 53; members, 1989; dues received,

. Wm. A. Levanway, of Dixon, elected Grand Puissant, p. James H. Miles, of Chicago, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

rand Council assembled in annual Communication in of Indianapolis, October 22, 1872, Comp. Martin H. P. Grand Master, presiding. Twenty-nine Councils ed.

The Grand Master's address is short and business-like. He says: "In presenting to you my report for the past year I have but little of importance to communicate. In an official capacity there have been but few matters claiming my attention, and most of those so plainly provided for in the regulations of the Grand Council as to leave no doubt regarding the manner in which to dispose of them."

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Council authorize its Most Puissant Grand Master to attend, in person or by proxy, the next Convention of representatives from the several Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, to meet in New York, June 3, 1873, and that his proper expenses be paid from the funds of this Grand Council.

Also, as a part of his official duties, the M. P. Grand Master presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, Michigan for 1872 included, quoting our remarks upon their action on the subject of a National Convention. We are very happy at this time to concur with them in their views, and believe that "the objects sought to be attained by that Convention will have an important bearing upon the future usefulness and prosperity of Cryptic Masonry in this country."

Comp. Alexander Thomas, of Terre Haute, elected M. P. Grand Master, and John Bramwell, of Indianapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Statistics—Advanced, 112; re-instated, 1; affiliated, 2; died, 16; dimitted, 36; suspended or expelled, 12; whole number, 1,381.

KENTUCKY.

The annual Communication was held in the city of Louisville, October 18, 1871.

Comp. P. Swigert being prevented by serious illness from attending, Comp. Thomas Todd presided. Nineteen Councils represented.

On motion it was ordered that charters be granted by the Grand Puissant and Grand Recorder when they shall be satis-

the work has been correctly done by Councils U. D., to continue dispensations heretofore granted, when in gment charters ought not to be issued. We are at a loss how they dispose of the second section of Article 1. of and Constitution, which says the Grand Council shall e sole government, assign limits, settle controversies, arters, etc.

constitutional rule requiring the recommending of the subordinate Council to the petition of the Companions wleyville for a dispensation to form a new Council, was d, and the Grand Puissant and Grand Recorder were to issue a dispensation to said Companions.

ind no reason assigned or authority given by their con- for such (in our opinion) an "unwarranted act." We e opinion that the Companions of Kentucky will regret ion in this instance.

p. A. C. Hodges presents the report on Foreign Corres- e, reviewing the proceedings of nine Councils, Michigan ne number.

p Thos. Todd, of Shelbyville, was elected Grand Puis- l Comp. A. C. Hodges, of Frankfort, re-elected Grand r. Statistics, none.

KANSAS.

ave the proceedings of this Grand Council for the years 39, 1870 and 1871, in one pamphlet. In 1868, 1869 and re were but three subordinate Councils, and no business tance transacted. In 1871 the Grand Council was held a, the 18th day of October, Comp. John L. Philbrick . The M. P. Grand Master reports having granted two tions to organize new Councils. A dispensation was to open a Council at Fort Scott. A committee was d to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Also, on Ritual.

p. John L. Philbrick was elected M. P. Grand Master, ip. John H. Brown, of Leavenworth, Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

The Seventeenth Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the city of New Orleans, February 15, 1872, Comp. Joseph P. Horner, M. P. Grand Master presiding. Six Councils represented. The Grand Master's address is very brief. He says: "My most important and almost entire duty consists in congratulating you upon the prosperity of the Craft in our State."

The Grand Recorder reported as having received the returns and dues from each subordinate in the State, eight in number, and all in a prosperous condition.

Comp. Joseph P. Horner submitted an interesting report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, including Michigan.

Comp. Hugh Green was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Gustavus Sontag re-elected Grand Recorder, both of New Orleans.

MISSOURI.

The Seventh annual Convocation of the Grand Council was held in the city of St. Louis, October 6, 1872, Comp. Martin Collins, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Three Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master is brief, relating to his official acts. His suggestions upon matters connected with Cryptic Masonry are clear, logical, and to the point. He touchingly alludes to the death of Comp. Robert L. Fisher, Deputy Grand Puissant, and pays a just tribute to his worth as a citizen and as a Mason. He granted nine dispensations to organize new Councils. He issued twenty-nine commissions to Grand Representatives near other Grand Councils, one of which was to Comp. O. Bourke, as representative near the Grand Council of Michigan.

Comp. Will. A. Prall, M. P. Grand Master, Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Recorder. Members, 531.

1872.

The Eighth annual Convocation of the Grand Council met in Freemasons' Hall, in the City of St. Louis, October 11, 1872, Comp. Will. A. Prall, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Eleven Councils represented.

Grand Master's address is short, relating to local matters
He touchingly announces the death of Comp. George
ıb, Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of Charleston Coun-
, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mis-
He granted one dispensation for a new Council, and pre-
ıe application to the Grand Council.
ecommends that their Constitution and By-Laws be
so as to correspond with the report of the Committee
nclature of the Convention, held in New York, June
ch was referred to the Committee on Address, who
in favor of the same, and it was adopted.
s. Thos. E. Garrett, Allen McDowell and Will A. Prall
ointed representatives to the National Convention, to
n New York the second Wednesday of June, 1873.
. Gouley submitted his annual report on Correspon-
viewing very briefly the proceedings of twenty-three
ouncils, ours for 1872 included. Owing to the fact of
eceived only one copy from most of the Grand Councils,
not clip any extracts and had no time to copy.
cknowledge the corn, Comp. Gouley. You shall have
copy next time.
. Allen McDowell, Greenfield, elected Most Ill. Grand
eo. Frank Gouley, St. Louis, re-elected Grand Recorder.
tics—Passed the circle, 60; affiliated, 6; dimitted, 7;
uspended, 1; members, 580.

MASSACHUSETTS.

rand Council was held at the Masonic Temple, in the
Boston, December 13, 1871, Comp. Charles H. Norris,
and Master, presiding. Twelve Councils represented.
ss brief and local.
lispensations granted to open new Councils.
. Edward B. Moore gives an interesting report on Cor-
nce, reviewing the proceedings of twenty Grand Coun-
s for 1870 included. He seems to feel somewhat
l that P. G. Recorder Bourke designated him one of

the lesser lights, a moon. Do not attribute it to Comp. Bourke; lay it to the *printer*.

He is also rather caustic upon the Grand Council of New Brunswick, upon their action in assuming control of the Red Cross Degree.

Comp. Charles Henry Norris, of Salem, elected M. P. Grand Master, Frederick A. Pierce, of Boston, Grand Recorder.

Statistics—Admitted, 296; dimitted, 22; died, 13; discharged, 14; suspended, 4; total membership, 2,078.

MAINE.

The Grand Council met in Masonic Hall, in Portland, May 8, 1872, Comp. Gordon R. Garden, M. P. G. Master, presiding. Eleven Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, chiefly an account of his official acts. In conclusion, he says: "Companions, the number of promotions reported last year, and the character of those promoted, caused me to report an increased interest in the Rite, with the promise of greater prosperity in the year then to come, now passed. I believe my anticipations have been realized, and that Cryptic Masonry is now in a more flourishing condition than it has ever known in this jurisdiction."

Comp. J. H. Drummond's report on Correspondence is, as usual, full, complete and interesting, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Councils, including Michigan for 1872.

In speaking of the doings of the Convention held at New York, June last, he says: "We believe that the result will be an approximation to uniformity never before attained, and the inspiring of new vigor in the craft that shall place the Rite on a solid foundation."

Comp. Gordon R. Garden, M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Recorder, each re-elected.

Statistics—Number of Councils, 12; members, 761; admitted the last year, 108.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Fourteenth annual Convocation was held at Holly Springs, January 20, 1872, Comp. B. S. Triee, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Twenty-nine Councils represented.

ddress of the Grand Master is very brief, relating to l acts, which he says were very few. He granted one ion for a new Council. And adds:

ar as I have learned, peace and harmony reigns within our walls, ave gone beyond the work on which he was engaged.
re seems to be a want of zeal among the workmen, and I have t is for want of proper designs upon the Trestle-Board, therefore, espectfully suggest to this Grand Body to take some definite elation to the work and degrees. The question has been asked l times, 'What do you think of the Super-Excellent Degree?' ng all the information in my power, I would give it as an opin- stands in the same relation to Cryptic Masonry that the Good does to the Royal Arch, or the degree of Collatraver to the d."

Grand Recorder reported nineteen Councils in arrears or two years or more. One, which had made no returns ears, the charter was revoked. The others, their dues itted up to the preceding year, and if the dues for that e not paid within ninety days, the charters should be

te upon the following preamble and resolution, sub- the last annual Convocation, and duly referred to the ate Councils, was taken and rejected—yeas, 47; nays, 52:

REAS, It seems expedient and proper that the degrees conferred in f Royal and Select Masters should be conferred in Royal Arch therefore,

ed. That the propriety of dispensing with Councils of Royal and ters be submitted to the Subordinate Councils for their action.

ollowing preamble and resolutions were presented and

REAS, The question of this Grand Council considering the pro- transferring or surrendering all jurisdiction over the Council the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, having been submitted to the te Councils for action during the last year, and as several Coun- t act on the subject; and

REAS, It is desirable that a full investigation of the propriety of ng said degrees to the Grand Chapter, by all the Subordinate e made, therefore

Resolved, That the question be submitted by the Grand Recorder to the Councils under this jurisdiction, and that they be required to express an opinion on the subject, and report the same to our next Grand Convocation.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the M. E. Grand R. A. Chapter of Mississippi, as to the propriety of the transfer and the practicability of the Grand Chapter taking charge and jurisdiction of the same.

Comp. Wm. S. Patton gives us an excellent report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, ours for 1871 included. He touches Comp. Bourke upon his reporting at the opening of the Grand Council, that he "believed" a constitutional number of delegates were in attendance, and advises that Grand Recorders be certain. And finally discovers that there was a constitutional number present, and the Grand Council opened in ample form.

In conclusion, he says: "From the select few from whom we have heard, they tell us that peace and harmony generally prevails throughout twenty-seven Grand Jurisdictions; and, at the close of their labors, that each true Companion returned in peace, with the determination of practicing virtue and meditating in silence, and to be deaf and blind to any insinuations that would tend to mar the peace or happiness of the community."

Comp. B. S. Trice, of Verona, M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. J. L. Power, of Jackson, Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

Statistics—Number of Councils making returns, 31; membership, 783.

NEW JERSEY.

The Thirteenth annual Assembly was held at Masonic Hall, in the city of Trenton, January 17, 1871, M. P. Edward Goeller, G. Master, presiding. Six Councils represented. A resolution was passed at the session of 1871, changing the holding of the annual meeting from September to January. But four months having passed, little business was done.

The Fourteenth annual Assembly was held in the city of Trenton, January 16, 1872, M. P. Edward Goeller, Grand Master, presiding. Five Councils represented.

ddress of the Grand Master is very brief; he says, from an learn, there is a good deal of interest in Cryptic throughout that jurisdiction, and that their members are y increasing, and from good material.

ollowing resolution was unanimously adopted:

d, That this G. Council has heard with unalloyed satisfaction of hment of Grand Councils in the State of Minnesota, and in the f Ontario, Canada, and we most cordially welcome these G. to fraternal fellowship.

. T. J. Carson presented the report on Correspondence, , briefly for him, the proceedings of twenty-three ouncils, Michigan for 1870 and 1871 included. He o task for calling our annual meetings "Convocations;" "*miscalled*, companions." Where do you get authority g them "Assemblies"? Wait until the Convention ork (June next,) settles this question. We hope there be a full delegation from every Grand Council on this , and Cryptic Masonry placed in its line of succession justly belongs. We find as usual many good sayings ort, but cannot quote for want of time and space.

omp. J. P. Doremus, of Paterson, elected M. P. G. nd T. J. Carson, of Trenton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

rand Council met in the city of Albany, February 9, ip. James McCredie, M. P. Grand Master. Thirty-six epresented.

Master McCredie, in his address, says it gives him sure to report that tranquility and harmony prevails t our jurisdiction, and that he had not been called e his official authority either for correction or reproval; ll betokens progress and success for that branch of ic family. He granted eight dispensations to form cils in New York State, and four for Councils in Eng- e give his account of the introduction of Cryptic into England:

"In March last a correspondence was opened through Ill. Comp. A. G. Geodall with the Rev'd Companion George Raymond Portal, Grand Master of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, Companion Nathaniel George Phillips, J. M. P. Montague, and other Royal Arch Masons of eminent standing in the fraternity of London, England, in relation to the introduction of Cryptic Masonry and the organization of Councils of Royal, Select, and Super-Excellent Masters in England, which resulted in their calling Rt. Puis. Companion J. H. Chase to London for that purpose.

"Companion Chase left New York on the 10th of July, taking with him full authority from me to confer the degrees of Royal, Select, and Super-Excellent Master upon such Royal Arch Masons as should be qualified to receive them according to our regulations. On his arrival in London, Comp. Chase was received by our English Companions with the most cordial and fraternal spirit, and at the earliest moment proceeded to confer the Council degrees upon a sufficient number of Companions to organize four Councils of Royal, Select, and Super-Excellent Masters, to whom dispensations were issued, as follows:

"July 31st, to Rev'd and Th. Ill. Geo. Raymond Portal, Master, Rt. Ill. Nathaniel Geo Phillips, Dep. M., Ill. J. M. P. Montague, P. C. of W., with a constitutional number of Companions, to form Grand Master's Council, in the city of London, England.

"August 21st, to Th. Ill. Robert Wentworth Little, Master, Rt. Ill. William B Church, Dep. M., Ill. William Stone, P. C. of W., with a constitutional number of Companions, to form Constantine Council, in London.

"August 21st, to Th. Ill. Sigismund Rosenthall, Master, Rt. Ill. James Stevens, Dep. M., Rev'd and Ill. David Shaboe, P. C. of W., with a constitutional number of Companions, to form MacDonald Council, in London.

"Aug. 21st, to Th. Ill. Frederick Binckes, Master, Rt. Ill. Richard Spencer, Dep. M., Ill. C. A. Cottebrun, P. C. of W., with a constitutional number of Companions, to form Mark Council, in London, and whose applications to you for warrants I trust will meet with your cordial approval.

"We cannot but look upon the introduction of Cryptic Masonry in England by an American Grand Council as one of the most important events in the Masonic history of this country, and we may contemplate with a natural feeling of pride that the Grand Council of New York has that distinguished honor, tending as it must, to not only draw still closer the fraternal bonds that now happily unite the fraternity of the United States with that of our mother country, Masonically as well as politically, and also as being a preliminary step toward assimilating the Masonic Systems of the two great nations of the world.

s matter great credit is due Companion A. G. Goodall, who has
ctive and zealous part in bringing to a happy and successful
his cherished wish.

. Chase was also ably assisted in his labors in conferring the
organizing the Councils by Companions A. G. Goodall and D.
New York, Chas. H. Thompson, of Corning, and J. J. Martin,

four Councils have already taken the initiatory steps to the
a Grand Council for England and its dependencies, excepting

o copy the report of Comp. J. H. Chase, relating to
natter, as it is one of deep interest to all the craft:

. SIR AND COMP.—In pursuance to the instructions received
out the 1st of July last, I proceeded to England with the pro-
y and necessary documents to promulgate the Cryptic Rite.
iving in London, I reported to Companions Rev. George Ray-
l, Capt. Nath'l George Phillips, and the other petitioners, by
s most cordially welcomed and fraternally greeted.
accompanied by Comp. Charles H. Thompson, of Corning, N.
n J. Martin, of Albany, both of whom kindly volunteered to

e 27th of July, Comp. Albert G. Goodall, who had forwarded
etitions and made the preliminary arrangements for introducing
arrived from the Continent, accompanied by Comp. Daniel
en the arrangements for conferring the degrees and organizing
re soon perfected.
rst meeting was held Monday evening, July 31, at Freemasons'
en the degrees of Royal, Select, and Super-Excellent Masters
red on the following named Royal Arch Masons:
George Raymond Portal, Capt. Nath'l George Phillips, J. M. P.
Frederick Davison, William Roebuck, W. Hyde Pullen, Thos.
gnus Ohren, Sigismund Rosenthall, Frederick Williams,
Hamilton, M. D.
the ceremonies were completed, the Companions proceeded to
and Masters' Council. Rev. and Comp. Geo. Raymond Portal,
as T. I. M., Capt. and Comp. Nath'l Geo. Phillips as R. I. D.
mp. J. M. P. Montague, as I. P. C. of W. Petitions were
l necessary business transacted. The Council was then closed
y evening, August 4, when it met at the same place, and
derick Binckes, Rev. W. B. Church, C. A. Cottebrun, Rev.

David Shaboe, Richard Spencer, James Stephens, and Joseph Starkey were received, greeted, and acknowledged R., S. and S. E. Masters.

"The next meeting was held at the same place, Tuesday evening, August 8, and the degrees were worked on Companions Edward Baxter, Eugene Cronin, T. A. Hoare, George Lambert, and William Stone.

"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:

"Constantine Council, with Comps. Robert Wentworth Little as T. I. M., Rev. W. B. Church as R. I. D. M., and Frederick Binckes as I. P. C. of the Work; and

"MacDonald Council, with Comps. Sigismund Rosenthall as T. I. M., James Stevens as R. I. D. M., and Rev. David Shaboe as I. P. C. of the Work; and

"Mark Council, with Comps. Frederick Binckes as T. I. M., Richard Spencer as R. I. D. M., and C. A. Cottebrun, I. P. C. of the Work.

"These Councils were supplied with the proper dispensations, and declared duly organized.

"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.

"Thus has Cryptic Masonry been regularly established in England, and from the character of the parties engaged in the enterprise, and the position occupied by them in the fraternity, no doubt can be entertained but that it will prove eminently successful, and the Grand Council of England become a bright and shining luminary of the first magnitude in the already brilliant constellation of the Cryptic Rite.

"It is peculiarly gratifying, 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.

"During my stay in London, my Companions and myself were the recipients of many kind courtesies and of unbounded hospitality. Nothing that could possibly add to our pleasure was left undone, and my most sincere and heartfelt thanks are due and are hereby tendered to those noble-hearted brethren who so cordially received and magnificently entertained us

"Among the numerous brethren to whom I am specially indebted for valued assistance, fraternal courtesies, and unbounded hospitality during my stay in London, are R. W. Bro. the Rev. George R. Portal, Grand

e Grand Mark Lodge of England, Capt. Nathaniel George
Lieut. Gr. Com. of the Supreme Council of England, J. P.
e, 33°, Grand Secretary of the same, and Fred. Binckes, Gr.
rand Mark Lodge.

hat I should be doing gross injustice did I fail to acknowledge
lit of having brought about the forming of these Councils be-
Bro. Albert G. Goodall, 33°, the Foreign Representative of the
uncil of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. A. and
was through him that the correspondence was opened, and
y and able advice the work consummated.

rsonal thanks are due to him for the kind assistance he rendered
ation of the Councils and in conferring the degrees. Thanks
to Comps. Sickles, Thompson, and Martin for the generous
aid received from them.

the honor to be, your faithful co-worker in the S. V."

ommittee on Correspondence, not being ready to
re granted further time.

John D. Williams, of Elmira, elected Grand Master,
iah Shove, New York, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ics—Received during the year, 359; affiliated, 69;
; dimitted, 24; stricken from roll, 89; died, 21; mem-
,321.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ial Assembly was held in the city of St. John, January
at which three charters were granted—one for a
Moncton, New Brunswick; one at Bradford, Ontario,
t Galt, Ontario.

Fifth annual Convocation was held in the city of St.
ober 27, 1871, Comp. Dr. J. C. Hathaway, M. P. G.
ing. Five Councils represented.

Grand Master was authorized to represent the Grand
n the New York Convention, with power to appoint a

Grand Council of Ontario was recognized, but exclusive
on in the Province of Quebec was denied to it.

Grand Master's address is brief. He announces the
Rev. Dr. Donald, Grand Chaplain, and J. Conway
nspector General, of Halifax.

Comp. D. R. Munro presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of Twenty-four Grand Councils, ours of 1871 included.

Comp. D. R. Munro, St. John, M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. A. D. Goodwin, St. John, Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Select, Royal, and Super-Excellent Masters, held in the city of Concord, May 15, 1872, Comp. George H. True, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Five Councils represented.

The address is brief, relating to official duties.

The Grand Recorder reports receiving the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, ours for 1872 of the number.

No report on Correspondence.

Comp. George H. True, of Manchester, M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. Abel Hutchins, of Concord, Grand Recorder, each re-elected.

Statistics—Initiated. 43; members, 595.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Council was held in the city of Wilmington, June 7, 1872, Comp. Thos. B. Carr, M. P. G. M., presiding. Three Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief. He presented the report on Correspondence, briefly reviewing the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils, ours for 1872 included.

Comp. H. H. Munson, of Wilmington, elected M. P. Grand Master, and M. M. Katz, of Wilmington, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

The Forty-second annual meeting was held at Columbus, October 1, 1872, Comp. Joseph B. Conrad, P. G. M., presiding. Forty-nine Councils represented.

Address brief, relating to local matters only. Committee on Foreign Correspondence, acknowledging the receipt from the Grand Recorder of the proceedings of twenty-four Grand

submit their report of three pages, "claiming for it
nerit of brevity." We think they are entitled to it.
Joseph R. Conrad, P. G. M., and Comp. John D.
Grand Recorder, both re-elected.
ics—Members, 2489; advanced, 213; died, 24; expell-
nstated, 17; suspended, 58.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

nual Conclave held at Charleston, February 15, 1871,
Bush Campbell, as M. P. Grand Master, presiding.
ncils represented.
Albert G. Mackey, who has been Grand Master since
zation of the Grand Council, declined a re-election.

dress being of unusual interest we give it in full:

l, until within a very recent period, indulged the hope that I
been able to be present at your annual Convocation, and in
oid you farewell. But unforeseen and uncontrollable circum-
prevent my leaving Washington at this time, and I am, there-
elled to content myself with the less pleasant method of
you by letter.
your last Convocation, nothing of such importance has
Cryptic Masonry in this country as to require your special
e Super-Excellent degree continues to be used in many of our
lictions, but my more enlarged experience on the subject only
a stronger conviction of the correctness of the opinion I have
xpressed, and which you have unanimously endorsed, that it
both improper and inexpedient to adopt it as a part of our

uggestion made by some of the Grand Councils, that the Royal
degrees should be merged in the Chapter, is one which I am
ill not think worthy of your attention, unless it be emphatically
e. The Grand Chapter of South Carolina, long ago, expressed
on this subject—adversely to a similar proposition made in the
y the Grand Chapter of Maryland. You have no right to aban-
risdiction over degrees which you received from your predeces-
you had, would the Grand Chapter, I am certain, receive the
gift. The obligation of allegiance which you have all taken to
Council is one which cannot be conscientiously set aside; and
ding to destroy its existence would be a violation of that obliga-
ill be necessary that you should repeal that clause of your Con-

stitution 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 I have permanently removed from South Carolina, and do not anticipate that I shall ever return, it would be manifestly improper that I should any longer hold an office in that State. For thirty years I have been intimately connected with the Free Masonry of my native State. For twenty-five years of that long period, my relations with the fraternity have been of the most friendly and pleasant nature. I still have a few friends among my brethren of South Carolina whom I esteem; and if the latter years of my residence have been embittered by some animosities, I trust that these animosities, having been founded on no good or Masonic reason, will be extinguished by my removal. If absence, too often, makes men forget their friendships, there is some compensation in the fact that enmities meet with the same fate. From the members of the Grand Council—in the organization of which body I was mainly instrumental, and of which, since its organization, I have been the presiding officer—I have always received the most fraternal kindness, and I confess, therefore, that I part with them, forever, with reluctance. A brief sketch of the rise and progress of Cryptic Masonry in the State may not be deemed altogether valueless as the last words of your retiring Grand Master:

"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 of 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.

d now it only remains that I should resign into your hands the Grand Master, which, for eleven consecutive years, you have to my keeping. In doing so, let me express the wish for the uncil, of harmony in its deliberations, and success in its labors; ourselves personally, unalloyed happiness, health and prosperity."

committee to whom the address was referred, made the g report, which was unanimously adopted:

at it is a source of great regret that Comp. Mackey, who has so ned the literature of Free Masonry by his masterly productions, as been the Great Father of the Order in this State, has declined ny longer in the capacity of Grand Master of this Grand Council. s with him to his new home the sincere well wishes of the Com- n this jurisdiction.

e question of merging the Royal and Select degrees in the Chap- in brought to our attention. We see no reason for reversing the decision of this Grand Council. We have no right to surrender has the Grand Chapter any right to assume them.

smuch as the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third degree, for the jurisdiction of the United States, at its last meeting, in May, nally relinquished all control over the degrees of Royal and Select our committee would recommend that the clause of the Constitu- e Grand Council which gives certain prerogatives to Inspectors be repealed. We recommend that the able address of the Grand published with the proceedings of the Grand Council."

p. James Birnie, of Greenville, elected M. P. G. M., and Alex. Lindstrom, of Charleston, Grand Recorder.

1872.

annual Assembly was held in the City of Charleston, y 14, 1872, Comp. Jas. Birnie, M. P., Grand Master, g. Eight Councils represented.

Grand Master, in his address, says he received from the Recorder the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, 1870 of the number, from which he says: "I gather re are, in the United States and Canada, thirty Grand s, with five hundred and seventy Subordinate Councils, tal membership of 24,361."

Grand Council refuses to recognize the Grand Council of , because their Constitution provides that no one shall

be admitted to membership unless he has received the degree of S. E. Master and the Order of Red Cross. They consequently infer that a visitor from South Carolina would not be admitted. A wrong conclusion, we think.

Comps. Jas. Birnie and Alex. Lindstrom each re-elected.

VERMONT.

The annual Assembly convened June 13, 1872, Comp. Edward S. Dana, Grand Master, presiding. Twelve Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is a full report of his official acts. He announces the death of four Companions the last year, giving a very full history of their Masonic life, and closing, says:

"Our esteemed Companions have passed down through the dark clouds that envelop 'the valley and shadow of death,' and are hidden by the deep enshrouding gloom from our mortal sight. But with the firm and abiding faith that those clouds are silver-lined upon a farther shore, we shall, I trust, take up the implements which they most worthily have used, and with every duty faithfully performed, calmly await the stern, imperious mandate to which we all must yield.

"Let us resolve, with the sublime faith of the ancient pilgrims who traversed the burning sands to pay devotion at a consecrated shrine, that with sturdy purpose we will press forward until the future of the Cryptic Rite is made secure. And, my Companions, though there be those who will 'pass by upon the other side,' yet, if our mission shall be fitly and earnestly performed, we may rely that an unseen and gracious Hand will crown us at last with a chaplet as fadeless as the stars."

Comp. T. F. Stuart, for the Committee on Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, ours for 1872 included. We find many good sayings in his report we would like to quote, but time will not allow.

Comp. Edward S. Dana, of Cornwall, M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. W. H. S. Whitcomb, of Burlington, Grand Recorder, each re-elected.

Fourteen Councils; 718 members.

CONCLUSION.

NIONS:— Having finished our task—a very pleasant have endeavored to present to you a summary sufficient, to show the condition of and interest taken in this Masonry. From the reports we have received we are he Cryptic Rite is taking a new hold in the affections mpanions throughout the United states, and is so firmly d as to defy all attempts to overthrow it. The meet- e National Convention in New York, in June next, h a hearty approval from all quarters, and we hope it in placing Cryptic Masonry in its true position, and the chain complete. The proposition to remit the o the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapters has been d, except in Mississippi. It was submitted to the vote ordinate Councils at the last session of the Grand o report at the next annual session. We hope it will il.

Fraternally submitted,

G. B. NOBLE,
For the Committee.

ADDENDA.

Since our proceedings were placed in the hands of the printer, we have received the following circular:

OFFICE GRAND RECORDER, G. C. R. S. AND S. E. M., OF NEBRASKA, NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA, January 13, 1873, A.·.Dep.·. 2873.

To the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

GREETING: Be it known, that on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1872, A.·. Dep.·. 2872, a convocation of the delegates from the three duly chartered Councils of Royal, Select, and Super-Excellent Masters in this State, was held at Masonic Hall, Nebraska City, Nebraska, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Council for the State of Nebraska, and on said day the Grand Council was fully and duly organized; a Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, and the following officers duly elected and installed:

JOHN BLAKE, M. P. G. M., Brownville, Nebraska.
H. B. CASE, D. I. G. M., Omaha.
M. M. HAMLIN, G. P. C. W., Nebraska City.
G. STEVENSON, G. Treas., Bellevue.
E. F. WARREN, G. Rec., Nebraska City.
REV. T. B. LEMON, G. Chap., Nebraska City.
C. F. GOODMAN, G. C. G., Omaha.
H. L. CHRIST, G. C. C., Brownville.
H. M. HART, G. Steward, Brownville.
M. E. PINNEY, G. Sent., Nebraska City.

We therefore respectfully solicit fraternal recognition, and the establishment of fraternal correspondence and communication between your Grand Council and that of Nebraska.

By order of the M. P. G. M.

E. F. WARREN,
Grand Recorder.

We heartily welcome the Grand Council of Nebraska, and with pleasure place her on our list of correspondence.

DETROIT, Jan. 15, 1873.

G. P. C. Noble
Grand Recorder.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

d Council of R. & S. Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Masters of Michigan, assembled at Masonic Hall, in of Detroit, on Monday, January 19, 1874, at 6 o'clock

PRESENT:

I. BROWN.....T. I. G. P.
MANSFIELD.....D. I. G. P.
M. DOAN.....G. T. Ill.
O. HILL.....G. P. C. of Work.
A. ELLIOTT.....G. Treasurer.
B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
J. UTLEY.....G. Capt. of Guard.
v. A. J. DAVIS.....G. Chaplain.
B. REYNOLDS.....G. Steward.
V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

HN CLARK.....P. T. I. G. P.
SPRAGUE.....P. T. I. G. P.
M. S. EDWARDS.....P. T. I. G. P.

the representatives of a constitutional number of Sub-Councils.

Grand Council being opened in ample form, after prayer Grand Chaplain, Rev. A. J. Davis, the T. I. Grand

Puissant appointed Ill. Companions J. L. Mitchell, T. A. Flower, and E. H. Lyman a Committee on Credentials.

On motion, the Grand Council was called from labor until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, January 20, 1874.

Grand Council resumed labor at 9 A. M.

Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the T. I. G. P. and Companions of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the credentials submitted to their inspection, and find the following members and delegates entitled to seats in this Grand Council:

PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS.

Comp. WM. BROWN.....T. I. G. P.
" MORTIMER MANSFIELD.....D. I. G. P.
" EDWARD M. DOAN.....G. T. I.
" GEO. HILL.....G. P. C. of Work.
" E. A. ELLIOTT.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
" A. J. UTLEY.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" REV. A. J. DAVIS.....G. Chaplain.
" C. B. REYNOLDS.....G. Steward.
" W. V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

And all Past T. I. G. P.'s and D. I. G. P.'s, Past G. T. I.'s and P. C.'s of W.; also, the following delegates from Subordinate Councils:

Monroe Council, No. 1.

Comp. E. A. ELLIOTT.....T. I. G. M.
" STEPHEN W. LOVETT.....D. I. G. M.
" J. D. BOYLE.....P. C. W.

St. Clair Council, No. 2.

Comp SAMUEL BENDIT.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
" GEO. A. CORNELL.....D. I. G. M.
" A. J. CUMMINGS.....P. C. W.

Pontiac Council, No. 8.

A. FLOWER.....T. I. G. M.
P. FOSTER.....D. I. G. M.
MUEL H. NORTON.....P. C. W.

River Raisin Council, No. 4.

WIS GRANT.....D. I. G. M. and Proxy for T. I. G. M.
SEPH CLARK.....Proxy for P. C. W.

Jonesville Council, No. 5.

G. SPAULDING.....T. I. G. M.
J. H. HUNTER.....D. I. G. M.
H. CORSON.....P. C. W.

Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.

B. PURINTON.....Representative of Council.

Three Rivers Council, No. 7.

HN COWLING.....T. I. G. M.
D. THORP.....Proxy for D. I. G. M.
IOS. G. GREEN.....P. C. W.

Romeo Council, No. 8,

E. PALMER.....T. I. G. M.
MUEL WAYCOTT.....D. I. G. M.
MES H. BODEN.....P. C. W.

Zabud Council, No. 9.

W. STRAIT.....T. I. G. M. and Representative of Council.

Tyre Council, No. 10.

D. BENEDICT....D. I. G. M. and Representative of Council.

Union Council, No. 11.

BOGARDUS.....T. I. G. M.
N. WEBB.....D. I. G. M.
BATWELL.....P. C. W.

Ionia Council, No. 12.

H. TAYLOR.....T. I. G. M.
P. WORDEN.....D. I. G. M.
W. DODGE.....P. C. W.

Sturgis Council, No. 13.

J. PACKARD.....T. I. G. M.
A F. PACKER.....D. I. G. M.
G. CUMMINS.....P. C. W.

Hiram Council, No. 14.

Comp. H. A. PETERMAN.....T. I. G. M.
" W. P. SUTTON.....D. I. G. M.
" G. S. BARRETT.....P. C. W.

Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.

Comp. MOSES KOCHENTHAL.....T. I. G. M.
" JOSEPH D. DESSERT.....D. I. G. M.
" JOHN J. LONG.....P. C. W.

Hudson Council, No. 16.

Comp. JAMES J. HOGABOAM.....T. I. G. M.
" D. R. STROUD.....D. I. G. M.
" ROBERT S. KIRKUP.....P. C. W.

Genesee Council, No. 17.

Comp. W. E. SMITH.....T. I. G. M.
" G. W. WILMOT.....D. I. G. M.
" HENRY CLARK.....P. C. W.

Adrian Council, No. 18.

Comp. E. H. LYMAN.....T. I. G. M.
" W. E. JEWETT.....D. I. G. M.
" J. S. VANDIGRIFF.....P. C. W.

Niles Council, No. 19.

Comp. J. D. FITZGERALD.....Representative of Council.

Saginaw Council, No. 20.

Comp. MARK HODGSON.....Representative of Council.

St. Johns Council, No. 21.

Comp. JOHN D. HENDERSON.....T. I. G. M.
" CHARLES E. GRISSON.....D. I. G. M.
" GEO. H. STEPHENS.....P. C. W.

Mosaic Council, No. 22.

(No returns.)

Portland Council, No. 23.

Comp. F. G. LEE.....T. I. G. M.
" W. W. BOGUE.....Proxy for D. I. G. M.
" CHESTER SMITH.....P. C. W.

Adoniram Council, No. 24.

Comp. H. C. CALHOUN.....Representative of Council.

King Solomon Council, No. 25.

. I. LATIMER.....Proxy for T. I. G. M.
W. KILBOURN.....D. I. G. M.
M. GREEN.....P. C. W.

Clinton Council, No. 26.

EORGE FISHER.....D. I. G. M.
AVID WOODARD.....P. C. W. and Proxy for T. I. G. M.

Oceana Council, No. 27.

(No returns.)

Dowagiac Council, No. 28.

W. CLEMMER.....T. I. G. M.
HOMAS RIX.....D. I. G. M.
HILO E. WHITE.....P. C. W.

Lansing Council, No. 29.

EO. H. GREEN.....D. I. G. M. and Proxy for T. I. G. M.
. B. SHANK.....Proxy for P. C. W.

Northville Council, No. 30.

OHN H. SMITT.....T. I. G. M.
R. BEAL.....D. I. G. M.
M. SLY.....P. C. W.

Reading Council, No. 31.

B. REYNOLDS.....Representative of Council.

Jackson Council, No. 32.

OHN L. MITCHELL.....T. I. G. M.
R. EVERARD.....D. I. G. M.
PORTER, JR.....Proxy for P. C. W.

Ithaca Council, No. 33.

. W. COMSTOCK.....T. I. G. M, and Proxy for P. C. W.
M. S. TURCK.....D. I. G. M.

Blanchard Council, No. 34.

(No returns.)

Union City Council, No. 35.

(No returns.)

Charlotte Council, No. 36.

A. HOOKER.....T. I. G. M.
ANIEL BAUGHMAN.....D. I. G. M.
T. CHURCH.....P. C. W.

Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37.

Comp. DAVID E. WILSON.....Representative of Council.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. MITCHELL,
T. A. FLOWER,
E. H. LYMAN,
Committee.

The T. I. G. Puissant, Wm. Brown, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:—Through the blessings of Divine Providence, we are again permitted to meet in Grand Council, and offer up our devotions to Almighty God for the numerous blessings bestowed upon us in the past, and to implore His aid and assistance in the future, to deliberate and legislate upon matters pertaining to our beloved Order. And in so doing, may your deliberations be conducted with caution, and your discussions characterized by that harmony and fraternal moderation which we are all taught to practice, and which are so essentially necessary in adjusting all questions of importance that may be presented for your consideration.

Of my official action during the past year, I have but little of importance to communicate, as no new or difficult questions have been presented for my decision. I have had little occasion for the exercise of the powers with which, by your kind favor, I have been clothed. I have received no legal application for dispensations to form new Councils, which perhaps has not been owing to any want of zeal or interest among the "workmen," but rather the great desire to have certain questions permanently settled, by which they may forever hereafter be governed. At our Grand Assembly in January last, there were two charters granted: one at Charlotte, to be called Charlotte Council, No. 36, and one at Constantine, to be called Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37. On the 25th day of January last, I granted my proxy to Illustrious Companion, B. F. Doughty, to constitute Charlotte Council, No. 36, and install the officers, which, he informs me,

ormed January 29th, in due form; and from the knowl-
ve of the officers and Companions, none but good work
xpected from that source. October 28th, I constituted
lled the officers of Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37, at
ine, in the performance of which I was assisted by
s Companions S. C. Coffinberry, of Constantine, T. G.
Three Rivers, and C. W. Strait, of Battle Creek.
heir kind assistance I now return my sincere thanks.
tallation, I witnessed with pleasure the conferring of
ees on several candidates. The zeal and proficiency
ed by the Companions of this Council give the most
ssurance that the work brought up by them for inspec-
be such that will stand the test of the Grand Overseer's
I have visited several Councils, but not as many as I
, my personal attention being almost constantly requir-
iness, which I could not neglect without material injury.
my knowledge extends, peace and harmony prevail
ut the jurisdiction. No sound of discord or confusion
ed me. Our accessions during the past year cannot
y be supposed to equal those of previous ones, when
nto consideration the extraordinary financial condition
untry. But we shall be well satisfied, so long as the
eceived is of the best quality.

ur representative, I attended a convention of Royal
t Masters, held in the City of New York, on the second
ay of June last. Nineteen Grand Councils were repre-
ing a reasonable increase over the previous year. It
dingly gratifying to me to witness the fraternal greet-
rue Masonic spirit manifested by the Companions as
oached the door of the S. V. No intruders were there.
security. A general feeling seemed to prevail among
anions present, that something should be accomplished
ood of Cryptic Masonry. A slight inclination, how-
manifested by some of the members in the early part
oceedings, to adhere to their time-honored rules and
and let well enough alone. And among that number

your representative does not claim, by any means, to have been an exception. But the great necessity existing for a uniform system of work, and no probability of a future opportunity of obtaining one, seemed to weigh down all other objections. And the principal questions at issue were adopted with slight opposition.

The South, as usual on such occasions, came boldly up to the mark, and contributed her full share in the good work, while the slight opposition manifested, proceeded from various localities.

The course pursued by Maine and Massachusetts, in the Convention, when taking into consideration the fact (as I understand it) of their having more to yield than any other jurisdictions, was such as might have been reasonably expected by all parties. And should they hereafter come boldly to the front, and ratify the proceedings of the Convention, their concessions for the cause of Cryptic Masonry will then stand without a parallel in Masonic history. But as you are already in possession of the proceedings of the Convention, any additional remarks by me might be considered unnecessary, with the exception perhaps of a few upon topics of which I cannot now speak particularly.

I would, therefore, for reasons already set forth, and in behalf of the cause for which we are all laboring, recommend the adoption of the new Ritual, as agreed upon by the Convention in New York. A * * * *. I am in receipt of the proceedings of three Grand Councils that have met, since the adjournment of the Convention — Indiana, Missouri and Iowa. The action taken by the two former will be considered favorable to the adoption of the new Ritual. Iowa stands first on the record in its favor. May Michigan be second, and may they continue to fall into line, until our numbers are all full. All things then being equal, there would no longer a doubt exist as to the reception we might hereafter meet with at the hands of our distant brethren. In regard to the report of the Committee on Nomenclature, adopted by the New York Con-

1872, so wisely recommended by my illustrious
r, and now in the hands of your very able Committee
rudence, a favorable consideration is earnestly hoped

olution was adopted, expressing the opinion of the
n, that the Degrees of Royal and Select Master
made a necessary pre-requisite to the Orders of
od; and a committee was appointed to memorialize
d Encampment of Knights Templar of the United
its next triennial Conclave, to be held in the city of
ans, in December 1874. The distinguished Masonic
the Illustrious Companions composing that committee,
ufficient guarantee that the subject will receive such
as its importance demands. I trust their efforts will
d with success, and the object so justly sought be
hed. I would also call your attention to the following
, which was adopted:

d, That when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet at
as, on the Monday before the first Tuesday of December, 1874,
pose of forming a General Grand Council for the United States,
e Representatives be requested to bring this subject before their
nd Councils for their action.

ropriety of taking any decided action in favor of the
of forming a General Grand Council for the United
the present time, would, to my mind, be susceptible
doubts. The subordinate Councils throughout this
on, I consider, are justly entitled to a reasonable length
for the consideration of all questions which may be
touching their interests, and particularly one of such
e, in order to arrive at correct conclusions. But by
to the call for a convention, it will be observed that
ion was not mentioned. It might therefore be reason-
posed, that the subordinates are not prepared for any
ction at this time. I would, however, recommend such
the premises as your superior wisdom may dictate.

e 25th of January last, I received an official letter from
d Recorder of the Grand Council of Nebraska, convey-

ing the happy intelligence that this new Grand Council was organized on the 20th of November, 1872,—John Blake, M. P. G. M., and E. F. Warren, Grand Recorder. They also respectfully solicit fraternal recognition, and the establishment of fraternal correspondence and communication between this Grand Council and that of Nebraska. I would therefore most cordially recommend that suitable resolutions of welcome be passed by this Grand Council, and forwarded to the Grand Council of the State of Nebraska.

The mournful subject to which I shall next allude, is one that will bring deep sorrow to the hearts of all. In casting your eyes over the select numbers now present, what do you see? The solemn response comes up * * * Alas! the great "Leveler" has been among us. Illustrious Companion, Frank Darrow, was stricken down by the strong "Arm of Death," April 11, 1873. We have all known him as Past Grand Master, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, and Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of this Grand Council. He was present and assisted in the organization of this Grand Body, and was among the first Grand Officers elected by the Grand Council of Michigan. He has labored long and faithfully; his work is completed; and while we mourn his departure from among us, let us emulate his many virtues, and rejoice in the hope that he is in the Higher Lodge, to which I trust we are all advancing. I would recommend that a memorial page be inserted in our published proceedings, and a committee appointed to draft resolutions expressive of our deep sorrow.

COMPANIONS—In surrendering to you, in a few short hours, the emblem of that power with which I have been entrusted, permit me to return you my sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness I have received at your hands. And if any of my official acts have merited your approval, or should the result of our last year's labors have been such as to place Cryptic Masonry in the elevated position to which it is so justly entitled, I shall then consider myself amply rewarded for my labor, and shall

mber with gratitude and proud satisfaction the year I onor to preside over the deliberations of the Royal and Michigan.

WILLIAM BROWN,
Most Illustrious Grand Master.

, on motion, was referred to the following special com- apportion: Companions J. L. Mitchell, Mark Hodg- Rev. A. J. Davis.

otion of Comp. P. T. I. G. M. John Clark:

d, That all Royal and Select Masters in good standing are ake seats with the Grand Council during its Convocation.

Thrice Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following tanding committees:

ETURNS—Comps. D. B. Purinton, Wm. W. Comstock, F. G. Lee.
NANCE—Comps. Geo. H. Green, D. Woodard, J. R. Everard.
OREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—Comps. Grand Recorder, H. Shaw Sprague.
HARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS—Comps. T. G. Green, B. F. Thos. Rix.
URISPRUDENCE—Comps. E. A. Elliott, W. S. Edwards, E.

Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their nancial statements, subjoined, which, on motion, were to the Committee on Finance:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

IOTT, Grand Treasurer,

In account with GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

DR.

To balance on hand		$ 58 75
To cash of Grand Recorder		50 00
To cash of Grand Recorder		6 50
To balance account		13 15
Total		$128 40

CR.

By paid printing bill	$110 90	
By paid printing bill	17 50	
	$128 40	$128 40
alance due Treasurer		$13 15

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

G. B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder,

1872, In account with GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

Dec. 31,	To balance December 31, 1872	$22 00
"	Received from Monroe Council, No. 1	5 00
"	" River Raisin Council, No. 4	5 00
"	" Three Rivers Council, No. 7	14 00
"	" Romeo Council, No. 8	2 00
"	" Zabud Council, No. 9	24 00
"	" Tyre Council, No. 10	8 00
"	" Union Council, No. 11	11 00
"	" Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15	3 00
"	" Hudson Council, No. 16	2 00
"	" Adrian Council, No. 18	4 00
"	" Saginaw Council, No. 20	13 00
"	" St. Johns Council, No. 21	16 00
"	" Portland Council, No. 23	5 00
"	" Clinton Council, No. 26	1 00
"	" Dowagiac Council, No. 28	5 00
"	" Lansing Council, No. 29	9 00
"	" Jackson Council, No. 32	24 00
"	" Ithaca Council, No. 33	5 00
"	" Blanchard Council, No. 34	2 00
"	" Union City Council, No. 35	4 00
"	" Charlotte Council, No. 36	21 00
"	" Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37	25 00
		$230 00

1873, CR.

Jan'y 2,	By pay-roll, per detailed list	$ 82 00	
"	By paid W. V. Griffith, for tyling	10 00	
"	" Monroe Chapter, No. 1, use of hall	10 00	
"	" Grand Recorder	50 00	
"	" " " fees, two charters	10 00	
"	" Postage and stationery	10 00	
"	" Notices for meetings, 1874	1 50	
"	" Grand Treasurer	56 50	
		$230 00	$230 00

G. B. NOBLE,
Grand Recorder.

committee to whom was referred for apportionment the
of the T. I. G. Puissant, made the following report:

G. M. and Companions of the Grand Council of R. & S. Masters of the State
igan:

ommittee to whom was referred the address of the M. I. G. M. for
nent, respectfully report as follows:

That the portion relating to the death of P. T. I. G. Puissant
arrow, to a special committee of three. And also that portion
Nebraska, to the same committee.

That portion relating to the formation of a General Grand Coun,
ecial committee of three.

MARK HODGSON,
J. L. MITCHELL,
A. J. DAVIS,
Committee.

eport was accepted and the committee discharged.
M. I. G. Master then appointed the following commit-
ompliance with the foregoing report:

ompanions B. F. Doughty, Rev. A. J. Davis, H. Shaw Noble.
ompanions E. Sprague, E. A. Elliott, and Grand Recorder.

GRAND COUNCIL PAY-ROLL, 1873.

n, No. 7	$3 00	A. B. Aiken, No. 35	$3 00
ner, No. 8	2 00	B. F. Doughty, No. 36	3 00
g, No. 10	3 00	H. S. Noble, T. I. G. P	3 00
us, No. 11	3 00	W. Brown, D. I. G. P	3 00
No. 15	3 00	M. Mansfield, G. T. I	3 00
boam, No. 16	2 00	E. M. Doan, G. P. C. of W	3 00
ch, No. 18	3 00	E. A. Elliott, G. Treas	3 00
t, No. 20	3 00	G. B. Noble, G. Recorder	3 00
lding, No. 21	3 00	Geo. Hill, G. C. of W	3 00
No. 23	3 00	Rev. A. J. Davis, G. Chap	3 00
rd, No. 26	1 00	A. J. Utley, G. Steward	3 00
ix, No. 28	3 00	John Clark, P. T. I. G. P	3 00
x, No. 29	3 00	E. Sprague, P. T. I. G. P	3 00
hell, No. 32	3 00	W. S. Edwards, P. T. I. G. P,	3 00
etchum, No. 34	2 00		
			$82 00

otion of Comp. J. L. Mitchell, the following amend
theConstitution, submitted at the last annual Assembly,
n up and adopted:

a subordinate Council shall pay to the Grand Council the follow-

ing sums, to wit: For each Companion receiving the degrees of Royal and Select Master, $1. For each member annually, 25 cents. The dues for degrees and membership shall accompany the returns to the Grand Council, and no Council shall have a vote until such dues are paid "

ON CLOTHING.

Your committee, appointed at the last annual Assembly of the Grand Council to report upon clothing, would respectfully report, that owing to the intimate connection between the Chapter and Council degrees, they recommend for the present the use of the Chapter clothing.

A. J. DAVIS,
J. L. MITCHELL,
E. BOGARDUS,
Committee.

The M. I. G. Master presented the Ritual adopted by the Convention in New York, which was accepted, and on motion of P. T. I. G. P. John Clark, was referred to the following committee, to report at the next annual Assembly (1875): Companions E. Bogardus, E. A. Elliott, and A. J. Utley.

On motion of Comp. H. Shaw Noble, the Nomenclature recommended by the Convention held in New York, June, 1873, was taken up and adopted, as follows:

TITLES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Most Illustrious Grand Master.
Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Principal Conductor of Work.
Grand Treasurer.
Grand Recorder.
Grand Captain of the Guards.
Grand Conductor of the Council.
Grand Steward.
Grand Sentinel.

To which may be added Grand Chaplain, and Grand Marshal or Grand Master of Ceremonies.

For subordinate Councils, omit the word "Grand," and in place of the word "Most," for first officer, use the word "Thrice," as follows:

Thrice Illustrious Master.
Deputy Master.
Principal Conductor of Work.
Treasurer.
Recorder.
Captain of the Guards.
Conductor of the Council.
Steward, and Sentinel.

also recommend that meetings of Bodies of this Rite
ated "Assemblies."

. A. J. Davis moved that the election of officers be made
al order for 4 o'clock P. M., which was adopted.

ommittee on Finance submitted the following report,
s received and adopted:

d Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

committee on Finance to whom was referred the reports of the
asurer and Grand Recorder for the preceding year, respectfully
they have examined the same, together with the accompanying
and find them correct.

D. WOODARD,
J. R. EVERARD,
GEO. H. GREEN.
Committee.

Grand Council was called from labor until 2 o'clock P. M.

Grand Council resumed work at 2 o'clock P. M.

ommittee to whom was referred that portion of the M.
s address relating to the death of P. M. I. G. P. Francis
made the following report:

d Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

pecial committee to whom was referred that part of the M. I. G.
ss which refers to the death of Past Most I. G. Puissant, Francis
ould respectfully submit the following as their report:

ANIONS:—WHEREAS, Your committee, in attempting to discharge
k assigned them, feel that it is not within the scope of language
the general sympathetic emotions stirred in the members of the
mily at the death of our much loved, highly esteemed, and now
Companion, Francis Darrow, who died at Ionia, Michigan, April
while no relatives or intimate friends were near to receive his last
, or lend consoling aid; and,

REAS, This invasion of death into our Secret Vault, and taking
our midst so eminently active and well qualified to complete our
k, for the reception of all its sacred treasures; therefore,

ed, That in the death of our Past Most Illustrious Grand Puissant
y Companion, Cryptic Masonry and the Fraternity generally,
ned the loss of an honest, zealous and accomplished Craftsman,
compact and business life, that of a genial, just, upright and
pected citizen.

Resolved, That his warm attachment and constant devotion to the principles of Masonry, and his many manly virtues, will ever endear him to the hearts of his mourning Companions, and ever be a standard of light for the better regulation of our lives.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his bereaved family and mourning relatives, and tender to them our sincere condolence.

Resolved, That a page in the proceedings of this Grand Council be set apart to the memory of our deceased Companion, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the surviving family.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. DOUGHTY,
A. J. DAVIS,
H. SHAW NOBLE,
Committee.

On motion of Comp. W. W. Comstock, the report was received and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the M. I. G. M.'s address relating to the formation of a General Grand Council, presented the following report:

Resolved, That the Grand Council do not favor the formation of a General Grand Council.

Resolved, That the M. I. G. Master be authorized to represent the Grand Council at the Convention of R. and S. Masters to be held at New Orleans, December, 1874, personally or by proxy.

E. SPRAGUE,
E. A. ELLIOTT,
G. B. NOBLE,
Committee.

The hour of special order for election of officers (4 P. M.), having arrived, the M. I. G. M. appointed Comps. D. B. Purinton and Wm. Walker as tellers, when ballots were cast, and the following Companions declared elected:

Comp. WM. BROWN, Battle Creek..... M. I. G. M.
" MORTIMER MANSFIELD, Coldwater.....D. G. M.
" GEORGE HILL, Portland..... ..G. P. C. of W.
" E. A. ELLIOTT, Detroit. .....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit.....G. Recorder.
" A. J. UTLEY, St. Louis.....G. C. of G.
" J. R. EVERARD, Jackson.....G. C. of C.
" REV. A. J. DAVIS, Lansing.....G. Chaplain.
" C. B. REYNOLDS, Reading.....G. Steward.
" W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit.....G. Sentinel.

committee to whom was referred that portion of the M. s address relating to the Grand Council of Nebraska, e following report, which was adopted:

d Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

committee to whom was referred the matter of Nebraska Council, ommend that the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of be admitted to our fraternal regard and correspondence.

A. J. DAVIS,
B. F. DOUGHTY,
H. SHAW NOBLE,
Committee.

committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils reported s, which was accepted and adopted:

d Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils have examined and find them correct, as follows:

Council, No. 1.
Council, No. 2.
Council, No. 3.
isin Council, No. 4.
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Council, No. 8.
ouncil, No. 9.
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Council, No. 16.
Council, No. 17.
Adrian Council, No. 18.
Niles Council, No. 19.
Saginaw Council, No. 20.
St. Johns Council, No. 21.
Portland Council, No. 23.
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Jackson Council, No. 32.
Ithaca Council, No. 33.
Charlotte Council, No. 36.
Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37.

D. B. PURINTON,
W. W. COMSTOCK,
F. G. LEE,
Committee.

I. G. P., H. Shaw Noble, offered the following resolu- ch was adopted:

d, That the Grand Recorder shall receive for his salary the $50; the Grand Sentinel, $10; and Monroe Chapter, No. 1, se of hall.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder defer the publishing of the proceedings (except a list of officers elected, and amendments to the Constitution adopted the present session), until our next annual Assembly.

The Grand Recorder acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings from the following Grand Councils since the last annual Assembly: Ontario (Dominion of Canada), Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, Nebraska (for 1872), Arkansas, Connecticut, Indiana, Louisiana, Missouri, Maine, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Vermont (for 1873), Minnesota, Iowa, California (for 1872 and 1873), Pennsylvania (1847 to 1872 inclusive), Tennessee (for 1871 and 1872), New Hampshire (officers elected May, 1873), Illinois (officers elected October, 1873), and of New York Convention, June, 1873.

The Grand Council proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect, whereupon they were severally duly installed into their respective stations.

No further business appearing, the Most Illustrious Grand Council was closed in ample form until its next Annual Grand Assembly, which will be held in the city of Detroit, on Monday, January 18, 1875, at 6 o'clock P. M.



G. P. Noble

Grand Recorder.



THIS PAGE

IS SET APART,

BY ORDER OF THE GRAND COUNCIL,

n Fraternal Remembrance

OF

PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND PUISSANT,

ANCIS DARROW, 33°,

OF THIS GRAND COUNCIL;

WHO WAS ALSO

Past Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter,
Past Grand Master of Masons, and
Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar,

IN MICHIGAN,

AND

ho died at Ionia, Mich., April 11th, 1873.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

nd Council of R. & S. Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Masters of Michigan, assembled at Masonic Hall, in of Detroit, on Monday, January 18, 1875, at 6 o'clock

PRESENT:

VM. BROWN.....M. I. G. M.
I. MANSFIELD.....D. G. M.
EO. HILL.....G. P. C. of Work.
. A. ELLIOTT.....G. Treasurer.
. B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
. J. UTLEY.....G. Capt. of Guard.
. R. EVERARD.....G. Conductor of Council.
EV. B. F. DOUGHTY.....as G. Chaplain.
. B. REYNOLDS.....G. Steward.
V. V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

OHN CLARK.....P. M. I. G. M.
. B. TRACY.....P. M. I. G. M.
I. SHAW NOBLE.....P. M. I. G. M.
. SPRAGUE.....P. M. I. G. M.
. L. SPAULDING.....P. M. I. G. M.
VM. WALKER.....D. G. M.

, the representatives of a constitutional number of Sub- Councils.

Grand Council being opened in ample form, after prayer Grand Chaplain, Rev. B. F. Doughty, the M. I. Grand

Master appointed Ill. Companions E. Bogardus, W. W. Comstock and E. Sprague a Committee on Credentials.

On motion of Comp. E. A. Elliott, the Grand Council was called from labor until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, January 19, 1875.

Grand Council resumed labor at 9 A. M. Grand Officers all present.

Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the M. I. G. M. and Companions of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the credentials submitted to their inspection, and find the following members and delegates entitled to seats in this Grand Council:

PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS.

Comp. WM. BROWN.....M. I. G. M.
" MORTIMER MANSFIELD.....D. G. M.
" GEO. HILL.....G. P. C. of Work.
" E. A. ELLIOTT.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
" A. J. UTLEY.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" J. R. EVERARD.....G. Conductor of Council.
" REV. A. J. DAVIS.....G. Chaplain.
" C. B. REYNOLDS.....G. Steward.
" W. V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

And all Past T. I. G. P.'s and D. I. G. P.'s, Past G. T. I.'s and P. C.'s of W.; also, the following delegates from Subordinate Councils:

Monroe Council, No. 1.

Comp. JEX BARDWELL.....T. I. M.
" WM. BROWN.....D. M.
" J. D. BOYLE.....P. C. of W.

St. Clair Council, No. 2.

Comp. JOHN CLARK.....T. I. M.
" S. B. BROWN.....D. M.
" A. J. CUMMINGS.....P. C. of W.

Pontiac Council, No. 8.

. A. FLOWER.....T. I. M.
AMUEL H. NORTON.....D. M.
. S. MATHEWS.....P. C. of W.

River Raisin Council, No. 4.

. I. SAWYER.....Representative of Council.

Jonesville Council, No. 5.

. W. HAMPTON.....Representative of Council.

Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.

. B. PURINTON.....Representative of Council.

Three Rivers Council, No. 7.

ACOB F. SLENKER.....Representative of Council.

Romeo Council, No. 8.

. E. PALMER.....T. I. M.
AMES GRAY.....D. M.
EO. D. MUSSEY.....P. C. of W.

Zabud Council, No. 9.

W. STRAIT.....T. I. M. and Proxy for P. C. of W.
R. BAGG.....Proxy for D. M.

Tyre Council, No. 10.

. P. INNES.....Representative of Council.

Union Council, No. 11.

BOGARDUS.....T. I. M.
N. WEBB.....D. M.
BATWELL.....P. C. of W.

Ionia Council, No. 12.

H. TAYLOR.....T. I. M.
W. DODGE.....D. M.
R. TAYLOR.....P. C. of W.

Sturgis Council, No. 13.

H. CHURCH.....Proxy for T. I. M.
A F. PACKER.....D. M.
. G. CUMMINS.....P. C. of W.

Hiram Council, No. 14.

A. PETERMAN.....T. I. M.
HAS. BOYNTON.....D. M.
ORGAN BATES.....P. C. of W.

Genesee Council, No. 17.

Comp. W. E. SMITH.....T. I. M.
" G. W. WILMOT.....D. M.
" HENRY CLARK.....P. C. of W.

Adrian Council, No. 18.

Comp. J. W. FINCH.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" W. E. JEWETT.....D. M.
" J. S. VANDIGRIFF.....P. C. of W.

Niles Council, No. 19.

Comp. C. M. ALWARD.....T. I. M.
" N. HAMILTON.....D. M.
" D. H. FREED.....P. C. of W.

Saginaw Council, No. 20.

Comp. J. S. GOODMAN.....Representative of Council.

St. Johns Council, No. 21.

Comp. JOHN D. HENDERSON.....T. I. M.
" CHARLES E. GRISSON.....D. M.
" GEO. H. STEPHENS.....P. C. of W.

Portland Council, No. 23.

Comp. F. G. LEE.....T. I. M.
" J. A. WEBBER.....D. M.
" D. KENNEDY.....P. C. of W.

King Solomon Council, No. 25.

Comp. W. E. LATIMER.....T. I. M.
" J. H. KILBOURN.....D. M.
" A. M. GREEN.....P. C. of W.

Clinton Council, No. 26.

Comp. GEORGE FISHER.....Representative of Council.

Oceana Council, No. 27.

Comp. JOHN M. RICE.....T. I. M.
" JAMES G. B. ATWOOD.....D. M.
" A. S. PARKS.....P. C. of W.

Dowagiac Council, No. 28.

Comp. D. W. CLEMMER.....T. I. M.
" THOMAS RIX.....D. M.
" F. B. WHITE.....P. C. of W.

Lansing Council, No. 29.

O. H. GREEN.....Proxy for T. I. M.
H. BRIGGS.....D. M.
O. W. CHANDLER.....P. C. of W.

Northville Council, No. 30.

HN H. SMITH.....T. I. M.
R. BEAL.....D. M.
M. SLY.....P. C. of W.

Reading Council, No. 31.

B. REYNOLDS.....T. I. M.
GLEASON.....D. M.
J. WOODARD.....P. C. of W.

Jackson Council, No. 32.

F. EGGLESTON.....T. I. M.
PORTER.....Proxy for D. M.
HUNT.....Proxy for P. C. of W.

Ithaca Council, No. 33.

W. COMSTOCK.....T. I. M.
M. S. TURCK.....Proxy for D. M.
E. MARTIN.....Proxy for P. C. of W.

Union City Council, No. 35.

DNEY SIMONS.....T. I. M.
F. EWERS.....D. M.
A. MERRYFIELD.....P. C. of W.

Charlotte Council, No. 36.

S. CHURCH.....T. I. M.
BINGHAM.....D. M.
A. HOOKER.....P. C. of W.

Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37.

AVID E. WILSON.....Representative of Council.

Corunna Council, U. D.

McCURDY.....T. I. M., Representative of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BOGARDUS,
W. W. COMSTOCK,
B. F. DOUGHTY,
Committee.

On motion of Companion George Hill, it was voted that all Cryptic Masons in good standing be and they are hereby invited to seats in this Grand Council, during the present session.

The M. I. Grand Master then delivered the following

ADDRESS:

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—Through the tender mercy and loving kindness of our Heavenly Parent, we have been safely led through the dangers and vicissitudes of another year, and are again permitted to assemble in Grand Council to review the history of the past and take action for the future. We have gathered around our sacred Altar and offered up our adorations to Diety that He would be pleased to vouchsafe to us, as heretofore, His kind protecting care and favor. May we all be thankful that we have thus far been spared to meet again, to exchange the fraternal greeting, to grasp the hand of our Companions, and thus to strengthen each other in every good word and work. While we are thus assembled, I trust that harmony and good feeling will prevail, that our deliberations and acts will be such as may tend to the advancement and prosperity of our beloved Order, that the bonds of brotherly love and friendship may be strengthened, so that at the close of this Assembly we may return to our homes with the proud satisfaction of having faithfully discharged our whole duty to the craft. In regard to Cryptic Masonry, I congratulate you upon the peace and harmony existing throughout this jurisdiction. No vexed questions have been presented to me, and I have not been called upon to make any decisions during the past year, with the exception of such as are plainly provided for in the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Council.

From the best information at my command, I am led to believe that a reasonable amount of work has been done by the subordinate Councils, and although our numbers perhaps have not increased with the rapidity of some former years, yet I trust the material selected has been such as should ever be chosen for the protection of our sacred institution.

Would that I could report to you that our "Select Numbers

present;" that our Mystic Circle had remained unbroken;
t we had been spared the sad duty of draping our Arches
re mourning for a kindred spirit, who mingled with us
ast Annual Grand Assembly. But not so, my Compan-
d the saddest duty devolving upon one occupying the
I do, is to recount to his Companions the work of relent-
th. He spares neither the hoary-headed nor yet the
nd vigorous. His cruel aim is fixed and certain. The
victim cannot elude his iron grasp. Illustrious Com-
Spencer B. Raynale, Deputy Master of Corunna Council,
lied Sept. 26th last, at the residence of his father, Dr. E.
e, in Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, where he
ne for the purpose of medical treatment. Knowing him,
ve from boyhood, sad indeed is the task for me to record
cts. "But Thy will, not mine, be done."
active, zealous Mason in Lodge, Chapter and Council,
y we envy his attainments, and faithfully should we en-
to imitate his zeal and laborious energy in the cause of
y. Stricken down in the prime of life, as it were, upon
y threshold of his usefulness, how appropriately may we
his memory the "Broken Column," incribe thereon the
ng Virgin," and mourn him as those who have lost a
end and loving brother. I would recommend such action
Grand Body as will evidence our regard for the illustri-
mpanion while living, and our respect for his memory.
ccordance with our laws and ancient custom, I herewith
n account of my labors for the past year, and trust they
et your approval. February 18th last I received a peti-
due form, signed by twelve Companions of the city of
a, and recommended by St. Johns Council, No. 21, ask-
a dispensation to form and open a Council of Royal and
Masters in the city of Corunna, to be called Corunna
, No. —, which I immediately granted, and the follow-
mpanions were named as the first three officers: Compan-
gh McCurdy as T. I. M.; Companion Spencer B. Raynale
M.; and Companion Jefferson D. Leland as P. C. of W.

As any remarks by me would add nothing to the merit of the petitioners, I merely recommend, as a slight reward for their fidelity, industry and skill, that a charter be granted them.

As the Companions of Northville Council, No. 30, at Northville, were without an Installing officer, at their request I visited them February 27th last, installed their officers, and assisted in conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on four candidates. The Companions are in possession of the correct ritual, and the zeal manifested by them in the cause was such as to warrant their work hereafter perfect.

Union City Council, No. 35, at Union City, having neglected to hold an election for officers at the time prescribed by the Constitution, I granted a dispensation for that purpose April 1st, was present at the election, and installed the officers.

May 25th, I visited Hiram Council, No. 14, at Marshall, and assisted in conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on three candidates.

September 8th, I visited King Solomon Council, No. 25, at Big Rapids, but regret to say that, owing to a misunderstanding as to the time of my arrival, a quorum could not be obtained for opening the Council. I found the Companions, however, in possession of the correct ritual, and from the intelligence and Masonic ability manifested by them in other branches of the Order, no doubt exists in my mind as to the future of their Council.

September 9th, I met the Companions of Oceana Council, No. 27, at Pentwater, granted them a dispensation to hold an election for officers, was present at the election, installed the officers, and assisted in conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on six candidates, in the performance of which I was ably assisted by Illustrious Companion Albert F. Avery, D. M. of Zabud Council, No. 9. The Companions are very active, and anxious to perfect themselves in the ritual, which is all that is necessary to make their work such as we are authorized to receive.

November 12th, I visited Niles Council, No. 17, and assisted

ferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on two ates. From the spirit manifested by the Companions of ouncil, I am led to believe that a bright future awaits

vember 17th, I visited Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37, at ntine, and assisted in conferring the degrees of Royal lect Master on six candidates. Comments are unneces- This bids fair to become one of the best Councils in this ction.

vember 24th, I visited Corunna Council, U. D., opened a l in ample form, and witnessed the conferring of the s of Royal and Select Master on twenty-three candidates, ncipal part of the work being performed by Illustrious nion Past Grand Master Ebenezer Sprague, Illustrious nion C. W. Strait, Thrice Illustrious Master of Zabud , No. 9, and Thrice Illustrious Master John D. Hender- l other Companions, of St. Johns Council, No 21.

ember 25th, I visited Pontiac Council, No. 33, and with stance of Past Grand Master Sprague and officers of the , conferred the degrees of Royal and Select Master on ndidates. This Council having taken a new lease of life, der the auspices of Illustrious Companion Theron A. , will henceforth be found in the front rank in the per- ce of duty.

ember 3d, I visited Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6, at Cold- and witnessed the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Master on three candidates. The work was performed in nce with the ritual, and to my entire satisfaction.

ember 4th, I visited Union City Council, No. 35, at Union nd conferred the degrees of Royal and Select Master on lidates. This Council, although in a languishing condi- some time past, now begins to exhibit a more healthy nce, and under the skillful treatment of Illustrious Com- Doctor H. F. Ewers, a speedy return to permanent is anticipated.

ember 7th, I granted a dispensation to Reading Council,

No. 31, to hold an election for officers, having no positive knowledge as to the time of their previous election.

By request of the Companions of Ionia Council, No. 12, I granted a dispensation, December 22d, to hold an election for officers; was present at the election, installed the officers, and assisted in conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on three candidates; also gave them such instructions in the ritual as time would permit, which was fully appreciated, and the hope is indulged that the work brought up by them hereafter to be deposited, will be approved and accepted.

At your last annual Grand Assembly a resolution was passed authorizing the presiding officer, either in person or by proxy, to represent this Grand Council in the Convention of Royal and Select Masters, to be held in New Orleans, Nov. 30, 1874, for the purpose of forming a General Grand Council for the United States—with certain instructions. But very much to my regret, and contrary to my expectation, Michigan was not represented, for the following reasons: Knowing, as I did, that it would be impossible for me to attend in person and meet my engagements already made with several of the subordinate Councils, I appointed Most Illustrious Past Grand Master H. Shaw Noble as the representative from this Grand Council. But, owing to the absence of his associate in business, by reason of sickness, and the extra amount of labor devolving upon him in consequence thereof, he was obliged to decline, and wrote me to that effect November 21st; but, being absent at the time on official business, I did not receive his letter until November 27th, when it was too late for further action.

By reference to the proceedings of a portion of our sister Grand Councils for the past year, it will be observed that the ritual adopted by the New York Convention is favorably noticed, and in order to accomplish the great object in view, a number of them have already adopted it. And should your wisdom dictate any change of ritual, it remains for you to determine whether their example is not worthy of imitation.

I would recommend the passage of an edict, making it oblig-

the part of subordinate Councils, to close each and
embly in " Due Form." With this exception, I have
legislation to recommend. But, as Companions are
presenting the different subordinate Councils, I will
n them in any measures they see fit to introduce, hav-
w the interests of Cryptic Masonry.

anions—In retiring from this highly honorable position
your partiality has twice elevated me, I should be
to all feelings of gratitude did I not again acknowl-
uniform kindness, and the aid so liberally extended
discharge of my official duties. My labor as your
ster is nearly completed. I have endeavored to dis-
duty to the best of my ability, and in so doing, if I
eeded in gaining your approval, it is well. If in aught
ed, or come short of my duty, I trust you will cover it
'broad mantle of Masonic charity." I now return to
emblem of authority you so often and so kindly have
upon me, with the hope that you will elect some one
ed than myself to perform the duty required.

thanking you for the high honors conferred upon me,
or the future prosperity of our Sacred Order, and bid-
speed to my successor in office, I desire to resume my
ong the workmen in the Arches of the Sacred Vault,
secrecy, and reflect in silence.

WILLIAM BROWN,
Most Illustrious Grand Master.

, on motion, was referred to the following special
to apportion: Comps. J. L. Mitchell, W. P. Innes,
Smith.

Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following
anding committees:

TURNS—Comps. J. R. Everard, E. Sprague, C. R. Bagg.
NANCE—Comps. H. McCurdy, F. G. Lee, Geo. H. Green.
OREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—Comps. Grand Recorder, H. A.
C. B. Reynolds.
HARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS—Comps. J. L. Mitchell, J. S.
J. F. Slenker.

ON JURISPRUDENCE—Comps. D. B. Purinton, H. Hurlbert, J. H. Smith.

The committee to apportion the Grand Master's address, reported as follows:

To the M. I. G. M. and Companions of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the M. I. G. M. for apportionment, have had the same under consideration, and would recommend as follows: That so much as refers to the death of Companion Spencer B. Raynale, D. M. of Corunna Council, U. D., be referred to a committee of three. That so much as refers to dispensations, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. That so much as refers to the Ritual adopted by the New York Convention, be referred to the special committee of last year, appointed on this subject. That so much as refers to the opening and closing of subordinates, in due form, be referred to a special committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. MITCHELL,
WM. P. INNES,
J. H. SMITH,
Committee.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The M. I. G. Master then appointed the following committees, in compliance with the foregoing report:

COMMITTEE ON DEATH OF COMPANION RAYNALE—Companions B. F. Doughty, H. McCurdy, E. A. Elliott.

OPENING AND CLOSING COUNCILS—Companions Bela Cogshall, H. Shaw Noble, John Clark.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their annual financial statements, subjoined, which on motion, were referred to the committee on Finance:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. A. ELLIOTT, Grand Treasurer,
In account with GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

		Dr.	
1874.			
Jan'y 20,	To cash of Grand Recorder		$ 139 00
1875.			
Jan'y 15,	To cash of Grand Recorder		11 00
	Total		$150 00

CR.

By balance account rendered	$13 15	
By Grand Recorder's salary	50 00	
By Grand Sentinel's services	10 00	
By paid printing bill	6 50	
By paid Monroe Chapter, Hall	10 00	
	$ 89 65	$150 00
ash in Treasurer's hands January 20, 1875		$60 35

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

LE, Grand Recorder,

In account with GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

eceived from Monroe Council, No. 1		$ 16 00
" Jonesville Council, No. 5		4 00
" Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6		3 00
" Three Rivers Council, No. 7		5 00
" Romeo Council, No. 8		2 00
" Zabud Council, No. 9		10 00
" Tyre Council, No. 10		4 00
" Union Council, No. 11		7 00
" Sturgis Council, No. 13		2 00
" Hiram Council, No. 14		13 00
" Adrian Council, No. 18		3 00
" Niles Council, No. 19		5 00
" Saginaw Council, No. 20		4 00
" St. Johns Council, No. 21		11 00
" Adoniram Council, No. 24		6 00
" King Solomon Council, No. 25		4 00
" Lansing Council, No. 29		9 00
" Jackson Council, No. 32		28 00
" Ithaca Council, No. 33		2 00
" Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37		4 00
For dispensation at Corunna		25 00
		$167 00

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4, By paid Grand Treasurer		$139 00	
2, " Postage and envelops		1 61	
1, " " "		1 59	
1, " Engraving and electrotyping seal		7 00	
2, " Printing notices, etc., per bill		5 80	
" Envelops and stationery "		1 00	
" Grand Treasurer		11 00	
Total		$167 00	$167 00

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the M. I. G. Master's address relating to the opening and closing of subordinate Councils, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the M. I. G. M., and Members of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the M. I. G. M., as relates to the closing of subordinate Councils, would respectfully report: That it is with great surprise and much sorrow that they are compelled to infer therefrom that there are any irregularities in the workings of the subordinate Councils, and would recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the several subordinate Councils in this State be, and they are hereby required, to close each and every Convocation in "Due Form."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELA COGSHALL,
H. SHAW NOBLE,
JOHN CLARK,
Committee.

Comp. B. Cogshall presented a petition from a constitutional number of Royal and Select Masters, for a Council at Holly, Oakland county, Michigan, which was received and referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Comp. W. P. Innes moved that the election of officers be made the special order for 2 o'clock P. M., which was adopted.

The committee on Finance made the following report:

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

Your committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, beg leave to report that we have examined the same and find them correct.

The amount of money in the Treasurer's hands at the close of the year 1874	$ 60 35
The Recorder has received the present session, cash	620 25
Cash on hand	$680 60

Five Councils have made no report.

HUGH McCURDY,
F. G. LEE,
GEO. H. GREENE,
Finance Committee.

January 19, 1875.

committee on Charters and Dispensations made the fol-
report:

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

r committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred
nsation and returns of the Council at Corunna, have had the same
nsideration, have examined their returns and find them correct,
ld recommend that a charter be granted them, to be known as
Council, No. 38. We have also had presented to us a petition, in
, accompanied by the proper certificate and recommendation, for
l to be located at Holly, and after an examination of the same,
commend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that
ncils, when duly instituted, be authorized to proceed to the elec-
fficers for the ensuing year.
of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. MITCHELL,
J. T. GOODMAN,
J. F. SLENKER,
Committee.

najority of the committee to whom was referred the
(adopted at the Convention in N. Y.) at our last annual
ly, made the following report:

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

r committee to whom was referred the Work and Lectures on
Masonry, as adopted and recommended by the Convention held in
rk, June, 1873, would respectfully report that they have had the
der consideration, have given it a careful and critical examination,
it to be not only a systematic arrangement of work, containing
autiful and impressive lessons, but also encumbered with long,
and impracticable ceremonies, errors, and contradictions of history
ition.

r committee, therefore, cannot recommend its adoption by this
ouncil, without its revision and correction.

r committee further report that they have so revised and corrected
k as they believe will not only retain its general uniformity, but
dhere to the history, traditions and landmarks of the Order, as prac-
all the intermediate degrees of Masonry, and recommend its
.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. BOGARDUS,
E. A. ELLIOTT,
Committee.

On motion of Comp. J. M. Rice, the report was received, and the work and lectures, as revised and corrected by the committee, communicated to the Grand Council, when the following resolutions were presented by Comp. A. J. Utley and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Council does not desire to change its ritual, unless it be for the purpose of securing uniformity in the work of the various Grand Councils of the Union.

Resolved, That the further consideration of changing our ritual be deferred until the next annual Assembly of this Grand Council.

The Committee on Returns made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

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

Your Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils have examined the same, and find them correct, as follows:

Monroe Council, No. 1.
St. Clair Council, No. 2.
Pontiac Council, No. 3.
River Raisin Council, No. 4.
Jonesville Council, No. 5.
Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.
Three Rivers Council, No. 7.
Romeo Council, No. 8.
Zabud Council, No. 9.
Tyre Council, No. 10.
Union Council, No. 11.
Ionia Council, No. 12.
Sturgis Council, No. 13.
Hiram Council, No. 14.
Genesee Council, No. 17.
Adrian Council, No. 18.
Niles Council, No. 19.
Saginaw Council, No. 20.
St. Johns Council, No. 21.
Mosaic Council, No. 22.
Portland Council, No. 23.
King Solomon Council, No. 25.
Clinton Council, No. 26.
Dowagiac Council, No. 28.
Lansing Council, No. 29.
Northville Council, No. 30.
Reading Council, No. 31.
Jackson Council, No. 32.
Ithaca Council, No. 33.
Union City Council, No. 35.
Charlotte Council, No. 36.
Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37.
Corunna Council, U. D.

E. SPRAGUE,
J. R. EVERARD,
CHAS. R. BAGG,
Committee.

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

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, January 19, 1875.

e Grand Council was called from refreshment to labor at ck P. M., M. I. Grand Master Brown presiding, the other Officers being at their several stations.

e Special Order, the election of officers for the ensuing aving arrived, the M. I. Grand Master appointed Comps. Innes and Wm. Walker as tellers, when the following nions were found to have been elected:

M. MANSFIELD, Coldwater.....M. I. Grand Master.
GEORGE HILL, Portland.....D. Grand Master.
J. R. EVERARD, Jackson.....G. P. C. of W.
E. A. ELLIOTT, Detroit.....G. Treasurer.
G. B. NOBLE, Detroit.....G. Recorder.
A. J. UTLEY, St. Louis.....G. Captain of the Guards.
C. B. REYNOLDS, Reading.....G. Conductor of the Council.
REV. B. F. DOUGHTY, Holland.....G. Chaplain.
J. M. RICE, Pentwater.....G. Steward.
W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit.....G. Sentinel.

Grand Recorder presented a request from Ithaca Coun- 33, for permission to change their night of meeting ne second Monday to the first Monday of each month. ion, the request was granted.

Finance Committee, to whom was referred a resolution rt the per diem of representatives and salaries of officers, ed the following report:

t the Grand Officers and one representative from each Subordinate be allowed $3.00 each; the M. I. Grand Master $50.00 for his ser- past year; the Grand Recorder, $50.00; the Grand Sentinel, $10.00; roe Chapter, No. 1, $10.00 for use of hall.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH McCURDY,
F. G. LEE,
GEO. H. GREENE,
Committee.

ich was received and adopted.

Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING—7 o'clock.

The Grand Council resumed labor. Grand Officers present and in their respective stations.

The Grand Recorder presented a petition from the officers and members of Genesee Council, No. 17, stating that, from circumstances beyond their control, no election for officers for the ensuing year was had at their annual Assembly, and asking permission to hold a special election for officers, which was received. On motion, the request was granted to hold an election at their first stated meeting after the closing of the Grand Council.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M., H. Shaw Noble, the Grand Recorder was authorized to procure 50 blank charters.

On motion of Comp. W. P. Innes, the Grand Recorder was directed to publish 350 copies of the proceedings for 1873 and 1874, including the report on Correspondence and the Constitution and By-Laws, and to distribute as usual.

The special committee on the death of Comp. S. B. Raynale, submitted the following report:

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

Your special committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. I. G. M.'s address as relates to the death of Comp. Spencer B. Raynale, D. M. of Corunna Council, respectfully report:

Companion Raynale was born at Franklin, Oakland county, Michigan, October 9th, 1833, and died at the residence of his father, Dr. Ebenezer Raynale, at Birmingham, in this State, September 26th, 1874, where he had gone to receive medical treatment of his father.

He received a liberal education, studied law, and established himself in his profession, at Corunna, in 1859.

Companion Raynale was made a Mason in Birmingham Lodge, No. 44; was initiated and passed March 27th, 1856, and raised April 25th, 1856. He took an active part in establishing Corunna Lodge, No. 115. On the 11th of February, 1864, was made a Royal Arch Mason at Flint, in Washington Chapter, No. 33; and May 18th, 1868, was knighted in Corunna Commandery, No. 21. The Council degrees he received in St. Johns Council, February 13th, 1874, and subsequently aided in forming Corunna Council. He was Worshipful Master of Corunna Lodge for four successive terms,

e time of his death, was High Priest of Corunna Chapter, to tion he had also been elected for four continuous terms.

nion Raynale was never idle in the Masonic Vineyard—never o other men's work for inspection, and never found ASLEEP AT ut always prompt and on hand in attendance, whether in Lodge, ouncil or Commandery—doing what his hands found to do with t, yet so silently and smoothly that he infused into those around n spirit. Pure in heart and life, genial and dignified, he gov- over whom he presided with such care that to obey his orders y a pleasure. He lived a life in accordance with the pure teach- FRATERNITY—honest in all his dealings with his fellow-man— f humanity. As a husband, he was devoted and generous to a ciprocated her adoration for his manly worth. As a father, he d indulgent to his children he so fondly loved.

oss a home has been deprived of its sunlight of faith, and hope, ess, and our order of an esteemed and valued member.

in the midst of life we are in death; and, bowing with sub- he fiat of the Great I Am, humbly hope to rejoin him in the ncil above.

which is respectfully submitted, with the recommendation that ion be adopted:

d, That a memorial tablet be inserted in the printed proceedings, me and date of our late Companion's death, and that a copy be o the family of our deceased Companion.

HUGH McCURDY,
B. F. DOUGHTY,
E. A. ELLIOTT,
Committee.

report was accepted and adopted.

Grand Recorder reported one Council as making no two years past, and four no report this present session, motion, the subject was referred to the M. I. G. Master ch action in the premises as he may deem for the best of Cryptic Masonry.

I. G. Master, Wm. Brown, assisted by Comp. H. as Grand Marshal, then installed the Grand officers were severally inducted into their respective stations oclaimed by the Grand Marshal.

On motion, it was voted that the thanks of this Grand Council be tendered to Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Wm. Brown, for the able manner in which he has presided over this Grand Council the past two Masonic years.

There being no further business, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was closed in ample form until its next annual Assembly, to be held in the City of Detroit, on the third Monday, January 17, 1876.



G. B. Noble

Grand Recorder.



TO THE MEMORY

—) OF (—

PENCER B. RAYNALE,

Deputy Master of Corunna Council, No. 38,

WHO DIED,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF HIS FATHER,

In Birmingham, Mich., September 26, 1874.

eport on Foreign Correspondence.

nd Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

committee on Correspondence have received the fol- proceedings since the last annual Assembly:

as, October, 1874.
a, December, 1873.
ticut, May, 1874.
October, 1874.
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ri, October, 1874.
North Carolina, June, 1874.
New York, September, 1874.
New Jersey, January, 1874.
Nebraska, November, 1873.
Ontario (Canada), August, 1873-'74.
Ohio, September, 1874.
Pennsylvania, February, 1874.
South Carolina, February, 1873-'74.

ARKANSAS.

Fifteenth annual Assembly met at Little Rock, October , Comp. J. A. Stinson, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. uncils represented.

Grand Master's address is very brief, but to the point. :

sidering the condition of the country financially, the failure of ltural interests, and the political disquietude that has prevailed ear, I am agreeably surprised to find so many who have sacrificed ate interests for the promotion of Cryptic Masonry. During the nic year, Council Masonry has been the subject of much discus- I am proud to report to you that the result has been favorable to of our order throughout the United States and Canada."

eceived the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils, ets that important business prevented the committee on Correspondence from reporting. He received the work New York Convention and placed it in the hands of a ee, directing them to report at this session of the Grand , recommending its adoption. As regards the edict of nd Council passed in 1872, assuming the right to receive

petitions, elect and confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master on any Royal Arch Mason in their jurisdiction, he thinks wrong and impracticable, and recommends that it be repealed and stricken from their regulations. He announces the death of ex-Governor Harris Flanagan, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, and pays a touching tribute to his memory.

That portion of the address referring to the ritual and G. G. Council, was referred to a special committee of three, who reported that when four-fifths of the Grand Councils of the United States had adopted the new ritual, that the Grand Master be authorized to teach it to the subordinate Councils. Also, that the Grand Master be authorized to attend the Convention at New Orleans, and exercise his discretion as to the establishment of a General Grand Council, *pro* or *con*. The committee on the edict of 1872 recommended its repeal, which was adopted.

Comp. J. A. Stinson, Grand Master, and L. E. Barber, Grand Recorder, were re-elected.

ALABAMA.

The Thirty-sixth annual Assembly was held at Montgomery, December 8, 1873, Comp. R. D. Webb, M. I. G. Master, presiding, who, in his address, says:

"So far as I am able to learn, the work on the Arches is steadily progressing, and Cryptic Masonry is, not only in this jurisdiction, but in the other States, in a healthy condition. This is manifested by the interest exhibited in the Convention of Council Masons, which was held in New York, in June last, at which a majority of the jurisdictions of America were represented."

He also recommends the New York work, and says:

"While there are a few points upon which I believe ours the better work, yet, as a whole, I regard the work of the Convention as more complete and preferable. This remark is particularly applicable to the R. M. D., where the greatest differences will be found. Hence I can most cordially recommend it for your adoption."

The report on Correspondence, by Comp. Sayre, is short, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, ours of the number; and closing, says: "It is necessarily brief, hav-

egone the pleasure of saying a great many things we like to say; but we must leave them for the future. s we shall 'find time,' as Brutus said to Cassius, in the er to commune more at length with our companions of ypt." We hope he will.

np. R. D. Webb, M. I. G. Master, and Comp. Daniel Montgomery, Grand Recorder, each re-elected.

CONNECTICUT.

d in the City of Hartford, May 11th, 1874, Comp. J. W. ter, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

e Grand Master's address is short, and relates to local s. He recommends the adoption of the New York ritual, was referred to a special committee, who coincided with ws of the G. M., and recommended the adoption of the ng, which was concurred in:

olved, That, in the judgment of this Grand Council, it is neither nt nor proper to form a General Grand Council of the United States.

np. Wm. Wallace Lee, for Committee on Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of twelve Grand Councils.

enty-five Subordinate Councils represented; 100 exalted; nembership, 2,346.

mp. John H. Barlow, M. P. Grand Master; Comp. Joseph eeler, re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

e Grand Council met at Dubuque, October 22, 1874, Comp. Smith, Most Puissant Grand Master, presiding.

e Grand Master, in his address, says: "The past year en one of some interest to Cryptic Masonry in this juris- ."

e Grand Council, at its last annual Assembly, expressed a hat the Grand Master should visit the Subordinates offi- He says:

n compliance therewith, it has been my pleasure to visit a number Councils and instruct them in the work. I have also held corres- ce with officers of those Councils I have not visited. During these

visits I have found that the new ritual of Royal and Select Masters, recommended by the New York Convention and adopted by this Grand Council at the last Grand Assembly, meets with general favor. At each exemplification unusual interest was manifested in the work, and a spirit and feeling displayed indicative of future prosperity."

He also recommends the adoption of the titles for the officers of Grand and Subordinate Councils, recommended by the New York Convention.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address reported that, on account of the small number of Councils represented, it was impossible to act upon the proposition of nomenclature. In reference to a General Grand Council, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Council, with entire respect for all other Masonic authorities, desires no General Grand Council, refuses to enter into or come under one, and protests against the organization of, or the taking of any steps that may lead to one.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. W. B. Langridge, reviewing the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils rather briefly, saying in his opening: "That it appears to be very little use, as there is scarcely an idea in the proceedings, except the New York Convention, which has not been already handled until it is thread-bare." In which we can fully concur.

Comp. J. H. Seaton, Keokuk, re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. W. B. Langridge, Muscatine, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

Held its Nineteenth annual Convocation at Indianapolis, October 20th, 1874, Comp. George H. Fish, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Thirty-four Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, says:

"I have examined the work of the New York Convention carefully, and can see no reason why uniformity cannot be obtained. The difference in the esoteric work is but slight, but I must agree with the report of our representative, Comp. Hacker, in saying that to expect us to adopt all the isms contained in their lectures, is a little too much for even our easy nature. Still I think some of our verbiage might be stricken out without detriment."

hich was referred to a special committee, who reported it isable to change the work.

mp. W. W. Austin presented the report on Correspondence, ing the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, being, ays, all save eleven with whom they are in correspondence nigan being one of the eleven.

np. Lucien A. Foot, of Crawfordsville, elected M. P. Master; Comp. John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, re- Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

eteenth annual Assembly held New Orleans, February 12, Comp. John W. Jones, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. uncils represented.

e Grand Master recommends the adoption of the work of w York Convention as soon as practicable after receiving me, believing it to be for the good of Cryptic Masonry.

S. M. Todd presented the report on Correspondence, ing the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, Michi- r 1872, of the number.

np. James Ray, of Opelousas, elected M. P. Grand Master, mp. Gustavus Sontag, of New Orleans, re-elected Grand ler.

MISSISSIPPI.

d its Sixteenth annual Assembly at Canton, February 2, Comp. E. George DeLap, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

e M. P. Grand Master, in his address, reports:

gives me much satisfaction to say that I have not been called make any official decision, or to adjust any disputes, which speaks for the intelligence and peaceable character of the Companions in ppi. I am led to believe that Cryptic Masonry in this State is in an hy and languishing condition, and I am persuaded that this is more lt of a lack of uniformity in the work and lectures than from any ause. Each Council, I might almost say, has a system of work r to itself, and in some there is none at all. * * * Adopt ork, get the Subordinate Councils in possession of it, and compel adhere to it."

Business brief, and of little interest outside of the jurisdiction. A proposition to reprint the proceedings was deemed inexpedient. A motion to tender the Council degrees to the Grand Chapter was lost.

The *work* adopted by the National Convention was exemplified, and adopted as the work of Mississippi; also, the nomenclature, etc., of the officers.

It was resolved, that "this Grand Council is not prepared to unite in the establishment of a General Grand Council, but if one is formed by other States, this Grand Council can have an opportunity to unite with it if it deems it expedient at any future period."

Comp. W. S. Patton presented the report on Correspondence, briefly reviewing the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, our circular for 1874, premising thereby that the publication of our proceedings are indefinitely postponed.

Comp. H. W. Walton, of Holly Springs, elected M. I. Grand Master, and Comp. J. L. Power, of Jackson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The annual Assembly was held in Boston, December 10th, 1873, Comp. Chas. Henry Hopkins, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Fifteen subordinate Councils were represented. Twenty-one reported. The M. I. G. Master, in his address, says:

"It is gratifying to state that willing hearts and skillful hands have carefully preserved and fully maintained that arc of the Grand Masonic Circle which this order of Masonry represents. As an evidence of the continued interest in these interesting and instructive degrees, since the year 1860, the number of Councils has increased from six to twenty-one; five of which I have had the honor of constituting within the last three years, and of granting dispensations to two. In the same period the membership has increased from five hundred to twenty-five hundred."

He granted dispensations for two Councils.

In regard to the New York Convention, he says:

"Having procured a copy of the new work from Ill. Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, one of the committee appointed by the Convention

bute the same, I placed it in the hands of several of our most skill-
panions for their investigation, with instructions to report at this
Assembly."

ich was referred to a committee, who presented the fol-
report:

ie undersigned, a committee appointed by the M. I. G. M. to con-
work for R. and S. Masters, as adopted by a Convention of dele-
m the various Grand Councils, held in the City of New York, on
and 12th days of June last, and to recommend what disposition
made of the same, having attended to the duty assigned them, beg
report that, in their opinion, it is advisable for this Grand Council
the work of said Convention. Although some of us may object
ange in the order of conferring the degrees, yet, as no vital land-
violated, and the substance of the work is nearly the same as here-
xemplified by us, we believe that no injury can result from its
, but possibly much good. Our action will show to Companions
jurisdictions, that we are not so entirely "wedded to our idols"
will not yield immaterial points for the sake of "harmony and
ity."

reading of the work being called for, Companion Geo.
read such portions as contained the most important
s, and, upon motion of Ill. Comp. Seranus Bowen, it was

hat the report be re-committed to the Committee, in order that the
ay be fully exemplified at an adjourned meeting of this Grand
to be held for that purpose, and to be assembled at the call of the
and Master."

np. E. B. Moore presented the report on Foreign Corres-
ce, reviewing the proceedings of thirteen Grand Councils.
an not mentioned.

np. Thos. Elliott, St. Johns, elected M. I. G. Master;
John Haigh, Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

d in St. Louis, October, 1874, Thos. M. Wannal, D. G.
M. I. G. Master, presiding. Seven Councils represented.
Grand Master, Comp. Joseph S. Browne not being able
resent, sent in his address, which was read by the Grand
ler, in which he says: "My official duties during the

present year, have been pleasant and light, having visited many Councils, and found them in a prosperous condition, composed of excellent material—making a larger increase of membership than last year." He recommends strongly the work adopted by the New York Convention, believing, if adopted, it would be of material benefit to Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction. It was received and referred to a committee, who made the following report, which was adopted:

"Your committee recommend that the suggestion of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, concerning the work of the New York Convention be approved, and that said work be adopted as the Ritual of Cryptic Masonry in Missouri."

In reference to a General Grand Council, the committee reported that, in their opinion, no good would accrue to Cryptic Masonry by the formation of a National Grand Council, and recommend that no action be taken on the subject, which was also adopted.

Comp. Geo. F. Gouley acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils.

Comp. W. W. Garth, Columbia, elected M. I. G. Master, and Comp. Geo. F. Gouley, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Assembled at Wilmington, June 4, 1874, Comp. H. H. Munson, M. I. G. Master, presiding. Three Councils were represented. The M. I. G. Master, in his address, says:

"Cryptic Masonry, in this jurisdiction, stands just where it did one year ago. It neither recedes nor advances, and the interest therein 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."

Comp. Thos. B. Carr, Past M. I. G. Master, from the committee on the Work and Titles for Grand and Subordinate Officers (appointed in 1867), submitted their report.

The nomenclature adopted by the New York Convention in 1872, was adopted at the last annual Assembly.

n the work, they presented the Work and Lectures of
v York Convention, and recommend their adoption with
nment:

will be observed that there are some slight discrepancies between
rical Lectures recommended by the New York Convention and the
taught in this State by Ill. Comp. L. L. Stevenson, of Virginia,
and which, we have no doubt, are the same as originally taught by
d Cushman. Portions, also, of the Stevenson 'Lecture' are more
nd beautiful in their verbiage. We therefore recommend that the
of the history as taught by Comp. L. L. Stevenson, together with
tions which were omitted in the Convention work, be adhered to,
the Lecture of the Convention, thus amended, be adopted."

ıp. Thos. B. Carr presented the report on Foreign Corres-
ce, and reviews the proceedings of nineteen Grand
s. He says in closing: "There is a general feeling of
ıce expressed in all these proceedings, that the dark
Cryptic Masonry are over, and the time near at hand
ıe Rite will occupy the proud position, at the summit of
Craft Masonry, which the beauty and instructiveness of
rees entitle them to."

ıp. John Nichols elected M. I. G. Master; Comp. Donald
ı, elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

l in the City of New York, September, 1874, Comp. G.
sie, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

nty-eight subordinate Councils were represented. The
Master, in his address, says: "It is with feelings of
e he is enabled to report that quiet reigns within the
ault. No alarm has been sounded; no attempt made to
mission, save from those properly vouched for. Har-
nd peace have crowned their labors. Fervency and zeal
their devotion, and prosperity, progress and fraternal
ve, hand in hand, presided in their Councils." He gives
ing tribute to the memory of Comp. Henry B. Harvey,
Principal Conductor of the Work, who died at Troy,
h, 1874. At the annual Assembly in 1872, four warrants

were granted to Companions resident in England, to establish Councils in that country, and for the formation of a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. (A full account of which we gave in our last report on Foreign Correspondence, 1872).

We now have the pleasure of presenting the report of the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of England and Wales, as presented to the Grand Council by Grand Master Wiltsie:

"To the Most Puissant Companion, G. Fred Wiltsie, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York, U. S. A:

"MOST PUISSANT COMPANION—I believe I am correct in my surmise that you have been fully informed with regard to the preliminary steps taken in the introduction in this country of the Cryptic degrees of Masonry, under the authority of your predecessor, M. P. Companion J. D. Williams, by brethren duly delegated by him for that purpose, in the autumn of 1871, viz., Companion John T. Martin, 32°, Companion Charles H. Thompson, 33°, Companion Jackson H. Chase, 33°, who were greatly assisted in the object of their mission by the accidental presence and most valuable aid of Illustrious Companion A. G. Goodall, 33°, Illustrious Companion Daniel Sickles, 33°, to all of whom it is a pleasure to repeat the assurance of the grateful appreciation experienced by those amongst us who were brought immediately within the sphere of their labors.

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

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

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

"On the same day I installed Companion Rev. George Raymond Portal as T. I. M.; Companion Nath'l Geo. Phillips, R. I. D. M.; Companion T. M. P. Montague, P. Cond. of Work.

"The Macdonald Council, No. 3, was constituted on the same day, when also were installed Companion Sigismund Rosenthal as T. I. M.; Companion James Stevens as R. I. D. M.

Constantine Council, No. 2, was constituted at the Hall, No. 33
uare, on Friday, 25th July, and there were then installed Comp.
ntworth Little, T. I. M.; Companion Rev. W. B. Church, R. I.
mpanion H. C. Levander, P. Cond. of Work.

t done, I transferred the authority temporarily held by me to
n R. W. Little, by whom I was myself installed as T. I. M. of
Council, No. 4, which Council was formally constituted and
the 29th of July, 1873, and Companion Edward Baxter installed
I., and Companion Q. Lambert nominated P. C. W.

warrants derived from your predecessor were in each case
o the care of the T. I. M.

the 25th July, the subordinate Council having been closed, the
as occupied by Companion N. G. Phillips, 33°, R. P. D. G. M.
and a rough draft of the proposed Constitution was submitted,
ended by a committee specially appointed for the purpose, the
ion of which draft was deferred until Tuesday, 29th July, to
e the Grand Council was adjourned for the formal declaration of
on by its regular constituent members, and for the election and
n of the Most Puissant Grand Master.

he adjourned meeting, held on the 29th July, 1873, at No. 2, Red
re, London, the representatives of the four Councils formally
emselves as constituting The Most Puissant Grand Council of
Select Masters of England and Wales, and the Colonies and
ies of the British Crown, those in North America excepted.

en took the Chair and requested the Companions to proceed to
on of a Most Puissant Grand Master, when Companion Rev.
aymond Portal, M. A., Oxon and Rector of Burghclere, in the
Hants, was unanimously elected to that high office, duly installed,
d and saluted.

Grand Officers having been appointed, the Grand Council
he consideration of the new Constitution.

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

delay which has occurred in the organization of the new Grand
n reality unavoidable—may at first sight seem a matter of regret.
believed, however, that this delay will prove not only to be not
to the interests of Cryptic Masonry, but of practical advantage,
as opportunity has been given for the remedy of what may pos-
been construed into an irregularity in the formation of the
ncil by Subordinate Councils working under dispensations only;
ow the T. I. M. of each Council has received the Warrant of
on, and the four Councils have been regularly constituted before
to declare themselves a Grand Council.

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

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

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

"With every assurance of regard and respect,

"I have the honor to be, Most Puissant Companion,

"Your faithful and obedient Servant and Brother,

"FREDERICK BINCKES, 30°,

"Grand Recorder."

New York favors the G. G. Council. Four charters granted.

Comp. Charles G. Hudson presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing in a very interesting and courteous manner the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Councils, Michigan included. Very many things contained therein we should like to notice, but we must forbear. In conclusion, he says:

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

Comp. G. Fred. Wiltsie, of Newburgh, was re-elected M. I. Grand Master, and Comp. George Van Vliet, of New York, Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

The Sixteenth annual Assembly was held at Trenton, January 20, 1874, Comp. Thos. H. R. Redway, Grand Master, presiding. Seven Councils were represented.

Grand Master's address treats chiefly of local matters
ast New York Convention.

recommendations of the New York Convention as to
ture and work were adopted. As to a General Grand
it was resolved that, in the opinion of the Grand Coun-
inexpedient to form a General Grand Council of the
tates.

eport on Correspondence is from Comp. T. J. Corsen,
the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, including
for 1872. His report is very brief, owing, we conclude
introductory remarks, to the "two stern-faced men,
e gyved our wrist. One will not supply funds, and
will print only so much as is paid for." Companion,
mpathize with you.

. Joseph W. Pressey, of Trenton, elected Grand
and Comp. Thos. J. Corsen, of Trenton, re-elected
ecorder.

NEBRASKA.

ave the proceedings for 1872 and 1873. November 20,
onvention met in Nebraska City to organize a Grand
Comp. John Blake, T. I. Master, was chosen Chair-
Comp. T. Ill. E. F. Warren, Secretary. Three Coun-
represented.

solution, the Grand Council was duly organized, and
ohn Blake, of Brownville, was elected M. P. Grand
and Comp. E. F. Warren, of Nebraska City, Grand

1873.

Grand Council assembled at Omaha, November 13, 1873,
ohn Blake, Grand Master, presiding. Three Councils
esented.

Grand Master's address gives a history of the formation
ubordinate Councils under its jurisdiction. One dispen-
as issued during the year. He recommends the striking

of the Super-Excellent Master's degree from the name of the Grand Council, to conform to the action of the New York Convention, but was not consummated, it being a constitutional provision, requiring a two-thirds vote to alter. No report on Correspondence.

Comp. E. F. Warren, of Nebraska City, elected Grand Master, and Comp. W. R. Bowen, of Omaha, elected Grand Recorder.

Subordinate Councils, 4; membership, 134.

ONTARIO.

The Grand Council held its Third annual Assembly at the City of Toronto, August 18, 1873, Comp. Daniel Spry, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Four Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address relates to local matters only. He says of the New York Convention: the principal officers of the Grand Council were invited, but owing to the invitation coming too late, were not able to attend. And gives the report of the Committee on Nomenclature, etc., and says: "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."

An amendment was submitted to the constitution, making the titles of officers conform to the nomenclature of the New York Convention.

Comp. Daniel Spry was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. Thomas Sargent re-elected Grand Recorder.

1874.

Fourth annual Assembly held at the City of Toronto, August 25, 1874, Comp. Daniel Spry, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Seven Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, giving a very lucid account of his doings and the status of Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction. He says: "The New York Convention having

l a uniform 'work,' I have been made acquainted with it, ; to recommend that it be adopted by the Grand Council. ot, agree however, with our Ill. Companions in every and cannot, therefore, at present recommend any change d to the Super-Excellent Master and Red Cross degrees."

amendment submitted at the last annual Assembly, g the nomenclature of the New York Convention, was l.

Grand Master presented the report on Foreign Corres- ce, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, l since the formation of the Grand Council. Also of the ork Convention for 1872 and 1873. Acknowledged the of our proceedings from 1858 to 1871, and 1872. In his ction, he says:

our committee desire to express their regret that, owing to the many evolving upon them as officers of the Grand Council, it has not sible to present a report before the present annual Assembly. They wish to express their warmest thanks, at the earliest moment, to distinguished Companions who have, in their reports on Foreign ndence, spoken in the kindest manner of the formation of the ouncil, and have also extended the warmest congratulations and pressions of good will."

ip. Daniel Spry was re-elected M. I. Grand Master, and James B. Nixon elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

Forty-fourth annual Assembly was held in Music Hall, , September 9 and 10, 1874, Comp. Henry Theobald, rand Master, presiding. Fifty-four Subordinate Councils presented.

address of the M. I. Grand Master is devoted chiefly to ngs of the New York Convention. Of it, he says: "As the revised ritual, I have given it a full and thorough ation, and am much pleased with it, and I have no doubt at its merits will cause it to be adopted wherever pre- and I trust this Grand Council will adopt it, not only sake of uniformity, but for its intrinsic worth."

In regard to the pre-requisite claim, he does not believe in begging for it, and says: "I believe there is merit enough in Cryptic Masonry, and the more it is known the better it will be appreciated to enable it to flourish, whether acknowledged by the Grand Commanderies or not."

He is opposed to the formation of a General Grand Council, on the grounds:

"1. Believes it to be a proceeding of questionable authority.

"2. There is such a thing as being too much governed.

"3. It is an expensive luxury that will bear heavily on the financial department of its subordinates, for it is a well-established fact that Grand Bodies *cost*.

"And finally, it is entirely unnecessary. All the good such an organization could accomplish could be more satisfactorily attained by a convention—'called should occasion require'—at much less expense and with greater satisfaction to the Order."

All of which we fully indorse.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the ritual of the New York Convention, recommended the adoption of the work. A motion was made to postpone the consideration until the next annual Assembly, which was not agreed to, when, after rehearsal and extended discussion, was adopted, and the Grand Master directed to have the work "disseminated at his discretion."

The Committee on General Grand Council reported adversely, which was concurred in.

Comp. Wm. M. Cunningham presented the report on Correspondence, briefly reviewing the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils—Michigan not received.

Comp. Henry Theobald, of Dayton, was re-elected M. I. G. M., and Comp. John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Twenty-eighth annual Assembly of Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Masters, was held at the new Masonic Temple, Phil-

a, February 18, 1874, Comp. Christian Frederick Knapp, G. M., presiding. Eleven subordinate Councils were ıted.

Grand Master gives his "annual report," relating his ıcts, etc. He says he has served the Grand Council as econd and first officer—five years in each—fifteen years At the last Assembly he was authorized to issue war- r Councils in Maryland, if applied for, but no application de. A committee of five was appointed to visit the tion of 1873, in New York, "in accordance with a resolu- the last annual Assembly," and gives a synopsis of the ings. He says:

emained during its sessions. I heard much concerning Cryptic —much of which I cannot approve. After mature deliberation, I ıe to the following conclusions:

. That it is not to our interest or that of the Order to form a ouncil of the United States of America.

. That it is inexpedient to make any change in our ritual, as it ell with us.

. That it would require a change, *a radical one*, either to blot out r-Excellent Master's degree, or change the position it occupies at ı our ritual.

. That by changing the Super-Excellent Master from the second rd, or dropping it altogether, would destroy that harmony, beauty nological events, which so far have been taught successfully in diction, and would create disturbance and confusion among the

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

recommends that the minimum fee for conferring the degrees be $20; as they now are, ($15) the amount is too small to make it appear even respectable. The s in working a Council are nearly as much as of a Lodge

or Chapter; the work takes as long and the knowledge required equally great as either of said bodies.

Comp. Chas. E. Meyer presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing the doings of eighteen Grand Councils.

Comp. Christian Frederick Knapp, M. P. Grand Master, Broonsbury, and Comp. Charles E. Meyer, R. P. Grand Recorder, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, each re-elected.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

We have the proceedings of the Grand Council for 1873 and 1874, in one pamphlet.

The Grand Council assembled February, 1873, in Masonic Hall, at Charleston; Comp. James Birnie, M. P. Grand Master. Seven Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, says: "He has not been called upon to perform any official duty of importance. And, so far as he has been informed, the Councils are steadily increasing in numbers; and is happy to state that the Cryptic degrees are daily growing in popularity."

No report on Correspondence.

Comp. Wilmot G. DeSaussure, of Charleston, was elected M. P. G. M., and Comp. Alex. Lindstrom, of Charleston, re-elected Grand Recorder.

February, 1874, the Grand Council was held in Charleston; Comp. Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. P. G. M. Eight Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief, from which we quote the following impressive paragraph:

"If, in Masonry, the craftsman will truly seek to avail himself of the solemn lessons which it teaches, not in antagonism to or substitution for, but as an adjunct to those contained in its greatest light, then indeed will he find it a useful tool placed in his hands by the Great Architect, to assist him in building the temple not made with hands. If deeply and reverently impressed with the humble trust required of him when first he entered the Masonic edifice, he couples with it the doctrines which are therein incul-

his duty to man, then will he learn that Masonry, too, is promul-
ne summary of that law pronounced amid the clouds, thunderings
king of Sinai."

nnounces the death of P. M. Ill. Grand Master, James
in November, 1873, and pays a touching tribute to his
. He reports his attendance on the New York Conven-
ecommends the adoption of the nomenclature adopted,
ommends the Grand Council to express an adverse opin-
ne formation of a General Grand Council. He does not
ke the work, but, for the sake of uniformity, would
end its adoption, feeling confident that the Grand Coun-
d meet their sister Grand Councils on common ground.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence has hitherto been
ed in the Grand Council, but, deeming it of interest to
nat Cryptic Masonry is doing elsewhere, he had prepared
rief but interesting report of the proceedings of twenty-
nd Councils, in which Michigan, for 1872, was included.

Constitution was amended so as to conform to the nom-
e adopted by the New York Convention.

panions Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. I. G. M., and Alex-
om, G. R., each re-elected.

CONCLUSION.

panions:—In concluding this, our brief summary of the
ings received, we have endeavored to give the general
existing within the body Cryptic. From what we
we think that much benefit has been derived from the
of the General Convention in New York. The work
is highly recommended, and already adopted by many
Grand Councils, and we think will eventually be by all.
ards the formation of a General Grand Council, there
to be nearly a unanimous opposition. We have not
an official report of the proceedings of the Convention
New Orleans, December, 1874, but learn, indirectly, that
nittee was appointed to confer with the Grand Councils

upon the subject, and, if two-thirds of the States give their assent, to call a Convention to organize a General Grand Council. Also, that the pre-requisite question was wholly ignored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

The outlook is favorable, and we now think that Cryptic Masonry is as firmly established as Capitular or Chivalric, and that a steady and healthful growth is exhibited throughout the length and breadth of our country.

Fraternally submitted,

G. B. Noble

For the Committee.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

ıd Council of R. & S. Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Masters of Michigan, assembled at Masonic Hall, in of Detroit, on Monday, January 17, 1876, at 6 o'clock

PRESENT:

. MANSFIELD.....M. I. G. M.
EO. HILL.....D. G. M.
R. EVERARD.....G. P. C. of Work.
A. ELLIOTT.....G. Treasurer.
B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
BARDWELL.....as G. Capt. of Guard.
E. WILSON.....G. Conductor of Council.
EV. B. F. DOUGHTY.....as G. Chaplain.
WOODWARD.....G. Steward.
V. V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

M. BROWN.....P. M. I. G. M.
. SHAW NOBLE.....P. M. I. G. M.
. SPRAGUE.....P. M. I. G. M.
. L. SPAULDING.....P. M. I. G. M.
M. WALKER.....P. D. G. M.

the representatives of a constitutional number of Sub- Councils.

Grand Council being opened in ample form, after prayer Grand Chaplain, Rev. B. F. Doughty, the M. I. Grand

Master appointed Ill. Companions S. H. Norton, G. T. Ketchum and G. H. Green a Committee on Credentials.

On motion of Comp. E. A. Elliott, the Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 o'clock.

The Grand Council resumed labor at half-past seven o'clock. Grand Officers all present.

Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the M. I. G. M. and Companions of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the credentials submitted to their inspection, and find the following members and delegates entitled to seats in this Grand Council:

PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS.

Comp. MORTIMER MANSFIELD.....M. I. G. M.
" GEO. HILL.....D. G. M.
" J. R. EVERARD.....G. P. C. of Work.
" E. A. ELLIOTT.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
" A. J. UTLEY.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" C. B. REYNOLDS.....G. Conductor of Council.
" Rev. B. F. DOUGHTY.....G. Chaplain.
" JOHN M. RICE.....G. Steward.
" W. V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

And all Past T. I. G. P.'s, Past M. I. G. M.'s, Past D. I. G. P.'s, Past D. G. M.'s, Past G. T. I.'s and Past G. P. C.'s of W.; also, the following delegates from Subordinate Councils:

Monroe Council, No. 1.

Comp. WM. BROWN.....T. I. M.
" WM. HASTE.....D. M.
" GEORGE LECKIE.....P. C. of W.

Pontiac Council, No. 8.

Comp. SAMUEL H. NORTON.....T. I. M.
" CLARK B. TURNER.....D. M.
" N. LAMONT.....P. C. of W.

River Raisin Council, No. 4.

Comp. S. MYERFELD.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" LOUIS GRANT.....D. M.
" JOHN LANE.....P. C. of W.

Jonesville Council, No. 5.

H. RANSOM.....Representative of Council.

Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.

D. BOVEE.....Proxy for T. I. M.
D. B. PURINTON.....Proxy for D. M. and P. C. of W.

Three Rivers Council, No. 7.

D. D. THORP .....T. I. M.
JAMES E. PRUTZMAN .. ..D. M.
L. B. HESS.....P. C. of W.

Romeo Council, No. 8.

A. E. PALMER.....T. I. M.
JAMES GRAY.....D. M.
GEO. D. MUSSEY.....P. C. of W.

Zabud Council, No. 9.

EDWARD COX.....T. I. M.
WM. NOBLE. .....Proxy for D. M.
M. C. SHAFFER.....P. C. of W.

Tyre Council, No. 10.

L. A. ROGERS.....Proxy for T. I. M.
J. D. UTLEY.....D. M.
JOHN B. TANNER..... .....P. C. of W.

Union Council, No. 11.

E. BOGARDUS.....T. I. M.
C. F. R. BELLOWS..... ....D. M.
J. P. VROMAN..... .....P. C. of W.

Ionia Council, No. 12.

P. H. TAYLOR.....T. I. M.
A. W. DODGE.....D. M.
C. R. TAYLOR..... .....P. C. of W.

Sturgis Council, No. 13.

H. L. ANTHONY.....P. C. of W., and Proxy for T. I. M.
W. G. CUMMINS.....D. M.

Hiram Council, No. 14.

H. A. PETERMAN.....T. I. M.
CHAS. BOYINGTON.....D. M.
WM. POWELL.....P. C. of W.

Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.

J. J. LONG.....T. I. M.
IRA CARPENTER.....D. M.
L. S. RANNA.....P. C. of W.

Genesee Council, No. 17.

Comp. E. M. ADAMS.....T. I. M.
" E. N. CHANDLER.....D. M.
" B. POTTER.....P. C. of W.

Adrian Council, No. 18.

Comp. WM. E. JEWETT.....T. I. M.
" JOHN A. VANDEGRIFF.....D. M.

Saginaw Council, No. 20.

Comp. J. S. GOODMAN.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" D. B. REEVE.....D. M.
" B. B. ROSS.....P. C. of W.

St. Johns Council, No. 21.

Comp. GEO. H. STEPHENSON.....T. I. M.
" CHARLES E. GRISSON.....D. M.
" JOHN D. HENDERSON.....P. C. of W.

Mosaic Council, No. 22.

Comp. E. W. REYNOLDS.....T. I. M.
" J. J. SUMNER.....D. M.
" J. W. MASON.....P. C. of W.

Portland Council, No. 23.

Comp. F. G. ZELL.....T. I. M.
" S. K. GATES.....D. M.
" D. KENNEDY.....P. C. of W.

Adoniram Council, No. 24.

Comp. P. F. BLOSSER.....P. C. of W., and Proxy for T. I. M.
" ARTHUR CASE.....D. M.

King Solomon Council, No. 25.

Comp. W. I. LATIMER.....T. I. M.
" J. H. KILBOURN.....D. M.
" DANIEL G. STEARNS.....P. C. of W.

Clinton Council, No. 26.

Comp. WM. G. TUTTLE.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE FISHER.....D. M.
" D. WOODWARD.....P. C. of W.

Oceana Council, No. 27.

Comp. JOHN W. RICE.....T. I. M.
" FREDERICK NEILSEN.....D. M.
" WM. E. DOCKERY.....P. C. of W.

Dowagiac Council, No. 28.

CLARENCE L. SHERWOOD..... Proxy for T. I. M.
THOMAS RIX.....D. M.
PHILO B. WHITE.....P. C. of W.

Lansing Council, No. 29.

GEO. H. GREEN.....P. C. of W., and Proxy for T. I. M.
L. H. BRIGGS.....D. M.

Northville Council, No. 30.

GEO. H. SMITH.....T. I. M.
F. R. BEAL.....D. M.
C. M. SLY.....P. C. of W.

Reading Council, No. 31.

SAMUEL DAVIS.....Representative of Council.

Jackson Council, No. 32.

J. L. MITCHELL.....Representative of Council.

Ithaca Council, No. 33.

W. W. COMSTOCK.....T. I. M.
WM. S. TURCK.....Proxy for D. M.
F. E. MARTIN.....Proxy for P. C. of W.

Blanchard Council, No. 34.

G. T. KETCHUM.....T. I. M.
C. A. WRIGHT.....D. M.
M. DAVIDSON.....P. C. of W.

Union City Council, No. 35.

RODNEY SIMONS.....T. I. M.
H. F. EWERS.....D. M.
JOHN R. LEE.....P. C. of W.

Charlotte Council, No. 36.

E. F. CHURCH.....T. I. M.
D. BAUGHMAN.....D. M.
W. H. DeLAMETER.....P. C. of W.

Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37.

DAVID E. WILSON.....Representative of Council.

Corunna Council, No. 38.

H. McCURDY.....T. I. M.
JAMES ANDERSON.....D. M.
A. C. BROWN.....P. C. of W.

Holly Council, No. 89.

Comp. BELA COGSHALL.....T. I. M.
" J. G. FISHER.....D. M.
" R. HOWCHIN.....P. C. of W.

Bronson Council, U. D.

Comp. J. D. HULL.....T. I. M.
" L. W. LEWIS.....D. M.
" J. E. PULLMAN.....P. C. of W.

Centreville Council, U. D.

Comp. J. EASTMAN JOHNSON.....T. I. M.
" J. F. WOLF.....D. M.
" L. A. CLAPP.....P. C. of W.

Lapeer Council, U. D.

Comp. H. K. WHITE.....T. I. M.
" W. F. DALY.....D. M.
" IRA HEVENER.....P. C. of W.

Lawrence Council, U. D.

Comp. N. CRISSEY.....T. I. M.
" E. BENNETT.....D. M.
" E. L. CROSS.....P. C. of W.

St. Joseph Council, U. D.

Comp. F. A. POTTER.....T. I. M.
" J. J. PEARL.....D. M.
" C. S. BOYLE.....P. C. of W.

South Haven Council, U. D.

Comp. L. H. BAILEY.....T. I. M.
" H. E. DEWEY.....D. M.
" M. J. DICKINSON.....P. C. of W.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. NORTON,
G. T. KETCHUM,
G. H. GREEN,
Committee.

The M. I. Grand Master then delivered the following

ADDRESS:

COMPANIONS:—Again we meet in Grand Council, and it becomes my duty to report to you my official acts during the year.

n the recommendations of the nearest Councils, I granted
quisite number of Royal and Select Masters dispensa-
form and open Councils, as follows:

h 2d, at Bronson, to be called Bronson Council, and on
of the same month visited there, assisted in opening
l and conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master
andidates.

1st, at Centreville, to be called Centreville Council.

st 4th, at Newaygo, to be called Newaygo Council.

ber 1st, at Lapeer, to be called Lapeer Council.

ber 9th, at Lawrence, to be called Lawrence Council.

23d, at St. Joseph, to be called St. Joseph Council.

nber 4th, at South Haven, to be called South Haven

ary 20th, I granted to Mosaic Council, No. 22, a dispen-
elect officers.

26th, I granted to Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15, a dispen-
elect officers.

Councils that have been organized during the year,
this session of the Grand Council, ask for Charters,
recommend that you grant, as each of them, with one
n, have been organized and instructed by Illustrious
on B. F. Doughty. I have no doubt they will present
your inspection which you will approve and accept.

11th, I visited Union City Council, No. 35, and assisted
rring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on seven
es.

23d, I visited Lansing Council, No. 29, and assisted
rring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on one
e.

24th, with the assistance of Past M. I. G. M. Wm.
I constituted Corunna Council, No. 38, installed their
and assisted in conferring the degrees of Royal and
aster on three candidates.

25th, with the assistance of Past M. I. G. M. Wm.
I constituted Holly Council, No. 39, installed their

officers, and assisted in conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on three candidates.

June 22d, I visited Bronson Council, U. D., and witnessed the conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on two candidates, which was done in accordance with the ritual.

July 15th, I visited Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15, and together with the officers of Reading Council, No. 31, and Jonesville Council, No. 5, assisted in conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on nine candidates.

August 2d, I visited Sturgis Council, No. 13, and assisted in conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on one candidate.

August 3d, I visited King Solomon Council, No. 25, at Big Rapids, but owing to my visit being unexpected, and not having a suitable place to meet, having lost their hall by fire, they were unable to convene a quorum. But, from information received from T. I. M., W. Irving Latimer, I am satisfied that they are in possession of the correct ritual, and are prepared to work as soon as a proper hall is secured.

Dec. 7th, I visited Blanchard Council, No. 34, found the Council in good working order—having had the annual election previous to my visit—the officers having learned the work. I assisted in conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on two candidates.

Dec. 8th, I visited Clinton Council, No. 26, and found the Council in a good and prosperous condition, under the supervision of Ill. Companion W. G. Tuttle. I assisted in conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on one candidate.

Dec. 9th, I visited Adoniram Council, No. 24, and assisted in conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on one candidate.

Dec. 21st, I visited Jackson Council, No. 32, where, together with Ill. Companion C. W. Strait, T. I. M. of Zabud Council, No. 9, and Ill. Companion D. Woodward, of Clinton Council, No. 26, I assisted in conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master on three candidates.

e to acknowledge the uniform kindness and courtesy
to me as your representative, and I congratulate you,
ons, on the peace and harmony prevailing throughout
diction. Nothing having come to my knowledge dur-
year tending in the least to disturb the feeling of
love and friendship which has ever characterized our

now, Companions, in surrendering this emblem of
with which you honored me a year ago, permit me to
ou my sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness I
eived at your hands, and I shall ever feel proud that I
n permitted to preside over the Royal Craft of this State.

M. MANSFIELD,
Most Illustrious Grand Master.

notion of Comp. P. H. Taylor, it was voted,

all Cryptic Masons in good standing be, and they are hereby
seats in this Grand Council during the present session.

Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following
standing committees:

ETURNS—Comps. L. A. Rogers, H. L. Anthony, and D. Wood-

INANCE—Comps. H. McCurdy, P. F. Blosser, and W. W. Com-

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE — Comps. Grand Recorder, E.
and H. Shaw Noble.

HARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS—Comps. B. F. Doughty, J.
and D. E. Wilson.

URISPRUDENCE—Companions Wm Brown, D. Bovee, and B.

Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their
inancial statements, subjoined, which on motion, were
to the committee on Finance:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. A. ELLIOTT, Grand Treasurer,

In account with GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

1875. DR.

Jan'y 20,	To balance on hand		$ 60 35
Mar. 10,	To cash of Grand Recorder		257 50
May 4,	" " "		25 00
Nov. 16,	" " "		25 00
1876.			
Jan'y 1,	" " "		25 00
"	" " "		125 80
"	" " "		309 85
	Total		$828 50

1875. CR.

Jan'y 20,	By Pay-Roll Grand Council	$ 66 00	
"	" " " Officers	27 00	
"	" Warrant, Comp. W. Brown	85 85	
"	" " " "	50 00	
"	" " " Griffith, G. S.	10 00	
"	" " " Noble, G. R.	50 00	
Feb'y 9,	" " Monroe Chapter, hall	10 00	
March 1,	" " W. H. Coleman, trunk	11 00	
May 4,	" " Printing bill	166 50	
1876.			
Jan'y 17,	" Cash on hand	352 15	
		$828 50	$828 50

GRAND COUNCIL PAY-ROLL, 1875.

John Clark, No. 2	$ 3 00	John H. Smitt, No. 30	3 00
C. W. Hampton, No. 5	3 00	B. F. Eggleston, No. 32	3 00
D. B. Purinton, No. 6	3 00	W. W. Comstock, No. 33	3 00
J. F. Slenker, No. 7	3 00	R. Simons, No. 35	3 00
A. E. Palmer, No. 8	3 00	D. E. Wilson, No. 37	3 00
E. Bogardus, No. 11	3 00	H. McCurdy, No. 38	3 00
A. H. Church, No. 13	3 00	M. Mansfield, D. G. M	3 00
H. A. Peterman, No. 14	3 00	George Hill, G. P. C. of W	3 00
G. W. Wilmot, No. 17	3 00	E. A. Elliott, G. Treas	3 00
J. W. Finch, No. 18	3 00	G. B. Noble, G. Recorder	3 00
N. Hamilton, No. 19	3 00	A. J. Utley, G. C. of G	3 00
J. S. Goodman, No. 20	3 00	J. R. Everard, G. C. of C	3 00
F. G. Lee, No. 23	3 00	B. F. Doughty, G. Chap	3 00
George Fisher, No. 26	3 00	C. B. Reynolds, G. Steward	3 00
J. M. Rice, No. 27	3 00	E. Sprague, P M. I. G. M	3 00
George H. Green, No. 29	3 00		
Total			$93 00

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

BLE, Grand Recorder,

In account with GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

Received from	Monroe Council, No. 1	$ 59 25
"	St. Clair Council, No. 2	8 00
"	Pontiac Council, No. 3	19 75
"	River Raisin Council, No. 4	10 25
"	Jonesville Council, No. 5	8 75
"	Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6	25 25
"	Three Rivers Council, No. 7	30 75
"	Romeo Council, No. 8	8 50
"	Zabud Council, No. 9	32 00
"	Tyre Council, No. 10	21 25
"	Union Council, No. 11	41 75
"	Ionia Council, No. 12	6 25
"	Sturgis Council, No. 13	5 75
"	Hiram Council, No. 14	21 00
"	Mt. Ararat Council, No 15	4 00
"	Genesee Council, No. 17	18 25
"	Adrian Council, No. 18	20 25
"	Niles Council, No. 19	18 25
"	Saginaw Council, No. 20	32 75
"	St. Johns Council, No. 21	30 00
"	Portland Council, No. 23	12 00
"	King Solomon Council, No. 25	5 00
"	Clinton Council, No. 26	7 75
"	Oceana Council, No. 27	16 75
"	Dowagiac Council, No. 28	7 50
"	Lansing Council, No. 29	9 50
"	Northville Council, No. 30	8 75
"	Reading Council, No. 31	6 00
"	Jackson Council, No. 32	39 75
"	Ithaca Council, No. 33	9 25
"	Union City Council, No. 35	12 25
"	Charlotte Council, No. 36	5 00
"	Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37	14 75
"	Corunna Council, No. 38	23 00
To fees for	Charter, Holly Council, No. 39	25 00
"	Dispensation Bronson Council	25 00
"	" Newaygo Council	25 00
"	" Lapeer Council	25 00
"	" Lawrence Council	25 00
"	" St. Joseph Council	25 00
"	" Centreville Council	25 00
"	" South Haven Council	25 00
		$799 25

1875.		Cr.		
Jan'y 19,	By paid Grand Treasurer		$309 85	
Mar. 10,	"	"	257 50	
May 4,	"	"	25 00	
Nov. 16,	"	"	25 00	
Dec. 1,	"	"	25 00	
Apr. 20,	"	Postage	10 60	
	"	Fees two Charters	10 00	
Dec. 11,	"	Postage and envelops	4 50	
1876.				
Jan'y 7,	"	Postal cards and printing	3 75	
	"	Stationery	2 25	
Jan'y 13,	"	Grand Treasurer	125 00	
	Total		$799 25	$799 25

Comp. B. Cogshall offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was accepted and laid over, (in accordance with the law), until the next annual Assembly. Strike out Section 7 of Article II. of the Constitution, and insert the following:

"Each subordinate Council may provide By-Laws for the assessment of such dues, as well as the time of their payment, as they may think proper."

On motion of Companion P. F. Blosser, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the special order for to-morrow (Tuesday,) at half-past 10 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Council was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 18, 1876—9 A. M.

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

Present, the same Grand officers and members as on yesterday.

The committee on Finance offered the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

nd Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports of the reasurer and Recorder, beg leave to report that we have examined and find them correct.

committee further report, that the amount of money in the r's hands at the close of the year 1875, to wit:

y 17, 1876, was	$352 15
eceived to date	545 00
January 18, 1876, total cash on hand	$897 15

n Councils have as yet made no returns, but when done will the amount of cash above stated about $50.

HUGH McCURDY,
P. F. BLOSSER,
Committee.

nary 18, 1876.

mpanion H. McCurdy offered the following amendment Constitution, which was accepted, and laid over, in accordith the Constitution, until the next annual Assembly:

ke out Section 7, Article II, and insert in lieu thereof, to stand as 7, the following:

henever the dues of any member are in arrears for twelve months, mbership of the Companion so in arrears shall cease, and the T. I. shall cause the fact to be entered on the records; and the Council t thereafter be liable to pay dues to the Grand Council for any membership is thus terminated."

e Committee on Charters and Dispensations offered the ng report, which was, on motion, received and its recomtions adopted:

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

ur Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred pensations and returns of the Councils at Bronson, Centreville, Lawrence, St. Joseph, and South Haven, have had the same under ration, and having examined their records, finding them correct, ecommend that Charters be granted them, to be known as

ONSON COUNCIL, No. 40—That Comp. Ira D. Hall be the first T. I. mp. Louis W. Lewis be the first D. M., and Comp. Jos. E. Pullman irst P. C. of W.

CENTREVILLE COUNCIL, No. 41—That Comp. J. Eastman Johnson be the first T. I. M., John F. Wolf be the first D. M., and Leverett A. Clapp be the first P. C. of W.

LAPEER COUNCIL, No. 42—That Comp. Henry K. White be the first T. I. M., Comp. Wm. F. Daly be the first D. M., and Comp. John Hevener be the first P. C. of W.

LAWRENCE COUNCIL, No. 43—That Comp. Newell Crissy be the first T. I. M., Comp. Eri Bennett be the first D. M., and Comp. E. L. Cross be the first P. C. of W.

ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL, No. 44—That Comp. F. A. Potter be the first T. I. M., Comp. J. J. Pearl be the first D. M., and Comp. C. S. Boyle be the first P. C. of W.

SOUTH HAVEN COUNCIL, No. 45—That Comp. Liberty H. Daly be the first T. I. M., Comp. Henry E. Dewey be the first D. M., and Comp. Marshall J. Dickinson be the first P. C. of W.

Your Committee would further recommend, that said Councils be authorized to elect officers at their first meeting after the close of this Grand Council.

We have also received a petition from a constitutional number of R. and S. M., of Manistee, asking for a charter; and being acquainted with the Masonic ability of the applicants, would recommend that a Charter be granted, to be known as

MANISTEE COUNCIL, No. 46—That Comp. Wm. Dunham be the first T. I. M., Comp. D. W. Mowatt be the first D. M., and Comp. Wm. Wente be the first P. C. of W. That they be authorized to elect officers at their first meeting after the close of this Grand Council.

Newaygo Council has made no returns for the past year, and your committee would recommend that the dispensation of Newaygo Council be continued during the present year.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

B. F. DOUGHTY,
JEX BARDWELL,
D. E. WILSON,
Committee.

On motion, the representatives from the Councils under dispensation, and those that have received Charters at this session, were admitted to seats and to a vote.

On motion, the special order for half-past 10 o'clock was

red, and the Grand Council proceeded to the election
s for the ensuing year.

I. I. G. Master appointed Comps. J. Eastman Johnson
und Cox as tellers, who, after receiving and counting
ts, announced the following Companions as having
a majority of all the votes cast, and who were severally
duly elected, as follows:

ORGE HILL, Portland.....M. I. G. M.
R. EVERARD, Jackson.....D. G. M.
J. UTLEY, St. Louis.....G. P. C. of W.
A. ELLIOTT, Detroit .....G. Treasurer.
ARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit.....G. Recorder.
B. REYNOLDS, Reading.....G. C. of the G.
M. RICE, Pentwater.....G. C. of the C.
EV. B. F. DOUGHTY, Sturgis.....G. Chaplain.
M. S. TURCK, Ithaca.....G. Steward.
. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit.....G. Sentinel.

otion, the following resolution was adopted:

ed, That the Grand officers and one representative from each
e Council be allowed $3.00 each, at the present annual Assembly;
I. I. Grand Master, $50; the Grand Recorder, $50; the Grand
10, for their services the past year, and Monroe Chapter, $10,
hall.

anion Wm. Brown, for the committee on Masonic
lence, reported that they had received no question
their action.

Grand officers elect were then installed by M. I. G.
I. Mansfield, assisted by Comp. H. McCurdy, as Grand
who were severally inducted into their respective sta-
d so proclaimed by the Grand Marshal.

notion of Comp. B. F. Doughty, Oceana Council, No.
uthorized to hold an election for officers, for the ensu-
at its first regular Assembly after receiving this notice.

notion, the Grand Recorder was directed to publish 350
the proceedings, and to distribute as usual.

On motion, it was

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 the Grand Council the past year.

No further business offering, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Council was closed in ample form, to meet again in annual Assembly, in the City of Detroit, on the third Monday in January, (15th,) 1877, at 6 P. M.

Attest:



G. P. Noble

Grand Recorder.

Report on Foreign Correspondence.

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nd Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

r committee on Correspondence have received the fol- proceedings since our last annual Assembly:

na, December, 1874.
cticut, May, 1875.
a, October, 1875.
s, October, 1874.
October, 1875.
s, October, 1872, 1873, 1874.
cky, October, 1874.
ana, February, 1875.
ri, October, 1875.
May, 1875.
and, May, 1874.
chusetts, December, 1874.
sippi, February, 1875.
New York, September, 1875.
Nebraska, January, 1875.
North Carolina, June, 1875.
New Hampshire, May, 1874.
New Jersey, January, 1875.
Ohio, September, 1875.
Pennsylvania, February, 1875.
Rhode Island, '70 to '75 inclusive.
South Carolina, circular, 1875.
Tennessee, November, 1874.
Wisconsin, January, 1874, and February, 1875.

ALABAMA.

Grand Council assembled at the new Masonic Temple, City of Montgomery, December 9th, 1874, Palmer J. G. P. C. of W. as M. Ill. Grand Master. Seventeen s represented.

Ill. Grand Master, R. D. Noble, being unable to attend, itted his address, in which he says:

he system of 'work' adopted at your last Assembly has been well , and I have reason to believe will tend to an increased interest in ncil degrees." Which was the New York work.

granted one dispensation for a new Council. The fol- question was asked of him:

an we legally confer the R. and S. degree upon a R. A. Mason who so unfortunate as to lose his left arm near the shoulder?"

d—"That to such unfortunate Companion we offer our sympathy, not at liberty to depart from an established landmark of Masonic

np. Daniel Sayre gives a brief report on Correspondence, ing the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils.

Comp. Palmer J. Pillans, Mobile, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Daniel Sayre, Montgomery, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

The annual Assembly for 1875 was held at Masonic Temple, in the City of New Haven, on the 10th day of May, 1875, Thrice Illustrious John M. Barlow, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Twenty-four Councils represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, says:

"The ritual adopted by the Convention held in New York, in June, 1873, which was referred to a special committee at our last annual Assembly, I have had opportunity to examine, and find that it differs but slightly from our own; and, while I see some changes to admire, yet, in view of the present uniform system of work in the several Councils of this jurisdiction, I do not deem it wise to make any change in our standard ritual."

The report on Correspondence is by Wm. Wallace Lee. Says he is compelled to make a brief report, receiving only the proceedings of thirteen Grand Councils, and concludes thus:

"We are of the opinion that Cryptic Masonry is gradually (perhaps more slowly than we could wish) coming to a substantial uniformity of work and government, and are hopeful that not many years will elapse before the incongruous and discordant systems which have so widely prevailed will be succeeded by rules and rituals that are not in violation of reason and good common sense."

Thrice Ill. Comp. Fred. H. Waldron, New Haven, elected M. P. Grand Master; Comp. J. K. Wheeler, Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

The Grand Council, for 1875, assembled in the City of Indianapolis, October 19th, 1875, Comp. Lucien A. Foote, Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Thirty-six Councils represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, says:

"The Cryptic degrees in this jurisdiction have been a success, progressing quietly, but steadily increasing in numbers, as well as popularity and usefulness. As to the reason for this, may we not say that it is owing to the fact that on the first organization of our Grand Council, in 1855, a Committee on Ritual was appointed, who, at the first annual meeting of the Grand Council, held in May, 1856, reported a ritual and form of work

erring the degrees, which, being fully exemplified by the com-
as adopted by the Grand Council, and made obligatory on all the
ate Councils to strictly observe.

e work then adopted still stands without alteration. Every Coun-
ized in our jurisdiction has been furnished with that work, and of
are working it as then adopted. A member of a Council visiting
eels perfectly at home. He sees precisely the same ceremonies,
same language, and thus has not only a uniformity been secured,
mony has been produced in our entire jurisdiction that no doubt
the main cause of the success Cryptic Masonry has met with in

w, should we change our work, what would most probably be the
We could hope for no better success, and might, and probably
eate great confusion in our Councils. Those who have heretofore
best workmen would refuse to learn something else, and retire
r; new workmen would have to be procured, and thus two par-
l be started in every Council, thus destroying the harmony that
ts, and doing the Order irreparable mischief in our jurisdiction.
ty in different jurisdictions has never existed, and the question is,
r be made to exist?

til we find something that is better than our work, and that will
re of a success than our's has been, would it not be well to let well
one? I am not contending that we have the best work that there
y that the result of our work having been satisfactory, we should
y cast aside the means that have accomplished these results."

p. W. W. Austin presented the report on Correspond-
viewing the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils,
n for 1874 and 1875 included.

p. Daniel McDonald, Plymouth, elected Ill. Grand Mas-
Comp. John M. Bramwell, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

Grand Council, for 1874, assembled in the city of Chi-
ctober 28. Forty Councils represented.

ce Ill. Comp. John F. Barrett, Grand Puissant, in his
gives a statement of his official action, and recommends
ption of the "Convention work" as it differs but slightly
at already used in that State.

Grand Council adopted a resolution approving the form-
a General Grand Council.

Comp. J. H. Miles presented the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils.

Thrice Ill. Comp. Wilbur F. Bromfield, Tuscola, elected Grand Puissant, and Ill. Comp. James H. Miles, Chicago, re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

The annual Assembly was held in the city of Keokuk, October 19, 1875; Comp. Paul C. Daum, Deputy G. Master, presiding. Eight Councils, one U. D., represented.

The Deputy Grand Master, in the absence of the Grand Master (James A. Seaton) read his address, relating only his official actions during the year. He granted one dispensation to form a new Council, and recommended that the Constitution be so amended as to change the title of officers of Grand and Subordinate bodies, as suggested by the New York Convention. The Grand Council took no action upon the subject.

Comp. W. B. Langridge presented the report on Correspondence, saying he had received the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils, since the last annual Assembly, and says: "To borrow the language of another, we find nothing demanding the attention of this Grand Council."

Comp. Robert F. Bower, Keokuk, elected M. P. G. M., and Comp. B. Langridge, Muscatine, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS.—1872-'3-'4.

The Grand Council, for 1872, held its fourth annual Assembly in the city of Fort Scott, October 15, 1872; Comp. John L. Philbric, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Three Councils represented. One Charter was granted.

1873.

The annual Assembly was held in the city of Lawrence, October 14, 1873. Five Councils represented. One Charter was granted.

Comp. John H. Brown, Leavenworth, re-elected M. I. G. Master, and Comp. J. Lee Knight, Topeka, Grand Recorder.

1874.

The annual Assembly was held in the city of Leavenworth,

er 20th, 1874; John H. Brown, M. I. G. M. Five Councils ented. No report on Correspondence.

np. John H. Brown, Leavenworth, re-elected M. I. Grand , and Comp. J. Lee Knight, Topeka, re-elected Grand ler.

KENTUCKY.

e annual Assembly was held in the city of Louisville, r 21st, 1874; Comp. Wm. Ryan, G. P., presiding. Sixteen ls represented.

nd Puissant's address is short; he says: "He granted ispensations to form and open Councils; that Cryptic y is in a flourishing condition, and peace and harmony hroughout all our borders."

np. H. M. Henderson presented the report on Correspond- eviewing the proceedings of nine Grand Councils, and a summary of nine more. In conclusion, he says, those he mentioned "have either not sent us their minutes, or else ntained nothing worth the ink they were printed with."

np. Henry Bostwick, Covington, elected G. P., and Comp. G. Hodges, Louisville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

e Grand Council assembled in the city of New Orleans, ry 11th, 1875; Ill. Comp. James Ray, M. P. Grand , presiding. Seven Councils represented.

e address of the Grand Master is brief; chiefly an account fficial actions.

e following amendment to the Constitution was pro-

hould any Companion R. and S. Master be suspended, expelled, or from the roll of membership by his Lodge or Chapter, as soon as ic information of the fact be received by the Council, his name shall ken from the roll of his Council."

np. Samuel A Todd, presented a brief report on Cor- dence, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand ils, and a statistical table of 33 Grand Councils, showing mber of subordinates, 675; number making returns, 561;

members, 30,071; received, 2,111; and, in conclusion, he finds an increase in membership, and in the number of those received.

Comp. Wm. R. Whitaker, New Orleans, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Gustavus Sontag, of New Orleans, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Council assembled in Freemasons' Hall, St. Louis, October 8th, 1875; W. W. Garth, M. Ill Grand Master, presiding. Eight Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short; relating his official acts.

Comp. G. Frank Gouley presented the report on Correspondence, which, as usual, is replete with good things, many of which we would like to quote, but, as brevity is the order, we must desist. In his conclusion, he says:

"When the Council chamber is properly arranged with a systematic and practical arrangement of arches and workmen, and each in his proper place, with every officer thoroughly up in his parts; we say, with all this attended to, and then supported by a rhetorical recitation of those soul-touching episodes in the fraternal life of three of the greatest Masonic characters, and the affecting incidents of the death of one of them, would not only teach the candidate a sublime lesson of integrity and justice, but be an undying source of emotional pleasure and heart enjoyment to every member. Such a Council would never want either a quorum or a candidate.

"Every Council should select a good corps of actors as officers, and keep them there; which, if carried out, the secret vault will be a place dearly cherished, and to which each member will gladly perform his monthly pilgrimage, to unite with the select and sacred number who gather around the altar fires to renew their fidelity and to strengthen those peculiar bonds of 'companionship'."

In all of which we can heartily coincide.

Comp. Noah M. Givan, Harrisonville, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley, St Louis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

The Grand Council assembled in the City of Portland, May 5th, 1875, Charles I. Collamore, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Ten Councils represented.

Grand Master's address is short, relating to his official
y.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws recommend
ienclature recommended by the New York Convention,
vas adopted.

ip. J. H. Drummond presented the report on Corres-
ce, reviewing, as he says, "a larger number of proceed-
venty-five) than we have ever known to be reviewed in
e report."

review is full, frank and to the point (as we always find
uch of which we should like to quote, but must forego
asure. We find from his table of statistics 33 Grand
s, 676 Subordinate Councils, 549 making returns, and
members.

). Sumner H. Boynton, Rockland, elected M. I. Grand
; Comp. Ira Berry, Portland, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND.

onvention of delegates from six Councils met at Masonic
the City of Baltimore, May 12, 1874, and proceeded to
Grand Council; adopted a Constitution, and elected officers
e until the annual Assembly in November.

vember 9, 1874, it convened in annual Assembly. Six
ls were represented. The usual routine business was
ted, but no address or report on Correspondence was
ed.

ip. Geo. L. McCahan, Baltimore, re-elected M. I. G. M.;
J. T. Gorsuch, Baltimore, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Grand Council assembled in Boston, December 9, 1874.
Councils were represented. Rev. Thomas Elliott St.
Most Illustrious Grand Master, gave a very excellent
. He says:

yptic Masonry is one of the most significant members of the great
ich, from the lowest to the highest, or from the first to the last,
es the Mystic Brotherhood. No branch of that ancient institution
ore of real worth than that comprised within the bounds of these

Council degrees. Supplementing and completing the mysteries of the Royal Arch, they afford the aspirant for further honors a sure vantage ground from which to grasp the rewards which await the valiant Knight; and even though no further step be taken along the pathway of Masonic life, here is found a completion of the ancient mysteries which cannot fail to demonstrate the inevitable advancement of truth. Here we are taught to consider the means by which the real treasures of life are preserved through all the conflicts and convulsions of time. And even though to human eye there may appear to be an actual loss, yet, under the dispensations of a Divine Providence, the truth long hid and almost forgotten comes up into a new and grander life at last. While Free Masonry at large is intended to develop faith in the sure rewards of virtue and truth, these rites of Cryptic association are peculiarly adapted to reveal the hidden Hand that, amid all life's vicissitudes, is safely holding the treasures which every true heart most 'sacredly reveres.'"

Three special Assemblies were held during the year: two to constitute new Councils, and one for the exemplification of the "Convention Work."

On motion, it was voted that the work of this Grand Council remain unchanged.

Comp. Geo. S. Moyes presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils—Michigan being one of the number. In his conclusion, he says:

"That we have betrayed an animus revealing antagonism to the New York Convention and its action, it is no desire of ours to deny. If we understand the feeling and sentiment of Massachusetts, our report represents it. That an actual uniformity in work, throughout the United States will ever prevail, we decidedly question. The chances for this anticipated result, and the immediate appearance of the Millenium are about equal. And yet Cryptic Masonry will prosper in proportion to the interest and labor expended therein.

"Scanning the entire field, we have occasion for gratitude to the Grand Master of the Universe, for His kindly favoring providences, and a proper appreciation of these should lead to a greater faithfulness and devotion. At a single point, there appears a decided chance for improvement here, as also in other departments of Masonry. We refer to the almost universal tendency of those who have passed the various posts of honor to retire into obscurity. These seem earnest, active and ready for toil while rising in position, but having shared the highest honors, their interest seems to abate. This is not as it should be. These are the companions whose shoulders

rry the burdens of the institution. They have the strength and influence, and upon them should rest a large share of the respon-

p. Rev. T. E. St. John, Worcester, re-elected M. I. G.
mp. John Haigh, Somerville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

Grand Council assembled in the city of Meridan, Feb-h, 1875. Comp. Harvey W. Walter, M. I. G. Master, g. Twenty-seven Councils represented.

Grand Master's address is brief, but to the point. Did tances permit, we would give copious extracts.

p. Wm. S. Patton presented the report on correspond-viewing the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils; rth reading. In conclusion, he says:

ving finished our task, we lay before you the result of our labors. e contemplate what we have written, the thought frequently ill it be for weal or for woe? If only one sentence written should efit to any of our fellow beings, then are we content.

OUR COMPANION REPORTERS:—With the closing year, we may e and reflect that the evening of our days is fast coming to a close. of life will soon be spent: the evening shades already begin to ick around some of us, whilst with others the sun may be high up aven, but will swiftly pass down the western horizon and disap- earth forever. What shall light up the pathway when the sun s set? We must travel on to the next world. We may well ask what shall illuminate our foot-steps after the night-fall of death, darkness of the journey? Is there any question more important, tical, more solemn for each and everyone to ask themselves? It is a long journey to travel without a friend; yet all must perform days are fleeting; the time is not far distant when all will take up f march. But there is an evening star in the natural world, liance is bright, beautiful and cheering to the benighted traveler. ning star is a good hope of that better world. Its beauty and are reflected from the "Sun of Righteousness," whose bright rays he evening of life, and throw a radiance across the darkness of into that spirit land, where God and Angels dwell."

p. Harvey W. Walter, Holly Springs, re-elected M. I. G.
Comp. J. L. Power, Jackson, re-elected G. Recorder.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Council assembled in the city of New York, September 14th, 1875; Comp. G. Fred. Wiltsie, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Twenty-eight Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short; giving an account of his labors through the year, and a full report of the New Orleans Convention. He announces the death of Comp. Jackson Holmes Chase, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Council, and the founder of the Convention work of 1871, in New York.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Charles G. Hudson, who reviews the proceedings of thirty Grand Councils, in a very able and instructive manner. He touches upon the proceedings of Michigan, on the report of the committee on the Convention Ritual, and thinks the whole matter was very properly deferred until another year. Also, that if each committee should take upon itself to amend and revise, there would never be any uniformity. In conclusion, he says:

"We think there can be no doubt that there is a great future before Cryptic Masonry. The good that has been wrought by the New York Convention is very evident. They have given an impetus to the Cryptic degrees, and to the uniformity in work and nomenclature, that is very evident to any one reading the various proceedings. Nearly all the Grand Councils have adopted the uniform work with earnestness, and, with a very few exceptions, the same work prevails in all the land. The whole future of Cryptic Masonry will be rendered brighter, and its permanency assured by these Conventions.

"Let our views widen, our thoughts expand. Let not our sole attention be concentrated on the ritual merely, and the initiation of candidates. Let us not meet so often in the lowest valleys, but more on the highest hills, where, with unimpeded vision, we can survey the world at large—men, times, principles—the future as well as the past."

Comp. John B. Sackett, Buffalo, elected M. I. G. Master; Comp. Geo. Van Vliet, New York, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Council assembled in Raleigh, June 9, 1875; Comp. John Nichols, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Three Councils represented.

Grand Master's address is very brief. He says: "In the
e of my immediate predecessor, Cryptic Masonry in this
ion stands just where it did one year ago." And regrets
much lukewarmness exists. Hopes for more interest in
re, from the fact that the Grand Chapter meets in a
section of the State, and trusts this will have the effect
g up the dormant feeling existing.
eport on Correspondence.
p. John Nichols, Raleigh, re-elected Grand Master;
D. W. Bain, Raleigh, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Grand Council assembled in the City of Concord, May
; Comp. John A. Harris, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.
ouncils represented. Address short; not much business
o report on Correspondence.
p. John A. Harris, Concord, re-elected M. P. G. Master;
Jos. W. Hildreth, Concord, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

annual Assembly was held in the city of Trenton, January
875; Comp. Jos. W. Prissey, Grand Master, presiding.
Councils were represented.
Grand Master's address is short—giving a statement of
ial doings. He recommends the adoption of the "Con-
work;" opposes the forming of a General Grand Coun-
thinks the Grand Encampment will never make Cryptic
a pre-requisite to the orders of Knighthood.
committee upon the doings of Grand officers reported in
f the adoption of the Convention work, which was
d and adopted.
ap. T. J. Corson presented the report on Correspondence,
ng (for financial reasons) very briefly the proceedings of
Grand Councils. He says:

hat is a verbose chap to do who likes to spread himself in diffuse
over, around, above, beneath, and on the other side of a subject,
so dearly loves to be granted considerable leeway and ample lati-
itude, longitude and amplitude when he speaks? But the fiat has

gone forth. The Grand Council, actuated by the malevolent spirit of old Procrustes, has ordered that the report shall be written, and that, like tea-biscuit, it shall be—short. So be it. Our depilitated caput is meekly bowed; our dromedarian back receives the burden; our bridled tongue prepares the laconic phrase; our pen proceeds to form its perfunctory duty."

Comp. J. S. Hartley, Paterson, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. T. J. Corson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA.

The Grand Council assembled at Lincoln, January 7, 1875; Comp. Edwin F. Warren, Grand Master, presiding. Three Councils represented.

Grand Master's address is very brief; relating to local reports. One charter was granted; no report on Correspondence.

Comp. Charles F. Goodman, Omaha, elected Grand Master; Comp. W. R. Bowen, Omaha, re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

The Forty-fifth annual Assembly was held at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, September 8, 1875. Comp. Henry Theobald, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Fifty-two Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master is brief. He says:

"The work devolving upon me by action of the last Grand Council as to the dissemination of the ritual, was promptly attended to, and every Council in the State put in possession of the same; which was the Convention work. I would ask this Assembly to pass some law, making it obligatory upon its subordinates, at their annual elections, to send to the Grand Master, as well as Grand Recorder, an authenticated list of officers elected, so that the G. M. may become acquainted with them, enabling him thereby to correspond and make himself familiar with the workings of each subordinate. Of all the Councils in the State, but eight sent me a list of officers. Now, if you want your Grand Master simply as a figure-head, to preside during the meeting of the Grand Council, then no further action is required; but if you want him to be a worker, and to enter into the spirit of the work, *lend him a helping hand*, and put him in possession of such information as will enable him to discharge his duty intelligently. Without this co-operation he can do but little."

Comp. Will M. Cunningham, for committee on Correspondence, submitted a brief review of twenty-one Grand Councils. In conclusion, he says:

ur committee congratulates the Companions of this and other ons upon the general prosperity of Cryptic Masonry. Whilst there il refrains from within a few jurisdictions, yet a large majority of d Councils are harmonious and prosperous. A total membership wenty-five thousand Companions within the United States is a evidence of the solid foundation of our beautiful Rite, and of the tion to which it has attained, despite the sneers of its enemies from and the wailing of the doleful doubters within our own ranks."

p. Samuel W. Courtwright, Circleville, re-elected M. I. Comp. John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, re-elected Grand er.

PENNSYLVANIA.

nty-ninth annual Assembly was held in the city of urg, Feb. 17, 1875; Comp. Christian F. Knapp, M. P. G. iding. Fifteen Councils represented.

Grand Master's address is short; relating to local matters.

Committee on Correspondence reported having received ceedings of thirteen Grand Councils.

p. C. F. Knapp, Bloomsburg, re-elected M. P. G. M., and Chas. E. Meyer, Philadelphia, re-elected Grand Recorder.

RHODE ISLAND.

have received the proceedings of the Grand Council in phlet, from 1870 to 1875, inclusive. There was no , or report on Correspondence from 1870 to 1874.

annual Assembly for 1875 was held March 8th, 1875, A. H. Cushman, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Two ls represented.

Grand Recorder reports receiving the returns of four ls. Dues, fifty dollars. The Grand Master's address is He does not favor a General Grand Council. A com- was appointed to procure the work recommended by the ork Convention, and cause the same to be exemplified.

np. Walter Blodget presented the report on Correspond- eviewing briefly the proceedings of twenty Grand Coun- y creditably.

Comp. Albert A. Cushman, Providence, re-elected M. I. G. Master, and Comp. Walter Blodget, Providence, re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

The Grand Council assembled in the city of Nashville, November 2d, 1874. Twenty-seven Councils represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, recommends that the T. I. Masters of subordinate Councils be required to learn and practice the work adopted at the last annual session (the New York Convention work,) not on account of its being superior to the old work, but that they might be placed in harmony with the great body of Cryptic Masonry in the United States. No report on Correspondence.

Comp. W. R. Shaver, New Middleton, elected M. I. Grand Master, and Comp. John Frizelle, Nashville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN, 1874-75.

The annual Assembly was held in the city of Milwaukee, January 9th, 1874. Comp. John W. Woodhull, M. I. G. M., presiding. Nine subordinate Councils represented; one, U. D.

In his address, the Grand Master says: "So far as I have been able to ascertain, there has been a desire on the part of all the subordinates to become live working bodies, and resurrect themselves from the stupor which has characterized many of them in times past."

He also says, in answer to the question:

"Is it necessary, to gain membership in a Council of Royal and Select Masters, that the applicant should be in possession of the S. E. Master's degree?" No. The degree of Super-Excellent Master is an appendant degree, to which all Select Masters are entitled, but is not essential to membership in a Council of Royal and Select Masters."

The Committee on Jurisprudence affirmed this decision, and offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the ruling in this jurisdiction shall be, that the degree of Super-Excellent Master is an appendant degree, to which all Select Masters are entitled, but is not a pre-requisite to membership in a Council of Royal and Select Masters.

e Grand Council of Wisconsin assembled in the city of ıkee, February 15, 1875. Comp. John W. Woodhull, M. ıd Master, presiding. Nine Councils were represented.

e Grand Master's address is well written and instructive, f much value to the craft, but we are debarred from g at length therefrom.

e Constitution was revised, and adopted by the name and of the "Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal, Select ıper-Excellent Masters, of the State of Wisconsin."

ıp. J. W. Woodhull presented the report on Correspond- eviewing the proceedings of fourteen Grand Councils.

ıp. J. P. C. Cottrill, Milwaukee, elected M. I. Grand ; Comp. John W. Woodhull, Berlin, elected Grand ler.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

e Grand Council assembled in the city of Charleston, ry, 1875. Proceedings not published.

have a circular giving a list of officers elected.

ıp. W. G. DeSaussure, Charleston, elected M. I. Grand ; Comp. Alex. Lindstrom, Charleston, re-elected Grand ler.

e have received nothing from Arkansas, California, Flor- eorgia, Minnesota, New Brunswick, Ontario and Vermont.

CONCLUSION.

mpanions, in concluding this our review of the proceedings ed, we have endeavored to present in as concise and brief ıner as possible, whatever has taken place of interest to ic Masonry.

e principal questions among the Grand Councils is uni- y of work and title, and the formation of a General Grand il. All see the necessity of uniformity of work and title; o accomplish it seems to be the great difficulty. A large ity have adopted the recommendations of the New York

Convention; "others think their's perfect, and work well enough, at least for them."

As regards the General Grand Council, we do not think there will be twenty Grand Councils in favor of its organization.

In some States, the order has increased; in others, it has slightly diminished, and in some it is at a stand-still. One urges the transferring the degrees to the Chapter; and a majority to making them a pre-requisite to the orders of Knighthood. But, scanning the whole Masonic horizon, we believe they will stand upon their own merits.

Fraternally submitted,



For the Committee.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

nd Council of R. & S. Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Masters of Michigan, assembled at Masonic Hall, in of Detroit, on Monday, January 15, 1877, at 6 o'clock

PRESENT:

EO. HILL.....M. I. G. M.
. R. EVERARD.....D. G. M.
. J. UTLEY.....G. P. C. of Work.
. A ELLIOTT.....G. Treasurer.
. B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
. B. REYNOLDS.....G. Capt. of Guard.
M. RICE.....G. Conductor of Council.
EV. B. F. DOUGHTY.....G. Chaplain.
M. S. TURCK.....G. Steward.
. V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

M. BROWN.....P. M. I. G. M.
. SHAW NOBLE.....P. M. I. G. M.
. SPRAGUE.....P. M. I. G. M.
. L. SPAULDING.....P. M. I. G. M.
M. S. EDWARDS.....P. M. I. G. M.
M. WALKER.....P. D. G. M.

the representatives of a constitutional number of Sub- Councils.

The Grand Council being opened in ample form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. B. F. Doughty, the M. I. Grand Master appointed Ill. Companions F. G. Lee, John H. Smith and D. Woodward a Committee on Credentials.

On motion, the Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 o'clock.

The Grand Council resumed labor at half-past seven o'clock. Grand Officers all present.

Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the M. I. G. M. and Companions of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the credentials submitted to their inspection, and find the following members and delegates entitled to seats in this Grand Council:

PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS.

Comp. GEO. HILL.....M. I. G. M.
" J. R. EVERARD.....D. G. M.
" A. J. UTLEY.....G. P. C. of Work.
" E. A. ELLIOTT.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
" C. B. REYNOLDS.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" JOHN M. RICE.....G. Conductor of Council.
" Rev. B. F. DOUGHTY.....G. Chaplain.
" WM. S. TURCK.....G. Steward.
" W. V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

And all Past T. I. G. P.'s, Past M. I. G. M.'s, Past D. I. G. P.'s, Past D. G. M.'s, Past G. T. I.'s and Past G. P. C.'s of W.; also, the following delegates from Subordinate Councils:

Monroe Council, No. 1.

Comp. WM. BROWN.....T. I. M.
" WM. HASTE.....D. M.
" GEORGE LECKIE.....P. C. of W.

Pontiac Council, No. 8.

Comp. SAMUEL H. NORTON.....T. I. M.
" CLARK B. TURNER.....D. M.
" N. LAMONT.....P. C. of W.

River Raisin Council, No. 4.

S. MYERFELD.....Representative of Council.

Jonesville Council, No. 5.

C. W. HAMPTON.....Representative of Council.

Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.

D. B. PURINTON.....Proxy for T. I. M.
J. A. ASHBAUGH.....D. M.
A. ROSENBAUM.....P. C. of W.

Three Rivers Council, No. 7.

J. F. SLENKER .....Proxy for T. I. M. and D. M.
THOS. G. GREEN.....Proxy for P. C. of W.

Romeo Council, No. 8.

A. E. PALMER.....T. I. M.
JAMES GRAY.....D. M.
C. F. NEWBERRY.....P. C. of W.

Zabud Council, No. 9.

D. D. BUCK.....Representative of Council.

Tyre Council, No. 10.

J. W. CHAMPLIN.....Proxy for T. I. M.
JOHN B. TANNER.....D. M.
E. S. PRICE.....P. C. of W.

Union Council, No. 11.

E. BOGARDUS.....T. I. M.
C. F. R. BELLOWS.....D. M.
C. M. WEBB.....P. C. of W.

Ionia Council, No. 12.

R. C. HATHEWAY.....Representative of Council.

Sturgis Council, No. 13.

B. F. DOUGHTY.....T. I. M.
J. F. PACKARD.....D. M.
H. S. ANTHONY.....P. C. of W.

Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.

J. G. BURNS.....Representative of Council.

Genesee Council, No. 17.

E. M. ADAMS.....T. I. M.
B. POTTER.....D. M.
W. D. MURRAY.....P. C. of W.

Adrian Council, No. 18.

J. W. FINCH.....Representative of Council.

Niles Council, No. 19.

Comp. C. M. ALWARD.....T. I. M.
" N. HAMILTON.....D. M.
" D. H. FREED.....P. C. of W.

Saginaw Council, No. 20.

Comp. F. E. HOYT.....T. I. M.
" D. B. REEVE.....D. M.
" B. B. ROSS.....P. C. of W.

St. Johns Council, No. 21.

Comp. GEO. H. STEPHENSON.....T. I. M.
" J. M. FRISBY.....D. M.
" JOHN D. HENDERSON.....P. C. of W.

Portland Council, No. 23.

Comp. F. G. LEE.....T. I. M. and Representative of Council.

Adoniram Council, No. 24.

Comp. P. F. BLOSSER.....Representative of Council.

King Solomon Council, No. 25.

Comp. W. I. LATIMER.....T. I. M.
" J. H. KILBOURN.....D. M.
" DANIEL G. STEARNS.....P. C. of W.

Clinton Council, No. 26.

Comp. D. WOODWARD.....Representative of Council.

Oceana Council, No. 27.

Comp. JOHN W. RICE.....Representative of Council.

Dowagiac Council, No. 28.

Comp. D. W. CLEMMER.....T. I. M.
" THOMAS RIX.....D. M.
" PHILO B. WHITE.....P. C. of W.

Lansing Council, No. 29.

Comp. GEO. H. GREEN.....Representative of Council.

Northville Council, No. 30.

Comp. J. H. SMITH.....T. I. M.
" F. R. BEAL.....D. M.
" C. M. SLY.....P. C. of W.

Reading Council, No. 31.

Comp. A. B. STRONG.....Representative of Council.

Jackson Council, No. 32.

Comp. J. L. MITCHELL.....Representative of Council.

Ithaca Council, No. 38.

W. B. SCATTERGOOD.....T. I. M., and Proxy for D. M.
F. E. MARTIN.....P. C. of W.

Union City Council, No. 85.

RODNEY SIMONS.....T. I. M.
H. F. EWERS.....D. M.
JOHN R. LEE.....P. C. of W.

Charlotte Council, No. 86.

L. T. CHURCH.....T. I. M.
D. BAUGHMAN.....D. M.
W. H. DELAMETER.....P. C. of W.

Nebuzaraden Council, No. 87.

H. LINDSLEY.....T. I. M.
A. C. FRENCH.....D. M.
A. J. KNAPP.....P. C. of W.

Corunna Council, No. 88.

H. McCURDY.....T. I. M.
JAMES ANDERSON.....D. M.
A. C. BROWN.....P. C. of W.

Holly Council, No. 89.

BELA COGSHALL.....T. I. M.
J. G. FISHER.....D. M.
R. HOWCHIN.....P. C. of W.

Bronson Council, No. 40.

J. D. HULL.....T. I. M.
H. POWERS.....D. M.
J. E. PULLMAN.....P. C. of W.

Centreville Council, No. 41.

J. B. DEWEY.....T. I. M.
J. F. WOLF.....D. M.
W. FITZSIMONS.....P. C. of W.

Lapeer Council, No. 42.

H. K. WHITE.....T. I. M.
W. F. DALY.....D. M.
IRA HEVENER.....P. C. of W.

Lawrence Council, No. 43.

VOLNEY E. MANLEY.....Representative of Council.

St. Joseph Council, No. 44.

Comp. H. M. ZEKIRD.....T. I. M.
" A. BALDRY.....D. M.
" A. B. BISBEE.....P. C. of W.

South Haven Council, 45.

Comp. M. J. DICKINSON.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" M. STRONG.....D. M.
" A. G. GULLEY.....P. C. of W.

Manistee Council, No. 46.

Comp. W. DUNHAM.....T. I. M.
" D. W. MOWATT.....D. M.
" W. WENTE.....P. C. of W.

Newaygo Council, U. D.

Comp. S. D. THOMPSON.....Representative of Council.

Giblum Council, U. D.

Comp. T. PHILLIPS.....T. I. M.
" A. P. DRAKE.....D. M.
" M. W. RIKER.....P. C. of W.

Ludington Council, U. D.

Comp. L. D. SOUTHWORTH.....T. I. M.
" P. EWING.....D. M.
" W. G. HUDSON.....P. C. of W.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. G. LEE,
J. H. SMITH,
D. WOODWARD,
Committee.

The M. I. Grand Master then delivered the following

ADDRESS:

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—Another year has passed away since last we met around this sacred altar. Again have we met to counsel together for the interests of Cryptic Masonry in this State. Let us unitedly offer up our adorations to our Heavenly Father for the manifold blessings bestowed upon us during the past year. I congratulate you, my companions, upon the prosperity of Cryptic Masonry in this State. With an occasional exception, our Councils are all working their regular hours.

panions, as we assemble at this time we miss the familiar
one of our select number. Death has invaded our S.
taken from among us Ill. Companion John Clark, P. T.
of this Grand Council. He died at his home in St. Clair,
y 19th, 1876.

earnest, active Mason to the hour of his death, I would
end that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions
ve of the sense of this Grand Council.

Councils chartered at the last session of this Grand
have all been instituted and their officers installed by
ies, as follows:

eer, No. 42, February 12th, by Ill. Companion B. F.
y. In his letter to me he thinks Lapeer will be able to
as good work as any Council in the State.

rence, No. 43, March 2d; South Haven, No. 45, March
Ill. Companion Wm. Brown, P. M. I. G. M. Of these
s, Companion Brown says that they each have suitable
n which to meet.

son, No. 40, March 14th, by Ill. Companion M. Mans-
M. I. G. M.

istee, No. 46, April 28th, by Ill. Comp. B. F. Doughty.
reville, No. 41, May 3d, by Ill. Comp. B. F. Doughty.
Joseph, No. 44, December 20th, by Ill. Companion B. F.
y. The reason of this delay was on account of the
of their T. I. M. from St. Joseph. I am informed he
rned, and permanently located at St. Joseph, and I have
t that they will be able to do good work.

ing the year I have granted dispensations to open new
s as follows: May 23, to a constitutional number of
ions at Ludington, to be called Ludington Council, No.
gust 17th, to a constitutional number of companions at
s, to be called Giblum Council, No. —. In each case
itions were accompanied with the recommendations of
est Council, as prescribed by this Grand Council. These
s will at this time apply for charters, which I recom-
e granted. By vote of this Grand Council the dispen-

sation of Newaygo Council was continued until this time. I am informed that they intend to apply for a charter, which I recommend be granted.

On the 10th of March, I received a letter from Comp. G. B. Noble, Grand Recorder, informing me that Comp. Jex Bardwell, of the city of Detroit, had been requested to prepare for the Centennial Commission a history of Cryptic Masonry in this State, and requesting me to commission him for the work, with authority to address the subordinate Councils to obtain their history, etc., which I did on the same day of receiving the request. At the time of granting the above request I did not suppose that any expense was to be incurred by this Grand Council, as it had not authorized the preparing of such a history; but, under date of December 6th, Companion Bardwell writes me that he has performed the task assigned him, and has incurred an expense of five dollars, which he desired the Grand Council to reimburse. I refer the matter to you.

On the 15th of September, I received from Companion G. B. Noble, Grand Recorder, a letter from Ill. Companion H. M. Aiken, M. I. G. M. of the Grand Council of Tennessee, requesting the appointment of a Representative near his Grand Council. As this Grand Council has never approved of the system, but on the contrary has disapproved of it, I declined making the appointment, but assured Companion Aiken that should he, or any of the companions of his Grand Council, visit the Grand Council of Michigan, they would be thrice welcomed.

On the 28th of October, I received a letter from Ill. Comp. H. M. Aiken, informing me of the revocation of the appointment of Companion O. Bourke as the Representative of the Grand Council of Tennessee near the Grand Council of Michigan.

Two questions of Masonic law have been submitted for my decision: First—Can a companion take the degrees of R. & S. M. in one Council, and without payment of dues or dimit join another Council?

Answer—No. It is a well-established law that no Brother

a member of more than one Lodge at the same time; and
ne rule holds good in regard to R. & S. M.—his dimit
company the petition.

ond—A Companion R. A. M. presents his petition to the
for degrees, and a member verbally objects to the peti-
but is not in a position where he can black-ball him;
T. I. M. receive petition, elect and confer degrees on
didate if informed of the objection prior to the reception
tion and election?

wer.—No. If the Companion objecting is in good stand-
has an undoubted right to say who shall become mem-
his Council, and if prevented from attending the meetings,
chance to keep out an unworthy member is to say to
I. M., I object to the petitioner, without giving his
therefor.

tember 28th, I received from Ill. Companion George M.
lby, M. I. G. M. of the Grand Council of New York,
lar which contained the following resolution, adopted by
and Council of New York, and requesting this Grand
l to co-operate with them in their appeal:

OLVED, That the committee appointed by this Grand Council to
he Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States
that the Council degrees be made pre-requisite to the Orders of
ood be, and they are hereby, vested with full powers to propose a
basis upon which such action may be had by such Grand Encamp-
nd that this Grand Council will carry out and fulfil the terms of
n or basis as may be agreed upon by such committee.

bmit the circular and resolutions for your consideration,
commend the co-operation of this Grand Council:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER
OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTER MASONS
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

LLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: *Nunda, N. Y., Sept.* 18, 1876.

the annual Assembly of the Grand Council of this State, held at
onic Temple in the city of New York, on the 12th and 13th inst.,
as a committee, consisting of myself as chairman, and M. I. Past
Master John D. Williams, and Illustrious Companion the Rev. Chas.

G. Hudson, appointed to attend in behalf of this Grand Council the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, to be held at Cleveland in August next, to present and urge upon the Grand Encampment the adoption of the Cryptic degrees as a pre-requisite to the degrees of Knighthood, and the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the committee appointed by this Grand Council to attend the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States to urge that the Council degrees be made pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood be, and they are hereby vested with full power to propose a plan, or basis, upon which such action may be had by such Grand Encampment, and that this Grand Council will carry out and fulfil the terms of such plan, or basis, which may be agreed upon by such committee.

In compliance with this resolution, the committee will attend as desired, and as the present time seems to be a favorable one to urge the desired action upon the Grand Encampment, it is earnestly desired that all Grand Councils should take similar action, appointing of their best and most influential Companions a similar committee with like powers. The committees should be composed of Knights Templar, so as to entitle them to a seat in the body to be so visited.

I submit this matter for your consideration, and should be pleased to receive from you suggestions in regard to it. A committee was also appointed to visit the Grand Commandery of this State and urge its co-operation in this matter, which I would also recommend. Please acknowledge.

With kind regards and assurances of high esteem,

[Seal.] I am Fraternally and Faithfully Yours,

GEO. M. OSGOODBY,

To Most Illustrious GEORGE HILL, Grand Master.

Grand Master of the State of Michigan.

December 21st, I received a circular from Companion J. L. Powers, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Mississippi, headed "Cryptic Masonry—The Multiplication of Grand Bodies," which I respectfully refer to you for consideration, and herewith submit the circular:

CRYPTIC MASONRY—THE MULTIPLICATION OF GRAND BODIES.

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. MASTERS OF MISSISSIPPI,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND RECORDER,
Jackson, October 25th, 1876.

ILL. COMPANION:

At the annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Mississippi, held in February last, a series of resolutions were adopted, touching the condition of Council Masonry in this and other jurisdictions, and the multiplication of Grand Bodies. It was made my

lay this subject before your Grand Council, and I fraternally ask
transmit a copy of this communication to the M. I. Grand Master
he chairman of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. I. Grand Master, Comp. Harvey W. Walter, having read his
address to the Grand Council, the same was referred to a special
ee, consisting of Companions Charles T. Murphy, Wm. French and
nley, which committee reported as follows:

ir special committee, to whom was referred the address of the
rand Master, H. W. Walter, respectfully report that the portion of
ress which is in the words following: "The Royal Arch Degree,
of most of its real beauties by the severance of the Royal and
)egrees from it, proves of but little attraction to its recipient.
ied with the Exalted Degree, he seeks no further advancement in
Freemasonry, and, without any knowledge of the real beauty and
our degrees, hastens to the more attractive, but, perhaps, not less
l and instructive degrees of the Encampment. The result is that
oyal Arch Masons are such in name only, possessing the form but
of the spirit of the degree. The evil is a serious one. What
the remedy? I can but repeat, in part, what I said in closing my
a year ago. In my opinion, the crying evil of our order is the
of degrees and the multiplication of Grand Bodies. Had I the
would blot out every Council and Grand Council in existence as
lent organizations. I would yield the Past Master's degree to the
odge, where it properly belongs, as an honorary degree, and would
ie Most Excellent Master with the Master's, and the Royal and
laster with the Royal Arch, making it the Royal degree it should
giving to it its ancient form and beauty. I would create Grand
s that would work this and the Mark degree alone. I would cut
ie Reports of Proceedings and Committees of Foreign Correspon-
nd would no longer tolerate our many Grand Bodies to eat up the
e and waste the charity funds of our order, and from this saving
rect some Grand Charity, that would gladden the hearts of 'helpless
and destitute widows,' and that would challenge the respect and
admiration of mankind. This change of ritual and organization
however, be done by this Grand Council alone, nor do I recommend
annot be effected by the joint action of the several Grand Bodies of
nber of States, but they may advise, and could thus, probably, secure
rand Convocation of the Cryptic and Capitular Grand Bodies of all
s, that might produce uniformity of work, recall the Ancient
and Regulations, and make the Mason of every clime and nation
he same degree and speak the same Masonic language—"

Accurately and fully expresses the sense of this Grand Council, and that, to the end that other Grand Councils, as well as the several Grand Masonic Bodies, may concur and co-operate with this Grand Council to accomplish the objects suggested in said address, we offer the following:

RESOLVED, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to forward a copy of this report to the several Grand Masonic Bodies with whom this Grand Council, the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of Mississippi, are in fraternal correspondence—respectfully inviting their attention and consideration.

The following resolution was also adopted:

RESOLVED, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, or its committee, on the subject of the propriety of uniting the degrees of Royal and Select Master with those of the Chapter.

[Seal.] Fraternally Yours, J. L. POWER,
Grand Recorder.

December 6th, I visited Charlotte Council, No. 36, but owing to a misunderstanding as to the time of my visit, and the hall being occupied by the Chapter, no meeting was held. The afternoon was spent in exemplifying the work. I found the Companions in possession of the correct work. Companion Church, T. I. M., is a zealous, active Mason, and with such assistants as Companions Grier, Jones and A. M. Hooker, no fear need be entertained as to the future of this Council.

December 7th, I visited Lansing Council, No. 29, it being the time for holding the election for officers. No work was done. I installed the officers, and gave such instruction as time would permit; and from what I saw am satisfied that, under the management of Comp. Briggs, as T. I. M., and his colleagues Greene and Bowen, the work sent up by this Council will be approved.

December 8th, I visited Giblum Council, U. D. The evening was spent in exemplifying the work, and the manner in which the work was done by this new Council would put to the blush many of our older Councils. It is hardly necessary for me to say that these Companions are in possession of the true ritual when I inform you that they received their first instruction from P. M. I. G. M. Wm. Brown.

At the request of the Companions of Ionia Council, No. 12 I visited them December 21st, granted them a dispensation to

election, installed the officers, and assisted in conferring grees on one candidate, and I have every reason to believe reafter this Council will be found pursuing its labor with h zeal as is manifested by any Council in the State.

ember 19th, Comp. A. J. Utley, G. P. C. of W., visited Council, No. 33, and installed its officers. In his letter e says that this Council is in a healthy condition.

mp. C. B. Reynolds, G. C. of G., visited during the year Ararat, No. 15, Jonesville, No. 5, Mount Moriah, No. speaks in very flattering terms of the work done by ouncils.

uary 3d, Comp. J. M. Rice, G. C. of C., visited Ludingncil, U. D., saw the degrees conferred by that Council, e says was done in a very creditable manner.

account of sickness in my family in the early part of the was compelled to decline several invitations to visit and e the Councils chartered at your last Assembly, a duty t would have been a pleasure for me to have performed; annot close this report without tendering my acknowledgo the Grand Officers and Companions who have acted as ries in instituting and visiting Councils, and for aid and ce rendered.

panions, I tender to you all my heartfelt thanks for the nor conferred upon me one year ago. I trust and hope all receive the approbation of our Heavenly Father.

GEORGE HILL,
Most Illustrious Grand Master.

motion, the address of the M. I. Grand Master was l to the following special committee to apportion, viz.: W. S. Edwards, F. E. Hoyt and J. M. Rice.

motion of Companion H. McCurdy, the amendment to nstitution submitted at the last annual Assembly was p and indefinitely postponed.

M. I. G. Master appointed the following standing com-
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ON RETURNS—Comps. P. F. Blosser, C. W. Strait and S. H. Norton.

ON FINANCE—Comps. F. E. Hoyt, W. B. Scattergood and B. Cogshall.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE — Comps. Grand Recorder, E. Sprague and M. Mansfield.

ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS—Comps. B. F. Doughty, John H. Smith and F. E. Martin.

ON JURISPRUDENCE—Comps. H. McCurdy, J. L. Mitchell and W. Walker.

The Grand Recorder presented communications from Hiram Council, No. 14, and from Dowagiac Council, No. 28, stating that from circumstances beyond their control no election for officers for the ensuing year was held at their annual Assembly, and on motion the Councils were authorized to hold an election for officers at their first stated meeting after the close of the Grand Council, and to make their returns to the Grand Recorder of their proceedings.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their annual reports, as given below, which on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. A. ELLIOTT, Grand Treasurer.

In account with GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

1876.	DR.	
Jan'y 17,	To balance on hand	$352 15
" 28,	To cash of Grand Recorder	359 50
1877.		
Jan'y 15,	" " "	247 00
	Total	$958 65

1876.	CR.		
Paid, as per voucher,	W. V. Griffith, Grand Sentinel	$ 10 00	
" "	Monroe Chapter	10 00	
" "	Grand Recorder	50 00	
" "	M. Mansfield, Grand Master	50 00	
" "	Thompson & Co., printing proceedings, etc	91 00	
" "	Pay-roll	138 00	
1877.			
Jan'y 15,	Balance on hand	609 65	
		$958 65	$958 65

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

OBLE, Grand Recorder,

In account with GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

Received from	Monroe Council, No. 1	$ 54 75
"	Pontiac Council, No. 3	20 25
"	River Raisin Council, No. 4	8 50
"	Jonesville Council, No. 5	10 75
"	Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6	24 25
"	Three Rivers Council, No. 7	23 25
"	Romeo Council, No. 8	6 00
"	Zabud Council, No. 9	31 00
"	Tyre Council, No. 10	19 00
"	Union Council, No. 11	39 00
"	Ionia Council, No. 12	4 00
"	Sturgis Council, No. 13	7 25
"	Hiram Council, No. 14	16 50
"	Mt. Ararat Council, No 15	17 25
"	Genesee Council, No. 17	16 75
"	Adrian Council, No. 18	15 25
"	Saginaw Council, No. 20	17 25
"	St. Johns Council, No. 21	18 75
"	Portland Council, No. 23	9 00
"	Adoniram Council, No. 24, 1874	5 75
"	Adoniram Council, No. 24	9 25
"	King Solomon Council, No. 25	4 50
7, "	Clinton Council, No. 26	7 00
"	Oceana Council, No. 27	16 50
"	Dowagiac Council, No. 28	6 75
"	Lansing Council, No. 29	20 00
"	Northville Council, No. 30	4 75
"	Reading Council, No. 31	6 25
"	Jackson Council, No. 32	33 25
"	Ithaca Council, No. 33	8 75
"	Blanchard Council, No. 34, 1874	4 00
"	Blanchard Council, No. 34	3 50
"	Union City Council, No. 35	14 75
"	Charlotte Council, No. 36	13 25
"	Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37	11 00
"	Corunna Council, No. 38	11 25
"	Holly Council, No. 39	15 75
"	Bronson Council, N . 40	12 00
"	Centreville Council, No. 41	8 00
"	Lapeer Council, No. 42	11 00
"	Lawrence Council, No. 43	14 00
"	St. Joseph Council, No. 44	2 00
"	South Haven Council, No. 45	3 00
"	Manistee Council, Chapter fee	25 00
"	Ludington Council, Dispensation	25 00
"	Hastings Council, Dispensation	25 00
		$680 00

1876.		Cr.		
June,	By paid	Grand Treasurer	$ 359 50	
"	"	" Pay-roll	138 00	
"	"	Fees six Charters	30 00	
"	"	Postage	12 00	
Dec.	"	Thompson & Co., Blank Returns, etc.	29 25	
"	"	Postage and envelopes	2 25	
"	"	Grand Treasurer	109 00	
		Total	$680 00	$680 00

On motion, the Grand Council was called from labor until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, January 18—9 o'clock A. M.

Grand Council resumed labor.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The committee appointed on apportionment of the M. I. Grand Master's address, reported as follows:

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

That so much as refers to the death of P. M. I. G. P. John Clark, be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as refers to the new Councils, U. D., be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as refers to the claim of Comp. Bardwell, for preparing History of Cryptic Masonry in Michigan, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as refers to the matter of a Representative near the Grand Council of Tennessee, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to making the Council Degree a pre-requisite to receiving the Orders of Knighthood, be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as refers to the questions of Masonic Law, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to delinquent Subordinate Councils, be referred to a special committee of three.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. EDWARDS,
FRED. E. HOYT,
J. M. RICE,
Committee.

report was accepted and the committee discharged.

M. I. Grand Master appointed the following committees, pliance with the foregoing report:

REPRESENTATIVE NEAR GRAND COUNCILS—Comps. O. L. Spauld- V. Finch and J. W. Champlin.

MAKING ROYAL AND SELECT DEGREES PRE-REQUISITE TO THE DERY—Comps. H. S. Noble, D. B. Purinton and G. H. Green.

DELINQUENT COUNCILS—Comps. W. S. Edwards, S. Myerfeld D. Buck.

DEATH OF P. M. I. G. M. JOHN CLARK—Comps J. L. Mitchell, gue, W. S. Turck.

committee to whom was referred that portion of the rand Master's address relating to the appointment by the Council of Tennessee of a Representative near this Council, made the following report, which was adopted:

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

r special committee, to whom was referred so much of the T. I. address as relates to the appointment by the Grand Council of Ten- f a Representative near this Grand Body, respectfully beg leave to

t this Grand Council has never favored the appointment of such ntatives, and has heretofore declined making such appointments:

l while desiring to maintain the most cordial and fraternal relations sister Grand Bodies, this Grand Council fails to see how this end is tained in a greater degree by the appointment of such Representa- d therefore declines to depart from its settled policy in this regard.

e action of the T. I. G. M. in the premises receives our entire approval.

O. L. SPAULDING,
J. W. CHAMPLIN,
J. W. FINCH,
Committee.

ia Council, No. 12, requested permission to change their of meeting.

motion, the request of Ionia Council, No. 12, to change ight of meeting from Thursday before to Tuesday after oon was granted.

e Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the ing report, which was adopted:

rand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

ur Committee on Charters and Dispensations would present the fol- report:

They have examined the records and returns of Newaygo Council, at Newaygo, Ludington Council, at Ludington, and Giblum Council, at Hastings, and find them correct; and would recommend that charters be granted as follows:

Newaygo Council, No. 47, and that Comp. George W. Fry be the first T. I. M.; Comp. Stephen D. Thompson be the first D. M.; and Comp. Edwin O. Shaw be the first P. C. of W.

Ludington Council, No. 48, and that Comp. L. T. Southworth be the first T. I. M.; Comp. P. Ewing be the first D. M.; and Comp. W. G. Hudson be the first P. C. of W.

Giblum Council, No. 49, and that Comp. Traverse Phillips be the first T. I. M.; Comp. A. P. Drake be the first D. M.; and Comp. Marcus W. Riker be the first P. C. of W.

And the said Councils be permitted to have their elections for officers at their first stated Assembly, after receiving their charters.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

B. F. DOUGHTY,
J. H. SMITH,
F. E. MARTIN,
Committee.

On motion of Comp. B. Cogshall, the amendment to the Constitution, submitted by him at the last annual Assembly was taken up and adopted, as follows:

Strike out Section 7 of Article II. of the Constitution (page 77, proceedings of 1875), and insert the following: "Each Subordinate Council may provide By-Laws for the assessment of such dues, as well as the time of their payment, as they may think proper."

The Special Order, the election of officers for the ensuing year, having arrived, the M. I. Grand Master appointed Comps. F. G. Lee and R. C. Hatheway as tellers, who, after receiving and counting the ballots, announced the following Companions as having received a majority of all the votes cast, and who were severally declared duly elected, as follows:

Comp.	J. R. EVERARD, Jackson	M. I. Grand Master
"	A. J. UTLEY, St. Louis	D. Grand Master
"	C. B. REYNOLDS, Reading	G. P. C. of W
"	E. A. ELLIOTT, Detroit	G. Treasurer
"	G. B. NOBLE, Detroit	G. Recorder
"	G. W. STRAIT, Battle Creek	G. Captain of the Guards
"	WM. S. TURCK, Ithaca	G. Conductor of the Council
"	Rev. B. F. DOUGHTY, Sturgis	G. Chaplain
"	R. C. HATHEWAY, Ionia	G. Steward
"	W. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit	G. Sentinel

he Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, was adopted:

rand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

ur Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions y the M. I. Grand Master, respectfully report that they have had the nder consideration, and believe that they are good Masonic law, and nend that they be adopted by the Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH McCURDY,
J. L. MITCHELL,
WM. WALKER,
Committee.

e Committee on Finance made the following report, which dopted:

rand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

ur Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports of the Recorder and Grand Treasurer, for the year 1876, beg leave to report e have examined the same and find them correct.

ur committee further report, that the amount of money in the of the Grand Treasurer at the close of the year 1876, to wit, January 877, was $609.65.

ur committee to whom was referred the claim of Comp. Jex Bard- five dollars, for services and expenses in furnishing statistics of Masonry in Michigan, would recommend that the same be allowed, order drawn for the amount.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. E. HOYT,
W. B. SCATTERGOOD,
BELA COGSHALL,
Committee.

e special committee upon delinquent Councils made the ing report, which was adopted:

rand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

ur committee, to whom was referred the matter of considering and g the condition and prospects of St. Clair Council, No. 2, Niles , No. 19, and Mosaic Council, No. 22, reported as delinquent for od of two years, would most respectfully report:

at they have ascertained that St. Clair Council, No. 2, has sustained of their T. I. M. by death within the last year, and their Recorder noved from St. Clair to Detroit, which accounts for no response eceived to communications.

e T. I. M. of Niles, No. 19, has removed to Battle Creek, and the er has been disabled from conducting business for the last two years;

but the Council has made a report for the last year, and your committee are assured by D. Edwards, the Representative of this Council, that the Council has not intentionally neglected its duty, but is now ready to settle in full and atone for the seeming neglect.

Mosaic Council, No. 22, has been unfortunate in not having a T. I. M. and Recorder who have resided at the place of holding the Council, and there may be reasonable cause for not making a report, attributable to the conduct of individuals and not the Council. We would recommend that the Most Illustrious Grand Master be authorized to take such action during the ensuing year in regard to the delinquent Councils as he may deem expedient. If appropriate, those who have been derelict in their duties should be duly admonished, and report his action at the next session of the Grand Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. S. EDWARDS,
S. MEYERFELD,
D. D. BUCK,
Committee.

The special committee on the M. I. G. Master's Address, made the following report:

To the Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the State of Michigan:

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the M. I. G. M. as relates to the subject of making the Cryptic degrees prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, would most respectfully report, that they have had the subject under consideration, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by this Grand Council to attend the next meeting of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States and urge, in behalf of this Grand Council, the adoption of the Cryptic Degrees as a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood.

Resolved, That the above committee, when appointed, be and they are hereby vested with full power to propose a plan, or basis, upon which such action may be had by such Grand Encampment, and that this Grand Council will carry out and fulfil the terms of such plan as may be adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to present the matter to the Grand Commandery of this State, and ask their co-operation therein.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. SHAW NOBLE,
D. B. PURINTON,
GEO. H. GREENE,
Committee.

Which was received, and on motion to adopt, the following resolution was substituted and adopted in place of the above report:

solved, That the members of this Grand Council in attendance at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States be ted, and are hereby authorized, to co-operate with other Grand Coun- such proceedings as may be advanced in reference to making the il degrees pre-requisite to the taking of the Orders of Knighthood.

rand Council called from labor until 2 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, January 18, 2 P. M.

rand Council resumed labor at two o'clock P. M.

omp. Jex. Bardwell presented a brief report of the early y and introduction of Cryptic Masonry into Michigan, was received, and on motion the thanks of this Grand cil was tendered Comp. Bardwell, with the request that he lete a full report of the history and introduction into Mich- of Cryptic Masonry, and present the same to the Grand cil at its next annual Assembly.

he officers and members of the several subordinate Councils throughout the Jurisdiction are requested to furnish Comp. Bardwell such information as he sire from time to time, to assist in making up the early history, etc.—GRAND ER.]

he special committee on the death of P. M. I. G. M. John made the following report:

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council:

our committee, to whom has fallen the sad duty of expressing the s of this Grand Body on the death of our P. M. I. G. M John Clark, report as follows:

hn Clark was born at Bath, Maine, July 29, 1797, and died at his n East China, county of St. Clair, Michigan, on the 19th day of ary, 1876, having attained the ripe age of seventy-nine years. At the twenty-three he joined our Order, passing through its different from Master up through intervening positions to that of Right Emi- rand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, bringing discharge of each and all of his official duties, a mind stored with ic wisdom, great love of the craft, strict integrity, and an honorable to diffuse widely the just principles on which our Masonic Institu- founded.

his political and social life it is sufficient to say that he was a just right man, loved and honored by all who knew him, having repeat- een elected to offices of political trust and honor.

As a member of our own branch of Masonry, he was a bright and shining light, having made its history and work his special study. Death could have taken no better man from our midst; but his memory and his works are left for us to emulate. Crowned with age and honors, our Companion has sought admission within the Ninth Arch of the Sacred Temple, and the Three Grand Masters have given to the good and faithful Companion prompt permission to enter.

We would recommend that a memorial page of our proceedings be devoted to his memory.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. MITCHELL,
E. SPRAGUE,
W. S. TURCK,
Committee.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Officers and one Representative from each subordinate Council be allowed $3.00 each at the present annual Assembly; the M. I. G. Master, $50 for his services the past year; the Grand Recorder, $100 for his services the past year; the Grand Sentinel, $10 for his services; Monroe Chapter, $10 for use of hall.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed by M. I. G. Master George Hill, assisted by Companion H. McCurdy, as Grand Marshal, who were severally inducted into their respective stations, and so proclaimed by the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Recorder was directed to publish and distribute the proceedings as usual.

On motion it was resolved,

"That the thanks of this Grand Council be tendered to Past Most Illustrious Grand Master George Hill, for the able and efficient services rendered this Grand Council the past year."

There being no further business, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Council was closed in Ample Form, to meet again in annual Assembly, in the City of Detroit, on the third Monday in January, (21st,) 1878, at six o'clock P. M.

Attest: G. P. Noble

Grand Recorder.



— IN —

Fraternal Remembrance

— OF —

Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant,

JOHN CLARK,

OF THIS GRAND COUNCIL,

WHO WAS ALSO

Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Michigan,

WHO DIED,

At his Home in East China, St. Clair Co., Mich.,

FEBRUARY 19th, 1876.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal & Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS

TWENTIETH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, IN DETROIT,

Commencing Monday, January 14, 1878.



DETROIT:
THOMPSON & CO., STEAM PRINTERS, 206 JEFFERSON AVENUE.
1878.

FORM OF PETITION FOR A NEW COUNCIL.

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

The undersigned petitioners, being Royal and Select Masters, having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, and being willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Cryptic Masonry, respectfully represent:

That they are desirous of forming a Council in the —— ——, County of ——, and State of ——, to be named ——— Council, No. —.

They therefore pray for Letters of Dispensation, or a Warrant of Constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal Council, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the regulations of the Grand Council.

They have nominated, and do recommend, Comp. A. B., to be the first T. I M.; Comp. C. D., to be the first D. M.; and Comp. E. G., to be the first P. C. of W. of said Council.

If the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted, they promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council.

N. B.—The above petition must be signed by not less than nine Select Masters.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

nd Council of Royal & Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

HE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND T MASTERS, OF MICHIGAN, assembled at Masonic Hall, City of Detroit, on Monday, January 14th, 1878, at lock, P. M.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

panion J. R. EVERARD,.....M. I. Grand Master.
" A. J. UTLEY,.....D. Grand Master.
" C. B. REYNOLDS,.....G. P. C. of W.
" E. A. ELLIOTT,.....G. Treasurer.
" G. B. NOBLE,.....G. Recorder.
" C. W. STRAIT,.....G. Captain of the Guards.
" WM. S. TURCK,.....G. Conductor of the Council.
" R. C. HATHAWAY,.....G. Steward.
" Rev. B. F. DOUGHTY,.....G. Chaplain.
" W. V. GRIFFITH,.....G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

panion WM. BROWN,.....P. M. I. G. M.
" H. SHAW NOBLE,.....P. M. I. G. M.
" E. SPRAGUE,.....P. M. I. G. M.
" O. L. SPAULDING,.....P. M. I. G. M.
" W. S. EDWARDS,.....P. M. I. G. M.
" D. BOVEE,.....P. M. I. G. M.
" GEORGE HILL,.....P. M. I. G. M.

lso, the representatives of a constitutional number of linate Councils.

The Grand Council being opened in ample form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. B. F. DOUGHTY, the M. I. Grand Master appointed Ill. Companions D. WOODWARD, G. T. KETCHAM, and E. BOGARDUS, a committee on credentials.

On motion, the Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment, until half-past seven o'clock.

The Grand Council resumed labor at half-past seven o'clock. Grand Officers all present.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the M. I. G. M. and Companions of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the credentials submitted to their inspection, and find the following members and delegates entitled to seats in this Grand Council.

Present Grand Officers.

Companion J. R. EVERARD, ...M. I. Grand Master.
" A. J. UTLEY,.....D. Grand Master.
" C. B. REYNOLDS,.....G P. C. of W.
" E. A. ELLIOTT,.....G. Treasurer.
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" Rev. B. F. DOUGHTY,.....G. Chaplain.
" W. V. GRIFFITH,.....G Sentinel.

And all Past T. I. G. P.'s, Past M. I. G. M.'s, Past D I. G. P.'s, Past D. G. M.'s, Past G. T. I.'s, and Past G. P. C. of W.; also, the following delegates from subordinate Councils:

Monroe Council, No. 1.

Companion WM. BROWN,.....T. I. M.
" F. W. HAWES,.....D, M.
" R. S. DILLON,.....P. C. W.

St. Clair, No. 2.

No Returns.

Pontiac, No. 3.

Companion S. H. NORTON,.....T. I. M.
" C. B. TURNER,.....D. M.
" NICHOLAS LAMONT,.....C. P. W.

River Raisin, No. 4.

Companion LOUIS GRANT,.....T. I. M.
" GEO. R. HURD .....D. M.
" JOHN LANE, ...P. C. W.

Jonesville, No. 5.

Companion R. G. SPAULDING, ...T. I. M.
" L. H. CORSEN, ...D. M.
" HARVEY RANSOM,.....P. C. W.

Mount Moriah, No. 6.

Companion DAVID B. PURINTON,.....T. I. M.
" JNO. P. FISH,.....D. M.
" J. A. ASHBAUGH,.....P. C. W.

Three Rivers, No. 7.

Companion JOHN COWLING,.....T. I. M.
" JOSEPH E. PRUTZMAN.....D. M.
" L. B. HALL,.....P. C. W.

Romeo, No. 8.

Companion A. E. PALMER.....T. I. M.
" JAMES GRAY,.....D. M.
" CHARLES F. NEWBURY,.....P. C. W.

Zabud, No. 9.

Companion W. BROWN,.....T. I. M.
" D. D. BUCK,.....D. M.
" M. C. SHAFFER.....P. C. W.

Tyre, No. 10.

Companion L. A. ROGERS,.....Representative of Council.

Union, No. 11.

Companion E. BOGARDUS,.....T. I. M.
" C. F. R. BELLOWS,.....D. M.
" C. N. WEBB,.....P. C. W.

Ionia, No. 12.

Companion ROBERT H. BEDFORD,.....Representative of Council.

Sturgis, No. 13.

Companion B. F. DOUGHTY,.....T. I. M.
" W. G. CUMMINS,.....D. M.
" H. L. ANTHONY,.....P. C. W.

Hiram, No. 14.

No Returns.

Mt. Ararat, No. 15.

Companion IRA CARPENTER,.....T. I. M.
" G. R. ASHBAUGH,.....D. M.
" L. S. RENNEY,.....P. C. W.

Genesee, No. 17.

Companion E. M. ADAMS,.....T. I. M.
" B. POTTER.....D. M.
" W. D. MURRY,.....P. C. W.

Adrian, No. 18.

Companion JOHN W. FINCH,.....Representative of Council.

Niles, No. 19.

Companion C. KNOX,.....T. I. M.
" D. H. FREED,.....D. M.
" J. B. FITZGERALD,.....P. C. W.

Saginaw, No. 20.

Companion MARK HODGSON,.....Representative of Council.

St. Johns, No. 21.

Companion GEORGE H. STEPHENSON,.....T. I. M.
" J. M. FRISBY,.....D. M.
" JOHN D. HENDERSON,.....P. C. W.

Mosaic, No. 22.

No Returns.

Portland, No. 23.

Companion FRANCIS G. LEE,.....T. I. M.
" WM. E. LOOMIS,.....D. M.
" DUNCAN KENNEDY,.....P. C. W.

Adoniram, No. 24.

No Returns.

King Solomon, No. 25.

Companion W. IRVING LATIMER,.....T. I. M.
" JOSEPH H. KILBOURNE,.....D M.
" DANIEL E. STEARNES,.....P. C. W.

Clinton, No. 26.

Companion D. WOODWARD,.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE FISHER,.....D. M.
" B. G. SWIFT,.....P. C W.

Oceana, No. 27.

Companion FRED NEILSON,.....T. I. M.
" A. N. RANDALL,.....D. M.
" J. G. B. ATWOOD,.....P. C. W.

Dowagiac, No. 28.

Companion THOS. W. RIX,.....T. I. M.
" PHILO B. WHITE,.....D. M.
" G. W. MILLER,.....P. C. W.

Lansing, No. 29.

Companion GEORGE H. GREEN,.....Representative of Council.

Northville, No. 30.

No Returns.

Reading, No. 31.

Companion G. R. REYNOLDS,.....T. I. M.
" J. FITZSIMONS,.....D. M.
" S. J. WOODWARD,.....P. C. W.

Jackson, No. 32.

Companion JOHN J. DUER,.....T. I. M.
" HENRY SIMMONS,.....D. M.
" W. W. DUNNING,.....P. C. W.

Ithica, No. 33.

Companion W. B. SCATTERGOOD.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" FLOYD E. MARTIN,.....Proxy for P. C. W.

Blanchard, No. 34.

Companion G. T. KETCHAM,.....T. I. M.
" J. F. HICKS,.....Proxy for D. M.
" M. DAVIDSON,.....P. C. W.

Union City, No. 35.

Companion MARC A. MERRIFIELD,.....Representative of Council.

Charlotte, No. 36.

Companion JAMES W. HICKOK,.....Representative of Council.

Nebuzaraden, No. 37.

Companion H. LINDSLY,.....T. I. M.
" A. C. FRENCH,.....D. M.
" A. J. NAPP,.....P. C. W.

Corunna, No. 38.

Companion HUGH McCURDY,.....T. I. M.
" JAMES ANDERSON,.....D. M.
" ALMON C. BROWN,.....P. C. W.

Holly, No. 39.

Companion BELA COGSHALL,.....Representative of Council.

Bronson, No. 40.

Companion JASON SHEPARD,.....Representative of Council.

Centerville, No. 41.

Companion ISRAEL B. QUIVEY,.....T. I. M.
" JOHN F. WOLF,.....D. M.
" WM. FITZSIMONS,.....P. C. W.

Lapeer, No. 42.

Companion H. K. WHITE,.....T. I. M.
" W. F DALY,.....D. M.
" IRA HEVENER,.....P. C. W.

Lawrence, No. 43.

Companion N. CRESSEY,.....Representative of Council.

St Joseph, No. 44.

Companion HENRY ZEKIND,.....Representative of Council.

South Haven, No. 45.

Companion M. J. DICKINSON,.....Representative of Council.

Manistee, No. 46.

Companion WM. DUNHAM,.....T. I. M.
" D. W. MOWATT,.....D M.
" WM. WENTZ, JR.,.....P. C. W.

Newaygo, No. 47.

Companion S. D. THOMPSON,.....Representative of Council.

Ludington, No. 48.

Companion W. G. HUDSON,.....Representative of Council.

Giblum, No. 49.

Companion M. W. RIKER,.....Representative of Council.

Leslie, U. D.

Companion EDWARD OLDMAN,.....T. I. M.
" CLAUD C. WALKER,.....D. M.
" WM. HUTCHINS,.....P. C. W.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. WOODWARD,
G. T. KETCHAM,
E. BOGARDUS,
Committee.

The M. I. Grand Master then delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Illustrious Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of the State of Michigan:

The SUPREME GRAND MASTER of the UNIVERSE, in His infinite love and mercy, has vouchsafed to us the blessed privilege of once more greeting each other on this Twenty-first annual Assembly of our beloved institution. Let us humbly acknowledge the divine protection of Him who ruleth over the destinies of all human undertakings, and return thanks to Him for His gentle dealings towards us during the year "gone forever": in permitting us to dwell together in unity, and for the peace and brotherly love that prevails in the S. V. throughout our own beloved Peninsular State, and that so many of us are permitted to participate in these fraternal congratulations.

These are some of the things for which we should reverently give thanks to ALMIGHTY GOD. We should also offer ascription of praise to the MOST HIGH for the peace and prosperity of this beloved country of ours,—that no national calamity has been suffered to visit our sisterhood of States. That our civil, religious and social rights have not been destroyed nor invaded; that the financial cloud that has darkened our commercial sky, and at one time seemed to imperil our national prosperity and to threaten our destruction, has not discouraged us nor seriously impeded the advance of our commercial enterprises.

Although, as a society, we may not have added to our numerical strength as rapidly as might have been desired, we have great reason to rejoice for what we have and are to-day. If we have not built up as many new Councils as might have been wished, we have the satisfaction of believing that the structures we have erected stand upon firm foundations, and that the individual blocks composing these structures were

all hewed and squared in the quarries, and were all brought up for inspection and found to be good work and square work, and such work as we are authorized to receive; and also the satisfaction of feeling that nothing has occurred to mar our harmony, or bring reproach upon or dim the lustre of our honored Order.

For the general prosperity of our Rite we ought to take courage. Perhaps there never was a time in the history of our glorious institution when the intelligence, refinement, culture and dignity of our Order was so manifest, and its signal influences so obvious as to-day; commanding as it does the respect of all good people.

Let us, therefore, be jealous of our well acquired honors, taking special care that our Vaults and Temples are not sullied, no evil harbored or wrong doing tolerated; purging our S. V. and Temples of all vice and immorality, so that the caviler will search through our numbers in vain to find the drunkard, the profaner, the liar, seducer, debaucher, licentious, or any other wickedness within our Cryptic Rite

We cannot be too guarded in selecting the material for our symbolic temples. The applicants should be tried by the square of morality, and also by the test of truth; for a Temple sustained by a score of men of sterling integrity and virtue will possess more strength than a hundred unworthy Masons.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

It is my privilege and pleasure to be able to report the happy condition of our peaceful jurisdiction. The shadow of death has not been permitted to cross the threshold or darken the house of any of our Illustrious Grand Officers, so far as I am informed; which fact should elicit our deepest sense of gratitude to the protecting care of a Divine Providence.

During the year I have officially visited and constituted the following Councils, viz:

On the 5th of February, 1877, I constituted a Council at Hastings, and installed the officers. I found them in the possession of true work, and I have never met a better informed Council. Ill. Comp. TRAVERS PHILLIPS, T. I. M., is an able presiding officer and well informed in the ritual. He is ably supported by Ill. Companions M. DRAKE, D. M.; M. W. RIKER, P. C. W.; and FRANK BOWER, C. G. I was assisted by Ill. Comps. DANIEL STRYKER, FRANK A. HOOKER, of Charlotte, C. W. STRAIT, HENRY SIMMONS and FRED RIES, of Jackson.

On the 3d of April, in company with Ill. Comp. C. W. STRAIT, I visited Charlotte Council, No. 36, and witnessed the work as executed by Ill. Comps. E. T. CHURCH, T. I. M.; D. BAUGHMAN, D. M.; W. H. DELEMATER, P. C. W., and I was highly pleased with their work, from first to last. While at Charlotte, I made the acquaintance of Ill. Com. J. W. HICKOK, one of Michigan's Pioneer Masons, who has the reputation of "never missing a meeting."

I authorized Ill. Comp B. F. DOUGHTY to install the officers of Newaygo Council, No. 47, which he did on the 10th of May, and he informs me that the Council is well officered.

Hudson Council, No. 16, having failed to pay its dues to the Grand Council for several years, and not having held any meetings nor done any work in that time, and after getting all the information I could in regard to the matter, I deemed it my duty to arrest their Charter. Accordingly, on the 28th of May, I deputized Ill. Comp. JOHN W. FINCH, of Adrian, to arrest the charter and take charge of the books and property of the Council, which he did on the 23d day of October, and delivered the same to me on the 19th of December last.

On the 12th of May I granted a Dispensation to the con-

stitutional number to form a Council at Leslie, and on the 5th of July I visited Leslie Council and saw the degrees conferred on four candidates; and I can truly say, that the work was as good, and better, than is often seen in older Councils. Ill. Comp. HOLDMAN, T. I. M., is keenly alive to the duties of his office, and he has excellent support from Ill. Comps. CHAS. WALKER, D. M., HUTCHING, P. C. W., and MANLY, C. G.

I visited Clinton Council on the 19th of December, and installed Ill. Comp. DAVID WOODWARD, T. I. M. The degrees were conferred on two candidates, and the work was well done by Comps. WOODWARD, ALVORD, FISHER, SWIFT and KIES. I was highly pleased with my visit to Clinton.

On the 26th of December, in company with Ill. Comp. C. W. STRAIT, I visited Zabud Council, No. 9, at Battle Creek. The degrees were conferred on four candidates by Ill. Comp. WM. BROWN. I was highly pleased with the work, and am satisfied that Zabud Council, No. 9, is among the first in this jurisdiction.

Mosaic Council, No. 22, at Petersburg, being in arrears for dues, and not having held their election as required by law, I authorized Ill. Comp. D. WOODWARD to investigate the case and arrest their charter, unless they could show cause why it should not be done. Comp. WOODWARD made them two visits, and, after a full and thorough investigation, arrested their charter on the 28th of December. It appears that this Council asked for a special dispensation some time in the past from the Grand Council, which was granted for the purpose of installing their officers, but for some reason it never reached them. Comp. WOODWARD did all he could to inspire them with fervency and zeal to pay up and go to work again, but they failed to hold a meeting for want of members.

COMPANIONS,—I have no special legislation to recommend; the communication which I lay before you I hope you

will carefully consider. Hoping that our present meeting may result in good to the Order, so that we may return home with the proud satisfaction of having discharged our duty to the Craft, and thereby strengthened the chain of friendship among ourselves and our neighbors. And, in stepping again into the ranks, rest assured I shall loose none of my zeal or interest in your general or mutual prosperity. In all our work, let us beseech the GREAT OVERSEER that he may recognize it as a suitable stone, fitted for the "Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN R. EVERARD,
Grand Master.

On motion, the M. I. Grand Master's address was referred to the following Committee for apportionment: Comps. HUGH MCCURDY, O. L. SPAULDING and GEORGE HILL.

The M. I. Grand Master then appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Finance.—Comps. O. L. SPAULDING, G. W. HUDSON, and H. SHAW NOBLE.

On Correspondence.—Comps. GRAND RECORDER, WILLIAM BROWN, and GEORGE HILL.

On Charters and Dispensations.—Comp. H. MCCURDY, F. E. MARTIN, and H. SIMMONS.

On Jurisprudence.—Comps. BELA COGSHALL, S. H. NORTON, and WM. DUNHAM.

On Subordinate Returns.—Comps. RUFUS C. HATHAWAY, M. W. RIKER, and EDWARD OLDMAN.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M. GEORGE HILL, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the special order at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Grand Council was then called from labor until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, Jan. 15, 1878, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Council resumed labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Committee appointed on the apportionment of the M. I. Grand Master's address, reported as follows:

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. I. Grand Master, respectfully report that we have examined the same and congratulate the Royal and Select Craft on the present prosperous and felicitous conditions, which is due to the able administration of the M. I. Grand Master, who has so well and ably governed the Royal and Select Craft during the past year as to need no legislation at our hands.

Your Committee would fraternally recommend that so much as relates to the arrest of Charters, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence; and so much as relates to Dispensations, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH McCURDY,
O. L. SPAULDING,
GEO. HILL,
Committee.

The report was accepted and committee discharged.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their annual financial statements, subjoined, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. A. ELLIOTT, Grand Treasurer,

In account with Grand Council of R. & S. M.

DR.

Jan'y 15, 1877, To balance on hand		$609 65
	Cash received from Grand Recorder	389 00
Jan'y 11, 1878,	Cash received from Grand Recorder	196 75
		$1,195 40

Grand Treasurer's Report—Continued.

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Jan'y 14, 1877,	By Pay Roll, as per vouchers	$147 00
"	Paid W. V. Griffith, Grand Sentinel	10 00
"	" Monroe Chapter	10 00
"	" Grand Master	50 00
"	" Grand Recorder	100 00
"	" Jex Bardwell	5 00
"	" W. H. Thompson & Co., Printing	67 00
		$389 00
Jan'y 14, 1878,	Balance on hand	$806 40

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

G. B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder,

In account with Grand Council of R. & S. M.

DR.

1877, Jan'y 15,	To Dues received,	Monroe Council	No. 1	$59 00
"	"	Pontiac Council	" 3	15 50
"	"	River Raisin	" 4	8 00
"	"	Jonesville Council	" 5	7 75
"	"	Mt. Moriah Council	" 6	20 00
"	"	Three Rivers Council	" 7	17 75
"	"	Romeo Council	" 8	7 00
"	"	Zabud Council	" 9	35 50
"	"	Tyre Council	" 10	15 25
"	"	Union Council	" 11	23 25
"	"	Ionia Council	" 12	5 00
"	"	Sturgis Council	" 13	9 50
"	"	Hiram Council	" 14	15 50
"	"	Mt. Ararat Council	" 15	15 50
"	"	Genesee Council	" 17	12 50
"	"	Adrian Council	" 18	21 50
"	"	Niles Council	" 19	9 75
"	"	Saginaw Council	" 20	18 25
"	"	Portland Council	" 23	9 00
"	"	Adoniram Council	" 24	5 75
"	"	King Solomon Council	" 25	3 50
"	"	Clinton Council	" 26	6 25
"	"	Oceana Council	" 27	7 75
"	"	Dowagiac Council	" 28	7 00
"	"	Lansing Council	" 29	17 00
"	"	Northville Council	" 30	6 75
"	"	Reading Council	" 31	6 50

Grand Recorder's Report—Continued.

Jan'y 15,	To Dues received,	Jackson Council	No 32	$ 46	50
"	"	Ithaca Council	" 33	11	00
"	"	Union City Council	" 35	7	25
"	"	Charlotte Council	" 36	8	50
"	"	Nebuzaraden Council	" 37	13	00
"	"	Corunna Council	" 38	8	25
"	"	Holly Council	" 39	5	00
"	"	Bronson Council	" 40	7	25
"	"	Centerville Council	" 41	3	25
"	"	Lapeer Council	" 42	12	00
"	"	Lawrence Council	" 43	14	75
"	"	St. Joseph Council	" 44	4	75
"	"	South Haven Council	" 45	9	25
"	"	Manistee Council	" 46	12	25
"	"	Newaygo Council	" 47	9	25
"	"	Ludington Council	" 48	15	00
"	"	Gibium Council	" 49	7	00
May 21,	To Charter Fee,	Leslie Council		25	00
		Niles Council, for 1875		9	75
				$615	00

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Jan'y 15,	By Fees for three Charters	$ 15	00
"	Paid Grand Treasurer	389	00
June 8,	" Postage Stamps	8	25
Dec. 1,	" Postal Cards and Printing	1	50
"	" Postage and Envelopes	3	50
"	" Thompson & Co, 50 Circulars	1	00
Jan'y 15, 1878,	By paid Grand Treasurer	196	75
		$615	00

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

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

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully report, that we have examined the records and returns of Leslie Council, U. D., at Leslie, in Ingham County, and find them correct; and recommend that a Charter be granted to said Council, to be numbered 50. And your Committee would also recommend that said Council be authorized to elect its officers at its next stated meeting, after receiving said Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH McCURDY,
F. E. MARTIN,
HENRY SIMMONS,
Committee.

Comp. HUGH MCCURDY offered the following amendment to the By-Laws:

Amend Section 4, Article I, as follows: "Strike out in the third line '6 o'clock,' and insert '7½ o'clock,' at such place as the Grand Council shall convene."

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

The amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, January 14, 1878, is $806.40. The condition of the Treasury is a matter for congratulation. The thing to do now is to be careful in our expenditures, and see to it that we keep the balance on the right side. It is not unlikely at no distant day our expenses will not only equal but exceed our receipts, and it would be well to bear this in mind in making appropriations. Your Committee recommend the payment of $8.00 to each delegate attending this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. SPAULDING.
W. G. HUDSON,
H. SHAW NOBLE,
Committee.

January 15, 1878.

On motion of Comp. O. L. SPAULDING,

The M. I. G. Master was allowed $50 for his services the past year; the Grand Recorder $125 for his services the past year; the Grand Sentinel $10 for his services the past year; and Monroe Chapter $10 for use of hall.

The special order, the election of officers for the ensuing year, having arrived, the M. I. Grand Master appointed Comp. J. W. FINCH and BELA COGSHALL tellers, who, after receiving the ballots, announced the following Companions as having received the majority of the votes cast, and who were severally declared duly elected, as follows:

Comp. ANDREW J. UTLEY, St. Louis,.....M. I. Grand Master.
" CORNELIUS W. STRAIT, Jackson,.....D. Grand Master.
" DAVID WOODWARD, Clinton,.....G. P. C. W.
" EDWARD E. ELLIOTT, Detroit,.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit,.....G. Recorder.
" WM. C. TURCK, Ithica,.....G. Capt. of Guards.
" RUFUS C. HATHAWAY, Ionia,.....G. Con. of Council.
" Rev. S. F. DOUGHTY, Sturgis,.....G. Chaplain.
" GEORGE H. GREEN, Lansing,.....G. Steward.
" WM. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit,.....G. Sentinel.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which was adopted:

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

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the M. I. Grand Master's address referring to the arrest of Charters, would most repectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and believe that his action in the premises was correct, and would recommend that the same be approved by this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

BELA COGSHALL,
S. H. NORTON,
Committee.

Comp. P. M. I. G. M. GEORGE HILL offered the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

RESOLVED, That hereafter no Charters or Dispensations for new Councils will be granted by this Grand Council, unless the Dimits of the petitioners accompany the petition for dispensation.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed by M. I. Grand Master J. R. EVERARD,—P. M. I. G. M., H. SHAW NOBLE as Grand Marshal,—who were inducted into their respective stations, and so proclaimed by the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Recorder was directed to publish and distribute the proceedings of the Grand Council, as usual.

On motion of Comp. R. C. HATHAWAY, it was

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Council be and are hereby tendered to P. M. I. Grand Master JOHN R. EVERARD, for his services rendered this Grand Council the past year.

There being no further business, after prayer by the GRAND Chaplain, Comp. B. F. DOUGHTY, the Grand Council was closed in ample form, to meet again in Annual Assembly in the City of Jackson, on the Monday preceding the third Tuesday of January, 1879, at 6 o'clock P. M.

GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

ANDREW J. UTLEY,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

G. R. Noble

Grand Recorder.

List of Grand Elective Officers of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan from its Organization in 1858 to 1878.

Year.	T. I. G. P.	D. I. G. P.	G. T. I.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards.
1858..	*N. B. Carpenter...	S. B. Brown.....	*Frank Darrow....	R. W. Davis.....	Ezra Rood.....	*N. P. Jacobs.....	T. A Flower.
1859..	*N. B. Carpenter...	S. B. Brown.....	*Frank Darrow....	*John Clark.....	" "	* " "	A. J. Cummings.
1860..	*Frank Darrow....	*John Clark.....	D. B. Tracy.....	B. F. Doughty.....	" "	* " "	S B. Morse.
1861..	*John Clark.....	D. B. Tracy.....	B. F. Doughty.....	E. Sprague.....	" "	* " "	S. L. Dart.
1862..	D. B. Tracy.....	E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee.	" "	Oliver Bourke.....	C. H. Putnam.
1863..	E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee.....	S. L. Dart.....	" "	" "	J P. Whiting.
1864..	G. B. Noble	D. Bovee.....	S. L. Dart.....	E. D. Benedict.....	" "	" "	" "
1865..	D. Bovee.....	S. L. Dart.....	E. D. Benedict....	W. S. Edwards.....	" "	" "	" "
1866..	S. L. Dart.....	E. D. Benedict.....	W. S. Edwards.....	Wm. Walker.....	J. T. Hayden	" "	W. F. King.
1867..	W. S. Edwards.....	Wm. Walker	J. T. Hayden.....	W F. King.....	Wm. Barclay	" "	J. W. Champlin.
1868..	J. T. Hayden.....	O. L. Spaulding....	J. W. Champlin....	M. Walter	" "	" "	H. Shaw Noble.
1869..	C. H. Putnam.....	O. L. Spaulding....	E. Sprague.....	H. Shaw Noble... .	" "	" "	J. E. Marvin.
1870..	O L. Spaulding....	E. Sprague.....	H. Shaw Noble.....	Wm. Brown.....	" "	" "	J. B. Nixon.
1871..	E. Sprague.....	H. Shaw Noble.....	Wm. Brown.....	A. I. Sawyer.....	" "	G. B. Noble	E. M. Doan.
1872..	H. Shaw Noble.....	Wm. Brown	M. Manafield... ...	E. M. Doan.....	E. A. Elliott.....	" "	George Hill.
1873..	Wm. Brown.....	M. Manafield.....	E. M. Doan.....	George Hill	E A. Elliott.....	" "	A. J. Utley.

* Deceased.

Officers of the Grand Council under the Constitution as Amended in 1874.

Year.	M. I. G. Master.	Deputy G. Master.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards.
1874..	Wm. Brown	M. Manafield	George Hill.....	E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	A. J. Utley.
1875..	M. Manafield	George Hill	J. R. Everard.....	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.
1876..	George Hill.....	J. R. Everard.....	A. J. Utley	" "	" "	C. B. Reynolds.
1877..	J. R. Everard.....	A. J. Utley.....	C. B. Reynolds.....	" "	" "	C. W. Strait.
1878..	A. J. Utley.....	C. W. Strait	D. Woodward.....	" "	" "	W. C. Turck.

Returns from Subordinate Councils for the Year ending December 27th, 1877.

Name.	Number.	Location.	County.	T. I. Masters.	Recorders.	Exalted.	Admitted.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Died.	Reinstated.	Total Member-ship.	Dues Paid.
Monroe	1	Detroit	Wayne	Wm. Brown	John H. Shepard	17	....	4	....	....	3	....	220	$67 75
Pontiac	3	Pontiac	Oakland	S. H. Norton	J. A. Harris	7	....	3	....	36	1	4	64	23 25
River Raisin	4	Monroe	Monroe	Louis Grant	Charles Toll	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	9 50
Jonesville	5	Jonesville	Hillsdale	R. G. Spaulding	James I. Dennis	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	31	7 50
Mt. Moriah	6	Coldwater	Branch	D. B. Purinton	S. B. Kitchell	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	68	16 75
Three Rivers	7	Three Rivers	St. Joseph	John Cowling	David Knox, Jr.	....	....	....	....	6	....	....	66	16 25
Romeo	8	Romeo	Macomb	A. E. Palmer	Robert Turner	1	....	4	....	1	....	....	21	6 00
Zabud	9	Battle Creek	Calhoun	W. Brown	J. H. Weeks	6	....	....	1	8	....	....	96	28 50
Tyre	10	Grand Rapids	Kent	George Voorhis	J. S. Curtis	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	61	16 00
Union	11	Ypsilanti	Washtenaw	E. Bogardus	O. B. Stark	....	....	2	....	27	2	....	63	15 50
Ionia	12	Ionia	Ionia	R. C. Hathaway	W. W. Worden	8	....	1	....	5	..	....	20	10 75
Sturgis	13	Sturgis	St. Joseph	B. F. Doughty	C. B. Peek	....	....	7	....	....	....	....	19	4 50
Hiram	14	Marshall	Calhoun	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$65	.....
Mt. Ararat	15	Hillsdale	Hillsdale	Ira Carpenter	A. C. Allen	6	....	....	....	....	1	....	43	15 25
Genesee	17	Fenton	Genesee	E. M. Adams	W. J. Fitch	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	57	14 00
Adrian	18	Adrian	Lenawee	O. Lamb	Orange Webster	8	....	....	....	4	....	....	68	22 75
Niles	19	Niles	Berrien	C. Knox	C. J. Sterling	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	40	* .....
Saginaw	20	East Saginaw	Saginaw	F. E. Hoyt	Frank Lawrence	4	....	3	....	12	....	....	60	18 75
St. Johns	21	St. Johns	Clinton	G. H. Stephenson	Q. E. Bridgeman	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	70	17 25
Portland	23	Portland	Ionia	F. G. Lee	George Hill	....	....	....	....	14	1	....	22	5 25
Adoniram	24	Manchester	Washtenaw	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$24	.....
King Solomon	25	Big Rapids	Mecosta	W. Irving Latimer	Charlie Gay	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	16	3 75
Clinton	26	Clinton	Lenawee	David Woodward	Danforth Keyes	4	....	....	....	....	1	....	23	8 50
Oceana	27	Pentwater	Oceana	Fred Neilson	W. E. Dockry	3	....	3	....	....	1	....	25	9 00
Dowagiac	28	Dowagiac	Cass	Thos. W. Rix	G. L. Sherwood	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	7 00
Lansing	29	Lansing	Ingham	L. H. Briggs	Josiah Bruno, Jr.	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	61	15 25
Northville	30	Northville	Wayne	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$20	.....
Reading	31	Reading	Hillsdale	C. B. Reynolds	A. B. Strong	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	7 00
Jackson	32	Jackson	Jackson	John J. Duer	Chas. Lindemeer	11	....	12	....	2	1	....	108	37 50
Ithaca	33	Ithaca	Gratiot	W. B. Scattergood	A. W. Russell	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	7 00
Blanchard	34	Tecumseh	Lenawee	G. T. Ketcham	Thos. Cummins	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	9 00

Union City	35	Union City	Branch	Rodney Simonds	Elmer Roe	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	37	9	00
Charlotte	36	Charlotte	Eaton	E. T. Church	P. M. Thomas	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	14	50
Nebuzaraden	37	Constantine	St. Joseph	Hiram Lindsly	A. B. George	....	....	2	....	1	....	....	41	10	00
Corunna	38	Corunna	Shiawassee	Hugh McCurdy	Jeff D. Leland	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	34	8	25
Holly	39	Holly	Oakland	Bela Cogshall	Ed. E. Brewster	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	9	00
Bronson	40	Bronson	Branch	Henry Power	A. J. Triggs	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	6	75
Centerville	41	Centerville	St. Joseph	Israel B. Quivey	John C. Jones	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	3	25
Lapeer	42	Lapeer	Lapeer	John Hevener	E. T. Slayton	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	34	10	50
Lawrence	43	Lawrence	Van Buren	G. A. Cross	A. M. Draper	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	34	9	00
St. Joseph	44	St. Joseph	Berrien	Alex. Kilton	J. W. Brewer	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	20	9	50
South Haven	45	South Haven	Van Buren	A. G. Gulley	G. L. Seaver	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20	4	75
Manistee	46	Manistee	Manistee	Wm. Dunham	Martin Morris	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	6	50
Newaygo	47	Newaygo	Newaygo			....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$20	7	50
Ludington	48	Ludington	Mason	S. T. Southworth	W. J. Danaher	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	26	7	25
Giblum	49	Hastings	Barry	Travers Phillips	Ed. Altoft	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	26	13	00
Leslie	50	Leslie	Ingham	Edward Oldman	Jay Calkins	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	118	6	00
						121		48	1	119	12	5	2003		

* Dues, $25.50. † Chartered present Session. § Returns for 1876.

Blanchard Council, No. 34, dues for 1876	5	50
St. Johns Council, No. 21, dues for 1876	21	25
	$581	00

Address of the Grand Masters and Grand Recorders of the several Grand Councils.

GRAND COUNCILS.	M. I. GRAND MASTERS.	GRAND RECORDERS.
Alabama	James Milton, Eufaula	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.
Arkansas	J. P. McCown, Magnolia	Luke E. Barber, Little Rock.
California		Charles L. Wiggin, San Francisco.
Connecticut	Dwight Phelps, West Winstead	John K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Florida	A. N. Caulkins, Milton	George S. Hallmark, Warrington.
Georgia	William A. Graham, Fort Gaines	Charles R. Armstrong, Macon.
Illinois	Jonathan J. French, Chicago	Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago.
Indiana	Charles H. Butterfield, Evansville	John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis.
Iowa	Daniel B. Shelley, Davenport	William B. Langridge, Muscatine.
Kansas	William J. Cochran, Fort Scott	John H. Brown, Wyandotte.
Kentucky	L. D. Croninger, Covington	Albert G. Hodges, Louisville.
Louisiana	George J. Pinckard, New Orleans	Richard Lambert, New Orleans.
Maine	Fessenden I. Day, Lewiston	Ira Berry, Portland.
Maryland	James W. Bowers, Baltimore	William A Wentz, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Charles J. Danforth, Boston Highlands	John Haigh, Somerville.
Michigan	Andrew J. Utley, St. Louis	Garra B. Noble, Detroit.
Minnesota	G. W. Cooley, Minneapolis	Theo. Burkhard, St. Paul.
Mississippi	William G. Paxton, Vicksburg	J. L. Power, Jackson.
Missouri	Wm. R. Pe ick, St. Joseph	John W. Luke, St. Louis.
Nebraska	Charles F. Goodman, Omaha	William R. Bowen, Omaha.
New Brunswick		
New Hampshire	Henry P. Glidden, Dover	John A. Harris, (deceased), Concord.
New Jersey	Charles C. Wells, New Brunswick	Thomas J. Corson, Trenton.
New York	George M. Osgoodby, Nunda	George Van Vliet, New York.
North Carolina	C. M. Van Ordsell, Wilmington	Donald W. Bain, Raleigh.
Ohio	S. W. Courtwright, Circleville	John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati.
Ontario	David McLellan, Hamilton	James B. Nixon, Toronto.
Pennsylvania	Geter C. Shidle, Pittsburgh	Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	John F. Adams, Pawtucket	Wm. R. Greene, Providence.
South Carolina	Wilmot DeSaussure, Charleston	A. Lindstrom, Charleston.
Tennessee	B F. Haller, Memphis	John Frizzle, Nashville.
Vermont	Albert C. Hubbell, Bennington	W H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington.
Wisconsin	James L. Bridge, Berlin	John W. Woodhull, Milwaukee.

REPORT

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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

The Committee on Correspondence, in submitting their report, acknowledge the receipt of proceedings from the following Grand Councils since our last:

Arkansas ..... 1875, 1876, 1877.
Alabama ..... 1875, 1876.
Connecticut ..... 1876, 1877.
Florida ..... 1876, 1877.
Illinois ..... 1875, 1877.
Indiana ..... 1876, 1877.
Iowa ..... 1876, 1877.
Louisiana ..... 1876, 1877.
Massachusetts ..... 1875, 1876.
Missouri ..... 1876, 1877.
Maine ..... 1876, 1877.
Minnesota ..... 1876, 1877.
Mississippi ..... 1876, 1877.
Maryland ..... 1877.
New York ..... 1876, 1877.
North Carolina ..... 1876, 1877.
New Jersey ..... 1877.
New Hampshire ..... 1877.
Ohio ..... 1876, 1877.
Ontario ..... 1875, 1876, 1877.
Pennsylvania ..... 1876, 1877.
South Carolina ..... 1875, 1876.
Tennessee ..... 1876.
Wisconsin ..... 1877.

ARKANSAS—1875.

The annual assembly convened October 9, 1875, Companion J. A. Stinson, Grand Master. Seven councils were represented. No report on correspondence.

ARKANSAS—1876.

The annual assembly convened October 7, 1876. There were ten councils represented. Companion M. M. McGuire, Grand Master, says that on entering upon the duties of his office he found the subordinate councils generally in a deplorable condition, and Cryptic Masonry in the State languishing, and almost lifeless in many places. He issued a circular to the councils, earnestly exhorting them to make their returns and resume labor. No report on correspondence. Companion C. W. Millerd elected M. P. Grand Master; Companion L. E. Barber re-elected Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS—1877.

The annual assembly convened October 6, 1877, Companion C. W. Millerd, M. P Grand Master. Eleven councils were represented.

The Grand Master (C. W. Millerd) says: "I consider this present meeting perhaps one of the most important this Grand Council has ever held, for from the best information I can obtain, Cryptic Masonry in Arkansas lies languishing in its bed looking at the river, and only waiting Charon's boat to take it safely across the stream." A petition was received from one council asking the Grand Council to surrender to the Grand Chapter control over Cryptic degrees. If it cannot be done, then the Council petition the Grand Council to dissolve its organization; and that the delegates be instructed to use every effort to carry into effect the said resolution; and that a copy of the resolution be sent to each subordinate council in the State asking co-operative action.

The following, from the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, was received and referred to a committee:

To the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Arkansas:

The undersigned respectfully call the attention of the Grand Council to the following resolution of the M. E. Royal Arch Chapter of the State, passed at the annual convocation which has just adjourned:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to act in conjunction with a like committee from the Grand Council of the State of Arkansas, to take into consideration the propriety of requesting permission of the General Grand Chapter of this jurisdiction to transfer the jurisdiction of the Cryptic Degrees from the councils of the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons; and that said committee report at the next general convocation, so that such action may then be had as will fully advise the General Grand Chapter of our wishes in that regard.

In accordance with said resolution, the undersigned have been appointed on the part of the Grand Chapter, and are ready to act in conjunction with any committee your body may be pleased to appoint.

JOHN VAILE,
L. E. BARBER,
JOHN R. EAKIN.

On motion of Companion McGuire:

Ordered, That the communication from the Grand Chapter, together with the communication from the Grand Council of Mississippi and the resolution of Osiris Council, be referred to a special committee, to act with the committee appointed by the Grand Chapter.

No report on correspondence. Companion J. P. McCown, Magnolia, was elected Grand Master; L. E. Barber, Little Rock, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

ALABAMA—1876.

The annual assembly was held in the City of Montgomery December 6, 1876, Companion Palmer J. Pillans, M. I. W. Grand Master. Eleven councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, says that the number of councils was diminishing and their membership also. "We are not alone in this, however, which should furnish us no consolation, but rather produce a feeling of profound regret that those beautiful degrees, which were once so well maintained and eagerly sought after, should now be regarded as useless. The blame for this decline is with us, and ourselves alone. Our apathy and indifference have begotten the like in others, and we now see as a fruit of this apathy that our Order is crumbling to decay."

A committee was appointed to visit the Grand Commandery of the State, and the Grand Encampment of the United States, to urge those bodies to make the Cryptic Degrees pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood.

The report on foreign correspondence was made by Companion Daniel Sayre. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Councils, and among them Michigan for 1876.

In conclusion, he says: "We have examined the proceedings of a good many of the Grand Councils, and two or three of them for two years. All the organizations are not in an equally prosperous condition. Where they are languishing, we attribute it to the disturbed political condition of the country in part, but mostly to the pressure on the money market. The fact is people haven't got as much money as they had before the war, and we are afraid they will not have very soon. We must, therefore, economize, and make what little we have go as far as possible. So let us keep a stiff upper lip and wait for better times."

Give us your hand, Companion Sayre, we are with you.

Companion James Milton, of Eufaula, was elected M. I. Grand Master, and Daniel Sayre, Montgomery, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT—1877.

The annual assembly was held in the city of New Haven, May 7, 1877, Companion William Freeston M. P. Grand Master. There were eighteen of the twenty-three councils represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, laid before the Grand Council a circular he received from Mississippi, relative to the action of that Grand

Council in surrendering the degrees of the Council to the Grand Chapter, and says: "In my opinion, the real difficulty lies in our own members. Let every Council member be true to his allegiance; let him stand firmly for the rights of Cryptic Masonry—for we have rights as indisputable as Ancient Craft, Royal Arch or Templar Masonry. * * * It appears to me that instead of preserving Cryptic Masonry by the proposed action, we should kill and bury it beyond all hope of its ever being resurrected." The committee to whom the address was referred reported, that so much as related to the communication from the Grand Council and Grand Chapter of Mississippi, the Grand Council fully concur in the views set forth in the M. P. Grand Master's address. Companion William Wallace, secretary, presented the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, Michigan for 1876 of the number.

Companion Dwight Phelps, of West Winsted, elected M. P. Grand Master, and Companion J. K. Wheeler, of Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA—1876.

The annual assembly was held in the town of Warrington, June 12, 1876, Companion William Morrill, M. P. Grand Master. Three councils were represented.

The Grand Council did not meet in 1873, 1874 or 1875.

The Grand Master, in his address, says: "Having for the last three years made unsuccessful efforts to hold the Grand Council conjointly with the sessions of the Grand Lodge and Chapter, I found it indispensably necessary to cut the Grand Council loose from the meeting of these Grand bodies, and base it upon the merits of Cryptic Masonry alone.

"The object to be attained by this Grand Assembly, in this 'Centennial Year,' is the formation of a new Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations for the future government of this Grand Body—and the election of officers for the ensuing term. Through the delinquency of the old councils in the State, the former regulations for the government of the Grand Council have become a dead letter upon our statutes; this involves the necessity of the younger councils coming to the front and assuming the future direction and support of the Grand Council.

"This becomes a necessity ere the living councils become swallowed up in the vortex in which the old councils have become engulphed.

"The active working councils compose the constituent body of the Grand Council, and when they fall below a constitutional number (three) the Grand Council must cease to exist, and with it the remaining Councils, they having no constitutional head. Cryptic Masonry would thus become obsolete in our State, unless assumed by the Grand Chapter and placed before the Royal Arch, a measure I should extremely regret, as it must necessarily eliminate from that sublime degree an important feature that now adorns it."

We do not think a Grand Council would cease to exist if the number of its subordinates should be reduced below three (unless its constitution required that number for a quorum). It requires three councils to form a Grand Council; but once formed, it continues to exist as long as it has members enough to open a council.

The Grand Master says that since the last assembly of the Grand Council, in 1872, he had but little to report in the Grand jurisdiction except a general apathy that pervades the old councils, and gives a detailed account of his unsuccessful efforts to secure meetings of the Grand Council in 1873, 1874 and 1875. But he succeeded at last; and we congratulate him upon his final success.

A revised constitution was adopted, and the work as reported by the N. Y. Convention also.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That, in order that the Grand Council of the State of Florida may be placed upon a permanent and safe basis, that, on or before the meeting of this Grand Council at its regular annual assembly in the year 1877, the following councils, to wit., be required to make their reports and returns, accompanied with the dues, to this Grand Council, or, in case of failure, their charters to be revoked:

"Mackey Council, No. 1, at Tallahassee;
"Columbia Council, No. 2, at Lake City;
"Douglass Council, No. 3, at Jacksonville;
"Thomas Brown Council, No. 5;
"Alachua Council, No. 6."

In lieu of a report on correspondence, Companion Carlovitz gives a brief history of the Grand Council, with an abstract of its proceedings, each year.

FLORIDA—1877.

The annual assembly was held in the city of Milton, June 4, 1877, Companion A. N. Caulkins, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Three councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, but to the purpose. He recommends triennial meetings of the Grand Council, believing that too much legislating causes apathy and extra labor and expense.

The committee to whom was referred the address, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the recommendation to make the meetings of this Grand Council biennial or triennial is not admissable, being contrary to Article VI. of the Constitution. It is the opinion of your committee that this Grand Council, after a sleep of nearly five years, has just begun to become really awake, and after having promised the Masonic world in our last proceedings that we enter with life and vigor upon our new career, it would look rather damaging on the part of this Grand Council now with

nonchalance to go to sleep again for two, yea, even three years—this would look very much like falling back into the old track.

Companion John Carlovitz reviews the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils in his report of thirty-seven pages, Michigan for 1876 included.

In conclusion he says:

"Casting a retrospective glance over the statistics of the various jurisdictions, we have ascertained from the imperfect accounts that seventy-three councils, from their inactivity, have met the inevitable fate of extinction.

"Much as we desire to furnish the craft with a reliable statistical table, that would represent the exact status of the Rite at the present day, yet the inexcusable nonchalance with which many of the Grand Recorders over-ride their responsibility to furnish this valuable material for compilation has blasted our hopes. How a correct statement of the condition of the whole craft may be arrived at, without the aid of these necessary statements from each jurisdiction, we are at a loss to imagine; the culpability of these officers in not furnishing most complete statistics deserves the censure of all enlightened minds.

"Any one who desires to obtain a clear statement may set to work with best intentions, and after obtaining full and correct statistics from some of the jurisdictions, feels delighted with the progress of his labor. Alas! how sadly he feels disappointed when he stumbles upon others that baffle all understanding, only at last to arrive at some so destitute of what he seeks as to break the heart of the stoutest constitution."

Companion A. N. Caulkins was re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. George S. Hallmark, of Warrington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1877.

The annual assembly was held in the city of Chicago, October 24, 1877, Companion Levi R. Jerome M. P. Grand Master. Twenty-six councils were represented.

The address of Grand Master Jerome is short, giving an account of his official acts, and relating his efforts to infuse more life into the Cryptic Rite within their jurisdiction; but finally gives up in despair, and recommends a committee to confer with the Grand Chapter upon the feasibility of surrendering their degrees to the Grand Chapter. The committee to whom the address was referred reported that "so much as referred to the ritual be referred to a committee of three, and that so much as referred to the consolidation of the Council Degrees with the Chapter Degrees to a committee of five." Deputy Grand Master J. J. French offered a series of resolutions, which were received and adopted. He says: "I desire to call attention to the address of Past Grand Puissant Wm. A. Levenwagen for 1872, and to the recommendations therein contained," and regrets that no notice was taken of it at the time, and believes, had the recommenda-

tion been adopted, the present condition of the Grand Council would have been much better; and recommends that the Grand Council now adopt them. He offered a resolution, That considering the lack of uniformity not only in the work and ritual, but also in the paraphernalia for working, the State be divided into nine districts, and three zealous and efficient companions he appointed to each district, to co-operate with the Grand Master in diffusing and exemplifying the work, and seeing that each council has the necessary furniture for working. He refers to the action of Pennsylvania five years ago in adopting similar resolutions, and the results have been most satisfactory. In closing, he says: "We are of the opinion that by the aid of twenty-seven efficient and faithful Giblumites (as deputies) these beautiful degrees may be properly worked in Illinois, enthusiasm in this branch of Masonry may prevail, and our arches soon be ringing with the sound of the workman's trowel."

We print in full the action and report of the Grand Council and Grand Chapter, as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDENDA.

It will be observed, on reading the minutes of the last annual session, that the Grand Council invested the Grand Chapter with authority to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master. At the end of two years said action will be null and void, provided the Grand Chapter fails to make *constitutional* provision for conferring these degrees; in which case the authority for conferring them shall revert solely to the Grand Council and her constituents. From this it will be apparent that it is not the intention of the Grand Council to disband immediately, or the subordinate councils to return their charters; such action will be deferred until the Grand Chapter confirms the degrees as a part of their work.

It was the desire of the Grand Council to provide a safe repository for the degrees, and make the conferring of them more universal and popular. The Grand Council and her constituents, therefore, waives her right to confer the degrees, and watches with interest the progress the Grand Chapter will make in promulgating them. I think an error has been committed in a recent circular issued by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter when he says: "The Grand Chapter and Grand Council have consolidated." Such is not the fact, and a reference to page twenty-seven of our proceedings will reveal the error. Sec. 1 of Art. I of our Grand Constitution yet remains, the only amendments being the striking out of Art. I. Secs. 2, 5, Art II. Sec. 2; and even the action whereby said articles are stricken out (suspended) is conditional. (See page 27.) No dues should be collected from the members of councils after this year; neither will the subordinate councils be required to pay dues to the Grand Council—all will remain in *statu quo* for two years pending the action of the Grand Chapter in amending her constitution. It is earnestly hoped, however, that the councils will meet at once and pay up all their indebtedness. Members desiring dimits from extinct councils can obtain them by applying to the Grand Recorder and payment of dues.

It is my desire to see this matter consummated properly; but more radical changes, I think, should be made, reducing the work to its original simplicity.

We think the imputation from chapters of an usurpation of degrees belonging to them as unbecoming those who have been flagrant violators of jurisdictional rights. What, for example, is the Past Master's Degree doing in the Chapter? I ask, where did you borrow (?) it? Would it not be wise, when detected in error (?), to return borrowed (?) goods and make apology? We would kindly suggest that the degree be *unconditionally* surrendered to the Grand Lodge, and that henceforth, if conferred at all, it be by dispensation of the Grand Master, and in the lodge of which the candidate is a member. I would rejoice if the intermediate degrees of the Chapter, together with those they have now assumed, be worked in a convention of side degrees, and the Royal Arch be conferred (in a very simple and plain manner) in connection with the lodges, as an honorarium.

In conclusion, we recommend the constituent councils of Illinois to endorse the recent action of the Grand Council, and while you are thus called upon to lay by the trowel, may you be girded with the sword, and, regardless of personal interests, be ready to assist in seeing executed such propositions as seem to be best and safest to pursue.

J. J. FRENCH,
Grand Master.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

On Plan for Conferring Council Degrees in the Royal Arch Chapter.

CHICAGO, December 1, 1877.

To all Companions Royal Arch Masons and Royal and Select Masters to whom these presents may come, GREETING:

At the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, held in the city of Chicago, the 25th day of October, A. D. 1877, the following memorial from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons was presented, and the subsequent action had thereon:

MEMORIAL.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois:

M. E. SIR: The undersigned committee, appointed by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois to memorialize the Grand Chapter over which you preside on the matter of jurisdiction and control of the council degrees, respectfully represent that, in order to avoid the labor incident to two separate organizations, and at the same time provide for the safe keeping and proper dissemination of the degrees now conferred in the council, in their opinion a plan of consolidation is practicable whereby these objects can be accomplished. We therefore, in accordance with our instructions, respectfully ask, through you, that the Grand Chapter, if in its wisdom it seem best, appoint a committee of con-

ference, to act with us in an endeavor to perfect such a plan, and submit the same for the approval of both Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. PEARSON,
HIRAM W. HUBBARD,
ARCHIBALD A. GLENN,
THEODORE T. GURNEY,
PHILANDER W. BARCLAY,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

To the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois:

Your special committee to consider the memorial from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois to this Grand Chapter, would respectfully report, that at a joint meeting of your committee and a similar committee from the Grand Council of this State, held last evening, it was the unanimous opinion of the joint committee that there was no constitutional objection to a union of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees with those conferred in the Royal Arch Chapters, and that such a union is practicable; and your committee are of the opinion that the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters should take the preparatory steps to bring about said union, and would further recommend that if said Grand Council shall so amend their constitution at their present Grand assembly as to be enabled to agree to said union, that the M. E. Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter be, and he is hereby, authorized and requested to appoint a commission, whose duty it shall be to prepare and submit to him a full and detailed plan for the consummation of such union, and to put the same in full operation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILEY M. EAGAN,
AUGUSTUS A. MURRAY,
LOYAL L. MUNN,
HASWELL C. CLARKE,
JOHN C. SMITH,
Committee.

CHICAGO, November 23, 1877.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois, and the Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois:

WHEREAS, The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois, at its Grand annual assembly, held at Chicago Friday, October 26th, 1877, unanimously adopted the following, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Council surrender to the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois all constitutional right to confer, or authorize the conferring, the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master."

THEREFORE, The undersigned committees, appointed by authority of the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, and by the authority of the Grand Council of the State of Illinois, respectively, to prepare a detailed

plan for the perpetuation of the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, by and under the authority of the Grand Chapter, submit the following:

I. That the degrees of Royal and Select Master be accepted by the Grand Chapter, and shall be hereafter conferred as follows:

Each Royal Arch Chapter shall open a Council of Royal and Select Masters, and confer the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master subsequent to the degree of Royal Arch Mason. The officers of the Chapter to hold corresponding rank in the Council.

II. All Royal Arch Masons, at the date of the consummation of this plan, shall be entitled to receive the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master without fee.

III. All permanent members and present Grand Officers of the Grand Council shall be admitted to the Grand Chapter as honorary members.

IV. That the officers of all chapters in this jurisdiction shall qualify themselves in the work of conferring the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master as soon as possible.

V. That the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, being custodian of the work and ritual of all degrees conferred under the authority of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois, shall, as soon as practicable, take the necessary steps to carry out the foregoing plan.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. PEARSON,
THEODORE T. GURNEY,
HENRY G. PERRY,
Committe of Grand Council.
WILEY M. EAGAN,
ARTHUR R. H. ATKINS,
HIRAM W. HUBBARD,
Committee of Grand Chapter.

To all Royal Arch Masons and Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois:

The foregoing report of a joint committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters is communicated for the information and government of the several subordinate chapters and councils of the State of Illinois.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seals of the Grand Council and Grand Chapter to be affixed, this 24th day of November, A. D. 1877.

[SEAL] JAS. C. McMURTRY,
M. E. Grand High Priest.

ATTEST; JAMES H. MILES, *Grand Secretary.*

[SEAL.] JONATHAN J. FRENCH,
M. P. Grand Master.

ATTEST: GIL. W. BARNARD, *Grand Recorder.*

No report on foreign correspondence, owing to lack of funds.

Companion Jonathan J. French, of Chicago, was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Companion Gil. W. Barnard, of Chicago, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

The twenty-second annual assembly was held October 16th, 1877, in the city of Indianapolis, Companion Samuel B. Richardson, Illustrious Grand Master. Twenty-four councils were represented.

The Grand Master says, in his address: "Although we have not been able to increase the number of subordinates, as in former years, considering the condition the country has been in, we have reason for thankfulness for what we have and are to-day," and congratulates the Grand Council upon the peaceful condition of the craft throughout the jurisdiction.

Companion Wm. W. Austin presented the report on correspondence, thirty-five pages, in which he reviews, in his usual able manner, the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, Michigan for 1877 of the number.

Companion Chas. H. Butterfield, of Evansville, was elected Ill. Grand Master, and Companion John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

The Grand Council assembled in the city of Davenport, October 2, 1877, Ill. Companion Paul C. Daum, M. P. Grand Master. Seven councils were represented.

The address was very brief, referring to local matters only.

Companion W. B. Langridge furnished the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils. In conclusion he says:

"We regret that we cannot speak more cheeringly of the grade than this hasty and imperfect report shows. General apathy seems to prevail. Various schemes have been tried and found wanting. The only one left yet to be tried seems to be that of placing the degrees with those of the Chapter, and seeing whether they can obtain a home there. The grand difficulty is that we have too many degrees. The blotting out of the Grand Council, and increasing the work in the Chapter may be an improvement. We shall see, perhaps."

Ill. Companion Daniel B. Shelley, of Davenport, was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Ill. Companion William B. Langridge, Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

We have the proceedings for 1876 and 1877 in one pamphlet.

The annual assembly for 1876 met in the city of New Orleans, February 17 1876, Ill. Companion W. R. Whittaker M. P. Grand Master.

The Committee on Credentials reported that nine councils had made reports and paid dues. Representatives of seven councils were present.

No address or report on correspondence published. Business was purely local.

Companion C. B. Wheeler was elected M. P. Grand Master, and Companion Richard Lambert, Grand Recorder.

1877.

The annual assembly was held in the city of New Orleans, February 15, 1877, Ill. Companion George J. Pinckard as M. P. Grand Master. Five councils were represented.

A few months after his election as Grand Master, C. B. Wheeler removed from the jurisdiction, and the duties of his position devolved on the Deputy Grand Master, George J. Pinckard. In his address he says:

"The condition and future prospects of Cryptic Masonry throughout the United States has been a subject of serious thought, and much has been said and written upon it by recognized leaders of the craft—many remedies have been proposed to rejuvenate, or instil new life into what is termed the 'languishing condition' of the craft. Some propose to make the degrees a pre-requisite to the Orders of the Temple; others to attach the Council to the Chapter; while others again urge the importance of greater devotion to the sublime and impressive lessons of the Crypt by our Thrice Illustrious Masters and the subordinate officers. The true remedy, I think, lies in the latter suggestion. I should feel constrained to oppose turning over our Councils to the control of the Chapter, and equally opposed to the attitude of a petitioner for favors, either of the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery. The Stone of Foundation is the firm basis on which rests the structure of the Crypt; its beautiful rites, sublime and impressive lectures, are the sure guarantee of its success, nor do I fear for its future stability. It will most assuredly rise, radiant, from the dormant sleep which is apparently oppressing it, and which at times envelopes even Truth itself. Let us urge upon our Ill. Masters more energy in disseminating its principles; greater devotion to the important duties attaching to their office; increased fidelity to their trusts; and we shall soon have little cause to mourn over an evil which is in a great measure brought about by the lethargy of the officers themselves."

The Grand Council adopted the nomenclature recommended by the N. Y. Convention and the work on the Royal Master's Degree, and referred that of the Select Master's Degree to a committee, to report next year, and voted against the formation of a General Grand Council, and against petitioning the Grand Encampment to make these degrees pre-requisite, believing the Council Degrees of sufficient worth to stand upon their own merits.

No report was made on foreign correspondence. The Grand Recorder acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils, Michigan of the number.

Companion George J. Pinckard, of New Orleans, was elected M. I. Grand Master, and Companion Richard Lambert, of New Orleans, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Council assembled in the city of St. Louis, October 5, 1877, Companion W. R. Stubblefield, M. I. Grand Master. Seven councils were represented.

The Grand Master congratulates the companions upon their attendance, extends to them a cordial and fraternal greeting, and says:

"In our joyous congratulations we must not forget that since our last assembly death has entered our sanctuary, and removed our beloved Illustrious Companion, George Frank Gouley, who was for the past eleven years Grand Recorder of this Grand Council. His death occurred April 11th of this year. He was a victim of the terrible fire which consumed the Southern Hotel, in this city, at that date.

"His tragic death casts a gloom over all the Fraternity wheresoever dispersed, but more particularly upon the Craft of Missouri. He fell in the prime of his years and in the midst of his usefulness. We all knew him well, and loved him. It is fitting and meet that this Grand Council take appropriate action in regard to his memory."

He presented a communication received from the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, in relation to the action of the Grand Council and Grand Chapter of the State in disposing of the Council Degrees, and says he hoped it might be the means of suggesting some plan by which the Council Degrees could be preserved, as the efforts of the Grand Councils had failed to get the Council Degrees made a pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood. He says:

"I see nothing now to do but for us all to go heartily to work, with the feeling that we have the elements of success in ourselves and our Ritual. There is beauty in Cryptic Masonry, there is sublimity in the Degrees, and I think we can make it what it was intended to be—the very *summit* and *perfection* of Masonry."

We go hand in hand with you, Companion, and believe they will stand where they belong, the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry.

A memorial page is set apart in commemoration of the death of Ill. Companion George Frank Gouley, who was Grand Recorder and Foreign Correspondent of the Grand Council from May, 1866, until the time of his death, April 11, 1877. We deeply sympathise with the Companions of Missouri in their great loss, and the loss of the Fraternity throughout the entire country.

Companion William R. Penick, of St. Joseph, was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Companion John W. Luke, of St. Louis, Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

The nineteenth annual assembly was held in Vicksburg, February 6 and 7, 1877, Ill. Companion W. G. Paxton, Deputy Grand Master, presiding. Eighteen councils were represented.

Grand Master P. M. Savey being absent, his address was read by the Grand Recorder, in which he says:

"With pleasure I report peace and harmony cements the Craft, not only in our own Grand Jurisdiction, but (so far as I am advised) throughout the world.

"I have the pleasure to report the Grand Council out of debt, and a surplus in the custody of the Grand Treasurer, for full particulars whereof I respectfully refer the Grand Council to annual reports of our efficient Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer—for to each of them this Grand Body is indebted for the prudential management of its finances. * * * Believing that the system of reciprocal representation among Masonic Grand Bodies is conducive to prosperity, increase of Masonic knowledge and brotherly love."

He appointed eighteen Representatives of the Grand Council of Mississippi near their respective Grand Councils. He presented to the Grand Council a communication received from the M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council of New York, in relation to their action and appointment of a committee to attend, and urge upon the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar to adopt the Cryptic Degrees, as a pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood, with his approval.

The address was referred to a special committee, who reported that they did not agree with the recommendation of the Grand Council of New York, that the Council Degrees should be made a pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood.

They approved of the appointment of Grand Representatives to other Grand Bodies.

The special committee on consolidation of Grand Council with Grand Chapter submitted the following report:

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the M. P. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Mississippi:

The undersigned, a committee of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Mississippi, and a committee of the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Mississippi, appointed by these Grand bodies respectively, to present an arrangement by which the degrees of the Grand Council are to be transferred to the Grand Chapter, beg leave to report that the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master be and the same are hereby transferred to the Grand Chapter, and shall hereafter be conferred as follows:

1. Each Royal Arch Chapter shall hereafter open within its bosom, under its charter as a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Council of Royal and Select Masters, and confer the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master; the officers of the Chapter corresponding in rank to those of the Council, to be the officers of the Council.

2. All the Royal Arch Masons who have not received the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master shall be entitled to have the same confer-

red, or communicated, on their request, and without charge; but candidates who shall hereafter receive the Royal Arch Degree shall, immediately thereafter, and in connection with the Royal Arch Degree, receive the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master without additional charge.

3. All present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Council, and all present and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters of subordinate councils, shall be entitled to participate in all the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, but without a vote therein, until the constitution can be so amended as to permit them to vote as other Grand officers and members of the Grand Chapter.

4. The General Grand Chapter of the United States is most earnestly, but respectfully, petitioned to permit the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master to be conferred as a part of the Royal Arch Degree, the former before the Royal Arch and the latter after.

5. The officers of the Grand Council shall be elected, in order to preserve the organization, pending the approval of the action by the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

On motion, the report was received and adopted, with but one dissenting vote.

Comp. Wm. G. Paxton, of Vicksburg, was elected M. I. Grand Master, and Comp. J. L. Power, of Jackson, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Council was closed in ample form—without day.

We are at a loss to see the benefit to Cryptic Masonry in Mississippi, or the Order in general, by the action of the Grand Council; the degrees of R. & S. Masters are to be peddled out to all R. A. Masons without fee or reward.

MASSACHUSETTS—1876.

The annual assembly was held in Boston, December 13th, 1876, Comp. Chas. J. Danforth, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Nineteen subordinate Councils were represented.

The M. I. Grand Master, in his address, says: "Fifty years ago to day the first semi-annual assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was held under the Constitution at Masonic Hall, then located in the old State House, Boston."

We quote the following extract from the address:

"In making my address to you to-day, I shall deal in no glittering generalities, or beautiful rhetoric of the tongue. Cryptic Masonry can be painted in glowing and oriental colors, and the picture to the imagination will stand in beautiful repose; but unless we build it upon a more lasting foundation than glowing words, we shall have no permanent habitation. However beautiful the design, or happy the conception, it will not erect itself. Hard work is the only condition by which we can bring anything to a consummation. Freemasonry depends upon the same condition for success, and more than all, these degrees of the Cryptic Rite demand our

entire devotion and energy. They have all the conditions of success if we will accept the conditions and press forward with the work. As my illustrious predecessor has beautifully said: 'Cryptic Masonry is one of the most significant members of the great body, which, from the lowest to the highest, or from the first to the last, over-arches the mystic brotherhood. No branch of that ancient institution holds more of real worth than that comprised within the bounds of these Council degrees—supplementing and completing the mysteries of the Royal Arch, they afford the aspirant for further honors a sure vantage ground from which to grasp the honors that await the 'valiant knight,' and though no further steps be taken along the pathway of Masonic life, here is found a completion of the Ancient Mysteries which cannot fail to demonstrate the inevitable advancement of truth.'

"This is a beautiful explanation of Cryptic Masonry, and all must admire and admit its truthfulness. We must not be so overwhelmed by our admiration as to forget that duty calls to action. This beautiful picture is nothing but words without persistent work. Let us build up by our own devotion to its interests this beautiful fabric. Let us seek out every Royal Arch Mason whose high ambition is to 'grasp the honors that await the valiant knight,' and instruct him that he must not enter into that haven of his hopes, until he is fully prepared and possessed of all the beauties and knowledge of Masonry. Instruct him that the 'completion of the Ancient Mysteries' is found in the Council degrees, and until he finds that completion he is unworthy to become a 'valiant knight.' Let each of us resolve, to day, to devote ourselves to the interests of Cryptic Masonry, by increasing our numbers with good Royal Arch Masons, and so increase our strength and bring us more quickly into that pathway of Masonic life, which ends in the consummation of all human aspirations—the ability to don the sword and wear the feather. Let us examine ourselves, and put our house in order, hold to the ancient landmarks, and cling to Masonic law and principle, and see that our house is built on a Masonic foundation."

Comp. Rev. T. E. St. John presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing briefly the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, Michigan among the number.

Comp. Charles J. Danforth, of Boston, re-elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. John Haigh, of Somerville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Subordinate Councils, 23; members, 2,720.

MINNESOTA.

The annual assembly met in Minneapolis, June 25, 1877. M. I. George W. Cooley, Grand Master, presiding. Four councils represented.

Grand Master Cooley, in his address, alluding to the circular received from the Grand Council of New York, upon the matter of appointing a committee to memoralize the Grand Encampment of the United States to make the Council degrees pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood, says:

"As my views coincide very nearly with those expressed therein, I have called this Assembly before the meeting of the Grand Commandery in order that action may be taken in time to present such a communication, if the Grand Council so desire. Whatever may be the result, companions, I am firmly convinced that our Order can live independently of the Orders of Knighthood. The experience of the past year has proved to my satisfaction, that, where a good and zealous corps of officers have charge of a subordinate Council, that Council will flourish."

The work of the New York Convention and nomenclature was adopted. Comp. Grove B. Cooley submitted the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty Grand Councils—Michigan for 1876. We find many, very many, sayings in his report that we should like to quote, but must desist. Closing, he says:

"Let those who are sleeping at their posts be set aside. Let the lukewarm and indifferent drop out. Let those who have no desire to come in except as a stepping-stone to gain the 'Templar's spurs and feather' stay out. Let our Councils be made up of Royal and Select men—good men and true, who love and cherish the beauties of the S. V. because they are worthy of being loved and cherished, and who, come what will, will never, *never*, NEVER 'give up the ship.'"

Sentiments to which we can fully and fervently respond.

Companion George W. Cooley, of Minneapolis, was re-elected M. I. Grand Master, and Companion Theodore Burkhard, of St. Paul, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Subordinate councils, 4; membership, 215.

MARYLAND.

The Grand Council assembled in the city of Baltimore, November 14, 1877, Companion James W. Bowers, M. Ill. Grand Master presiding.

There were four councils represented.

The proceedings related merely to local business. No report on correspondence.

Companion Edwin L. Parker, of Mount Savage, was elected Most Ill. Grand Master, and Companion William A. Wentz, of Baltimore, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

The Grand Council assembled in the city of Portland, May 2, 1877, Companion Sumner H. Boynton, M. I. G. Master, presiding.

Eleven councils out of twelve were represented.

The address of the Grand Master is brief, and relating to local matters. Companion Josiah H. Drummond presented the report on correspondence, from which we would like to quote very fully, but we must desist, for should we begin, we would not know where to stop; but we give his conclusion in full, containing a full report of the doings of the

sessions of the national bodies and of the convention of R. and S. Masters. He says:

"As our report was delayed until after the session of the national bodies, we have prepared it with reference to the pending questions in relation to the Rites, and have given more at length than we otherwise should the views of others upon these subjects.

CONVENTION OF R. AND S. MASTERS.

The convention met according to adjournment, on the evening of the twentieth of August, at Buffalo. Companions present from any Grand Council, although not formally accredited, were invited to act in the convention.

Representatives were found to be present from twenty-three Grand Councils—a larger representation than in any of the previous conventions.

The committee, charged with the preparation of a constitution for a General Grand Council, reported that the instrument had been prepared and passed upon by several members of the committee, but that a member (Companion Whittaker, of Louisiana) had kept it in his possession until a few days before the meeting of the convention, and then had returned it to the chairman, without approval. In view of the whole matter, the committee requested to be discharged without presenting the constitution, and that the plan of a General Grand Council be abandoned. Their request was granted without a dissenting vote. Thus one of the matters, which have been so generally discussed, was disposed of, probably not soon to be renewed, unless future events make such an organization a *necessity*.

Companions Walter and Howry then brought forward the Mississippi plan of dissolving the Grand and Subordinate Councils and turning the degrees over to the Chapters, the Royal Degree to be conferred *before* the Royal Arch and the Select *after* it.

This proposition was discussed at length, and with it incidentally the plan of making the degrees pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood. The motion of our Mississippi companions was defeated by a vote of *six* Grand Councils in the affirmative and *twelve* in the negative, one (Missouri) being divided, one (Maine) not voting, and the representatives of three having retired before the vote was taken.

By precisely the same vote the convention directed the appointment of a committee to attend the Grand Encampment and endeavor to have the degrees made pre-requisites to the Orders of Knighthood, with the understanding that a formal hearing before a committee would be sought.

The convention then adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The "Mississippi plan" was presented in the General Grand Chapter, discussed, and referred to a special committee, whose report was also discussed. At first, it seemed satisfactory to the friends and opponents of

plan, as no grounds for its conclusions were stated; but when those e brought out in the discussion, it was found that the committee based n the ground that the plan involved an amendment of the Constitution he General Grand Chapter, and until that was done no Chapter had right to confer any other degrees than those named in the constitution. view prevailed, and the report was adopted without dissent; and upon the plan was proposed as an amendment to the constitution, h, under the rules, cannot be acted upon until the triennial session of . We think the members of the General Grand Chapter were against neasure by a very large majority.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

The impression had prevailed that no such notice of the proposed n had been given as would allow the matter to be presented. But impression was erroneous; a proposition to amend the statutes by ing out the word "not" in the clause relating to these degrees had made, and due notice thereof given, so that the question was to come, *did* come, squarely before the Grand Encampment. The proposed dments were all referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, osed of Past Grand Masters Palmer and Fellows, and Sir Knights nmond, English and Withers. So many Grand Councils, and some d Commanderies, having acted in the matter with reference to pre- ng it to the Grand Encampment, it was expected that a strenuous would be made for its success; but whether from misapprehension me other cause unknown, no memorial was presented, and no request made to the committee for a hearing, although it deferred action upon proposed amendment to the latest possible moment. Members of the nittee of the convention were in attendance on the Grand Encamp- (some of them also being members of it), but they made no sign. Committee on Jurisprudence reported adversely, and their report was ted without any discussion; some one, indeed, doubted the vote, but, ing from the response when each side was called, the vote was over- mingly in the affirmative—so much so that the one who doubted the did not call for a division.

Of course, no one can say with absolute certainty what would have the result if the matter had been fully discussed; but our judgment at no discussion could have changed the result, and that there is not lightest prospect in the future of obtaining a different result.

THE FUTURE OF THE RITE.

The plan of a General Grand Council having been abandoned, and e being no prospect of making these degrees pre-requisite to the Orders nighthood, there remain three things which may be done:

1. Go on as we are;
2. Adopt the "Mississippi plan";
3. Abandon the degrees entirely.

We have examined very carefully all that we have found pertaining to

this matter, and we have no doubt whatever that this is the true situation, and that Cryptic Masons must accept it as such.

The arguments of the Mississippi Companions were embraced under three general heads:

1. That the degrees originally belonged to the Chapter system;

2. The expense of sustaining separate organizations;

3. That there is such a falling off in the membership and in the number of Councils as to show that there is not sufficient interest in these degrees to maintain them independently of the Chapters.

The reply to the first proposition is, that it is not true, either historically or ritualistically.

The second and third really run together, and may be considered together.

We believe that the depression in Cryptic Masonry, wherever it exists, is not due primarily to a lack of interest and ability to support them in a proper manner.

Upon the revival of Masonry, the cultivation of these degrees was resumed, and was gradually extended. The reaction in favor of Masonry was such that it was overdone; the growth was too much of the fungus character, and certainly too rapid. Brethren devoted to it more time than due attention to their avocations allowed; they held official stations in from two to four bodies, and even Grand bodies, at a time. Too impatient of waiting for promotion in their body, they sought to establish new ones; each little village was also ambitious of being the seat of one or more masonic bodies; the result was that a vast number of new charters were granted for bodies, which, when they lost the services of one or two zealous brethren who were their backbone, began to die, or, at best, live at a poor, dying rate.

Such was the position in 1861, at the breaking out of the war; but even then the membership and the number of live Councils in the country were not so large as at the present time. The stimulus the war gave to Masonry, however, was felt in the whole system—but it was an unhealthy stimulus; members joined and went "as high as they could get" (as the saying was), from mercenary or selfish motives, and, worse than all that, they were hurried through the degrees with a rapidity that absolutely prevented their receiving any benefit whatever from our teachings; the inevitable result was that when the occasion passed by for which they sought the benefits of Masonry, they cared for it as little as they knew, and ceased paying dues; having never been in the habit of attending our meetings, they did not have to change in that respect.

But there was another cause for depression; when the war broke out, many of the best officers and members were called away from their masonic duties, and never returned to active work; the bodies fell into the hands of brethren equally ambitious and zealous, but not as competent; that is to say, the average standard of excellence and competency of officers was lowered.

To this should also be added the fact that in the South many bodies were actually destroyed by the war, in everything but name.

The result was that when peace, and a settling down to the avocations of peace, came, we had a very large number of bodies, especially in the South, which had lost all their members that could be relied upon to maintain them; and another large number, which had been unadvisedly organized, with no efficient material in the surrounding country for their support; and others with a large and nominal membership of those who had never been Masons more than in name, who paid no dues, and for whom the active members paid dues to the Grand bodies.

When matters were precisely in this condition, there came in business that terrible depression, which was the necessary result of the over-doing in the previous years; the same law produced the same effect in business as in the material affairs of Masonry; but it told with double effect, of course, upon Masonry.

The result is, that in many Grand Lodge jurisdictions there has been a large falling off, and the membership throughout the country has scarcely held its own; in the Chapters the result has been worse; and if it has been even worse in the Councils, it is simply because the higher bodies inevitably feel it the worst.

For instance, Companion Walter, in his eloquent speech in the convention, said that if we turn the degrees over to the Chapters, as proposed, five thousand Royal Arch Masons in Mississippi would, in a brief time, be in possession of them. We have no reason to doubt that there are five thousand *nominal* Royal Arch Masons in that State, but the latest returns give the membership at only 2,120. Without going into particulars, it is sufficient to say that whether we regard the falling off in membership, the decrease in the number of bodies, or the number which fail to make returns and pay dues, Royal Arch Masonry has not sufficient advantage over Cryptic Masonry in Mississippi to boast of: and the same arguments which show that Cryptic Masonry should be turned over to the Chapters, are equally strong to show that Capitular Masonry should be turned over to the Lodge.

For the sake of comparison, we give the totals of our statistics for ten years past:

Year.	Number of Councils.	Number making ret'rns.	Membership.	Initiates.
1868	444	389	16.048	2,167
1869	482	452	20.184	3,077
1870	504	472	22,024	2,713
1871	570	508	24 861	2,430
1872	626	539	27,208	2,682
1873	653	567	28,558	2,395
1874	663	557	29,597	1,992
1875	676	549	29,693	2 127
1876	679	548	30,004	1,775
1877	656	515	28,985	1,434

We should have said, also, that in the South, where some of the causes we have named have prevailed to the greatest extent, the depression has been the most serious, while in some jurisdictions there has been, and still is, a continuous and steady growth, in spite of all causes for falling off.

Our conclusion is, that the depression in Cryptic Masonry is not occasioned by causes inherent in the system, but is the result of a combination of causes of a temporary character, and within the power of those who value the degrees to remedy.

So much in reply to the arguments adduced in favor of the Mississippi plan. In addition, there are several considerations, of a weighty character, against the proposition.

The first is, that Chapters already have so many degrees to confer that it is exceedingly difficult to find officers to do the work properly; to add to the four Chapter Degrees two more, which must be conferred by the same officers, is imposing a heavy burden upon them, and would cause a still greater depression in the Chapter.

Another consideration is the confusion which will be introduced if the Mississippi plan is adopted. We shall have so many different systems that all semblance of uniformity will be destroyed. We shall have one system in Pennsylvania, whose Grand Chapter system is such that these degrees can never be made a part of it; another system in Virginia and West Virginia; another in Texas: another in the States adopting the Mississippi plan; and another in the other States. We destroy uniformity not only in the Cryptic system, but also in the Chapter system. We should prefer to abandon the degrees altogether than to introduce confusion by adopting the plan proposed.

We believe that when we have cut off all the *fungi* we shall find solid timber enough to produce a healthy growth; that the best way is to go on "depressing" till we reach the "hard pan" of a membership who are willing to work these degrees for their own intrinsic value. When we have reached that point, we should also avoid making the Council a mere appendage to some other organizations. We should apply the same rule in the selection of officers, Grand and Subordinate, that we do in electing members; we require the latter to pass through the lower bodies first; and if we take for officers the past officers of the lower bodies, or at any rate those not holding office in the other bodies, we shall be likely to find those who will give due attention to the Council, and not regarded as a matter to be attended to in such intervals as their duties in the other bodies make convenient. Live officers in the Council and Grand Council who magnify their office will soon cause a return of the growth which we are apt to regard as necessary to prosperity.

Let those, then, who do not believe in lowering the standard to demoralization and dissolution close up the vacant spaces made by those falling out, and, with united effort, maintain those beautiful degrees in the organizations our fathers created and transmitted to our care.

Statistics: Admitted, 51; expelled. 1; demitted, 3; died, 16; membership, 956.

Companion Fessenden I. Day, of Lewiston, was elected M. I. Grand Master, and Companion Ira Berry, of Portland, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Council convened in annual assembly in the city of New York, September 11, 1877, M. Ill. Geo. M. Osgoodby, Grand Master, presiding.

Twenty Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is very lengthy, giving a full account of his doings, and the doings of the previous Grand Council, in the appointment of committees to attend the several National Grand Bodies. He says a fitting eulogy to Companion George Frank Gouley, Grand Recorder of Missouri, also Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York to and near the Grand Council of Missouri, who died the 11th of April, 1877, at the burning of the Southern Hotel in St. Louis; also to Companion William Edward Lathrop, of Rochester, N. Y., Past T. Ill. Master of Council No. 19, the first T. Ill. Master of that Council, who died the 23d day of April, 1877, aged 83 years. He says:

"He was ever esteemed as high authority in Masonic Jurisprudence, and his place is not easily filled. I might speak of him for hours and leave the greater part unsaid in reference to his noble, manly and Masonic qualities and abilities."

The work was exemplified by the Grand officers. No charters or dispensations were granted. Companion Charles G. Hudson presented one of the best reports on correspondence we have, reviewing very fully the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils, ours for 1877 of the number. We wish we could quote the whole report, but cannot, and will content ourselves with some of its closing sentences. He says:

"In conclusion, we think the general outlook is as good as can be expected for the times. We are all aware that these are hard times; money is not plenty with many of the craft, and few are taking degrees. All branches of the Order are complaining of little work. But we think the Cryptic Rite is holding its relative position with the other bodies. Of course, we cannot expect to be as large as the Chapter or the Lodge, nor shall we ever rival them; but we are doing as well as they are, and we have no cause to be discouraged. * * * We think the Cryptic Rite had better quit begging, and maintain itself. Let us stand on our own dignity, if we have any; and if the Companions of any Council, or Grand Council, cannot maintain their organization, let them disband. We think our Rite can go on as well as before."

Companion George M. Osgoodby, of Nunda, was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion George Van Vliet, of New York, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Council assembled in the city of Newbern, June 6th, 1877, Companion C. M. Van Orsdell, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Three Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, and rather despondent, and says, "in my official capacity I have had literally nothing to do."

An amendment to the constitution was presented as to nomenclature, changing the title of the officers, to conform to the convention work adopted in New York.

A committee was appointed, to co-operate with one from the Grand Chapter, to memorialize the Grand Chapter with reference to uniting the Council Degrees with the Chapter.

Companion C. M. Van Orsdell was re-elected M. Ill. G. Master, and Companion Donald W. Bain was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

The eighteenth annual assembly was held in the city of Trenton, January 18, 1876, Companion John S. Hartley, Grand Master, presiding.

Seven Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address was brief, and relating to home matters.

The Grand Recorder acknowledged the receipt of proceedings from twenty-six Grand Councils, Michigan for 1874 and 1875 included, but has no review.

Companion Charles C. Wells, of New Brunswick, was elected Grand Master, and Companion Thomas J. Corsen, of Trenton, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The nineteenth annual assembly was held in the city of Trenton, January 16, 1877, Companion Cornelius Vreeland, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Six councils were represented.

The Grand Master, Chas. C. Wells, being detained by sickness, his address was read. It was very brief, and relative to domestic matters.

The Grand Recorder reported that he had received the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Councils, including Michigan for 1876, and had examined them, but on account of the condition of the treasury he had not written a report.

On motion, the chairman of the committee was directed to prepare a report and publish with the proceedings, provided there should be sufficient funds in the treasury to do so. There being no report, we conclude there was not sufficient funds for the purpose.

A committee was appointed to revise the work.

Companion Cornelius Vreeland, of Jersey City, elected Grand Master. Comp. Thos. J. Corsen, of Trenton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Councils making returns, 7; membership, 479.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The annual assembly was held May 14, 1877, Companion Andrew J. hompson, Grand Master, presiding. Four councils represented.

The address of Grand Master Thompson is very brief, and devoted to cal matters. No report on correspondence.

Comp. Henry P. Glidden, of Dover, elected Grand Master. Comp. Jno. . Harris, of Concord, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Councils making returns, 8; members, 710.

OHIO

The forty-seventh annual assembly was held in the City of Cleveland, ugust 29th, 1877. Comp. Samuel W. Courtwright, M. Ill. Grand Master. ifty-eight councils represented, and one U. D.

The Grand Master's address is brief, and relates wholly to business of e Grand Council.

Comp. Will M. Cunningham presented the report on correspondence, viewing the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, Michigan for 877 included. In conclusion, he says:

"Your committee would congratulate the companions upon the actual osperity of the Rite, regardless of the distractions heaped upon it by its emies from without and the evils attendant upon supine officials from ithin, in so many subordinate councils throughout the United States."

Comp. Samuel W. Courtwright, of Circleville, re-elected M. I. Grand aster. Comp. John Day Caldwell, Cincinnati, re-elected G. Recorder.

ONTARIO, CANADA, 1876.

The annual assembly was held in the City of Toronto, Aug 29, 1876. omp. Daniel Spry, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Seven councils were epresented.

Grand Master Spry delivered an excellent address, from which we note the following:

"In rendering you an account of my official conduct during the past ear. it affords me much gratification to be enabled to state that the Cryp- c Rite continues steadily to advance. extending itself into all parts of the ominion, and has even winged its flight into our prairie province, Mani- oba. The subordinate councils are generally well conducted, and the eturns, which will be laid before you, will show the steady progress hich is being made. You are quite aware that I have always urged upon he attention of the Grand Council the desirability of being extremely autious in the admission of members to our Councils, urging upon the fficers of these subordinate bodies, who are in the habit of assembling ith us, the necessity of selecting with great care from among those who sk to be admitted to the secrets of the Ninth Arch, those who possess the ecessary intelligence to enable them to become earnest and faithful orkers in our Order. In many Councils I find that these teachings have

not been without effect, and that the result of such caution has been to admit only those who have attained some position in the other grades of Masonry. Adhering to the same advice, I have not countenanced the opening of Councils in localities where I considered there did not exist a field sufficiently wide to justify me in the granting of dispensations. The multiplication of Councils will bring no strength to the Grand Council, nor aid in the proper extension of an order that possesses so many charms, unless the companions selected to preside over them are possessed of ability of the highest order to enable them to thoroughly and intelligently understand and impart the work."

Two dispensations were granted to open and form Councils, one in Manitoba. No report on correspondence.

Companion Fred. J. Menet, of Toronto, was elected M. I. G. Master, and Companion James B. Nixon, of Toronto, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

1877.

The Grand Council assembled in the city of London, Ontario, August 8, 1877, Companion Fred. J. Menet M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Eight Councils were represented.

The Grand Master (Comp. Fred. J. Menet) says in his address:

"During the year which has now drawn to a close, the progress made by our Order in the Province has been extremely satisfactory, although no great accessions have been made to our numbers. * * * The utmost unanimity has prevailed."

He laid before the Grand Council the action of Mississippi. In handing over the Council Degrees to the Grand Chapter, he says:

"It is much to be regretted that the action has been necessitated by the apparent languishing condition of both these bodies, * * * and it is doubtful even if * * * it will be found advantageous to have them united under one governing body."

Companion James B. Nixon presented the report on correspondence, ably reviewing the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Councils, Michigan for 1876 receiving a fraternal notice. He concludes as follows:

"The Cryptic Rite throughout the various jurisdictions seems to be in a very languid condition, with a few notable exceptions, and the prominent members of the institution seem to be looking forward anxiously to the meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States, in Cleveland, to have the pre-requisite question settled. We hope the question will be settled satisfactorily to those who wish the Council degrees made a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood; but at the same time we cannot but feel that the institution is quite good enough in itself to occupy that position to which it is entitled in regular Masonic progression, and we question very much if the hot-house growth that the Order may receive will be as healthy as if it had to stand entirely on its merits. How much interest will the members be likely to take in an institution that they must

go through in order to get at something which they deem more desirable? We believe that the only thing wanting to make the Cryptic Order as great a success or greater than the Knights Templar is zeal for the institution, and energy and perseverance in working it out in our own jurisdiction."

Comp. David McLellan, of Hamilton, elected M. Ill. Grand Master. Comp. James B. Nixon, of Toronto, re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Council of Royal, Super Excellent and Select Masters of Pennsylvania assembled at Lebanon, February 21, 1877.

Comp. Geter C. Shidel, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Fourteen Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, relating wholly to his official duties. No report on correspondence.

Comp. Geter C. Shidel, of Pittsburgh, re-elected M. P. Grand Master. Comp. Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, re-elected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1875, 1876.

We have the proceedings of the two sessions in one pamphlet.

The annual assembly for 1875 was held February 10th, in the City of Charleston, Comp. Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Nine Councils represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, announces with loving words the death of Comps. Robert Stewart Bruns and Benjamin Rush Campbell, both long and intimately connected with and a great loss to Cryptic Masonry. He says: "Of the progress of Cryptic Masonry in South Carolina, since our last annual assembly, there are more cheering prospects." Two charters for new councils were granted.

Comp. W. G. DeSaussure, of Charleston, re-elected M. I. Grand Master. Comp. A. Lindstrom, of Charleston, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The annual assembly for 1876 was held in the city of Charleston, February 16.

Ten Councils were represented.

Companion Wilmot G. DeSaussure, M. I. G. Master.

The Grand Master's address related to local affairs. He speaks very encouragingly of Cryptic Masonry, and says that a reviving interest is exhibited therein throughout the jurisdiction. We have a report on correspondence without a signature, but suppose it to be from the Grand Master, as it is published as an appendix to the Grand Master's address, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils—Michigan for 1875 fraternally noticed.

Comp. Wilmot G. DeSaussure was re-elected M. I. G. Master, and Comp. A. Lindstrom, of Charleston, re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1876.

The twenty-seventh annual assembly was held in the city of Nashville, November 16, 1876, Companion H. M. Aiken, M. Ill. G. Master, presiding.

There were thirty Councils represented.

Grand Master Aiken, in his address, says:

"It is a matter of sincere regret that I cannot report Cryptic Masonry to be in a more healthy and flourishing condition in this Grand Jurisdiction than it is to-day. For, while we are happily free from dissension and strife in any of their myriad and hurtful forms, and while peace and harmony have continued unbroken and undisturbed throughout our borders, a widespread and enervating lethargy has crept in and settled upon us; and unpleasant and unacceptable as the statement may be, it is, nevertheless, a fact, patent to the most casual observer, that we are not gathering strength with age, if, indeed, we are maintaining the position achieved by those who have gone before."

And concludes as follows:

"We are told that, in the olden times, the Chaldean astrologer, versed in Abrahamic lore, stood a muffled figure upon the watch towers of Babylon, and, with his divining rod, cast starry horoscopes of the individual lives of the young scions of Assyrian royalty.

"To-day we need no prophet to predict our future or calculate our chances. The advanced civilization and higher education of the present have happily lifted us out of the influences, and beyond the necessities, of the astrologer and the soothsayer, and we know and feel that prosperity or adversity will as certainly attend us as we are united, active and vigilant, or as we commit ourselves to apathy, inaction and indifference.

"No enterprise, however happily conceived or auspiciously inaugurated, has passed into an assured success except by persistent and sustained effort. Nor can we, my companions, hope for this Grand Body an exceptional career. Neither should we desire it. If, however, we wish Cryptic Masonry to be and continue a living, active and felt agency in our midst, let us energize it by bringing to its support the same interest, discrimination and effort which we give to our daily avocations.

"Let the depression and the difficulties under which we labor be the inspiration to more enlarged desire and fuller earnestness.

"Among the ancients leaves from the palm tree were chosen to reward the victors in their games, because that tree rises against a weight placed upon it.

"So let us, in fancy at least, wreathe about our subordinate councils chaplets of palm leaves, which shall constantly remind and stimulate us to bear up, and press on courageously and hopefully under adverse and unpromising surroundings.

"Let us, as well in the more public works of life as in our Councils, acquit ourselves as men, remembering that—

> "'We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
> In feelings, not in figures on a dial;
> We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives
> Who thinks most—feels the noblest—acts the best.'

"Thus alone, Companions, can we, as members of society and of the Masonic Order, live up to the measure of our duty and our opportunities."

The following resolution was adopted;

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Grand Council to present to the Grand Chapter, now in session, its wish to place the degrees of Royal and Select Masters under the control of the Grand Chapter, if not in conflict with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and that they be requested to take such steps as will accomplish this purpose.

Companion B. F. Haller, of Memphis, was elected M. I. G. Master, and Companion John Frizzle, of Nashville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1877.

The twentieth annual assembly was held in the city of Milwaukee, February 19, 1877, Companion James L. Bridge, M. I. G. M., presiding.

Eight Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, but hopeful. He says:

"I believe the majority of our Councils are doing as well, if not better, than the cloud under which the Rite is now shaded would seem to indicate."

The report on correspondence is by Companion John W. Woodhull, reviewing very fully the proceedings of fourteen Grand Councils. Michigan receives fraternal notice. The report is like all of Comp. Woodhull's—sharp, terse and to the point. We would like to quote many of its points, but can only give his conclusion in full:

"We can see many reasons why we should be encouraged, and none for being despondent. In some of the States the Councils are flourishing, in others, sick enough to die. The question is often asked, why is it that in some States, and even in different portions of the same State, there is so much difference in the character and standing of the Councils? We think the question is easy of solution: Wherever you find a flourishing Council, you may rest assured that the workmen are tried and true; that they are men and Masons; that they love and appreciate the institution for its worth, for the beauty there is in it; for the beautiful moral lessons taught, and are trying to live what they profess; they do not begrudge a few moments at the Lodge-room, although there may be no 'work'; they have intellects to think, and find plenty of food for conversation among their intelligent associates; they are full of that spirit which actuates

every good man who is seeking for knowledge; to them the 'work' is but the symbolism of the glory beyond, and to this end they enjoy the work; but knowing the symbolism still lives, though no work be done, they can appreciate a few leisure moments with kindred spirits, and go to their homes better and wiser men. To them the institution is a reality; it enters into their every day life; it purifies from the grossness which surrounds us, and enables us to live above the slums of wickedness wich infest our path at every step. To them, Masonry is far more than outward show; it goes down into the hearts of men; it forms connecting links between men, which cannot be broken; it makes brothers of those who otherwise might be strangers, and thus becomes a source of good to mankind, the results of which cannot be measured; neither do they end with the span of this life. Upon the other hand, Companions, wherever you find a sickly Council, depend upon it, the above characteristics are not applicable to its members. They are not Masons, they are simply drones, undeserving to be members of an institution which they disgrace by their apathy.

"We must, therefore, conclude that the welfare of a Council depends wholly upon the intelligence and industry of its members. If they are deserving of the title of Royal and Select Masters, they are not afraid to do a little needful labor. They will call to mind the fact that our Vault is not yet completed, nor our treasures safely deposited; that it requires a life's labor to prepare *our* S. V., and that the treasures we are expected to deposit must be laid away in the Holy of Holies, and not on this earth. The bondage which we will undergo, the paths over which we are to travel before we can again behold the treasures we have laid away, will not end on this earth, but in that glorious haven of peace, that land beyond the tomb, the Holy of Holies, where our fathers have gone before us.

"Then, my Companions, let us rise above the frivolous and boyish excuses so prevalent among us, and with one accord move on in the performance of our duty, each in his own particular sphere, being assured that sooner or later we shall receive our reward."

James L. Bridge, of Berlin, was re-elected M. I. G. Master, and John W. Woodhull, of Milwaukee, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1876.

We received no proceedings from Vermont in 1876. But we find from Comp. Drummond's report, of Maine, that the annual assembly was held June 15th, 1876, with nine Councils represented, and that Comp. N. H. S. Whitcomb presented a brief report on correspondence.

We hope to receive the proceedings for 1877 and 1878 before we make another report.

TEXAS.

We see from Comp. Drummond's report, also, that this Grand Council was dissolved in 1864, and he gives the *status* of the Council degrees from the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, as follows:

"These degrees are conferred in Councils of Royal and Select Masters, ened and closed in due form. None but affiliated Royal Arch Masons, good standing, with the consent of their Chapters, are entitled to the grees. The Chapter to whom the candidate belongs collects the fees, and kes return of the work. All who were Royal Arch Masons, in good nding, at the time of the transfer of jurisdiction of these degrees to the apter, were regarded as entitled to the Council degrees without ballot; petitions balloted upon since that time, of course, included the Council grees.

"A Council is no part of a Chapter. It is a distinct body, so far as its rk is concerned. The Council degrees in this jurisdiction are not confer- in a Royal Arch Chapter, as they are in Virginia and Maryland—in rginia since the 17th of December, A. D. 1841, where they are placed ween the Past Master and Most Excellent Master; and in Maryland ce A. D. 1824, where they are placed as in Virginia. In Texas, Councils Royal and Select Masters have not been merged in Chapters of Royal ch Masons. The only authority this Grand Chapter ever acquired over m was by the concordat of both Grand Council and Grand Chapter, in ne, 1864. This Grand Chapter could not, by its sole action, acquire any e in the premises; the title acquired by virtue of the concordat was t of a custodian and guardian of the Subordinate Councils; by it the grees of Royal and Select Master were only to be conferred '*in* Councils Royal and Select Masters, appendant to the Subordinate Chapters,' and er the candidate had received the Royal Arch degree. The record does admit of any doubt as to the correctness of this decision. No Royal ch Chapter of this jurisdiction can confer, within its bosom, the Royal d Select degrees. They can only be conferred in Councils of Royal and ect Masters, duly held for that purpose."

The committee to whom the Grand High Priest's address was refer- , say:

"We note, too, the decisions in reference to Cryptic Masonry, and preciate the difficulties encountered in answering the various questions. r system is peculiar, and the Grand High Priest finds no precedent in history of the other Grand Chapters to guide him. It has been in vogue th us so short a time, that it is still crude and incomplete; and the ion of his predecessors affords but meagre data upon which to found his nclusions. Consequently, he is left to decide the cases as they are, upon own judgment, unaided by the experience of others. Maryland has ven up the control of the Council degrees to a Grand Council now organ- d in her jurisdiction, and Texas and the Virginias stand alone among ir sisters in this respect, and the system here is different from theirs. , in reality, ours is peculiar to Texas. Your committee submit to the mpanions, whether it is best to continue thus isolated from our sister and Chapters in this respect."

CALIFORNIA.

We have a circular from Grand Recorder Charles Louis Wiggin, of May 11th, 1877, giving the proceedings of the Grand Council and Grand Chapter of California, approving and adapting the "Mississippi plan," to transfer the Council degrees to the Royal Arch Chapter.

COMPANIONS—In presenting this our report, we have endeavored to give what information we could glean from the transactions of the several Grand Councils, touching the prosperity and future of Cryptic Masonry. We find many reasons to be encouraged; none to be discouraged. Some are despondent, and ready to give up the ghost. But we think the trouble with these may be attributed to their officers, together with a lack of energy and interest in the Order. Too many seek the offices for the name, and have no interest beyond the title of M. I. G. Master or T. I. Master. Away with this class of what we cannot call true workmen, but drones, and place in their stead those who do not sleep on their posts—"inflict the penalty without mercy." Mississippi and Illinois have taken measures to transfer the Council degrees to their several Royal Arch Chapters, "provided the General Grand Chapter will allow them to do so." We cannot see any advantage in so doing, as some are already complaining of too many degrees in the Chapter. If the Council degrees are not worth the working as they are, give them up; disband. Do not try to foist them where they never belonged. If you give them to any body, return them to whom we received them from—the *A. & A. Rite*. We are not aware that the Royal Arch Chapter ever had any control of them.



For the Committee.



TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of Jackson, on Monday, January 20, 1879, at six o'clock, P. M.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Comp. ANDREW J. UTLEY,.....M. I. Grand Master.
" CORNELIUS W. STRAIT,..... D. Grand Master.
" DAVID WOODWARD,..... G. P. C. of W.
" EDWARD A. ELLIOTT,.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE,..... ... G. Recorder.
" WM. S. TURCK,... .... G. Captain of the Guards.
" RUFUS C. HATHAWAY,.....G. Conductor of the Council.
" Rev. B. F. DOUGHTY,.....G. Chaplain.
" GEORGE H. GREEN,..... ....G. Steward.
" WM. V. GRIFFITH,..... .....G. Sentinel.

Past Grand Officers Present:

Comp. WM. BROWN,..... .....P. M. I. G. M.
" H. SHAW NOBLE,..... .....P. M. I. G. M.
" E. SPRAGUE,..... ... P. M. I. G. M.
" O. L. SPAULDING,..... ..P. M. I. G. M.
" GEORGE HILL, ...P. M. I. G. M.

Also, the representatives of a constitutional number of subordinate Councils.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Comp. Rev. B. F. Doughty.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Comp. J. H. Cummins, H. L. Anthony, and B. F. Blosser a Committee on Credentials.

On motion the Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment until half past seven o'clock.

Half past seven o'clock P. M.

Grand Council resumed labor. Grand Officers all present.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report which was read and adopted.

To the Most Ill. Grand Master and Companion of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the Credentials submitted to them and find the following members and delegates entitled to seats in this Grand Council.

GRAND OFFICERS:

Comp. ANDREW J. UTLEY,.....M. I. G. M.
" CORNELIUS W. STRAIT,..... D. G. M.
" DAVID WOODWARD,..... ...G. P. C. of W.
" EDWARD A. ELLIOTT,..... .....G. Treasurer.
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" WM. V. GRIFFITH, ...G. Sentinel,

Also all Past T. I. G. Ps. Past M. I. G. Ms. Past D. I. G. Ps. Past D. G. Ms. Past G. T. I. And Past G. P. Cs. of W. also the following delegates.

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

MONROE, No. 1.

. W. Hawes, T. I. M. Wm. Brown, proxy for D. M. & P. C. W.

PONTIAC, No. 3.

H. Norton, T. I. M. E. C. Smith, P. C. of W.
. B. Turner, D. M.

RIVER RAISIN, No. 4.

ewis Grant, T. I. M. Andrew Vivian, P. C. of W.
eorge R. Hurd, D. M.

JONESVILLE, No. 5.

L. Spaulding, proxy for T. I. M. Harvey Ranson, P. C. W.
J. Hodges, D. M.

MT. MORIAH, No. 6.

m. C. Burns, proxy for T. I. M. John A. Ashbaugh, P. C. W.
hn P. Fisk, D. M.

THREE RIVERS, No. 7.

hn Cowling, T. I. M. L. B. Hess, P. C. of W.
seph E. Prutzman, D. M.

ROMEO, No. 8.

No returns.

BATTTE CREEK, No. 9.

Wm. Brown representative Council.

No. 10.

orge Voorhis, T. I. M. John Goldsmith, P. C. W.
hn B. Tanner, D. M.

UNION, No. 11.

Bogardus, T. I. M. Wm. Nilson, P. C. W.
F. R. Bellows, D. M.

IONIA, No. 12.

R. H. Bedford, D. M., Representative of Council.
Henry Wheedon, P. C. of W.

STURGIS, No. 13.

H. L. Anthony, proxy for T. I. M. H. L. Anthony, P. C. W.
W. W. Stone, proxy for D. M.

HIRAM, No. 14.

No returns.

MT. ARARAT, No. 15.

Z. R. Ashbaugh, T. I. M. M. Kochental, P. C. of W.
L. S. Renny, D. M.

GENNESSEE, No. 17.

E. M. Adams, T. I. M. W. D. Murray, P. C. of W.
B. Potter, D. M.

ADRIAN, No. 18.

John W. Finch, Representative of Council.

NILES, No. 19.

James S. Reeves, Representative.

SAGINAW, No. 20.

Mark Hodson, proxy for T. I. M. Fred. A. Ashley, P. C of W.
E. B. Reeve, D. M.

ST. JOHN'S No. 21.

George H. Stevenson, T. I. M. J. D. Henderson, P. C. W.
James M. Frisby, D. M,

PORTLAND, No. 23.

F. G. Zell, T. I. M. D. Kenedy, P. C. of W.
W. E. Loomis, D. M.

ADONIRAM, No. 24.

P. F. Blosser, Representative of Council.

KING SOLOMON, No. 25.

No returns.

CLINTON, No. 26.

George Fisher, T. I. M. Orson W. Alvord, P. C. of W.
David Woodard, D. M.

OCEANA, No. 27.

red. Neilson, T. I. M. James G. B. Atwood, P. C. of W.
ugustus W. Randall, D. M.

DOWAGIAC, No. 28.

No returns.

LANSING, No. 29.

eo. H. Green, T. I. M. M. B. Carpenter, P. C. W.
eland H. Briggs, D. M.

NORTHVILLE, No. 30.

ohn H. Smith, Rep. of Council.

READING, No. 31.

. B. Reynolds, T. I. M. Wm. F. Fritts, P. C. W.
ohn Fitzsimons, D. M.

JACKSON, No. 32.

ohn J. Duer, T. I. M. J. H. Williams, P. C. W.
enry Simmons, D. M.

ITHICA, No. 33.

. W. Comstock, T. I. M. William C. Beckwith, P. C. W.
F. Wisner, D. M.

BLANCHARD, No. 34.

No returns.

UNION CITY, No. 35.

odney Simons, T. I. M. Mark A. Merryfield, P. C. W.
enry F. Ewers, D. M.

CHARLOTTE, No. 36.

T. Church, T. I. M. W. H. De Sauieter, P. C. W.
aniel Baughman, D. M.

NEBUZARADEN, No. 37.

C. French, T. I. M. L. G. Hull, P. C. W.
Tweedal, D. M.

CORUNNA, No. 38.

Hugh McCurdy, T. I. M. A. C. Brown, P. C. W.
James Anderson, D. M.

HOLLY, No. 39.

James H. Cummins, T. I. M. W. H. Hovey, P. C. W.
John G. Fisher, D. M.

BRONSON, No. 40.

Ira D. Hull, proxy for T. I. M. J. E. Pullman, P. C. W.
L. W. Lewis, D. M.

CENTERVILLE, No. 41.

Isreal B. Quivey, T. I. M. William Fitzsimmons, P. C. W.
John F. Wolf, D. M.

LAPEER, No. 42.

H. K. White, T. I. M. John Hamaur, P. C. W.
W. F. Daley, D. M.

LAWRENCE, No. 43.

Newall Crissey, proxy for T. I. M. O. B. Wiggins, P. C. W.
W. L. Bidwell, D. M.

ST. JOSEPH, No. 44.

Alfred Baldry, Rep. of Council.

SOUTH HAVEN, No. 45.

Alfred G. Gulley, T. I. M. John H. Sandkham, P. C. W.
Henry E. Dewey, D. M.

MANISTEE, No. 46.

Wm. Dunham, T. I. M. Wm. Wente, P. C. W.
D. W. Mowat, D. M.

NEWAYGO, No. 47.

No returns.

LUDINGTON, No. 48.

Wm. G. Hudson, P. C. W., Rep. of Council.

GIBLUM, No. 49.

T. Phillips, T. I. M. Marcus W. Riker, P. C. W.
John Q. Cressy, proxy for D. M.

LESLIE, No. 50.

Edward Oldman, T. I. M. Wm. Hutchins, P. C. W.
Claude C. Walker, D. M.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. CUMMINS,
H. L. ANTHONY,
P. F. BLOSSER,
Committee.

M. I. GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. I. G. M., Andrew J. Utley, then delivered the following address:

Illustrious Companions:

Since last we met in Annal Assembly another year has been added to the scroll of time. We are one year further on in life, one year nearer to that goal to which we are all hastening. And it becomes us, as rational beings, accountable for our actions, to pause and review our labors for the past year, and see if we have done aught that will redound to the benefit of our fellow man.

We have cause to be truly thankful that the great I. AM. in his infinite mercy hath spared the members of this Grand Council, that death hath not invaded the secret vault, and that our select numbers are all present. And as we met in Annual Assembly to consult together for the good of Cryptic Masonry, let us look to the "Giver of every good and perfect gift" for wisdom and strength, so to discharge our duty, that Companions of the Crypt, throughout the length and breadth of the land, may, by the action of this Grand Council, be encouraged to stand more firmly for our beloved Rite.

CONDITION OF THE RITE IN MICHIGAN.

Every Select Master in Michigan has just cause to be proud of the position occupied by the Cryptic Rite in this State. While in Ancient Craft Masonry, Michigan occupies the seventh place in the list of Grand

Lodges, so far as the number of its subordinates are concerned, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee each having a greater number of Lodges; and in Capitular Masonry it occupies the sixth place, giving precidence to New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Texas and Kentucky; we of the Cryptic Rite, occupy the second place, only one state, (Ohio) having a greater number of active Councils than we have.

Again, our Grand Council is sound morally, Masonically and financially. Our members have not become infected with the Mississippi delusion, at least as far as the Body of the Craft is concerned; neither do they think that it is necessary, in order to maintain our existence, that our degrees should be made prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood. We would be glad if the Commandery would take such action as would make them prerequisite and think that such action on the part of the Commandery, would mutually benefit both Chivalric and Cryptic Masonry; and we believe that such action will be had at the next triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. But if it should not, Cryptic Masonry will continue to exist. It has existed in the United States as a separate organization, without being made a prerequisite to the Commandery more than half a century, and has demonstrated the fact that it is self-sustaining, and abundantly able to take care of itself. In fact, so far as the United States is concerned, it is the senior organization. In three-fourths of the states of the Union, the Grand Councils out rank the Grand Commanderies in age, ranging from one year to thirty-five years their senior. The following table prepared by Most Illustrious Grand Master George M. Osgoodly of New York, shows the date of Orgaization of the Grand Council and Grand Commandery in each of the states. For the benefit of those who may, desire to investigate this question, I copy it entire. (*See opposite page.*)

Again our Grand Council is out of debt, has more than one thousand dollars of surpluss funds in its treasury, and an annual income equal to, and for a few years past, in excess of its expenditures.

In addition to this the several Councils in this jurisdiction are, with but very few exceptions, in a healthy condition. It is true that there has not been a rapid increase of membership during the past year, but most of the Councils have done some work, and the quality of the material used, I am informed from trustworthy sources, is excellent, and as it is the quality rather than the quantity that we are most interested in, we have every reason to feel encouraged. The only reason why we have not done as much work in tke Secret Vault during the past

DATES OF ORGANIZATION OF GRAND COUNCIL & GRAND COMMANDERY IN EACH OF THE STATE.

	GRAND COUNCIL.	GRAND COMMAND'Y.	COUNCIL. SENIORITY YEARS.	COMMAND'Y. SENIORITY YEARS.
Arkansas	1860	1872	12	
Alabama	1838	1860	23	
Connecticut	1819	1827	8	
Colorado	none	1876		
California	1859	1858		1
Florida	1858	none		
Georgia	1825	1860	35	
Indiana	1855	1854		1
Illinois	1853	1857	4	
Iowa	1857	1864	7	
Kansas	1867	1868	1	
Kentucky	1827	1847	29	
Louisiana	1856	1864	8	
Maine	1855	1852		3
Maryland	1874	1871		3
Massachusetts	1826	1805		21
Mississippi	1856	1857	1	
Michigan	1858	1857		1
Minnesota	1870	1865		5
Missouri	1864	1860		4
New York	1809	1814	5	
New Jersey	1860	1860		
New Hampshire	1862	1860		2
Nebraska	1872	1871		1
North Carolina	1860	none		
Ohio	1830	1843	13	
Pennsylvania	1847	1854	7	
Rhode Island	1860	none		
South Carolina	1860	none		
Tennessee	1847	1859	12	
Texas	none	1855		
Vermont	1845	1824		21
Virginia	none	1822		
Wisconsin	1857	1859	2	
Seniority in years of Bodies respectively			157	68
No. years Seniority of aggregate of Grand Councils over Grand Commanderies in States where both Bodies exist			94	
No. of States having no Gd. Council	3			
No. of States having no Gd. Commandery		4		

year as we have in some former years is because of the financial depression and general stagnation of business. and not because of any want of interest in Cryptic Masonry. Nor has the general financial embarrassment affected our organization more then it has the Chapter, the Commandery or the Blue Lodge; and as soon as business interests revive Cryptic Masonry will flourish again as in days of yore.

GRAND COUNCIL DUES.

Some complaint has been made during the year by two or three subordinate Councils in regard to the dues required of them by the Grand Council, they thinking that the dues are excessive, more than they should be required to pay. In order that I might at this Annual Assembly make an exhibit of the manner in which every Grand Council with which we are in correspondence derives its revenue, and the amount required by each from its subordinates, I have carefully examined the proceedings of the several Grand Councils, and where they have failed to disclose the fact, I have corresponded with the Grand Recorders, and from the information thus derived, I have prepared a table showing the manner in which the several Grand Councils derive their revenue and the amount required by each from their subordinates; from which it appears that the amount required by our Grand Council from its subordinates is very much below the average. Some of the Grand Councils charge a *per capita* tax on the membership of their subordinates of one dollar, some seventy-five cents, and considerably more than half of them, fifty cents, while we charge but twenty-five cents. Those desiring light on this question are respectfully refered to the following table:

TABLE SHOWING THE REVENUE OF GRAND COUNCILS AND HOW DERIVED.

	ANNUAL DUES	FOR EACH CANDIDATE PASSING THE CIRCLE.	REMARKS.
Alabama	$ 75	$	
Arkansas	25	1 00	
Connecticut		3 00	
California	50	1 00	
Florida	1 00	1 00	
Indiana	75	1 00	
Iowa	50	1 00	
Illinois	25	50	
Kansas	25	1 00	
Kentucky	25	1 00	
Louisiana	25	2 00	
Maine	25	1 00	In addition, each Council pays $3.
Maryland	25	50	
Massachusetts			Ass'm't. made for am't. required.
Mississippi	50	1 00	
Michigan	25	1 00	
Minnesota	1 00	2 00	
Missouri	50	2 00	
New York	50	1 00	
New Jersey	50		
New Hampshire	10	1 00	
Nebraska	50	1 00	
Ohio	50	1 00	
Pennsylvania	50	1 00	
Rhode Island		2 00	Not less than $10 from each Council
South Carolina	25	50	
Tennessee	50	1 00	
Vermont		2 00	
Wisconsin	50	1 00	

The above Table is complete with the exception of Georgia and North Carolina. I have repeatedly written to the Grand Recorders of the Grand Councils of these States, for such facts as would enable me to include these Grand Councils, but have been unable to obtain any information whatever from them.

The dues required by the Grand Council of Michigan are nominal. Twenty-five cents per year is a trifling sum for a Select Master to pay for the support of his Grand Council. It is true that for a few years past this sum together with the one dollar paid for each Companion admitted to the Secret Vault has been more than enough to pay current expenses and we have been able to "lay by a little money, for a rainy day." But this year you will probably be called upon to make appropriations fully equal to, and perhaps in excess of this year's receipts. If such appropriations are deemed advisable, and for the good of Cryptic Masonry, is it not a satisfaction to know that we are prepared to make them. In view of the fact that but little work may be done for a few years to come, and the absolute necessity for money to successfully conduct any organization, I think it would be very bad policy to cut down our dues at the present time. They are now much lower than in most jurisdictions, are not burdensome, and will be cheerfully paid by every Select Master when he understands that he is not required to pay more than the good of the order demands.

REPUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS.

I am informed by the Grand Recorder that the printed copies of the proceedings of this Grand Council from its organization in 1858 to 1864 inclusive and also for the year 1868, have been exhausted, and that to republish our proceedings for those years would require the republication of about 150 pages of printed matter. There may be another year or two of which the proceedings are so nearly exhausted that it will be deemed advisable to republish them also.

In order that our files may be kept complete and that each Council may be supplied with a full set, I recommend the adoption of a resolution authorizing the republication of such as are now out of print, or nearly so, and that a committee be appointed to contract for such printing as may be ordered by the Grand Council.

BINDING PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND COUNCILS.

I am informed by the Grand Recorder that the Proceedings of the various Grand Councils with which we are in correspondence, and which have accumulated in the Grand Recorders office, have never been bound, and therefore are liable to be, and many of them actually have

been lost. With but a trifling out lay they could be bound into volumes of convenient size and they would then form the nucleus of a Library for this Grand Council and would be preserved for future reference should occasion require. Complete files from all of the Grand Councils would not make more than twenty-five or thirty volumes, and they could be bound in good Law Library Binding for seventy-five cents per volume. I would therefore respectfully suggest that a resolution be adopted directing the Grand Recorder, where his files are not complete to procure from the several grand Councils, if possible, the missing numbers, and then to have a complete set of the files of all of the Grand Councils bound in good substantial Law Library Binding, that they may be preserved for the use of this Grand Council.

REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM.

On the 23rd day of June last I received through Illustrious Companion Noble, Grand Recorder, a communication from the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Rhode Island, requesting an exchange of representatives between the Grand Councils of Rhode Island and Michigan. On the third day of July last I received a similar communication from the Most Illustrious Grand Master of New Jersey containing a request for an exchange of representatives between our Grand Council and that of New Jersey. In the communication last referred to, the Most Illustrious Grand Master recommended Illustrious Companion Leonard L. Green as a suitable person for representative of our Grand Council near the Grand Council of New Jersey, and requested me to name some suitable person as representative of their Grand Council near the Grand Council of Michigan.

I immediately answered these communications and informed our Most Illustrious Companions, that under the existing edicts of the Grand Council of Michigan, I did not feel at liberty to make the appointments or to receive those made by them ; but that I trusted such action would be taken at our next Annual Assembly as would enable us to exchange courtesies of this kind with sister jurisdictions, and, if the edicts now in force in this jurisdiction in reference to the Representative System were reversed by the Grand Council, it would afford me very great pleasure to appoint the Illustrious Companions recommended by them, and to receive and recognize those whom they might appoint.

Since receiving these communications I have carefully examined the proceedings of the several Grand Councils with which we are in correspondence and was somewhat surprised to learn that Michigan is the

only Grand Council that refuses to appoint or receive Grand Representatives.

I respectfully call the attention of the Grand Council to these facts that it may take such action in the premises as may be thought advisable. The adoption of the Representative system will cost us nothing, and it will afford a means of friendly intercourse between Grand Councils which, in my opinion, will be productive of good results. Our sister jurisdictions are constantly approaching us and asking us to receive their representatives and to appoint a representative of our Grand Council within their respective jurisdictions. Would it not be more courteous upon our part to grant their request and return the compliment that it is to refuse to receive their representatives or in any manner to recognize the representative system. I am aware that there are some prominent members of this Grand Council who have always taken occasion to ridicule the representative system whenever it has been spoken of in the Grand Council. On most questions I have great respect for the opinion of these Illustrious Companions, but on this question I think they have acted without due deliberation. The most that any of them urge against it is, that there is no practical utility in it, and that they cannot see how the Grand Council is to derive any substantial good by its adoption. In answer to this I say it is an act of courtesy, an act of politeness, extended by one Grand Jurisdiction to another. I do not presume that the Grand Councils that have adopted this system did so with the expectation that Masonry in the abstract would be materially benefited thereby, but for the purpose of sending to, and receiving from, sister jurisdictions kind and fraternal greetings through their respective Grand Representatives.

Masonry, to a certain extent at least, is a social institution, and it is as essential to its well being, that courtesy be extended between its different organizations, as it is to the welfare of a community that courtesies be extended between the different citizens that constitute the community. Perhaps no practical good results from two acquaintances exchanging the civilities of the day when they meet upon the street, or that no real benefit results from a friendly shake of the hand. But the person who, in this age of the world, would refuse to extend these courtesies, simply because he could see no practical good in them would be deemed but partially civilized, and scarcely fit for refined society.

When such Illustrious Companions as Drummond of Maine, Corson of New Jersey, Austin, Simons, Page, Macoy, Lewis and Osgoodby, of New York, Sayre of Alabama, Frizzell of Tennessee, and hundreds of others who might be named, approve of this system, and act themselves

as the representative of one or more Foreign Grand Bodies, it ill becomes us to ridicule it, or to condemn it untried because we may not be able at first glance to see the benefit to be derived from it, or because of some unwarranted prejudice we may have conceived against it.

In view of all of the facts I recommend the adoption of a resolution by this Grand Council authorizing an exchange of representatives with all Grand Councils with which we are in correspondence.

CONDITION OF CRYPTIC MASONRY GENERALLY.

The condition of Cryptic Masonry throughout the country, as a whole, is not flattering. In many of the States, the Rite is in a languishing condition. But this certainly is not because there is no real merit in Cryptic Masonry, or because in has accomplished the work for which it was brought into existence, but rather because the guardians of the Rite, the men who have been placed in supreme command, have been sleeping at their posts. If the punishment to justly awarded to Ahishar was inflicted upon those grand and subordinate officers who are guilty of the same offence, and more zealous companions were placed in their stead, Cryptic Masonry would again assume its proper place, and would be sought after as it has been in years that are passed.

There are many men in high official posititons, who, like the late Grand Master of the late Grand Council of Mississippi, do nothing themselves, but wait with folded arms for something to turn up, and then wonder why it is that our "Beloved Order" does not prosper. This Comp. to whom had been intrusted the supreme government of the Craft in that jurisdiction, under whose care thirty two subordinate Councils had been placed, came into the Grand Council of the end of the Masonic year, and reported that he had not written a letter, answered a question, or found anything to do, and consequently, had nothing to report.

If he had discharged his duty as he was morally and Masonically bound to do, he would have written many letters, answered many questions, he would have visited his Councils and encouraged the Craft; he would have found an abundance of profitable work. In short had he discharged faithfully the high trust reposed in him, the Grand Council of Mississippi would not now be numbered with the things of the past. It is just such men that are dragging Cryptic Masonry down with them. The remedy is to get rid of these men, not to abandon our beautiful and instructive degrees, or procure their adoption into the Chapter. The Chapter has no place for them nor any business with them. Cryptic Masonry has intrinsic merit enough to stand alone, and will stand alone unless it is overthrown by such men as the late Grand

Master of Mississippi. This man may be and probably is a good man and a gentleman, but he has demonstrated the fact that he is not a suitable person for Grand Master of a Masonic body. In this he does not stand alone, for in nine cases out of ten where Cryptic Masonry is on the decline, the cause can be traced back to bad management or neglect of duty on the part of those selected to rule and govern the Craft.

THE MISSISSIPPI PLAN.

Since our last Annual Assembly Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky and Iowa have followed the lead of Mississippi, and the Grand Councils of those states are now numbered with the things of the past. North Carolina, California, Arkansas, and Nebraska have taken prelimary steps for the dissolution of their Grand Councils, making in all nine Grand Councils that have committed suicide, or attempted it in little more than a year. This is a fearful mortality and threatens the utter distruction of the Cryptic Rite. It becomes the duty of every friend of Cryptic Masonry in times like the present to stand firmly by our organization and see to it that it is not betrayed by those placed in command and whose duty it is to guard it with fervency and zeal.

In most if not all of these jurisdictions, they have done worse than merely to abandon our beautiful and impressive Rite, they have turned, or attempted to turn the degrees over to the Chapter, making them a kind of "Side show" to be conferred gratuitously on any Royal Arch Mason who may wish to receive them. And this has been done by Companions who have been honored by the members of the Cryptic Rite with the highest offices in their power to bestow. And one man the late Grand Master of the late Grand Council of Illinois, after having betrayed his trust and destroyed his Grand Council, is lauded to the skies by these modern innovaters as being, to quote the exact language, "The first man in that position (Most Illustrious Grand Master of a Grand Council) who had *nerve* enough to propose a union of the Capitular and Cryptic degrees." Companions, during the war of the Revolution when our forefathers struggled for seven long years for their independence, we thank God that in all the length and breadth of the land, there was but one man who had *nerve* enough to surrender an important position to the enemy without striking a blow in its defence.

If the degrees were only abandoned by these Grand Councils, but little damage would be done, because they could and would be recusitated by better and more zealous craftsmen, the sound of the gavel would again be heard, and the broken arches would again be restored

to their former beauty; but, not content with the desertion of their posts they seek to degrade our beautiful Rite by making it a side show for the Chapter and propose to allow the Chapter to confer our degrees upon all Royal Arch Masons indiscriminately. And this they call "PUTTING THE CRYPTIC RITE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY." By reason of this vicious legislation many unworthy men will gain admission to the Secret Vault, and it will take many years of earnest labor, by zealous Craftsmen, to restore the Councils to their original and rightful position, and purge them of the spurious material that will be thus introduced. But it will be done. Cryptic Masonry is founded on eternal truth, and will survive the assaults of enemies from without, and misguided Companions from within.

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again,
The eternal years of God are hers."

The time will surely come when order shall again be brought out of confusion; our Companions, the faithful Giblemites, the body of the Craft in those jurisdictions, will again meet in the Secret Vault, and in that sacred retreat, inculcate the noble tenets of our profession.

Again, Companions, aside from the folly of this suicidal policy, it is in direct violation of well-established principles of Masonic Jurisprudence. There is no power in any Grand Council to disband as long as a constitutional number of subordinates, usually three, can be found in the jurisdiction, that are willing to assume the responsibilities and burdens of carying on and providing for the Grand Council. If three Councils can form a Grand Council, then, certainly, three Council can maintain it. And if the charter of a Masonic Lodge cannot be surrendered as long as seven members object and are willing to support the Lodge, then, certainly the Charters of Councils, which have been duly issued by a Grand Council, and for which the Grand Council has received a consideration, cannot be arbitrarily arrested or suspended by that Grand Council without any fault upon the part of the subordinate, and for the sole reason that the Grand Council desires to go out of business. Neither have the representatives or delegates, from the subordinate Council, any power to authorize this thing to be done. They represent chartered organization, and have no power as representatives to vote their organizations out of existence. This can only be done, except for good cause, by the local organizations themselves; and then only when a constitutional number cannot be found who are willing to perpetuate its existence.

If all of the subordinate Councils, in the jurisdiction of a Grand

Council, should thus vote themselves out of existence, and surrender their charters, or, if so many of them should do so as to leave less than a constitutional number of subordinate Councils within the jurisdiction, this would, in itself, disband the Grand Council, and, in my opinion, it is the only legitimate manner in which a Grand Council can be disorganized. And even then there would be no authority upon the part of either the subordinate or Grand Council to transfer the degrees to any other organization, or to authorize or empower any other organization to confer them; but such degrees so far as that jurisdiction was concerned, would become dormant and remain so until revived by some legally authorized and duly constituted Grand Council. The attempt by the several disbanding Grand Councils to turn the degrees over to some other Masonic Body, is sacrilege, and demands the most unqualified condemnation. If these Grand Councils are too indolent to maintain a separate existence and desire to go into oblivion, and their subordinate Councils, in a proper manner, consent to this suicidal course, they have an undoubted right to do so; but they have no right to turn Cryptic Masonry over to any other Masonic Body or to authorize or attempt to authorize the conferring of the Royal and Select Master's degrees, in any other manner or form than that in which they received it, or, by any Body of Masons other than a Council of Royal and Select Masters duly chartered by a legally constituted Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite.

But is claimed by some that the Council degrees originally belonged to the Chapter and that therefore they can be restored to the Chapter. I desire to examine this question a little, and show how utterly unfounded such a claim is.

The following quotation from the address of the Grand High Priest of Illinois delivered in his Grand Chapter at their Annual Convocation in 1877 is a fair statement of the views of those who favor the surrender of the Cryptic degrees to the Chapter and claim that the Chapter originally had control of them, and may therefore assume its own. He says:

"I shall now ask your earnest attention to a matter which I consider of vital interest to Royal Arch Masonry. Many who are present know the importance of the Cryptic Degrees, and that without them the Royal Arch Degree is shorn of much of its beauty; that in fact, the Royal and Select Masters Degrees are the key to the explanation of the Royal Arch. The Cryptic Degrees originally belonged to and were conferred in the Chapter, and up to the year 1829 the General Grand Chapter claimed jurisdiction over these degrees. Finally in 1853, the General Grand Chapter, by its action, surrendered its claim to the Grand Councils of the different states. * * * * *

"By taking charge of these degrees and conferring them upon all Royal Arch Masons, we only take back what was our own, and belonged to Royal Arch Masonry up to 1829, (see report of General Grand Chapter for that year,) and which was taken from Capitular Masonry to increase the number of Grand Bodies, giving honors and titles to a favored few."

I will not say that the Grand High Priest of Illinois, when he made use of the above language, intended to misrepresent facts or misconstrue history; but I will say, that when any person says that, "By taking charge of these degrees and conferring them upon all Royal Arch Masons, we only take back what was our own and belonged to Royal Arch Masonry up to 1829, he discloses an ignorance of history, not only of Cryptic but also of Capitular Masonry, that is inexcusable in one holding the exalted position of Grand High Priest of the great State of Illinois.

Let us examine the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and see what has been the legislation of this body on this subject.

The General Grand Chapter was organized in 1798; and at that time a Constitution was adopted, for the government of that body. Section 10, of that constitution, which enumerates the degrees over which they claim jurisdiction, and over which they authorized State Grand Chapters, then called Deputy General Royal Arch Chapters, to exercise control, is as follows:

"SEC. 10. The Deputy Grand Royal Arch Chapters shall (subject to the provisions hereinafter mentioned) have government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters, and of the Lodges of Most Excellent Masters, Past Masters, and Mark Master Masons, within their respective jurisdictions; and shall have power by patent, under their seal and the sign-manual of their Deputy Grand High Priest for the time being, attested by their Secretary, to establish new Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Most Excellent Masters, Past Masters, and Mark Master Mason's degrees—to establish an uniform mode of working—to assign the limits of Royal Arch Chapters respectively, and to superintend and regulate the general police of Royal Arch Masonry within their respective jurisdictions, according to the ancient usages and customs of Royal Arch Masonry"

There is no reference to the Royal and Select Master's Degrees anywhere in this instrument, nor any authority claimed by the General Grand Chapter over them, or by them delegated to State, Grand or Deputy Grand Royal Arch Chapters.

In 1799, the constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter was revised; and in Section four of Article one the degrees are designated as the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and

Royal Arch. And Section five of Article two empowers State Grand Chapters to grant dispensation, under certain restrictions therein named, "to open chapters of Royal Arch Masons and Lodges of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master Masons." In the revised constitution of 1799 there are no less than seven places where the degrees are spoken of as consisting of the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch; and in no place in the constitution is there any mention of, or reference to, the Degrees of Royal and Select Master.

In 1806, the constitution was again amended and revised, by the General Grand Chapter; but all those sections above referred to were retained, nor was anything said in this revised constitution in reference to the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

This constitution was in force in 1829, without any change, amendments or additions, so far as fixing the degrees to be conferred in the Chapter is concerned, at the time the Grand High Priest of Illinois says the degrees belonged to the Chapter. I have shown, that by the Constitution of 1798, and by the various amendments up to 1829, no claim was made, by the General Grand Chapter, to these degrees, nor was any authority given to the State Grand Chapters to confer them; and in addition to this there was, in 1829, Grand Councils in five States in active operation, and one or more subordinate Councils in several other States.

In 1829, however, on a petition from one Joseph K. Stapleton, of Maryland, the General Grand Chapter did adopt the following Preamble and Resolutions:

"*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 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 only and sole intention, of the Most Excellent Companions from whom those degrees emanated, that they should be conferred under the authority of the 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, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, 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."

The above are the resolutions referred to by the Grand High Priest of Illinois, as proving that prior to 1829 the Council degrees belonged to the Chapter. The resolutions do not prove any such thing; but on the contrary conclusively show that the absolute right to the degrees was at that time in the several Grand Councils, and that this right was recognized by the General Grand Chapter. The General Grand Chapter, by these resolutions, cordially recommend the different Grand Councils to place these degrees under the control of the State Grand Chapters; and authorize State Grand Chapters to enter into negotiations with Grand Councils to that end; but positively enjoin Grand Chapters from interfering with the degrees or authorizing them to be conferred in Chapters, in States where there were Grand Councils, without having first obtained permission so to do from the Grand Council.

I have carefully examined the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, and I confidently assert that the degrees of Royal and Select Master are nowhere referred to in such proceedings prior to the introduction of the communication of Companion Stapleton in 1829, and no claim was ever made to these degrees, or authority given to work them until that time; and that the premises, as set forth in the preamble to those resolutions, was utterly unfounded; and that it was so understood at the time, there can scarcely be a doubt.

In 1829, at the very session at which the resolutions aforesaid were passed, the constitution of the General Grand Chapter was again revised, and amended; but no provision was made in it for the Royal and Select Masters Degrees; nor in, fact, is any allusion made to them whatever in that instrument; but the degrees are uniformly spoken of as the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason. Nor has there at any time been any recognition of the degrees of Royal and Select Master in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter; and the Constitution as amended and revised at the triennial session of 1877, Section 9, Article 1, is as follows:

"SEC. 9. The only degrees recognized by this General Grand Chapter, to be conferred in Chapters under its jurisdiction, are the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason. And no Royal Arch Mason who shall have regularly received said degrees shall be excluded from the rights of such, by reason of his not being in possession of any other so-called degrees."

At the triennial session of the General Grand Chapter held in 1853,

Illustrious Companion, Albert G. Macky, then of South Carolina, than whom there is no brighter or better informed Mason living, submitted to that Grand Body the following resolution, which was referred to a Select Committee:

"*Whereas*, The members of this General Grand Chapter have received the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the Holy Royal Arch only, and in that order in the several Chapters in which they were exalted, and have not as Royal Arch Masons been instructed in any other and intermediate degrees, therefore.

"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter will not sanction any other than the above degrees in the Chapters working under its jurisdiction."

The Committee to whom the above resolution was referred after due deliberation and a careful examination of history of Cryptic Masonry reported as follows, which report was adopted:

"The undersigned, a special committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Degrees of Royal and Select Master, commonly called the Cryptic Degrees, respectfully report:

"That they have examined the several very able reports and resolutions which have been made upon the subject of these degrees in various State jurisdictions, and attentively considered the position taken by them, and have availed themselves of the light and information which they shed upon the history, character and value of them. The subject is one which has claimed a large share of the attention of the Fraternity for many years, and loud calls are made upon this General Grand Body to definitely settle the various questions which have grown out of the discussion. We have regarded these demands as rightly and properly urged, and have aimed to arrive at such conclusions as are just as well as satisfactory; and, although we cannot flatter ourselves that we have entirely succeeded, yet, as a reflection of the views of Companions we think it will meet the just expectation of the larger number, and give offense to none.

"The important question is that of jurisdiction, and to that single point we have directed attention. We have not aimed to reconcile conflicting claims, as, from the conclusion to which we have arrived, it is not necessary. We regret to state that past action and past legislation on the part of this Most Excellent Body, has given rise to many misapprehensions, and induced the belief that the Royal and Select Master's Degrees were within the pale of the jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masonry, and hence, looking at this Body as the common head, Grand Chapters and subordinates of this Body have come to the conclusion that they were under their control where Councils did not exist.

"But when we come to trace the common source of title, we are unable to discover how this Body has, or ever had, any rightful jurisdiction over them; and it must be borne in mind, that it is incumbent on this Body to prove title affirmatively and conclusively, and not to

rely upon the weakness of the title of any other claimant. We think there will be found an utter failure of proof on this point. And when we examine the General Grand Constitution and find no allusion to these degrees, and, on the contrary, a distinct recognition of the four degrees conferred in Royal Arch Chapters; and those alone, and that Companion Royal Arch Masons are affiliated with us throughout the land without reference to their possession of them; we are irresistably led to the conclusion that no governmental jurisdiction in Royal Arch Masonry has any control over them. And if this strong position needed any confirmation in the existing state of things in the Fraternity, we shall find that in those States where they are cultivated to any considerable extent, they are under the government of Councils where these degrees and no others are conferred—and there we are content to leave them.

"The conclusions to which we have arrived will render it unnecessary for us to examine any of the other questions which grow out of the discussions relative to these degrees; for if we have no jurisdiction, we have no right to pass upon them, and we do not here assume to state who has jurisdiction but only to state that, in our judgment, we have not. The subject has been examined so thoroughly and elaborately, and the features of it have been so fully canvassed by the whole Fraternity, that we have not deemed it expedient to recapitulate any of the various positions which have been taken, and to defend or deny them. We trust this Most Excellent Body will concur with us in opinion, that the demands of justice and the claims of expediency both require a settlement of the whole matter, and that it be hereafter excluded from the consideration of the Royal Arch Masons as such.

"We subjoin the following resolutions, expressive of our conclusions, for the consideration of the General Grand Chapter."

"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter, and the governing bodies of Royal Arch Masonry affiliated with, and holding jurisdiction under it, have no rightful jurisdiction or control over the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

"*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.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JOHN L. LEWIS JR.
EDWARD A. RAYMOND,
J. A. D. JOSLIN.
PHILIP A. SCHLEY.
AMAND P. PFISTER.

The status of Cryptic Masonry being thus settled by the adoption of the above resolutions in 1853, the question was not mooted again in the General Grand Chapter until its last triennial session in 1877, when the question came up on the petition of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi,

for leave to take control of the Degrees of Royal and Select Master in hat State. This petition was referred to a Select Committee, who, after lue deliberation, and a careful examination of the facts, made the fol-lowing report:

"Your Committee, to which was referred the petition of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mississippi, asking that it may be authorized to ake jurisdiction of the Degrees of Royal and Select Master, and per-nit the same to be conferred by its subordinates, beg leave te report, hat having carefully examined the said petition and accompanying apers, and duly considered the subject matter referred, we are of the pinion that the General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over said Degrees, but, on the contrary, it is restricted in its recognition of Degrees to those of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, nd Royal Arch Mason, as specified in Sec. 9, of Art, 1 of the Consti-ution."

"For these reasons, we recommend that the prayer of the petitioner e not granted.

"All of which is fraternally submitted,

HUGH McCURDY,
GARRETT D. BUCKNER,
JOHN R. HOLBROOK,
CHARLES F. ACHEY,
JAMES D. POLLARD,
CHARLES W. ROMNEY."

I have no doubt, had this report been acted upon by the General rand Chapter, it would have been adopted by a large majority, and here is but little doubt but it will be approved, and the recommenda-on of the committee concurred in at the next triennial communica-on of that Grand Body—final action on the report having been eferred until that time.

Having, as I think, conclusively proven, from the proceedings of he General Grand Chapter, that the Cryptic degrees never formed a art of its work, and that that Body never had any jurisdiction over hem, I propose to allude briefly to the manner of the introduction of hese degrees into this country.

The first that we have any record of them is in 1767, when Henry . Francken, the founder of the Lodge of Perfection at Albany, New ork, introduced the degrees of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent asters, and conferred them as side or detached degrees of the A. & . S. Rite. Francken disseminated the degrees, at that time, to some xtent in New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island, but did not, so ar as I have been able to learn, establish any Council, nor did he con-er the degree upon any but Scotch Rite Masons who had obtained the egree of Knight of the Ninth or Royal Arch.

The next we hear of these degrees is in 1778, at the time of the establishment of the Lodge of Perfection at Charleston, South Carolina; when Joseph Myers—a Supreme Inspector-General—deposited a ritual of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in its archives ; but the degrees were not conferred in that Lodge, so far as I have been able to learn, until 1783, at which time they were conferred on several Companions,—three of whom were living, and testified to the fact of having received the degrees at that date and in that Lodge, at the time of the investigation set on foot by the Maryland circular, out of which grew the petition of Comp. Stapleton, in the General Grand Chapter, in 1829.

Again, in 1807, Joseph Cerneau brought the degrees with him from France to New York, and established a Grand Council there, in that year, under the authority of the Grand Consistory of France.

In 1812, Philip Eckel, of Maryland, obtained the degree of Select Master, in some manner unknown : but it is supposed that he obtained it from a German, who came from Berlin and lived with him. Eckel, late in the year 1816, conferred or communicated the degree to Jeremy L. Cross, who was at that time Grand Lecturer of the General Grand Chapter ; and Cross, in 1817 and 1818, established Councils of Royal Masters in several States. In 1819, Cross obtained the Select Master's degree; and after that, he established a few Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and remodeled some of his old Councils of Royal Masters into Councils of Royal and Select Masters.

The Supreme Council A. and A. Rite Southern Jurisdiction, however, claimed jurisdiction over these degrees, and established Councils through its agents, in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and perhaps some other States, and exercised control over them until Grand Councils were established in the several States; at which time it released jurisdiction to the Grand Councils; but usually retained certain right for members of the Supreme Council. But, in 1870, the Supreme Council surrendered all claim and prerogatives of every kind to the Grand Councils.

The Maryland circular, issued by the Grand High Priest of Maryland in 1827, says, "that the Select degree had existed in that State. under the authority of a distinguished chief (meaning Eckel) without being recognized by the Grand Chapter till 1824, when it was formally recognized;" that they had learned that Councils of Select Masters had been established "through a great mistake, or actual abuse of author-

ity, delegated or meant to be delegated;" and that they "recommended the Grand Chapter to take charge of it. Now, in 1824, at the time the Grand Chapter of Maryland assumed to take charge of this degree, there were four Grand Councils in existence, with at least sixty subordinates; and there were subordinate Councils in other States—some instituted by Cross—some by Cerneau, and some by the Supreme Council S. J.

It is certain, that Councils in the United States sprung from, at least, three different sources—that most of them came either directly or indirectly from the Supreme Council of A. and A. Rite, Southern jurisdiction; and from the ritual, deposited therein by Myers in 1778, there can be no doubt but, as long ago as 1767, eleven years before the deposit of the ritual in Charleston by Myers, as we have seen, Francken communicated the degrees at Albany, New York.

Here, then, are three distinct sources of origin—that of Francken, in 1867, that antedates all others in this country—that of Cerneau, derived from the Grand Consistory of France, and that derived from the Supreme Council, Southern jurisdiction; and all of them can be traced directly back to the A. and A. Rite, as the common source of title.

That the degrees originally belonged to the A. and A. S. Rite, as side or detached degrees, and were introduced into this country by officials of that Rite, there can be no question; and any claim to these degrees, by the Chapter, is entirely unfounded, and has been long since exploded; and no well-informed Mason will hazard his reputation by making such a claim.

THE EFFECT OF THE MISSISSIPPI PLAN ON THE CHAPTER.

The plan adopted by the several Grand Councils and Grand Chapters, in those jurisdictions where the Council degrees have been turned over to the Chapter, not only tends to degrade Cryptic Masonry, by placing it under the control of an organization beneath it in rank in our American system of Freemasonry; but it will result in incalculable injury to Capitular Masonry, because it will introduce confusion into that body, and destroy the symmetry and harmony, that have existed therein from time immemorial. Many of the Grand Councils will not surrender to the Chapters in their jurisdictions, nor to any other organization, the control of these degrees. Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine, Indiana, Florida, Minnesota, Louisiana, and several other Grand Councils have already passed resolutions severely censuring the course pursued by the disbanding Grand Councils, and refusing to recognize, in any manner, Royal and Select Masters who receive the degrees in a Chapter, by communication or in any

manner other than in a regularly-constituted Council of the Cryptic Rite. Hence, in those jurisdictions, the Chapter will continue in the future, as in the past, to confer four, and only four, degrees; while, in other jurisdictions, the Chapters will have control over and will confer six degrees. A Royal Arch Mason, in good standing in the first jurisdiction, although he might be thoroughly posted in Capitular Masonry (perhaps, even High Priest of his Chapter,) would, necessarily, be refused admission as a visitor, in the second jurisdiction—at least during a portion of their work—because he had received only four degrees, while they had received and confer six.

Again, should the Craft recognize the innovation inaugurated by Mississippi, and blindly followed by some other jurisdictions, it is impossible to calculate the injury that may result. If it is true that a Grand Council can, by a vote of its members, dissolve its organization, and transfer its degrees to some other Masonic body, then it is equally true that a Grand Chapter can, by a similar process, dissolve its organization and transfer its degrees to the Blue Lodge, and authorize them to be conferred upon all Master Masons, without fee or reward, or under such restrictions as the Blue Lodge may see fit to impose; or a Grand Commandery may dissolve its organization and authorize its degrees to be conferred by any other organization. In fact, the work of demolition has already commenced. Ancient Craft and Capitular Masonry have already been assailed by these modern innovators. Companion Walters, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, who was mainly instrumental in inaugurating the raid against Crpytic Masonry, in a recent address before the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, strongly recommends the total remission, to the Grand Lodges, of the Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters Degrees, and the making of the former a mere chair-degree, and the latter the capstone of the Masters degree. The moment we recognize the power of any Grand Body to annul, infringe, or tamper with the landmark of Masonry, and tolerate a spirit of innovation, that moment we strike a blow that will shake the very foundation of Masonry. And unless the spirit of innovation can be checked and the Landmarks restored and kept inviolate, we will tumble the superstructure about our heads, and bury ourselves beneath the ruins of our Grand Masonic edifice.

In view of all these facts, I recommend the adoption of a resolution denying to all persons, who receive the Royal and Select Masters Degrees by communication, "on the Mississippi plan," or in any other manner than in a regularly-constituted Council of Cryptic Masons, duly chartered by a Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite, any recogni-

tion as Cryptic Masons; and that the doors of the secret vault, in Michigon be closed against them.

CONSTITUTION OF LESLIE COUNCIL.

On the 7th day of February last, I constituted Leslie Council, No. 50, chartered at your last Annual Assembly, and installed its officers. I found the Companions at Leslie in possessoin of the true work, and their officers vigilant and active in the discharge of their duties. From the zeal and ability manifested I doubt not the Companions of that Council will bring a cheering report from their Secret Vault.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

I have visited several Councils during the year, but not making a memorandum at the time, I am unable to give dates of visitation; suffice it to say, that I found most of the Councils in a healthy condition; some had not done much work, some not any, but all were determined to stand by Cryptic Masonry. Such of the Councils as I have been unable to visit, I have communicated with by letter, so that I have had communication either in person or by letter, with every Council in the jurisdiction during the past year.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have not been called upon to grant any Dispensations for the formations of new Councils during the year, and have devoted my energies to fostering and encouraging those already established rather than to extending the work into new localities.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion Companions, perhaps I should apologize for the unusual length of this address, as it is much longer than those usually presented by the presiding officer of this Grand Body. But the peculiar circumstances surrounding Cryptic Masonry at the present time seemed to demand it; and I should not have felt that I had performed my whole duty to the Craft had I said less. Reports have reached me from different parts of the State within the past two months, that a serious effort would be made at the present Annual Assembly to abandon Cryptic Masonry in Michigan or to turn the degrees over to the Chapter. Companions in certain localities have been deterred from organizing new Councils by the assurance that at this Annual Assembly, the Cryptic Rite as a separate organization in Michigan, would cease to exist; and that, therefor, money invested in the formation of a new Council would be virtually thrown away. And Royal Arch Masons

who desire to receive our degrees in other localities have been held back by the assurance, on the part of the adherents of this "New departure," that by waiting a little they would receive the degrees in their Chapters without any expense to themselves. In view of these facts I deemed it my duty to lay before the Grand Council all the information, regarding this movement, possible, that it might act intelligently on this important question.

Finally: Companions, permit me to return you my thanks for the high honor you have conferred on me by making me your presiding officer for the present year. And as I surrender the ensigns of authority and step again into the ranks, rest assured that I shall remember with gratitude, this manifestation of your confidence and esteem. Also rest assured that you will always find me in the ranks of those faithful Giblemites who are battling for the perpetuity of our Beloved Rite.

ANDREW J. UTLEY,
M. I. Grand Master.

COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

On motion the M. I. Grand Master's address was referred to the following Committee for Apportionment:

Comps. Lewis Grant, D. C. Spaulding, R. C. Hathaway.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following Standing Committee:

On Finance:

Comps. Wm. W. Comstock, T. Phillips, Bela Cogshall.

On Jurisprudence:

Comps. Wm. Brown, Hugh McCurdy, S. H. Norton.

On Returns:

Comps. M. H. Merrifield, George Hill, George H. Green.

On Charters and Dispensations:

Comps. Thomas Rix, David Bovee, J. J. Duer.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

On motion of Comp. Hugh McCurdy, the amendment to the By-Laws submitted the last annual Assembly (see Proceedings, 1878, page 17) was taken up, and adopted unanimously as follows: Amend Sec. 4, Article 1. Strike out in the third line, "6 o'clock" and insert 7:30 o'clock at such place as the Grand Council shall convene.

TREASURER'S AND RECORDER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their annual financial statements, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. A. ELLIOTT, Grand Treasurer,

In account with Grand Council of R. and S. Masters.

1878,		
Jan'y 14,	To Cash, balance on hand	$806 40
" 25,	" " of Grand Recorder	523 00
1879,		
Jan'y 18,	" " " " "	45 50
		$1,374 90

CREDIT.

1878,		
Jan'y 15,	By Paid Pay Roll	$153 00
" " "	" Monroe Chapter	10 00
" " "	" Grand Sentinel	10 00
" " "	" M. I. Grand Master	50 00
" 20,	" " Grand Recorder	125 00
July 23,	" " W. H. Thompson, printing	106 80
1879,		
Jan'y 20,	" Balance	920 10
		$1,374 90

E. A. ELLIOTT,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

G. B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder,

In account with Grand Council of R. and S. Masters.

DR.

For Dues received	from	Monroe	No.	1	$67	75
" "	"	Pontiac	"	3	23	25
" "	"	River Raisin	"	4	9	50
" "	"	Jonesville	"	5	7	50
" "	"	Mt. Moriah	"	6	16	75
" "	"	Three Rivers	"	7	16	25
" "	"	Romeo	"	8	6	00
" "	"	Zabud	"	9	28	50
" "	"	Tyre	"	10	16	00
" "	"	Union	"	11	15	50
" "	"	Ionia	"	12	10	75
" "	"	Sturgis	"	13	4	50
" "	"	Mt. Ararat	"	15	15	25
" "	"	Genessee	"	17	14	00
" "	"	Adrian	"	18	22	75
" "	"	Saginaw	"	20	18	75
" "	"	St Johns	"	21	17	25
" "	"	Portland	"	23	5	25
" "	"	King Solomon	"	25	3	75
" "	"	Clinton	"	26	8	50
" "	"	Oceana	"	27	9	00
" "	"	Dowagiac	"	28	7	00
" "	"	Lansing	"	29	15	25
" "	"	Reading	"	31	7	00
" "	"	Jackson	"	32	37	50
" "	"	Ithaca	"	33	7	00
" "	"	Blanchard	"	34	9	00
" "	"	Union City	"	35	9	00
" "	"	Charlotte	"	36	14	50
" "	"	Nebuzaraden	"	37	10	00
" "	"	Corunna	"	38	8	25
" "	"	Holly	"	39	9	00
" "	"	Bronson	"	40	6	75
" "	"	Centerville	"	41	3	25
" "	"	Lapeer	"	42	10	50
" "	"	Lawrence	"	43	9	00
" "	"	St. Joseph	"	44	9	50

For dues	recceived	from	South Haven.....	No. 45....	4 75
"	"	"	Manistee.....	" 46....	6 50
"	"	"	Newaygo.....	" 47....	7 50
"	"	"	Ludington.....	" 48....	7 25
"	"	"	Giblum.....	" 49....	13 00
"	"	"	Leslie.....	" 50....	6 00
"	"	"	Blanchard, No. 34, dues for 1876...		5 50
"	"	"	St. Johns, No. 21, " " ...		21 25
					$581 00

CREDIT.

1878,			
Jan'y 25,	By Paid Grand Treasury.....		$523 00
" 15,	" 1 Charter Fee.....		5 00
Dec. 1,	" 100 Postal Cards and Printing.....		1 50
	" 50 Circulars.....		1 00
	" Postage, Stationery and Envelopes.....		5 00
1879,			
Jan'y 18,	" Paid Grand Treasurer.....		45 50
			$581 00

G. B. NOBLE,
Grand Recorder.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE.

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's Address for sub-division and reference, reported as follows:

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

Your Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. I. Grand Master, respectfully report that we have examined the same, and suggest, that so much as relates to Dues of Grand Councils, be referred to a Committee of three; so much as refers to a reprinting and binding of proceedings to a Committee of three; so much as refers to the representative system, to a Committee of three; so much as refers to the action of the Grand Council of Mississippi, and other similar matters, to a Committee of three.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GRANT,
D. C. SPAULDING,
R. C. HATHEWAY.

On motion the report was received and their recommendations adopted :

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

Representative System :

Louis Grant, S. H. Norton, R. C. Hathaway.

Mississippi Plan :

P. M. I. G. M., N. Shaw Noble, Hugh McCurdy, Henry Simon.

Reprint of Proceedings :

G. H. Stevenson, C. B. Reynolds, F. W. Hawes.

Dues :

P. M. I. G. M., John L. Mitchell, John H. Smith, E. Bogardus.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M. GEO. NILL, the election of officers, for the ensuing year, was made the special order at 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

The Grand Council was then called from labor until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday Morning—JANUARY 21, 1879—9 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Council resumed labor.

Grand Officers all present.

"MISSISSIPPI PLAN."

The Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the merging the Council degrees with the Royal Arch, on the "Mississippi plan," reported as follows :

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the T. I. G. Master's address as relates to merging the Cryptic Degrees with those of the Chapter, would most respectfully report that they have given the matter a full and careful consideration, and find that the T. I. G. M. has so fully covered all the ground that there remains nought for us to do. but most cordially concur in his statement of facts, and conclusions based, as we believe they are, upon sound Masonic doctrine and the best interest of Cryptic Masonry. We do, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Council unequivocally condemns the action of any of our sister jurisdictions favoring the merging of the Cryptic Degrees with those of the Chapter, and declare that the successful advocacy of such a policy will be fatal to the perpetuation of the Cryptic Degrees, in their purity and sublimity, wherever such plan is adopted.

Resolved, That this Grand Council hereby enters its solemn protest against the merging of the Cryptic Degrees into the hands of any Grand Chapter, and will hold any Companion, who receives the Cryptic Degrees under such authority, as clandestinely made; and as such cannot be received with fraternal greeting within this Grand jurisdiction.

Resolved, That Subordinate Councils are hereby interdicted from receiving or holding any Masonic intercourse with such clandestine Royal and Select Masters. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. SHAW NOBLE,
HUGH McCURDY.

On motion the report was received and adopted, with but one dissenting vote.

REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM.

The Committee on the Representative System, reported as follows, which, on motion was received and adopted:

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

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the Address of the M. I. Grand Masters as refers to the Grand Representative System, would respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

That we have read with a great deal of pleasure that part of the Address which refers to that matter, and fully coincide with what he has said, and feel that the ground has been thoroughly gone over, and that there is nothing further for us to add, and in view of the fact that Michigan is the only Grand Council in the United States that has not adopted the representative system, we would earnestly recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand Council adopt the representative system, and that the M. I. Grand Master be authorized to extend such fraternal courtesies to any Grand Council with whom we may be in correspondence.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

LEWIS GRANT,
S. H. NORTON,
R. C. HATHEWAY.

REPRINT.

The Committee on Reprinting Proceedings and Binding, made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's address, as refers to the reprinting of the proceedings of this Grand Council now out of print, and binding the report of the several Grand Councils, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Grand Recorders be instructed to procure missing copies, of the proceedings of the Grand Councils of the several States as far as possible, and he be instructed to have them bound in good substantial law library binding ; and also that he have bound copies of this Grand Council's proceedings to date.

Resolved, That all copies of the proceedings of this Grand Council, now out of print be republished, and that a Committee of three be appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master to contract for and superintend such printing as may be ordered by this Grand Council. We respectfully recommend the republication of five hundred copies of the reprint, and four hundred copies of the present years proceedings, and that the printing be let to the lowest responsible bidder.

G. H. STEPHENSON,
C. B. REYNOLDS,
F. W. HAWES,

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DUES.

The Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the

M. I. G. M. address relating to Dues, recommended that there be no change at present, which was received and adopted.

On motion of Comp. Hugh McCurdy, the following Resolution was received and adopted:

Resolved, That a sufficient number of copies of the Proceedings be bound, so as to send one copy to each of the several subordinate Councils and the Grand Officer of the Grand Body; and a copy to the Grand Bodies with whom this Grand Council is in fraternal correspondence; and the Grand Recorder be authorized to sell copies to Companions, wishing the same, at cost.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following Report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of R. & S. Masters of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

The amount in hands of the Grand Treasurer, Jan. 20th, 1879	$917 60
Amount paid in at present session	500 00
	$1,417 60
Pay-roll of present session to Subordinates and Grand Officers	350 00
Total amount on hand	$1,067.60

W. W. COMSTOCK,
BELA COGSHALL,
T. PHILLIPS,
Committee

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion of Comp. N. Shaw Noble,

The M. I. Grand Master was allowed $50 for his services the past year; the Grand Recorder $125 for his services the past year; the

Grand Sentinel $10 for his services the past year; and Comp. F. Foster, janitor of the hall, $5.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The special order for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the M. I. G. Master appointed Comp. J. H. Cummins, P. M. I. G. M., O. L. Spaulding and P. M. I. G. M., Wm. Brown tellers, and the Grand Council then proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result:

Comp. HUGH McCURDY, Corunna.....M. I. G. Master.
" DAVID WOODWARD, Clinton.....D. Grand Master.
" RUFUS C. HATHAWAY, Ionia.....P. G. of W.
" EDWARD A. ELLIOTT, Detroit.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit.....G. Recorder.
" W. G. HUDSON, Ludington.....G. Capt. of Guards.
" GEORGE H. GREEN, Lansing.....G. Con. of Council.
" Rev. B. F. DOUGHTY, Sturgis.....G. Chaplain.
" H. L. ANTHONY, Sturgis.....G. Steward.
" WM. V. GRIFFITH, Detroit.....G. Sentinel.

RESOLUTIONS.

Comp. P. M. I. G. M., H. Shaw Noble, offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council be and they are hereby extended to the fraternity of Jackson for the use of this beautiful hall, during the present session.

On motion of Comp. Bela Cogshall, the following Resoluton was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council are hereby tendered to General Humphey, Warden of the State Prison, for his kind invitation to visit the Prison, and assure him that we would have accepted the same but could not do so as our time was too short.

On motion of P. M. I. Grand Master O. L. Spaulding, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council be extended to the various R. R. Companions, for courtesies extended to the delegates in attendance upon the present meeting of this Grand Body.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers elected were then installed, by Grand Master Andrew J. Utley, P. G. Master, O. L. Spaulding acting as Grand Master.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

The M. I. G. Master appointed the following Committee on Printing the Proceedings :

Comps. P. M. I. G. M. Andrew J. Utley, C. J. Kruger, B. N. Eggleston.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence :

Comp. Grand Recorder, Andrew J. Utley.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

On motion of Comp. Hill, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council are due, and are hereby tendered to P. M. I. Grand Master Andrew J. Utley, for services rendered this Grand Council the past year.

CONCLUSION.

No further business offering, the Grand Council was closed in Form, to meet again in Annual Assembly in the city of Jackson, on the Monday preceding the third Tuesday of January, 1880, at 7½ o'clock P. M.



HUGH McCURDY,
Grand Master.

ATTEST :
GARRA. B. NOBLE,
Grand Recorder.

LIST OF GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1858 TO 1879.

Year.	T. I. G. P.	D. I. G. P.	G. T. I.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards.
1858..	*N. B. Carpenter...	S. B. Brown.....	*Frank Darrow....	R. W. Davis.	Ezra Rood.....	*N. P. Jacobs.....	T. A. Flower.
1859..	*N. B. Carpenter...	S. B. Brown.....	*Frank Darrow....	*John Clark.....	" "	* " "	A. J. Cummings.
1860..	*Frank Darrow....	*John Clark.....	D. B. Tracy.....	B. F. Doughty. ...	" "	* " "	S. B. Morse.
1861..	*John Clark.....	D. B. Tracy.....	B. F. Doughty.....	E. Sprague.....	" "	* " "	S. L. Dart.
1862..	D. B. Tracy.....	E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble..	D. Bovee.....	" "	Oliver Bourke.....	C. H. Putnam.
1863..	E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee.....	S. L. Dart.....	" "	" "	J. P. Whiting.
1864..	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee.....	S. L. Dart.....	E. D. Benedict....	" "	" "	" "
1865..	D. Bovee.....	S. L. Dart.....	E. D. Benedict....	W. S. Edwards....	" "	" "	" "
1866..	S. L. Dart.....	E. D. Benedict....	W. S. Edwards....	Wm. Walker.....	J. T. Hayden.....	" "	W. F. King.
1867..	W. S. Edwards....	Wm. Walker.....	J. T. Hayden.....	W. F. King.....	Wm. Barclay.....	" "	J. W. Champlin.
1868..	J. T. Hayden.....	O. L. Spaulding....	J. W. Champlin..	M. Walter.....	" "	" "	H. Shaw Noble.
1869..	C. H. Putnam.....	O. L. Spaulding....	E. Sprague.....	H. Shaw Noble....	" "	" "	J. E. Marvin.
1870..	O. L. Spaulding....	E. Sprague.....	H. Shaw Noble....	Wm. Brown.....	" "	" "	J. B. Nixon.
1871..	E. Sprague.....	H. Shaw Noble....	Wm. Brown.....	A. I. Sawyer.....	" "	G. B. Noble	E. M. Doan.
1872..	H. Shaw Noble....	Wm. Brown.....	M. Mansfield	E. M. Doan.....	E. A. Elliott.....	" "	George Hill.
1873..	Wm. Brown.....	M. Mansfield.....	E. M. Doan.....	George Hill.....	E. A. Elliott.....	" "	A. J. Utley.

*Deceased.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED IN 1874.

Year.	M. I. G. Master	Deputy G. Master.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards.
1874..	Wm. Brown.....	M. Mansfield.....	George Hill.....	E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble...	A. J. Utley.
1875..	M. Mansfield.....	George Hill.....	J. R. Everard.....	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.
1876..	George Hill.....	J. R. Everard.....	A. J. Utley.....	" "	" "	C. B. Reynolds.
1877..	J. R. Everard.....	A. J. Utley....	C. B. Reynolds.....	" "	" "	C. W. Strait.
1878..	Andrew J. Utley.....	C. W. Strait..... ...	D. Woodward..... ...	" "	" "	W. C. Turck.
1879..	Hugh McCurdy.....	D. Woodward.....	R. C. Hathaway	" "	" "	W. G. Hudson.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND RECORDERS OF THE SEVERAL GRAND COUNCILS.

STATE.	ORGANIZED.	DATE OF LAST REPORT.	GRAND MASTER.	ADDRESS.	GRAND RECORDER.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	1838	Dec. 5, 1877	James Milton	Eufaula.	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	1860	Oct. 6, 1877	J. P. McCown	Magnolia.	L. E. Barber	Little Rock.
California	1859				Charles L. Wiggan	San Francisco.
Connecticut	1819	May 6, 1878	Arthur R. Blakeslee	Derby.	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Florida	1858	June 4, 1878	Geo. S. Hallmark	Warrington.	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	1825	April 24, 1878	Charles R. Armstrong	Macon.	Andrew M. Wolihin	Albany.
Illinois	1853	Oct. 24, 1877	Jonathan L. French	Chicago.	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago. (182 Clark St.)
Indiana	1855	Oct. 16 1877	Charles H. Butterfield	Evansville.	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Iowa	1857	Oct. 2, 1877	Daniel B. Shelly	Davenport.	Wm. B. Langridge	Muscatine.
Kansas	1867	Oct. 17, 1877	William J. Cochran	Atchison.	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	1827	Oct. 17, 1877	W. Larue Thomas	Danville.	A. G. Hodges	Louisville.
Louisiana	1856	Feb. 14, 1878	Geo. J. Pinckard	New Orleans.	Richard Lambert	N. Orleans. (P. O. draw.872)
Maine	1855	May 2, 1877	Fessenden I. Day	Lewiston,	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	1874	Nov. 14, 1877	Edwin L. Parker	Mt. Savage.	William A. Wentz	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	1826	Dec. 12, 1877	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston.	John Haigh	Somerville.
Michigan	1858	Jan. 14, 1878	Hugh McCurdy	Corunna.	Garra B. Noble	Detroit. (85) E. Larned St.)
Minnesota	1870	Oct. 7, 1877	George W. Cooley	Minneapolis.		
Missouri	1861	Oct. 5, 1877	William R. Penick	St. Joseph	John W. Luke	St. Louis.
Nebraska	1872	Dec. 20, 1877	Robert W. Furnas	Brownville.	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
New Hampshire	1862	May 13, 1878	Henry P. Glidden	Dover.	George P. Cleaves	Concord. (P. O. Box 214.)
New Jersey	1860	Jan. 15, 1878	George Scott	Paterson.	Thomas J. Corson	Trenton.
New York	1809		Geo. M. Osgoodby	Buffalo.	George Van Vliet	New York. (Mas'ic Temp.)
North Carolina	1860	June 6, 1877	C. M. Van Orsdell	Wilmington.	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Ohio	1839	Aug. 29, 1877	Saml. W. Courtwright	Circleville.	oh D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Ontario (Canada)	1871	Aug. 8, 1877	David McLellan	Hamilton,	James B. Nixon	Toronto.
Pennsylvania	1847	Feb. 20, 1878	Mark Richards Muckle	Philadelphia.	Chas. E. Meyer	Phila.(Masonic Temple.)
Rhode Island	1860	M'ch 11, 1878	John F. Adams	Pawtucket.	William R. Greene	Providence.
South Carolina	1860				Z. Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	1847	Nov. 17, 1877	Bradford Nichol	Nashville.	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Vermont	1845	June 14, 1876	Albert C. Hubbell	Bennington.	W. H. S. Whitcomb	Burlington.
Wisconsin	1857		James L. Bridge	Berlin.	John W. Woodhull	Milwaukee.

RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE COUNCILS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27TH, 1878.

NAME.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	T. I. MASTERS.	RECORDERS.	EXALTED.	ADMITTED.	WITHDRAWN	EXPELLED.	SUSPENDED.	DIED.	REINSTATED	TOTAL MEMBERS'P.	DUES PAID.
Monroe	1	Detroit	Wayne	F. W. Hawes	John H. Shepard	11	2	5	....	46	3	....	179	$53 00
Pontiac	3	Pontiac	Oakland	S. H. Norton	J. A. Harris	1	....	1	....	9	....	....	56	15 00
River Raisin	4	Monroe	Monroe	Louis Grant	Charles Toll	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	36	11 75
Jonesville	5	Jonesville	Hillsdale	R. G. Spaulding	James I. Dennis	....	....	5	....	2	....	....	26	6 25
Mt. Moriah	6	Coldwater	Branch	David B. Purinton	S. B. Kitchell	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	68	17 50
Three Rivers	7	Three Rivers	St. Joseph	John Cowling	David Knox, Jr.	4	....	....	....	7	....	....	63	18 50
Romeo	8	Romeo	Macomb	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	† 21	.....
Zabud	9	Battle Creek	Calhoun	M. C. Shaffer	F. Shay	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	96	24 50
Tyre	10	Grand Rapids	Kent	George Voorhis	John S. Curtis	3	....	....	....	4	1	....	61	17 00
Union	11	Ypsilanti	Washtenaw	E. Bogardus	W. S. Pack	14	....	4	....	5	....	....	68	30 75
Ionia	12	Ionia	Ionia	Rufus C. Hathaway	Wm. W. Worden	7	1	....	....	3	....	....	85	11 00
Sturgis	13	Sturgis	St. Joseph	B. F. Doughty	C. B. Peck	2	....	3	....	....	....	....	18	5 75
Hiram	14	Marshall	Calhoun	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	‡ 65	.....
Mt. Ararat	15	Hillsdale	Hillsdale	Z. R. Ashbaugh	A. C. Allen	1	....	....	....	3	....	....	41	10 75
Genesee	17	Fenton	Genesee	E. M. Adams	W. J. Fitch	....	5	....	....	1	1	....	51	.....
Adrian	18	Adrian	Lenawee	Orasmus Lamb	Orange Webster	8	1	....	....	2	....	....	75	24 50
Niles	19	Niles	Berrien	Cholard Knox	C. J. Stirling	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	31	3 00
Saginaw	20	East Saginaw	Saginaw	Frederick E. Hoyt	Harlem P. Lyon	2	....	1	....	2	1	2	61	.....
St. Johns	21	St. Johns	Clinton	Geo. H. Stephenson	Q. E. Bridgeman	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	80	20 00
Portland	23	Portland	Ionia	H. G. Lee	George Hill	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	25	6 00
Adoniram	24	Manchester	Washtenaw	J. D. Van Duyn	E. P. Crafts	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	28	7 25
King Solomon	25	Big Rapids	Mecosta	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	† 16	.....
Clinton	26	Clinton	Lenawee	George Fisher	Danforth Keyes	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	5 50
Oceana	27	Pentwater	Oceana	Fred Neilson	Wm. E. Dockry	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	30	9 75
Dowagiac	28	Dowagiac	Cass	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	† 29	.....
Lansing	29	Lansing	Ingham	George H. Green	Josiah Bruno, Jr.	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	58	14 50
Northville	30	Northville	Wayne	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	‡ 20	.....
Reading	31	Reading	Hillsdale	C. B. Reynolds	A. B. Strong	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	28	8 25
Jackson	32	Jackson	Jackson	John J. Duer	George H. Colby	7	....	2	....	9	1	....	113	33 25
Ithaca	33	Ithaca	Gratiot	W. W. Comstock	J. M. Trask	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	29	7 00
Blanchard	34	Tecumseh	Lenawee	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	† 23	.....

Union City	35	Union City	Branch	Rodney Simons	Elmer Roe						1		30	7	25
Charlotte	36	Charlotte	Eaton	E. T. Church	P. M. Thomas					6			38	9	25
Nebuzaraden	37	Constantine	St. Joseph	A. C. French	A. B. George			4			1		43	14	50
Corunna	38	Corunna	Shiawassee	Hugh McCurdy	Jeff D. Leland								34	8	25
Holly	39	Holly	Oakland	James H. Cummins	Ed. E. Brewster	7							32	13	00
Bronson	40	Bronson	Branch	Henry Powers	A. J. Trigg				1				26	6	25
Centerville	41	Centerville	St. Joseph	Israel B. Quivey	John C. Jones	2							16	5	25
Lapeer	42	Lapeer	Lapeer	H. K. White	H. E. Hatch	5							39	13	25
Lawrence	43	Lawrence	Van Buren	G. A. Cross	A. H. Draper	4		1					37	12	00
St. Joseph	44	St. Joseph	Berrien	Alex. Elton	Joseph W. Brewer	1							21	5	75
South Haven	45	South Haven	Van Buren	Alfred G. Gulley	George S. Seaver	3							23	8	00
Manistee	46	Manistee	Manistee	William Dunham	J. Kinsley	2							21	7	00
Newaygo	47	Newaygo	Newaygo										‡ 20		
Ludington	48	Ludington	Mason	S. T. Southworth	Mike J. Danahar	3		1					28	9	75
Giblum	49	Hastings	Barry	Traverse Phillips	Edwin Altoft	1							27	7	25
Leslie	50	Leslie	Ingham	Edward Oldman	C. A. Cook	7							25	13	00
						115	13	27	1	109	12	5	2000		

†Returns for 1877. ‡Returns for 1876.

Niles, No. 19, dues for year 1877	8 00
Adoniram, No. 24, dues for year 1877	5 75
	$520 25

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

—ON—

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in submitting their report, acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings from the following Grand Councils since our last annual assembly:

Alabama	1877.	Massachusetts	1877.
Arkansas	1878.	Minnesota	1878.
Connecticut	1877.	New York	1878.
Florida	1878.	New Jersey	1878.
Georgia	1877.	New Hampshire	1878.
Illinois	1878.	Ohio	1878.
Indiana	1878.	Pennsylvania	1878.
Iowa	1878.	Rhode Island	1878.
Kansas	1877.	South Carolina	1878.
Kentucky	1878.	Tennessee	1877-8.
Louisiana	1877.	Vermont	1878.
Maine	1878.	Wisconsin	1878.
Maryland	1878.		

At the request of Illustrious Companion, GARRA B. NOBLE, Chairman of the Committee, we have undertaken to prepare the report on foreign correspondence.

As this is our first effort as a writer of this kind of literature, we trust the Companions who may review our maiden effort will be charitable in their comments and criticisms.

We feel that it is due to Companion NOBLE that we acknowledge the paternity of this report and thereby relieve him from such criticism as it may provoke.

ALABAMA.

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The annual assembly was held in the city of Montgomery, on the 5th day of December, A. D., 1877. Ill. Comp. James Milton, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Eight Councils represented.

ADDRESS.

We quote the following from the address of M. I. Grand Master, Milton, which we commend to the prayerful consideration of every Cryptic Mason:

If we intend to again place Council Masonry in the prominent position it once held, in my opinion it is not to other Masonic bodies, or to the Grand Council, but to the Subordinate Councils that we must look, and to those of this jurisdiction I offer a few words of advice: First. Elect for your officers such companions as are best qualified to discharge the duties pertaining to the offices. Let it be known and understood that on every regular assembly, without a Providential interference, there will be a meeting; meet promptly at the appointed time, and as far as possible, avoid late hours. Endeavor to make the meetings interesting, and each companion to feel that his presence is needed, but above all other considerations, thoroughly learn the work, rehearse it again and again, until it becomes as familiar as 'household words.' The degrees of the Council need only be known and understood to be appreciated, and are not, as many who are unacquainted with them suppose, a single factor in the sum total of Masonic knowledge. For I venture the assertion, that in point of information, beau-

ty and grandeur, the degree of Select Masters is excelled by no Masonic degree, from Entered Apprentice to Knight Templar. And with a sincere prayer for guidance and assistance to Him who is alone able to keep and preserve us through all the dangers, seen and unseen, by which we are continually surrounded, if we are true to ourselves there can be no such word as fail.

PROCEEDINGS.

Further time was granted to four Councils not represented, to pay dues and make returns. The dues of one Council, No. 55, was for some reason, not stated in the proceedings, remitted.

Ill. Comp. Sayre having been appointed a committee to draw up a suitable memento upon the death of Comp. Beaird, made a report from which we quote the following:

Through every country there flows some great river. In North America, we have the Mississippi, the Missouri and the Youcon, the dark waters of which latter glide in solemn silence to the frozen sea. In South America, the Orinoco, the Amazon and the Parana. In Europe, the Danube, the Dneiper and the Volga. In Asia, the Ganges, the Yenesei, the Amoor and the Lena. In Africa, the Nile, the Niger and the Zambeze. But there is another river, darker, and grander, and mightier than any of these; or than all of these together. It flows through all latitudes, and all longitudes. It was first discovered by Abel when he fell beneath the blows of his brother. It has been discovered, or is to be discovered, by every son and daughter of Adam. And though it has been known for six thousand years, there are some of us who have not yet found it, but we are all on the way towards it, and whether we find it sooner or later, we are sure at last to stand up on its brink for a brief while. The pathway of some lead them directly to it, while others toil on in their weary, winding way, for three score years and ten. I need not say that this river is the great river of Death, beneath whose dark waves we must all eventually sink.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The committee on correspondence (Comp. Sayre) had prepared an elaborate report reviewing the proceedings of all the Grand Councils received up to date, but owing to the impoverished condition of their treasury only brief extracts were

published. We regret this very much because reports from Companion Sayre are very interesting and instructive.

We quote from Comp. Sayre, where he reviews the proceedings of the late Grand Council of Mississippi. He says:

The Grand Council of Mississippi having deliberately committed suicide, it is not necessary to notice formally, the proceedings of 1877, and so very few words will suffice.

The representatives of seventeen Councils were present and assisted in the sacrifice.

Companions WALTER and PAXTON were the operators who held the knife and opened the jugular. The latter was undertaker and buried the body out of sight.

Companion PATTON was the only mourner.

Comp. POWERS, the Grand Recorder, was appointed administrator *cum testamento annexo* or words to that effect.

We are happy to be able to add, that while the estate of the deceased does not appear to be large, it seems to be entirely solvent, and therefore it will not be necessary for it to go into bankruptcy.

The Grand Chapter is made the residuary legatee, and will take charge of the degrees. They may be conferred as side degrees or not, at the pleasure of the Chapter conferring them, but they are *as essential to be conferred as the Mark or Royal Arch*, and all *Royal Arch Masons are obliged to take them;* and that looks to us very much like making them a part of the regular series, how then can they, at the same time, be *side degrees?*

That, we think, *must* be a mistake on the part of the Illustrious Companion. Royal Arch Masons cannot be made to take anything. If the degrees are made a part of the regular series of the Chapter Degrees, and placed before the Royal Arch, *candidates* would have to take them in order to get the Royal Arch; but there is no Masonic authority in existence that has the power to make them a part of the regular series. Nor is there any authority that can compel the Chapters to confer them; or that can compel those who are now Royal Arch Masons to receive them; or that can compel any one to receive them as side degrees, any more than they can compel anyone to receive the degrees of the Knights of Constantinople, or Heroine of Jericho. *Masonry is already made*, and while there is an abundance of power to *regulate* the jurisprudence of Masonry, there is no power, anywhere, to interpose other degrees, or compel any one to take other degrees.

The reasons given for abolishing the Councils, may be stated in the language of Companion Walter, in his address to the Grand Council as Grand Master in 1876. He says: "My official position for the past year has been a perfect sinecure. I have neither received or written a letter, granted a dispensation, arrested or suspended a charter, or answered a question. Though willing to work, I have found nothing to do, and have consequently nothing to report. Peace, quiet and perfect *stagnation* prevail throughout the Order in this State.

Now the truth is, that Companion Walter had not informed himself about the condition of Council Masonry in his own jurisdiction. That very year the additions to Council Membership by degrees were more than five per cent. of the whole number reported; a fair increase for any Masonic body whatever. And notwithstanding these lamentations of Companion Walter, and the notice which the Councils received, that they were all to be abolished, the increase the next year by degrees was over three per cent.

In this calculation it would be fair to include affiliations and reinstatements, because they show that they are becoming more interested in the degrees; but we have left them out. In these estimates we have not taken into account the falling off in members by suspension for non-payment of dues; that everywhere at the south (and to a considerable extent elsewhere) has been large during the last several years; and whether owing to growing indifference to Masonry, or to the hardness of the times, the result is the same. But we think it is the latter, because Masonry is a luxury, and is only indulged in when people have money.

In the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in 1876, the addition by *Raisings* were less than three and a half per cent., and there was an actual falling off in the number of affiliated Masons from the preceding year, of 55. And ninety-nine Lodges did not confer a single degree. And yet Brother Murray, the Grand Master, did not recommend that either the Grand Lodge or the subordinates should be abolished.

In the Grand Chapter of Mississippi in 1875, the additions by *exaltations* were less than five per cent., and there was an actual falling off in membership from the preceding year of 123. All the work that was done, was done in twenty-five Chapters; forty-three Chapters had not a single exaltation. And the Grand High Priest, Companion Murray, while deploring this state of things, attributes it to what we think are the true causes, and principally to the *stringency of financial matters*, and he looks hopefully to the future.

In 1876 there were eight *Chapters in force*, less than there were in 1875, and the reported membership had fallen away 197. Seventy-four Chapters (the whole number in force) had 74 exaltations; but forty-three of them had not a single exaltation during the year. And it is sad to note how often the Chapters that had work, had to resort to substitutes; and not unfrequently of *two* to make the number.

It seems to me that in Mississippi, Cryptic Masonry has fallen out of the frying pan into the fire.

Of course the Cryptic Masons of Mississippi are aware of the fact, that there is no power under Heaven that can dissolve the Grand Council, as long as three subordinate Councils choose to keep up the organizations. Nor is there any power that can dissolve a subordinate Council as long as there are nine members who choose to keep up *that* organization. The Grand Council has no authority in the premises. Nor has it any right to dispose of the degrees elsewhere. These are laws of Masonry which will not be disputed by any one.

CONCLUSION

We have quoted in full Illustrious Companion Sayre's review of Mississippi for *three* reasons. *First:* Because of the importance of the questions reviewed and their general interest to the Craft at the present time. *Second:* Because the conclusions at which our Illustrious Companion has arrived, are sound beyond a question, and afford the light demanded by Cryptic Masons. And *Third:* Because he has told the story so much better than we could hope to tell it were we to set ourselves to work to write it up.

Number of Councils,	13.
Number making Returns,	9.
Membership of same,	191.
Received and Greeted,	6
Affiliated,	6
Dimitted,	11

JAMES MILTON, Eufaula, M. I. Grand Master.
DANIEL SAYRE, Montgomery, Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS.

We learn from a letter received from the Grand Recorder, Comp. Luke E. Barber, that the Annual Session of the Grand Council of that State, which should have been held in 1878, has been adjourned till January 1879.

The Grand Recorder is of the opinion that the Mississippi plan of consolidation will be approved of, and adopted by the Grand Council of Arkansas at its next Annual Assembly.

We trust that the Grand Council of Arkansas, having had time for reflection since its last Annual Assembly, will not do any such thing. If our Companions in Arkansas cannot support their Grand Council, let them disband, and let the degrees become dormant in that jurisdiction, until times become better, when they can revive their Grand Council and "complete the work that has been so happily begun;" but do not attempt to make the degrees a "side show" to any other Masonic Body.

If for any cause a Grand Council cannot maintain itself, it has a right to disband, and such action upon their part would be honorable; but it has no right to control the degrees, or to say who shall control them after its dissolution, and any action upon the part of any Grand Council assuming to authorize the degrees to be conferred by any body, other than a lawfully constituted Council of the Cryptic Rite, is *sacrilege*, and cannot be justified by any emergency.

J. P. McCOWAN, Magnolia, M. I. Grand Master.
LUKE E. BARBER, Little Rock, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

Printed Proceedings, 8 co., pp. 48.

The Sixtieth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Hartford, May 6th, A. D. 1878. Most Illustrious Dwight Phelps, Grand Master presiding.

ADDRESS.

The Address of Most Illustrious Companion Phelps is confined exclusively to local matters, and contains nothing of interest to members of the Cryptic Rite outside of his jurisdiction.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence, Wm. Wallace Lee, acknowledges the receipt of copies of proceedings from twenty-one Grand Councils, Michigan for 1877 included.

These proceedings are briefly reviewed, none of them receiving more than a passing glance, except Illinois and Maine, from the first of which copious extracts are made, showing the action of the Grand Council, and Grand Chapter of that state on the scheme of surrendering the Council Degrees to the Chapter; and from Maine liberal extracts are made, giving the proceedings of the Convention of Royal and Select Masters at Buffalo, in August, 1877, and also the action in the General Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment, so far as they relate to Cryptic Masonry.

Of Michigan, he says:

> Michigan seems to be one of, if not the most prosperous of all the jurisdictions, forty-one of the forty-six subordinates were represented, and three more were chartered.

Illustrious Companion Lee, in his conclusion, takes a gloomy survey of the situation. He doesn't say he is in favor of consolidation, neither does he say he is in favor of maintaining our position. He is a modest young man and declines to express an opinion. Brace up! Companion Lee, the storm has nearly blown over, and Cryptic Masonry is as sound as ever. True, we have lost something in the conflict, some Grand Councils have gone down and a few more may follow them, but the great body of the craft, the sturdy Giblemites who form the rank and file of Cryptic Masonry are as true as steel, and will, in time, reclaim every inch of ground that has been basely surrendered by those whom they have placed in com-

mand, and will rebuild every broken arch, and set up again every altar that has been overthrown by the enemy.

Number of Councils,	22
Number making returns,	21
Number of members,	2,429

ARTHUR R. BLAKESLEE, Derby, M. I. Grand Master.
JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Hartford, Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA.

Printed Proceedings 8 *vo. pp.* 96.

The Ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of this State was held in the City of Pensacola, on the third day of June, A. D., 1878, Illustrious Companion Alanson N. Caulkins, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Seven Grand Officers and the representatives of three subordinate Councils were present.

ADDRESS.

The address of the Grand Master shows that he had been dilligent in the discharge of his duty, and that the Cryptic Rite, in that jurisdiction, was in a healthy and flourishing condition. In referring to the action of the Grand Council of Mississippi, he says :

> The action of our Companions of Mississippi has caused a pang of sorrow to enter the heart of every true Royal and Select Master, while it has buoyed up the hearts of many who had no particular interest in the degrees except to see them thrown into the Chapter, thereby hoping to benefit the Chapter, or themselves, by perquisites.
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> Their extreme hasty action, immediately before the consummation of final closing, may be likened to a ship at sea : as long as the wind was fair all was well, but fearing there might be a storm, as a calm existed, they tacked ship and ran for the nearest port, thereby fullfilling the old adage: 'Any port in a storm.'
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> Should the same cause arise in our own State, in the future (of which I have no fear) which should throw the waves mountain high in disorder

about us, let us stand calmly by the ship; and if sister barks leave our company, and prefer running for smooth water, there to be stranded, let us bravely stem the tide, and should the elements eventually overwhelm us, we will nail our flag to the mast and go down with all sails set, leaving as a legacy to our former companions, we at least died at our post.

In reference to the retiring Grand Councils of Mississippi, North Carolina and Illinois, I trust this Grand Council will take such steps as are necessary to have the commissions of our Representatives canceled and revoked, and the Representatives of said Grand Councils be discharged from attendance upon this Grand Council in the capacity formerly existing.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's Address, among other things reported as follows :

We recommend that the commissions of our Grand Representatives near the Grand Councils of Mississippi, North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Illinois be revoked, and that their representatives near this Grand Body be discharged as such.

Which report was adopted.

On motion of Comp. Carlovitz,

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Florida declares that the Royal and Select Master's Degrees cannot be lawfully conferred by, or under the sanction of the warrant of Royal Arch Chapters. That Cryptic Masons so made cannot visit Councils in this jurisdiction or be recognized in any manner whatever.

Good for Florida! This Grand Council puts her views upon the record, in such a manner that no man can mistake her meaning. All illegitimate, side-degree, chapter-made, Royal and Select Masters may know what to expect, when they visit the "Land of Flowers."

A new Constitution and Code of By-Laws were presented, and acted upon, and, after having been amended, were concurred in, and ordered printed. The Constitution and By-Laws to lay over for final adoption and ratification, at the next annual assembly.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Ill. Companion CARLOVITZ. It is excellent. Our Illustrious Companion reviews the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Councils; Michigan, for 1877, receiving kind and fraternal notice. We intend to make free with his Report, and quote largely from it; because, on many things, our views exactly agree, and he has said many things we intended to say, with this difference only, that he has expressed himself infinitely better than we could hope to have done.

In reviewing Connecticut for 1877, he says:

> The Grand Master's address principally relates to the Mississippi circular, which document he submits to the Grand Council, and trusts it will receive the earnest attention its importance demands. He is opposed to handing the Council Degrees over to the Chapters, and to begging favors of the Grand Encampment.

He quotes from the Grand Master's address the following:

> In my opinion, the real difficulty lies in our own members. Let every Council member be true to his allegiance; let him stand firmly for the rights of Cryptic Masonry,—for we have rights as indisputable as Ancient Craft, Royal Arch or Templar Masonry,—and instead of petitioning for our rights, let us stand up boldly for them, and enforce *our* demands by activity and zeal in the S.·. V.·., endeavoring to render the work in as efficient a manner as possible, thus giving the Council Degrees that importance which is their due. Now, by many, they are looked upon as merely a stepping-stone, or as barriers which must be hurried over as quickly as possible, to reach the showy uniform of the Knights Templar. How many there are who have passed rapidly through the several degrees, and donned the sword and plume, who could not make a presentable appearance, if found knocking at the door of any Lodge but their own! They look upon the preparatory degrees as so many obstacles to be got over as speedily as possible, until they reach the height of their ambition, and, as I have heard some of them remark (as I thought in a pharisaical manner,) "I never attend the lower orders;" and so we have Masons in name only. The truths, illustrated by beautiful symbols, have never found a lodgment in their hearts; and, apparently, all that is in the way of the glitter

and show must be hurried by as quickly as possible. I, for one, do not believe in this proposed wholesale mutilation of our American system of Masonry ; and, should it begin, where would it end? There is enough of the Master's Degree without adding the Most Excellent to it, and there is certainly enough of the Royal Arch, if conferred in a proper manner. It appears to me that, instead of preserving Cryptic Masonry by this proposed action, we should kill and bury it beyond all hope of its ever being resurrected.

The address was referred to a Special Committee, who in their report offered the following Resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Council fully concurs in the views set forth in the M.·. P.·. Grand Master's Address.

To which Companion Carlovitz adds:

Well done, Companions of Connecticut, strike up the funeral dirge, and bury all "recusant" in effigy.

Under the head of California he says:

We have repeatedly written to the Grand Recorder for information concerning this Grand Council, but never have been honored with that courtesy due from one gentleman to another. We have also written to the Grand Secretaries for the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter for our library. These high functionaries, however, informed us that the Masonic light and knowledge of that jurisdiction is dispensed at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per volume in gold, and for gold only. Has California set up unto itself a graven image? 'Lay not up unto yourselves treasures, etc., but let your light shine.'

In reviewing Indiana for 1877, he quotes, from Grand Master Richardson's address, the following :

By this report it will be apparent to all, that for the present at least, the hobby of uniformity and General Grand Council is at an end. As to the Mississippi question, it is still open for discussion. But why is this the case? It is very strange, indeed, to an Indiana Royal and Select Master, that there should be any attempt to attach these beautiful and most sublime degrees to the Chapter, or to any other order of Masonry. These degrees being a regular succession of degrees in our American system, it would be a great innovation to divide, separate or in any manner destroy the connection of the lesson taught in the Cryptic Rite. And, to my mind, just as inconsistent as it would be to con-

fer the Royal Arch in connection with the Master's Degree. In either case, one would destroy the sense and force of the other. If Masons will take a view of the history of our Order in its various divisions, they will evidently see that the dates and circumstances that are illustrated in each makes it unmistakably necessary to maintain the present system, and any adding to, or taking from the old and established landmarks are alarming forebodings of evil to our Order. The antiquity of our Order is what gives it strength and beauty. Let us, therefore, not open the door for change in either ritual or system in our Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry. Under the circumstances we can but say, that we most respectfully and fraternally decline to follow the action of our Mississippi Companions in the course they have taken in this important matter.

After quoting the above, Companion Carlovitz exclaims :

Hurrah for Indiana! Well done Companions. Stick to it; and now let us shake hands all around with this committee. West Florida is of the same opinion, and though the Companions of the Councils in the eastern portion of our State have thrown up their Charters because they couldn't see the point that the Grand Council should be located in the west, our, and the southern portion of this State will never adopt the Mississippi plan, at least not in this generation.

In reference to the action of the Grand Council of Illinois, in 1877, in surrendering the Cryptic Degrees to the Chapter, he says :

When we opened this pamphlet we felt hopeful that it contained glad tiding from our friends in Illinois, but were sadly disappointed upon reading the discouraging words contained in the Grand Master's address.

This Grand Council precipitately abolishes certain sections of their constitution to take a sound nap in the lap of the Grand Chapter, contrary to all the vigorous resolutions introduced by Deputy Grand Master Ill.·. Comp.·. J. J. French, to keep the Council alive, and which were adopted. It seems strange to us that this Grand Council should adopt these resolutions and then turn and do quite the contrary from what they have resolved to do. Well the Companions in Illinois seem to be in for reform, and the next thing we expect to hear is that the Grand Lodge has been established as the Supreme head over all the degrees, Lodge, Chapter and Council. So many strange phenomena happen in these days that we would not feel surprised should we read that the Annual Assemblies in some States had been formed of mixed company.

Time and experience, however, have shown the necessity of having Lodges, Chapters and Councils established for the proper working and prosperity of the Craft, as they now do and have existed for over fifty years. Recently, discord and dissatisfaction have sprung up, the cause of which is too well known to be rehashed in this review. This tend ency to relapse into the former condition, which fifty years ago was found inefficient, will only result in the necessity of re-establishing the Lodges, Chapters and Councils as they are now worked, to perpetuate the prosperity of the Craft.

It is better, to let well enough alone, than to fly from evils to evils unknown. Illinois, with its thirty-eight working Councils on the roll, embracing 1,904 members and an annual revenue of over $600, will some day regret the step they have now taken, and will have to undo that which they have now done. Florida, with but three Councils, and seventy-seven members, and no money in the treasury, will never take that step. We have no Knight Templarism on the brain, and fear nothing from any quarter. What we do, we do for the love we have for the institution; and when expenditures accrue, we haul out and pay like a man. Mileage, and perquisites of a like character, are unknown in this country.

Companions of Illinois, you have surreptitiously parted from the Circle of the Chosen and Select. We bid you a tearful farewell.

Although we have already quoted largely from Companion Carlovitz' Report, we cannot resist the temptation to quote as largely from his conclusion. We feel proud of Florida—proud of her efficient, zealous and faithful Grand officers—proud of the generous and manly way in which they sustain their Grand Council; and, above all, proud of their fearless, outspoken condemnation of the "Mississippi plan." Now for the conclusion:

From the foregoing review, we find that the original number of thirty-three Grand Councils is gradually diminishing. Three Grand Bodies, in apparent health, like a man who has laid down to sleep at night, with an overloaded stomach, under the stupefying influence of the nightmare, is tortured by horrid phantoms, have, in their strength and vigor, replete with wealth, fallen into a like stupor, to be tortured by a phantom called "Prerequisite," and fled from their abode to seek

refuge in the bosom of the Chapter. Thirty are now left; and some of this number, like afflicted, will soon follow.

Why this abandonment of the existing system of York Rite Masonry? Is it a movement of reform? Is the order in which it was found necessary to arrange the Masonic fabric no longer tenable? Is Masonry, which has withstood the shock of ages, actually on the decay? Are all the teachings and virtues of Masonry a myth and a fable demanding reform? No! we say emphatically, no! This phantom was conjured into existence by a few, who, while reaching after an infective bauble, were bid to pass through ceremonies, which they did in such haste they have neither mastered nor understood. Let us now look this thing squarely in the face. The retrograding movement of Mississippi, Illinois and Wisconsin, by turning the Council degrees over to the Chapter, in which Iowa, South Carolina and a few other jurisdictions are soon to follow, may be based upon two reasons:

1st. The Companions, feeling mortified at the continued disregard and slight with which the Council Degrees have been looked upon by all those who have sought the honors of Knighthood, in not first obtaining these degrees before they received additional honors, caused the action placing the Council degrees in the bosom of the Chapter, by which they undoubtedly contemplated to coerce all such candidates into the necessity of obtaining these degrees. The Council degrees having been placed under the control of the Chapter, of necessity are now a part and parcel of that body, and the Chapter degrees being a prerequisite to the order of Knights Templar, they will be thus forced to receive them.

2nd. A reform in the multiplicity of Grand Bodies, separate and independent as they now exist.

It is our opinion that the first is the real object of the movement, as neither of the Councils mentioned were actually in a distressed condition. Their membeaship was large; and they had ample funds in their treasury. The degrees remain as they were; there has nothing been taken from nor added to them; neither have the fees been reduced; they have simply become Chapter degrees. Had, on the contrary, reform been intended in the present organization, why not disband the Chapter also, and place Lodge, Chapter and Council under one common head? But why should reform be necessary? It is claimed that the multiplicity of Grand Bodies is expensive. Will the placing of all the degrees under one common head be less expensive? Certainly not. The degrees being the same, the fees are the same;

and, if the fees were reduced, would cheap Masonry, under such reformed system, prove beneficial? Of this, we entertain most serious doubts. Masonry, under the present system, has maintained its merits through many ages. Kingdoms and empires have tottered and crumbled into dust; even Templarism, itself, with all its glittering pageantry, when it once stood alone, succumbed; but Masonry, founded on the "Rock of Ages," assailed from every quarter, even by the Romish Church, has always held its own, and stands now more firmly than it did of old.

Time and experience have shown the necessity of having Lodges, Chapters and Councils estaplished for the proper working and prosperity of the Craft as they now do and have existed for many, many years in York Rite Masonry. Behold our sister, the Scottish Rite, with her thirty-three degrees! She has Lodges, Chapters, Councils, etc., and has no intention of changing her existing order; no prerequisite phantom disturbs her tranquility: why should we desire to change? That which is proven to be efficient with one must surely be practicable with another."

Number of Councils,	3
Number of Members,	75

GEORGE S. HALLMARK, Warrington, M. I. Grand Master.
JOHN CARLOVITZ, Milton, Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA.

Circular.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the City of Macon, April 25th, A. D. 1877.

The usual routine business and reports of Committees consumed the time. Proceedings not to be printed.

Number of Councils represented,	10.
Number of members reported,	278.

Illustrious Companion Robert M. Smith declined re-election as Most Illustrious Grand Master, on account of ill health.

WILLIAM A. GRAHAM, Fort Gains, M. I. Grand Master.
CHARLES R. ARMSTRONG, Macon, Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

Proceeding published in an Appendix to Grand Chapter Proceedings.

The Annual Assembly held in the City of Chicago, on the 23rd day of October, 1878. Most Illustrious Jonathan J. French, Grand Master, presiding.

It is somewhat difficult to determine the status of this Grand Council. It went into a *comatose* condition at its Annual Assembly in 1877, and adopted resolutions of consolidation with the Grand Chapter, a detailed account of which is given in our report last year, (see pages 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 of last year's proceedings); and although we supposed it to be dead, and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter in his official capacity proclaimed it defunct more than a year since, we find it meeting in Annual Assembly again this year, and even appointing another Annual Assembly for 1879.

ADDRESS.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master in his address, says :

> The 'Articles of Consolidation' whereby the Grand Chapter became the husbandman of these degrees, has been concurred in—at least in tacit acknowledgment—by most of our constituents, and the waving fields are now green with neophytes. At the time of harvest, when the sheaves shall be brought to our granaries, the tares—if we have sown any—will then be separated from the wheat, and our threshing-floors will yield their richness and plenty.

If we can understand plain English the "Articles of Consolidation" invests the Grand Chapter with the absolute control of the degrees, and the right to propogate them, and to admit members to Councils, which are also to be under the exclusive control of the Chapters. How then is the Grand Council to "separate the tares from the wheat?" she has absolutely nothing to do with it, no voice in the matter whatever, and such talk from a defunct body, were it not such a serious matter, would be very amusing. It is a good deal like whistling

to keep one's courage up while passing a graveyard on a dark night, it may divert the mind for the time being from spooks and goblins, but does no real good.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That all Royal and Select Masters, made in Royal Arch Chapters, under the authority of the arrangement made for consolidation, be admitted to seats in this Grand Council.

The Illustrious Grand Master reported the appointment of Representatives to the Grand Councils of England, Scotland and Kansas, during the past year.

We find by an examination of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, held in October last, that the necessary amendments to their constitution were proposed to allow it to assume control of the Cryptic Degrees, which amendments were properly seconded and lie over till their next annual convocation for final action. But judging from the actions of our Illinois Companions, we conclude that they do not consider any constitutional amendment necessary for that purpose, as they have in their absence assumed such control, and have been conferring the degrees ever since their annual convocation in 1877.

The Grand Chapter also defined the position of the Honorary Membership provided in the "Articles of Consolidation" of the Grand Council aud Grand Chapter, for the "permanent members and present Grand Officers of the Grand Council," as being a right to seats in the Grand Chapter and privilege to participate in discussions.

PHILANDER W. BARCLAY, Cairo, M. P. Grand Master.
GILBERT W. BARNARD, Chicago, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

Printed Proceedings 8vo. pp. 74.

The Twenty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, was held at the City of Indianapolis, October 22nd, A. D.,

1878. Most Illustrious Charles H. Butterfield, Grand Master, presiding. All of the Grand officers, a large list of Past Grand Officers, and representatives from thirty-six subordinate Councils were present.

ADDRESS.

The Address of the Most Illustiious Grand Master is a business-like document, from which we quote the following, being of general iuterest to the Craft.

On the sixteenth of April last, I received a letter from Companion John C. Graff, Illustrious Master of Terre Haute Council No. 8, asking whether a Companion, who had received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in a chapter in the State of Illinois, could be admitted to a Council in this State—the Councils in the State of Illinois having been merged into the Chapters. He further stated that he had received invitations to assist in conferring the Council Degrees in an Illinois Chapter which he declined to do.

I answered approving his action in declining to assist in conferring these degrees in that manner; and also, in substance, deciding that no Council under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council could admit, either as a visitor thereto or as a member thereof, any Companion who had not received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in a just and lawfully constituted Council of Royal and Select Masters. The questions that will undoubtedly arise from the actions of some of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, in placing the Council Degrees in the charge of the Chapters, are likely to be perplexing and important. I therefore, call your attention to this decission, for such action thereon, if any, as may seem proper to you.

PROCEEDINGS.

That portion of the Grand Master's Address above quoted, was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and that Committee submitted the followiug report, which was adopted by the Grand Council.

The Committe on Jurisprudence, to which was referred so much of the Illustrious Grand Master's address as relates to his decision in regard to Companions of this Jurisdiction fraternizing or meeting with, and holding fraternal communications with such as do not hold allegiance to a regularly organized Council of Royal and Select Masters, working

under the authority of a duly constituted Grand Council, having inquired into the subject matter referred to them, now offer the following report:

That the decission of the Illustrious Grand Master, in the premises, is most certainly correct, and your Committee recommend that the same be approved.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Illustrious Companion William W. Austin, and is a good one. He starts out as follows:

'To be, or not to be, that is the question' which is now earnestly engaging the consideration of the 'Royal and Select'. Whether 'tis better to wait a time with patience, believing that there is a silver lining to the now overhanging cloud, or submit to the pressure of imitation, and quietly sink into the capitular vault.

In presenting to the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction, a review of the proceedings of Sister Grand Councils, we have endeavored to give in a brief form the opinions and actions of those several bodies. Individually we are for remaining with the 'ship of state,' having a firm faith that in the return of better financial times it will be found that each of the orders will have enough work in its individual sphere, without its being loaded down with labor foreign to its own legitimate duties.

After quoting somewhat at length from Companion Sayre's report where that Illustrious Companion reviews the action of the late Grand Council of Mississippi, he says:

Companion Sayre is a Cryptic of long standing, is not easily alarmed because it is low tide, and has strong faith that the *flow* will follow the ebb.

We have, perhaps, been too free in our views and expressions about this 'violent inclination to commit self-destruction,' and would here remark, that before any of our Grand Councils suicide, it would be prudent first to ascertain whether it is not best to get an invitation to come, before thrusting one's self upon the family uninvited. Capitular Masonry now has as much as she can well attend to in managing her own family affairs, her 'ingenuity' is taxed to keep her own table supplied, and when the 'Country Cousins' come to make their eternal stay, you may in time expect to see the old lady's brow begin to frown

darkly. If our revolutionary fathers had been as faint-hearted in the dark days of the bitter contest, as some of our Cryptic Companions are the old ship would have been cast high and dry.

In reviewing Illinois for 1877, Companion Austin says:

We are at a loss where to place this Grand Council, after having read their proceeding for October 24, 1877, held at Chicago. We were once much interested at a feat of some Chinese jugglers; one of the members deliberately before the astonished audience, cut off the head of another member, and while holding up to our view the severed head, the decapitated, 'almond-eyed' heathen arose, and calmly walked off the stage, re-arranging his cherished pig tail of a que; which head the was original we don't know to this day.

Our neighbor Council always was great on some new move—some new Grand Past Degree, some new grip—always fertile in some new novelty. By a wave of her Cryptic wand she first strikes out three articles of her Constitution—what they are she don't say—and then resolves that if the Grand Chapter will take her to her BOSOM within two years the Grand Council becomes *non est*, and if she don't take her in, then she is as she ever was. On the strength of this movement (caveat filed) the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter says 'the Grand Chapter and Grand Council have consolidated,' whereupon the Grand Master of the Grand Council, (said body being in a purgatorial state,) in an addenda, says 'it isn't so;' that they have gone into a curculio state for two years and if not buried in that time by the Grand Chapter, the Grand Ahishar is to awake from his slumbers, and with gilded wings and a radient halo, will go for the flowers and sweet honey on his own account. We await the event with patience. Should this process of transformation be accomplished, we may then expect some new development of transforming the Chapter into a Lodge.

The next assembly (natural or spiritual) will be held October 23, 1878, at Chicago.

In reviewing New York for 1877, he quotes from Companion Hudson's report the following, which we earnestly commend to the careful consideration of every Cryptic Mason.

We cannot expect to be as large as the Chapter or the Lodge, nor shall we ever rival them; but we are doing as well as they are, and have no cause to be discouraged. These are the times that try our material.

Those who are true Masons, who have entered into the spirit of the fraternity, will hold fast and be as zealous and as enthusiastic as ever. Our future must depend upon ourselves.

After quoting from the proceeding of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania the resolution adopted by that Grand Council in which they denounce the "Mississippi Plan" and refuse to fraternize with Royal and Select Masters made under it, he says:

It may be a partiality for our native State, but we believe that the old Keystone State has here taken the only true, safe, and logical stand.

Selling the stock of a store is an actual transaction, but as to the transfer of the *good will*, the buyer often finds it more theory than practice. A Grand Council may by a presto movement, change its subordinates into the Chapter Subordinates, but will *all* the Royal and Select Members be changed of their own free will and accord? Will they *all* believe the transformation to be legal? Can they regard the Royal and Seleet members made in the Chapter as being just and lawful? Can Royal Arch Masons who have not received the Royal and Select degrees, be compelled to take them, to bring them upon a common level? If they refuse to receive them, must they be excluded from their *own* Chapter during part of the ceremonies—have they not the right to regard such work as not 'just and lawful?' We think that this *bosoming* business will give rise to many intricate questions not yet thought of, and that the CHAPTERS will find that in admitting the *Council*, the latter will bring more baggage with it than the Capitular Mansion will hold.

Again, admitting the Grand Council of Indiana to be absorbed by the Grand Chapter, what could prevent, for example, nine *dissatisfied* Royal and Select Masters at New Albany, from obtaining a charter from Kentucky; nine at Shelbyville, from Ohio, and nine at La Porte, from Michigan? These three, then, by regulation, *could* form a *just and lawful* Grand Council of Indiana, and proceed with legal business—the confusion that would arise can be easily foreseen.

The argument for absorption, as used by some, is, that part of the Cryptic Degrees are essentially capitular in their nature, and the two should be united; this, of course, would, if accomplished, require a remodeling of the whole. The same argument, also applies to the Chivalric Order, and if one change is warranted, why not the other? We could also say the same as to the Chapter and Lodge Degrees, and the process would justify an amalgation there. If the first step is permitted, where is this movement to end?

In commenting on Companion Whitcomb's report in the proceedings of the Grand Council of Vermont, he says:

Companion W. H. S. Whitcomb, Grand Recorder, presented a racy and interesting report on Correspondence. With the 'caution of the Finance Committee' suspended in view, he was compelled to make it brief, but it is of such a spicy, generous nature, we wish that the said Finance Committee had given him full swing. What if it had taken a little more money; the Cryptic Craft of Vermont would have been *much* benefitted by the information imparted.

Quoting our conclusion in 1876, he says he 'might have added, *kill* some of the traveling mountebanks that go about peddling new 'Rites,' distracting the attention, absorbing the time, depleting the pockets and pulling down the altars of our companions,' and we agree with him in that. We know of small places that within five years had active Lodges, and larger places had equally active Chapters and Councils, that these barnacles of 'Rites' have ruined. We say nothing of the merit of them, but we think we have too many.

Number of chartered Councils,	46.
Number of members,	1,584.

ALBERT P. CHARLES, Seymour, M. I. Grand Master.
JOHN M. BRAMWELL, Indianapolis, Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

Printed Proceedings, 8*vo. pp.* 48.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of Iowa, met in Annual Assembly at the City of Marshalltown, October 15th, A. D. 1878. Most Illustrious DANIEL B. SHELLEY Grand Master, presiding. And, as appears from the report of the Committee on Credentials, representatives from eleven Subordinate Councils were in attendance.

ADDRESS.

The Grand Master in his address in alluding to the work performed by him in his official capacity says :

"On the 16th of September, at the request of the the Illustrious Master of King Solomon Council, No. 20, of Marshalltown, I issued a special dispensation for the election of officers; said Council having failed to hold its election on the date required by its by-laws. *This is the only official correspondence that I have had with the Councils in our own jurisdiction during my administration.*"

He calls the attention of the Grand Council to the fact of the appointment of a committee by the Grand Council at its last annual assembly, to confer with a like committee from the Grand Chapter on the propriety of the adoption of the "Mississippi plan" in Iowa, and says:

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There seems to be no way open to us but to consolidate with the Chapter. This course has been rendered necessary for the preservation and perpetuation of the degrees, because it has been found to be impossible to keep alive an interest in them as a separate grade, notwithstanding their acknowledged beauty and excellence.

PROCEEDINGS.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows that the funds in the Grand Treasury at that date, Oct. 15th, 1878, was $527,05.

The report of the Committee on consolidation was received and read, and it was moved that the report be adopted, subject to the concurrence of the Grand Chapter. A vote was taken by a call of Councils and resulted as follows:

For Consolidation.—Councils No. 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, and 20, three votes each, total, eighteen votes; Grand and Past Grand Officers, fifteen votes, being a total of thirty-three votes.

Against Consolidation.—Councils No. 19 and 22, three votes each, being six votes.

Whereupon the report of the Committee was declared to be adopted, subject to the concurence of the Grand Chapter."

By a resolution adopted by the Grand Council, the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer were directed to pay over to the Treasurer of the Grand Chapter any and all funds that might remain in their hands after liquidating all just claims against the Grand Council.

THE CLOSING SCENE.

Ill. Comp. Dewey presented the following preamble and resolutions which were, on motion, adopted :

WHEREAS,—at the regular Assembly of this Grand Council held yesterday afternoon, articles of consolidation were duly adopted, subject of the approval and concurrence of the Grand Chapter : and,

WHEREAS,—After formal presentment and consideration, said articles were duly approved and concurred in by said Grand Chapter; therefore be it

Resolved,—That this Grand Council proceed to close, and when so closed, shall cease to exist as a Grand Body.

After which the Grand Council was, by the Grand Master, declared closed without day.

The "articles of consolidation," or as we think they might more appropriately be called "Resolutions of Abandonment." are very similiar to those adopted in Wisconsin which are given in full in our review of that Grand Council.

The causes which led to this action in Iowa, we think are apparent from a review of their proceedings. When the Grand Master of a Masonic Body like that of the Grand Council of Iowa can at the end of the Masonic year, truthfully report that the only official correspondence he has had with the Councils under his charge was the writing of *one* letter in reply to one he had received; it is very evident that there has been a gross neglect of duty upon his part, and when having thus neglected his duty and suffered the Craft to become lukewarm, he recommends an abandonmemt of the degrees, or, a consolidation as he is pleased to term it, it is quite natural for the Craft to adopt and act upon his recommendation. In our opinion there

is no doubt had the Grand Master faithfully discharged his duty, had he visited his Councils and encouraged the Craft, and if at the Annual Assembly he had stood up in his place like a man and exhorted his Companions by all means to maintain their organization and *never give up the ship* or consent that our beautiful Rite should be made a "*side show*" for some other Masonic Body; we say had he pursued this course, we have no doubt that the Grand Council would have sustained him, and would now have been in a healthy condition. We can see no necessity for such action. The Grand Council had a large surplus in its Treasury (over $500) and was out of debt; why then this haste to commit self distruction? We have no positive means of knowing, but we have no doubt the Grand Council, in proportion to its membership, was in a better condition financially and had a larger surplus in its Treasury than either of the other Masonic Bodies in that state.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Ill. Comp. Langridge. In reviewing Florida, he says:

"Ill. Comp. Carlovitz is 'heavy' as a librarimaniac. He calls on the Grand Secretary of Maryland most imploringly to help him, and asks among other things, for Grand Chapter proceedings 'from 1814 to 1869 inclusive;' and says he intends to keep calling till he gets them. We hope he will, as by his perseverance he may get somebody to reprint them. We have never been able to get anything before 1828, and Ill. Comp. Wentz, himself, tells us that he has none of them in duplicate. Ill. Comp. Thomas of Kane Lodge, speaks of reprinting them. When he does we will all get them, and not uutil then we fear. But keep on calling Ill. Comp. C.; no telling what you may accomplish if your wind holds out. We rejoice to hear he proposes to keep trying Tennessee, also. In the intervals, while at it, read reflectively I, Kings, XVIII, 27, to 29 verses inclusive. You will be surprised to see how 'history repeats itself.' We rejoiced when we heard the Grand Secreatary was elected General Grand High Priest. We knew that *now* 'the churches would have peace,' And we will bet a day's wages there will be fewer 'decisions' reported to the General Grand Chapter than there has been for many sessions. Coz wy? That Gen-

eral Grand dignitary never learned to write—a letter. We have been Grand Secretary since 1858—now twenty long years; we have written him repeatedly, but never since the death of the lamented Fuller, have we had a line from the Grand Secretary of Tennessee. *Quod erat demonstrandum*: He don't know how to write a letter. But keep on, Ill. Comp. Carlovitz; we like to see the good victorious, and believe in the preseverance of (and persecution by) the saints.

We can certainly sympathize with our Companions in Iowa and Florida, so far as the above referes to Tennessee, for we have written to the Grand Recorder of that Grand Council not less than three times within the last six months and have not been honored by so much as even a postal card in reply.

I quote from the conclusoin of Comp. Langridge, the following:

The only really interesting topic, however, before the Grand Bodies, is, 'what will He Do with it?' The feeling is very general, that the Council grade is a *steep one*, and hard to get up—any any interest in. The trouble is that noted by Ill. Comp. Lee, of Connecticut—we have too many Masonic societies, and they demand too much time and attention. Will putting the Council degrees into the Chapter, and loading it down, when it has, itself, also, too many already help matters any? We fear not.

We do not understand the premises above to be correct. We admit that Council membership is not increasing as rapidly in membership as it did at one time, neither in fact is any of the Masonic Bodies increasing at present, but rather decreasing; the initiates not equaling the loss from death, suspension and etc. Even in those jurisdictions where our Companions have abandoned the Cryptic Rite, it would compare favorably with Capitular or Ancient Craft Masonry, and in proportion to its membership it had not suffered as much either in the loss of members or financially as the other Masonic Bodies, and we can see nothing that will justify them in the course they have taken. The only difficulty, in our opinin, is the financial embarrassment under which the country is laboring. As soon as times become better, all will be well.

KANSAS.

Printed Proceedings for 1875–6–7, 8*vo.*, *pp.* 52.

The Grand Council of this State met in Annual Assembly in the City of Topeka, October 16th, A. D. 1877. Companion DAVID BROCKWAY, Most Illustrious Grand Master, presiding. All the Grand Officers, except the Grand Recorder and grand Chaplain, were present. Delegates from five subordinate Councils were in attendance.

ADDRESS.

The grand Master, in his address, in referring to the action of the grand Council of Mississippi, makes use of the following language :

A proposition was made, by the Grand Council of Mississippi, to discontinue the Council as a separate Order, and distribute the degrees to the Lodge and Chapter Degrees as a part of their instruction ; and during the past year an arrangement has been made, by which the Grand Council of that State has surrendered its existence and property to the Grand Chapter ; and, hereafter, the several Royal Arch Chapters, in that jurisdiction, will confer or communicate the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters to Royal Arch Masons only, and all Royal Arch Masons who have not already received these degrees may have them conferred, or communicated without fee.

While the subject of continuing the Council in this Jurisdiction is one for your disposition and left to your decision, I most earnestly protest against any action looking towards an abandonment of the Order or a transfer of its Degrees to any other Masonic Body, and am glad to be able to say, that I have not met with a single Select Master in Kansas who advocates such a suicidal step. Better let the secret vault be closed until future explorers penetrate it, and through tedious processes decipher its mystic lore, than let its treasures be scattered by vandal hands, or its beautiful and instructive Degrees become side Degrees in the Chapter or any other Body. Let us have a separate existence or none at all.

We most heartily concur in the conclusions of the grand Master, and say with him, "*Let us have a separate existence*

or none at all." But, we cannot agree with him, in the proposition that the question of continuing Councils in existence is one left to the decision of the representatives in any Grand Council. We do not believe that a Grand Council can legislate itself out of existence, or pass any law that will be obligatory on its subordinates, requiring them to surrender their charters and suspend work in the secret vault. When a Grand Council issues a charter to a subordinate, it receives for that charter a valuable consideration, and by the charter guarantees to the subordinate the right, in perpetuity, to maintain a Council of Royal and Select Masters and to confer the degrees of Cryptic Masonry therein; and, as long as such subordinate council conducts itself properly, strictly observes and duly conforms to Masonic law and usage, and pays the dues and assessments levied upon it by the Grand Council, we maintain that the Grand Council cannot, even by a unanimous vote, revoke the charter of that subordinate council, or close the door of its secret vault. Neither can the Grand Council legislate *itself* out of existence. It may refuse to meet, and in that event it would become dormant; and if all of its subordinates should surrender their charters or cease to exist, that would, in and of itself, dissolve the Grand Council; and, in our opinion, it is the only way a Grand Council can be dissolved.

PROCEEDINGS.

The committee, to whom was referred the Grand Master's address, among other things reported as follows:

"Your committee cordially approve the position taken by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, in relation to our duty to the Cryptic Rite, and earnestly urge upon each and every Illustrious Companion in our jurisdiction the importance of doing all in their power to sustain this branch of Freemasonry."

Number of subordinate Councils,	5
Number of members,	140
Passed the Circle,	61

W. J. COCHRAN, Fort Scott, M. I. Grand Master.
JOHN H. BROWN, Wyandotte, Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

Proceedings Clipped from a Newspaper.

The late Grand Council of this State met in annual assembly in the city of Louisville, October 23d, A. D. 1878. Comp. W. La Rue Thomas, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. All the Grand officers, except the G. P. C. W. and Grand Steward, were present. Also, the representatives from fifteen subordinate councils were in attendance.

ADDRESS.

The address of the Grand Master was a "lamentation" over the "want of interest" in "our beloved Order," and a confession indirectly, upon his part, that he had done nothing for the good of the Craft during the past year, and had helped to drag it down to its present deplorable condition. He recommended the surrender of the degrees to Capitular Masonry.

PROCEEDINGS.

The following is the action had by the Grand Council and Grand Chapter, in reference to the surrender of the Cryptic Rite to the Capitular:

The committee appointed at the last communication, in relation to merging Council with Chapter degrees, submitted the following, which was adopted. viz:

The undersigned, a committee appointed at the last convocation of the Grand Council to confer with a similar committee appointed by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky, upon the propriety of merging the degrees over which this Grand Council has jurisdiction, respectfully report that they have given the subject careful attention; and while they regret that any steps are necessary to perpetuate these beautiful degrees to the science of Speculative Masonry, yet it is too true that they are in a failing condition, and unless some steps are taken, and that speedily, they will pass entirely out of sight in some parts of this jurisdiction; and even in those parts of the jurisdiction where Cryptic Masonry should flourish more prominently, it is at a perfect stand-still.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, at its late session, adopted the report of the committee appointed to confer with this committee, in which the Grand Chapter agrees to take charge of and preserve the degrees of Royal and Select Master to the Craft; therefore, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz :

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Council of the State of Kentucky surrender to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Kentucky all jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master.

2. *Resolved*, That the Subordinate Councils turn over to the nearest Chapter all the books, papers and property in their possession; and the Chapter shall immediately proceed to wind up the affairs of the Council; and, after the payment of any debts due by the Council, the surplus, if any, shall be turned over to the Treasury of the Chapter, *Provided*, that in cities or towns where there are more than one Chapter, the oldest Chapter shall take charge of the property and sell the same to the highest bidder, and divide the proceeds equally among all the Chapters in said city or town.

3. *Resolved*, That any money, in the hands of the Grand Recorder or Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council, or any property that may belong to the said Grand Council, be turned over to the said Grand Chapter, *Provided*, the debts of the Grand Council shall first have been paid.

4. *Resolved*, That a committee of one or more be appointed, on the part of the Grand Council, to confer with and assist the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky in carrying out the foregoing resolutions.

JAMES W. STATON,
W LARUE THOMAS,
H. BOSTWICK.

And also the following, which was adopted, viz :

The special committee, to whom that portion of the M. I. Grand Master's address relating to the promulgation of the New Work adopted at the last convocation of the Grand Council, would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz ;

Resolved, That the Work, to be furnished the Grand Chapter, be the Work adopted at the last convocation of this Grand Council.

On motion of Comp. Staton, the proceedings of this convocation of the Grand Council were ordered to be printed, in connection with the Grand Chapter proceedings.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Companions Wm. Ryan and Laughlin the committee provided for in the resolutions adopted in relation to merging the degrees.

The Grand Council then adjourned *sine die*.

The Special Committee, appointed by the Grand Chapter, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

The special committee, appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, at the last annual communication, to confer with a like committee from the Grand Council of Kentucky upon the propriety of merging the degrees of Royal and Select Master, in the Chapter, respectfully report, that they have carefully investigated the subject in all its bearings; but from the fact that your Committee on Foreign Correspondence has kept you posted with the proceedings of other Grand Chapters on this subject, we deem it only necessary to propose a practicable method of union, since all agree that the death-blow was given to Cryptic Masonry at Cleveland (when the Grand Encampment refused to place these degrees in the line), unless the State Grand Chapters make some arrangement for their preservation.

Your committee is of the opinion, that, under the constitution of the General Grand Chapter, no other degrees than M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A. can be worked as a Chapter ; and that, at the next triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States permission will be given to place the degrees of Royal and Select Master where they properly belong. Therefore, in order to give R. A. Masons in Kentucky an opportunity to enjoy all the Masonic light dispensed to R. A. Masons in neighboring jurisdictions, we propose the following plan, in which the committee from the Grand Council unanimously concur :

Resolved, That should the Grand Council of Kentucky, which is to meet in this city on Wednesday, October 23d, surrender jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters to the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, then—

1. The High Priest, King, Scribe, or any competent Companion of any Subordinate Chapter, in the State of Kentucky, is hereby authorized to communicate the degrees of Royal and Select Master to a sufficient number of Companions only, including the presiding officers, to open a Council; and as soon as practicable thereafter they shall confer the degrees, in Due Form, upon all Royal Arch Masons in good standing in their Chapter, free of charge, upon written application.

2. The High Priest, King and Scribe, hereafter elected to preside

over a Subordinate Chapter, must have received the degrees of Royal and Select Master before installation.

3. All candidates, hereafter exalted to the degree of Royal Arch, shall be entitled to receive the degrees of Royal and Select Master, subject to such fees as the Subordinate Chapter may prescribe.

4. The High Priest, of the nearest Subordinate Chapter to the Councils now in existence, shall take charge of all the books, papers and property that may be placed in his hands, and make such disposition of them as the Grand Council shall direct.

5. The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary shall notify the Subordinate Chapters, by circular letter, of the adoption of this plan, and accompany the proclamation with such instructions as may be necessary to carry out this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. LAUGHLIN,
J. C. GILBERT,
H. W. FULTON.

From the foregoing, it will be seen that the Grand Council of Kentucky has ceased to exist—not because the workmen in the secret vault had lost their zeal; (for fifteen Subordinate Councils were faithful to the trust reposed in them, and sent their representatives to the annual assembly, to represent their interests and labor for the good of Cryptic Masonry, and paid their money for the support of the Grand Council:) but because of lukewarmness, inefficiency, and bad management, upon the part of its Grand Officers. On them alone rests the responsibility.

On the 20th of November last, in answer to inquries as to the action of the Grand Council and Grand Chapter of Kentucky, on this question, we received a letter from Illustrious Companion A. G. Hodges, late Grand Recorder, from which we make the following extract:

I send you the second and third numbers of *Our Home*, a weekly paper commenced at the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home; and by an examination of the same, you will find the action of our Grand Council and Grand Chapter last month, in regard to merging the degrees. You will perceive that our Grand Council no longer exists.

It was decently interred, according to Masonic usage, on the evening of the 23d of October, 1878—the funeral oration being delivered by the presiding officer, M. I. G. M. LaRue Thomas, the present Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky.

At the conclusion of the funeral oration, I was called upon to sing the Doxology, by some Companions present; but my heart was too full, and I could not sing ; so we wound up without even a Doxology.

The Chapters in this city, by the High Priest, are now conferring the degrees upon all applicants, *free of charge.*

——— ——— of ———, M. I. Grand Master.
——— ——— of ———, Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

Printed Proceedings, 8 *vo. pp.* 22.

The Twenty-third Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, was held on the 14th day of February, A. D. 1878, in the City of New Orleans. Illustrious Companion George J. Pinckard, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Seven subordinate Councils were represented.

ADDRESS.

The address of Most Illustrious Companion Pinckard contains much that is valuable, and of general interest to the Craft throughout the entire country, and I shall take the liberty to quote from it largely. After having feelingly and eloquently spoken of the death of certain distinguished Masons, he says:

While death has been busy in our midst individually, dissolution has been at work in our midst as organizations. Three Grand Councils have gone out of existence, and gone by their own acts. The Grand Council of Mississippi, the Grand Council of Illinois and the Grand Council of North Carolina. The causes which led to these Masonic deaths, if I may so term them, are utterly incomprehensible to me. The Grand Council of Mississippi, with a roll of constituents numbering twenty-one, and a balance credit of $400.00 due it by the Grand Chapter, suddenly and without time for mature reflection, surrenders its powers, steps down and out, and asks the Grand Chapter to relieve it of its work, ignores its mission and becomes a thing of the past.

The Grand Council of Illinois retires gracefully, carrying with it fifty-four constituents Councils, and a balance in its treasury of $50. The state of the Grand Council of North Carolina I am unacquainted with, not having seen a report of its proceedings.

After having given in his address, a detailed account of the action had in the General Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment, in reference to Cryptic Masonry, he says :

In reference to the future of the Rite, Comp. Drummond, of Maine, is of opinion, the stimulus the war gave Masonry was unhealthy ; many were accepted who petitioned only from mercenary motives ; many Masonic bodies were organized in sparce districts, and could not survive the depression which at length overtook the business interests of the whole country.

These Masonic bodies were largely made up of those who were never in the habit of attending the meetings, ceased paying dues, and cared as little for the Institution as they knew of it ; the result of this overdoing of Masonry in flush times, is now, in stringent times, reacting, and will continue to react until this *fungi* growth shall have been cut away and depressed, until we reach what he terms 'the hard pan ;' that there is sufficient solid timber to produce a healthy growth, and that we should avoid making the Councils a mere appendage to other organizations. In all of which I cordially concur.

In reference to the Mississippi plan, grave considerations present themselves, which it is to be feared, have not been duly weighed and considered, judging from the extreme haste in which the Grand Councils appear to have acted.

1st. By transferring the degrees to the Chapter, the Chapter work has been augmented. Not one High Priest in ten can *now* creditably perform the Chapter work consisting of four degrees. Add *two* additional and not one in *fifty* will be found that can accomplish it.

2nd. The general law governing the Chapters, admits of any member R. A. M. being elected to the office of High Priest, and if there may be some jurisdictions where it is not so, is it not possible that a King or Scribe, Past King or Past Scribe, equally with a private member, might be elected to office, who might not be a Select Master? What then becomes of the Royal and Select degrees? Certainly the Chapter cannot work them, for by the terms of the union the Chapter Officers become the Council Officers, and the presiding officer would find himself the custodian of degrees he had not yet attained. Will

the Grand Chapters attempt to remedy the defect by pronouncing ineligible to office, all those who have not taken the Royal and Select Masters degrees?

3rd. If in the course of time new issues should arise to impair the apparent unanimity with which these transfers have been made, why may not the territories be regarded as unoccupied, and new Councils planted in their midst by Grand Councils of other jurisdictions, until a sufficient number of Councils may have been organized to reform a new Grand Council? This view of the matter is certainly not beyond the possibilities of the future.

In conclusion he says:

Illustrious Companions! We have come to the close of another chapter; another mile-stone on the way is passed. What of the situation? Ye watchman on the topmost pinnacles, what of the night? Can ye not as yet faintly discern the harbinger of approaching day? Is all around you still in gloom, without one cheering hope or ray of comfort? If so, ye stalwart champions of the Crypt, gird up your loins; you know the work to be done. On your exertions possibly depends the stability of one of the fairest portions of the Masonic structure. The stone of foundation is yet firmly based; it has passed the approving square of the Great Master builder and been pronounced faultless; that it remains intact is *your* business; its symmetry of perfection can never be destroyed; it may by ruthless hands be upheaved and cast aside—that is *your* business—and with its upheaval may possibly tumble the superstructure—that too is *your* business. Are you prepared for the sacrifice? I think not; I hope not. Be up, then, and doing; be alert at your posts; the day springs from on high may not be far distant; yet a little while and happier and more prosperous days may dawn upon us. I cannot but condemn this dull and listless state of inactivity, ever waiting and watching without an effort to overcome. Bear this important truth in mind, that he who would secure the Divine approbation must not only implore His aid, but set his shoulder firmly to the wheel. Exert your whole strength, and whatever you may lack will in due season be supplied.

PROCEEDINGS.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Grand Council:

Resolved, That the acts of the Illustrious Grand Master be approved; and that his views, as expressed in his annual address, be adopted as

the sentiments of the Grand Council; especially those having reference to the amalgamation of Capitular with Cryptic Masonry.

Resolved, That the commissions of our representatives to those Grand Bodies which have dissolved, be and the same are hereby canceled and revoked; and that the representative of such Grand Councils near this Grand Council be, and are hereby discharged from attendance upon this Grand Council in such capacity, and that they be requested to return their commissions to the parties from whom they received them.

There was no report on Foreign Correspondence, but the Grand Master acknowledged the receipt of copies of proceedings from twenty-three Grand Councils, Michigan for 1877 included.

Number of subordinate Councils,	9
Number making returns,	8
Number of members,	435

GEORGE J. PINCKARD, M. I. Grand Master, New Orleans.
RICHARD LAMBERT, Grand Recorder, New Orleans.

MAINE.

Printed Proceedings, 8vo.. pp. 52.

The Grand Council of this State met in Annual Assembly, in the City of Portland, on the 8th day of May, A. D. 1878, Companion Fessenden I. Day, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. All of the Grand Officers, a large list of Past Grand Officers and permanent members of the Grand Council and representatives from twelve subordinate Councils were present.

ADDRESS.

We quote from the address the following:

By an examination of the Proceedings, I find that no Council, chartered by this Grand Council, has ever surrendered its charter; and I think this is due, in a great measure, to the wisdom of this Grand Council, in refusing to grant charters, in times of prosperity, which they were not reasonably sure would survive in times of adversity.

We think it is doubtful whether there is any other Grand Council in the United States, or in fact, *any* Grand Masonic Body of the age of the Grand Council of Maine (twenty-three years) that can say as much.

The National Conventions of Royal and Select Masters, which have been held from time to time during the past six years, have been of substantial benefit. They should have our warmest thanks for the revised ritual, nomenclature, and order of conferring degrees, which they have recommended, and which have been approved and adopted by almost, if not quite, all the Grand Councils; and thus a uniformity, so much desired, has been secured. Their endeavors to have the Council degrees placed where I hope to see them, at no distant day, have so far failed ; and although it has not been wholly given up, I trust that none of the Companions of this jurisdiction will fold their hands and wait for assistance in that direction, knowing, as we do, that the Council degrees have merits of their own, as worthy of being perpetuated as those of any.

The hand of business prostration rests as lightly upon us as upon any Masonic Body.

Let us, therefore, labor faithfully as those before us have done, remembering that we cannot reasonably expect success without striving for and deserving it.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Dispensation of Mt. Lebanon Council, U. D., was continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Ill. Companion Josiah H. Drummond, and like everything emanating from that source is good. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils, Michigan for 1878 being one of the number.

Under the head of "Condition of the Rite," Companion Drummond says :

The Grand Council of New Brunswick became dormant in 1872; Mississippi and Wisconsin have dissolved; Illinois has arranged to die within two years; California, North Carolina, and South Carolina (we are informed,) approve the 'Mississippi plan,' but await the action of

the General Grand Chapter. Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri and Nebraska have taken action looking to the same result; but rather in the way of inquiry than otherwise. On the other hand, the Grand Councils of Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and others, among the oldest and strongest, are greatly opposed to any change in the system, and appear inclined not to recognize any Royal and Select Mason not made in regular Councils.

In conclusion, he says:

In order to show the action of the several Grand Councils upon the important question raised by the action of Mississippi, we have made our report longer than we had intended. In consequence, we omit our usual table of statistics.

An examination of the different Proceedings, and further reflection, confirm us in the views expressed last year, to which we refer:

We merely repeat:

The depression in the growth of the Rite arises from temporary causes, which must ultimately pass away; and, therefore, the giving up of Council organizations, on account of this depression, is without sufficient cause.

The Chapters have now as many degrees as they can find officers to work properly; and the taking of additional degrees will hazard the existence of the Chapter.

We believe it better, if the Council organization cannot be kept up, to remand the degrees to their original position of "side degrees,' to be conferred by the possessor of them at pleasure.

But one inquiry naturally arises: If the founders of Grand Councils and their associates could maintain these organizations in their infancy when the numbers were few, why we, at this time, when our numbers have increased ten-fold, cannot do the same thing.

Take Wisconsin, for instance: The Grand Council started with three Councils and some seventy members. When it died, it had *nine* Councils and some *four hundred* members. The case of Illinois is even more surprising: with a good surplus in the treasury, over *fifty* subordinates, and a membership of nearly twenty-five hundred, it became demoralized, and took steps toward dissolution, but which, we hope, may still be retraced.

If our Companions would cease to look at our losses and look at those who remain, we believe they would continue to move on, in the even tenor of their way.

Number of chartered Councils, 12
Number of members, 949

FESSENDEN I. DAY, Lewiston, M. I. Grand Master.

IRA BERRY, Portland, Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND.

Circular.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Maryland, was held at the City of Baltimore, November 13th, A. D. 1878. As only a circular has been received from this Grand Council, and the only information given by that is a list of the Grand Officers, your committee can tell you nothing as to the condition of the Craft in this state.

FERDINAND J. S. GORGAS, M. I. Grand Master. Address not given.

WILLIAM A. WENTZ, Grand Recorder. Address not given.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Printed Proceedings, 8 vo, pp. 42.

The Grand Council of this State held its Annual Assembly in the City of Boston, on the 12th day of December, A. D. 1877. Illustrious Companion Philander Nutter, Deputy Grand Master presiding. Most of the Grand officers, a large list of Past Grand officers and representatives from eighteen subordinate Councils were present.

ADDRESS.

The Address of Deputy Grand Master Nutter, is confined mostly to local matters. He alludes feelingly to the death of most Illustrious Charles J. Danforth, who at the time of his death was most Illustrious Grand Master of that Grand Coun-

cil. The Deputy Grand Master reports that two Councils which had become dormant, had within the year renewed their labors and had sent their representatives to the Annual Assembly. He thinks that the interest in Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction is improving.

The Grand Council adopted appropriate resolutions expressive of its sorrow on account of the death of most Illustrious Charles J. Danforth, and its sympathy with the widow and children of their Illustrious Companion. They dedicated a memorial page in their proceedings to his memory.

A dispensation which had been issued by Deputy Grand Master Nutter, for the formation of a new Council, a short time before the meeting of the Grand Council, was continued in force until the next Annual Assembly.

A Committee that had been appointed at the last Annual Assembly to attend the Grand Commandry to urge upon that Body the propriety of making Council degrees prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, and also, to attend the Grand Encampment for the same purpose, reported that they had discharged the duties with which they had been intrusted and, although unsuccessful at that time, they had reason to hope that at no distant day, Cryptic Masonry would be made prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood. The conclusion of their report is as follows :

Your Committee, while they are sorry not to be able to report that their labors were fully crowned with success, still are happy to say that we know that we have gained many friends to our cause, not only among those who were lukewarm in the matter, but also among those who were at first bitterly opposed to our proposition.

We believe that the more the subject is agitated, the more carefully the subject is investigated, the more will every student of Masonry be convinced that the degrees of Cryptic Masonry should be prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood.

We believe that our labors have not been in vain, but like seed sown in good ground, will bring forth its fruit in due season.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

Number of Councils,	23
Number of members,	2692

ALFRED S. CHAPMAN, Boston M. I. Grand Master.
JOHN HAIGHT Sommerville, Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

Printed Proceedings 8 *vo. pp.* 66.

The Ninth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at St. Paul, October 8th, 1878, Companion George Cooley, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

ADDRESS.

The address of M. I. Grand Master Cooley is short but comprehensive. It has the true ring to it, and we have no fear for the safety of the Cryptic Rite in Minnesota as long as their Grand Council is presided over by such men as Companion Cooley. We cannot refrain from quoting from his address the following:

> I regret to inform you that among the Grand Councils a few have deserted us, and left those who expressed themselves willing to bear the burden, to do so; but there are others, who, taking counsel of their pride and determination, stand boldly with us, and who may be depended upon to preserve and protect Cryptic Masonry for itself alone.

Most Illustrious Companion, Cooley attended the Buffalo Convention, the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar and in conjunction with other distinguished Masons, labored for the benefit of Cryptic Masonry. He says he has no doubt that a large majority of the members of the General Grand Chapter are opposed to the Mississippi plan, and he has no fears that the General Grand Chapter can be induced to approve of it. In reporting to his Grand Council the action of the Grand Encampment he says:

In the Grand Encampment the necessary amendments to make our degrees pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported adversely, and their report was adopted. So that for the present we must stand where we always stood, and where we are abundantly able to maintain our position, on our own merits.

In conclusion he says:

And now Companions, a few words in conclusion. You have stood well by Cryptic Masonry for the past few years. No very great amount of labor is required of you, no great sacrifice is needed. Ever since you have honored me with the position I now hold, I have sent to other jurisdictions, in many ways, the assurance that Minnesota would never abandon these degrees as an independent Order. Now, if you will sustain me in these assurances; if you will place in this chair as my successor, a Companion who will watch and protect our interest, you need never be afraid of the Mississippi plan gaining a foothold in this State.

The Grand Council manifested their appreciation of the services of this most Illustrious Companion by re-electing him Grand Master. In this they did wisely. In times like the present, none but the tried and the true should be placed in command.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Committee on Jurisprudence offered the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Minnesota declares that the Royal and Select Master's degrees cannot be lawfully conferred by, or under the sanction of a Royal Arch Chapter.

We consider this good law, and unqualifiedly endorse it. All persons who receive degrees in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or in any manner, except in a Council of Royal and Select Masters, duly commissioned or chartered by a Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite, are clandestine, and should be treated as such.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Grove B. Cooley, and is a good one. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Councils, our own for 1877 and 1878 in-

cluded. Companion Cooley not only displays great skill in clipping the really good things from the reports he reviews, but his comments and criticisms prove that he is well versed in Masonic Jurisprudence; and on top of all that, he is a poet of no mean ability.

In commenting on the proceedings of Arkansas, Companion Cooley says:

The Grand Council spent most of their time on the noted communication from Walter, Powers & Co., of Mississippi, and finally concluded it was about as good a thing as they could do, and so concluded to ask the Grand Chapter to take them aboard—no reasons assigned, except that they have not energy enough to keep awake. Seem to be tired out and want to lie down and die, and get ready for neighbors to lay them out and bury them.

In reviewing Florida for 1878, he says:

Companion Carlovitz presented an able, interesting and extensive report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he pleasantly and courteously reviews the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Councils. Minnessota receives kind and fraternal notice. His report is one of the best that we have read, and we deeply regret that we are obliged to deny ourselves the satisfaction of largely quoting from it. But we must submit to the decrees of fate and the powers that be, and keep within the prescribed limits. But we won't forget you, Compainon Carlovitz:

We'll think of you oft in the evening's sweet hours,
When everything 'round us is quiet and still;
We'll think of our friend in the bright 'land of flowers,'
Who modestly uses the 'scissors and quill.'

We'll think how you 'went for' poor Woodhull and Walter,
And all of the rest that the Councils would kill;
Of the offerings you laid on the Cryptical Altar;
Of the laurels you won with your 'scissors and quill.'

We'll think of you, too, as among the brave fellows
Who pressed on to conquer, who fought with good will,
Tho' tossed on the sea by the wind and the billows;
You stood by the helm with your 'scissiors and quill.'

Then let others boast of their *nerve* and their powers,
Their learning and wit, of their wisdom and skill;
We'll drink to our friend in the bright 'land of flowers,'
Who fearlessly uses the 'scissors and quill.'

We readily grant that Companion Carlovitz is entitled to much credit for the able work done by him for Cryptic Masonry in the bright "land of flowers." But there are others, in that far off land, who have done noble work for our beloved Rite; would it not be well to make honorable mention of them also. For this purpose we suggest the addition of the following stanzas:

With Hallmark and Morrill and Caulkins combined,
A Royal Grand Council, with wisdom and skill;
And Carlovitz too, as reporter we find,
To polish them up with his "scissors and quill,"

Then hurrah! yes, hurrah! for the bright "land of flowers,"
Hurrah! for this quartette, with merry good will,
Hurrah! for brave Carlovitz, brother of ours!
Who uses so boldly his "scissors and quill."

How will that do Companion Cooley? If satisfactory, shake!

He reviews Michigan for 1877 and 1878. Quotes largely from the address of Grand Master Everard, and recognizes it as embodying sound Masonic principles. He courteously reviews our report on Foreign Correspondence, and does us the honor to quote our conclusion in full, and adds in the language of Michigan's poet:

"Them's our sentiments too."

In his review of Mississippi for 1877, he says:

Companion Patton submitted a report on Foreign Correspondence, and we have no doubt it was a good one, and very much regret that we are deprived of the pleasure of reviewing it, but it was referred to a *Select Committee* and that Committee failed to report on it, and it was not printed in the proceedings.

Good bye, Companion Patton, we have your name recorded in our

book, and we wont forget you. We shall always remember you as the 'Boy' that

Stood on the burning deck
Whence all but him had fled.

In conclusion Companion Cooley says:

The condition of Cryptic Masonry is becoming better understood, and the Companions are beginning to awake to the true situation, and to 'look a leetle out' for the future. The Mississippi scheme is not going to win. It has done all of the mischief it can do, and a reaction is taking place which will save the patient despite the doctors experiments. The majority of the Companions have wisely concluded that they don't want to be orphans; they don't want to be nursed by a stepmother.

Were we to advise, we would modestly suggest that Cryptic Masonry depends very much upon its officers, and would admonish all Grand and Subordinate Councils to be very cautious whom they promote to such positions. We would say don't elect to such prominent positions in the Council those who are already burdened with positions in the Lodge, Chapter or Commandry. Elect Companions who will make the Council a specialty, and who can, and will do their whole duty. We would say, select those who do not desire to hold office for the honor of it, or for what money they may think there is in it; 'For there's where you'll make a mistake.' For it is true, and we cannot deny it, that almost every Grand body in Masonry has its 'Barnacles,' who seek for positions for honor and for pay. While we believe the 'Laborer is worthy of his hire,' yet we are sorry to say there are some who seem to stand high in the Order, who look wise and say wise things, who, when solicited to assist in the promulgation of Cryptic Masonry, will excuse themselves because, as they say, 'there ain't any money in it.' Now, we don't want such Masons. We are better off without them. It is such that sap the very life-blood of the Order.

Then let us be very cautious whom we select for officers, and let us be very cautious whom we admit to companionship in the secret vault. There is more danger of admitting too many than too few. Let us not be too anxious about members, but look well to it that those who pass the sleeping sentinel are 'just, right and true,' and are ready and willing to labor faithfully, devotedly and continually for the honor and the wages due to a good and worthy Royal and Select Master.

We are not among those that have fears for the future of Cryptic Masonry. It may shrink in numbers. Some may desert the ship and

strive to get aboard some other craft. Some may be indifferent and fall back and wait for 'something to turn up,' but we shall have enough good men and true, who have strong faith, who will work with might, mind and strength, and who will overcome and crowd all obstacles out of the way, and who will press on to conquer until 'The last shall be first,' and Cryptic Masonry will hold up its head as equal, if not superior to Ancient Craft, Capitular or Chivalric. We don't care to be made pre-requisite, and yet we don't see any good reason why we should not be. We don't want to go to that 'Dear Bosom,' we only desire to be let alone, and left to rely upon our own merit, on the beautiful teachings of the secret vault, surpassed by none, and equaled by few of all of the degrees from Ancient Craft up.

We like all of the degrees, and would not say a word or syllable to deprecate or destroy any, but we can't and won't submit to see the 'choicest and the best,' cast aside in the rubbish to be a sort of adoptive—side, step, or what you will,—degrees, without our solemn protest, disapproval and condemnation.

Every word of which we endorse.

Number of Councils,	4
Number of members,	230

GEORGE W. COOLEY, M. I. Grand Master, Minneapolis.
GROVE B. COOLEY, Grand Recorder, Minneapolis.

1877.

Companion Cooley, in his report for 1877, in reviewing the proceedings of Mississippi, and particularly in commenting on that part of Companion Walter's address wherein that Companion claims that the Royal and Select Masters' degrees originally belonged to the Chapter, and were at one time severed from the Royal Arch Degree, gives a brief historical account of the manner of the introduction of these degrees into this country, which we deem of sufficient importance to republish entire. He says:

We did suppose that we knew something about the history of the Masonic degrees; but Comp. W. staggers us. He speaks about sever-

ing the R. and S. degrees from the R. A. When, by whom, or in what manner, he does not tell us; and we don't know. We ask for light. Shall we receive it? We have never understood that the Cryptic degrees were ever a part of the Royal Arch. We only supposed they were conferred on Royal Arch Masons, at one time, as honorary degrees. Our information, in regard to the introduction of the Cryptic Rite in the United States, is as follows: Joseph Myers brought the rituals to Charleston, S. C., and deposited them in the archives of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, in February, 1788. They were then, and for a long time afterwards, communicated without fee, as *side degrees* by the S.·.or D.·.G.·.I.·.G.·.of the A.·.and.·.A.·.S.·.R.·.upon such Masons as had made sufficient advancement to receive them, that is, either Royal Arch Masons of the American system, as arranged by Webb, or Knights of the Ninth Arch or Royal Arch of Solomon, of the A.·.and A.·.S.·.R.·.—but were never communicated to, or conferred upon any Mason beneath that grade. After a time Councils were established in the Southern States under the auspices of the Supreme Council of the A.·.and A.·.S.·.Rite for the Southern jurisdiction. The Southern Supreme Council claimed jurisdiction over them until its session of 1870, when it surrendered its claim. The Northern Supreme Council never claimed any jurisdiction over them. Sometime, about 1814, Jeremy L. Cross got these degrees from Philip Eichel, of Maryland, and disseminated them in New York, Connecticut and New Hampshire. We are of the opinion that all of the Councils in the United States sprung from the same fountain head, that is the Ritual deposited by Myers in the archives of the Council of the Princes of Jerusalem, in Charleston, S. C. The original Ritual gave the order, Royal and select Masters; Cross changed the order so that the Select came first, to-wit: Select and Royal Masters. Eichel conferred them upon Royal Arch Masons as side degrees. Cross communicated them at pleasure upon Royal Arch Masons, and Councils were organized by those who had received the degrees from or through Cross. The General Grand Chapter in 1829 authorized the Grand Chapters, in those States where there were no Grand Councils, to make arrangements for conferring the degrees in Chapters, allowing any one that was in possession of them to confer them upon Royal Arch Masons This, however, was repealed in 1853. In Maryland, these degrees, for a time, were conferred in the Chapters between the M.·.M.·.and R.·.A.·. In Virginia we understand they were given before the M.·.E.·.,but we fail to recognize any reason or consistency in so doing in either case. In Mississippi they propose in the future to 'give up the ship' as to the Grand Council and subordinate Councils, and surrender the degrees to the Grand Chapter, and confer the same, the Royal before, and the

Select after the Royal Arch. They propose to petition the General Grand Chapter to permit them so to do.

We opine that the General Grand Chapter will knock their proposition 'higher than a kite.' Then how will the companions feel? We fear our companions are what they call up here 'a little fast.' It looks to us a good deal like getting married without a license.

The above historical review, with but two or three unimportant errors as to dates, is substantially correct, according to the information we have upon this question. Cross did not confer the degrees or either of them prior to 1817, or late in 1816, instead of 1814 as fixed by Companion Cooley; in fact, Cross did not obtain the degrees until the autumn of 1816, and then he only obtained the Royal Master's degree; he did not obtain the Select Master's degree until 1819. Prior to obtaining the Select degree, he established in several states Councils of Royal Masters, and after obtaining the Select Master's degree, he established Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and some of his old Councils of Royal Masters were remodeled by him and converted into Councils of Royal and Select Masters.

It is certain that Councils in the United States sprung from at least, three different sources; that most of them came, either directly or indirectly, from the Supreme Council of A.·. and A.·. S.·. Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction, and from the ritual deposited therein by Myers, in 1778, there can be no doubt, but as long ago as 1767, eleven years before the deposit of the ritual in Charleston by Myers, one Henry A. Francken, the founder of the Lodge of Perfection, at Albany, New York, introduced the degrees of Royal, Select and Super-excellent Masters into this country, in the states of New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island. And in 1807, ten years before Cross received the degrees, Joseph Cerneau, under authority received from the Grand Consistory of France, conferred the the degree of Royal Master in New York, and established a Grand Council the same year.

Here, then, are three distinct sources of origin, that of Francken in 1767, which ante dates all others in this country, that of Cerneau, derived from the Grand Consistory of France, and that derived from the Supreme Council Southern Jurisdiction. That the degrees originally belonged to the Ancient Scottish Rite, as side or detached degrees, and were introduced into this country by officials of that Rite, there can be no question ; any claim to them by the Chapters is entirely unfounded, and has long since been exploded, and no well informed Mason will hazzard his reputation by making such a claim.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Printed Proceedings, 8vo. *pp.* 24.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the City of Concord, May 13th, A. D. 1878. Illustrious Companion Henry L. Currier, Deputy Puissant Grand Master, presiding. Five Councils were represented.

ADDRESS.

The address of the M. P. Grand Master was read by Companion George P. Cleaves, Grand Recorder. The address is short, and relates exclusively to local affairs.

PROCEEDINGS.

At the Annual Assembly held in 1877, the Grand Council provided for the appointment of a Committee to attend the triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to co-operate with committees from sister Grand Councils in relation to making the Council Degrees prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood. Companion Joseph W. Hildreth was appointed by the most Puissant Grand Master such committee, and he reported to the Grand Council that he attended the Grand Encampment, but that he did not meet

with the committees from the several Grand Councils for the reason that he was unable to find where such committee held their sessions. Companion Hildreth must have been befogged in some manner, or perhaps the spurs and feathers of the Sir Knights dazed his vision, for companion Drummond says the Committee held several sessions, and that it labored diligently during the entire session of the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Council adopted the convention work as adopted by the Grand Council of Massachusetts.

No report on Foreign Correspondence is published.

Number of Councils making returns, 9
Nunber of Members, 715

HENRY P. GLIDDEN, M. P. Grand Master.
GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

Circular.

The Twentieth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the City of Trenton, January 15th, A. D. 1878. Illustrious Companion Cornelius Vreeland, Most Illustrious Grand Master, presiding.

The minutes of this Annual Assembly was ordered to be printed with those for the Annual Assembly to be held in 1879.

GEORGE SCOTT, Patterson, M. I. Grand Master.
THOMAS J. CORSON, Trenton, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

Printed Proceedings, 8vo, pp. 106.

The Grand Council of this State met in annual assembly, September 3, A. D. 1878, in the City of New York, Most Illus-

trious George M. Osgoodby, Grand Master, presiding. A large number of Past Grand Officers, Representatives from sixteen Grand Councils, and delegates from twenty-four subordinates were in attendance.

ADDRESS.

We quote, from the address of Grand Master Osgoodby, the following :

It is well known that several of the Grand Councils of sister jurisdictions have turned, or are about turning, over their rights and prerogatives to the Grand Chapters of their respective jurisdictions. This seems to me to be fatal to those bodies; and those who receive the degrees in Royal Arch Chapters will be clandestinely made, and as such will not be entitled to fellowship or recognition by us. The Grand Councils of Pennsylvania and of Louisiana have taken action accordingly, and revoked and cancelled the commissions of its representatives to such Grand Councils as have taken this step, and merged the Rite with the Chapters. I recommend the same action to you, and that this Grand Body place itself upon the same footing, and refuse to recognize such as are received and greeted to the Cryptic degrees, under or by virtue of any Royal Arch Chapter. I understand that an appeal is to be made to the next General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, to recoghize and assume the control of these degrees. I recommend that this Grand Council enter its solemn protest against any such unwarrantable usurpation on the part of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and refuse to be bound thereby, if such action be taken, and declare its non-affiliation with any and all who assume to confer or to receive their degrees by virtue thereof, and that a committee be appointed to defend and to protect the interests and rights of Cryptic Masonry in reference thereto, and that my successor be empowered to recall commissions from its representatives to such jurisdictions as already have, or shall hereafter take, this unwarranted action.

I have been in correspondence with many of the Grand Masters and other prominent Cryptic Masons of the United States on this subject; and their views accord with those I have expressed to you without exception. It seems to me to be peculiarly unfortunate that this action should be taken by such of our sister Grand Bodies as Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, and some others hitherto deemed steadfast, who either have taken or are contemplating this step. Cryptic Masonry is fast gaining ground, making friends in the Chivalric branch of Masonry, and in due time cannot fail of receiving the re-

ward of prerequisition (as it already has of recognition), which it has been striving for; but as it often happens that wounds almost mortal are given by well meaning but inconsiderate friends, so it is with us; the wounds that the Cryptic Degrees receive in this way will be healed, and though time may elapse before the Rite will recover from the effects of 'wounds received in the house of our friends,' still, in this Grand Jurisdiction, we can hold the fort, and we will; and it may be understood that our banner is nailed to the mast, and that it cannot be pulled down, even should there be those who would be willing to place it in mourning, at half-mast, and to save (God save the mark!) the Cryptic Degrees by turning them over to the Chapter, already so overworked that they groan under their labors of keeping up the work and conferring four degrees.

The only course, that seems to me to be proper to be taken, is to insist upon keeping up our present organization separate and apart from that of the Chapter Degrees, and maintain them upon their own merits.

If we go on as we are, without having these degrees made prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, I see no reason why we should be discouraged. We have, masonically speaking, sufficient intrinsic value in the Cryptic Rite to warrant us in laying out much labor in perpetuating and advancing its interest.

The arguments of those who favor the Mississippi plan of merging the Council with the Chapter is based upon these grounds:

1st. That the Cryptic Degrees were originally a part of Capitular Masonry, and belonged to the Chapter.

Our answer to that proposition is, that while it is easy for its advocates to make the statement, it is impossible for them to prove its truth. There is nothing in the history of Masonry that establishes it, and there is nothing in the ritual of Capitular Masonry, and *never was*, that tends to establish it. It is, in fact, a statement not only without foundation, but unworthy of those who make it, and only tends to establish their ignorance of the Masonic system.

The second argument advanced is that which alone can touch the soul of a corporation, *i. e.* 'Money'. The expenses of keeping up the organization of Grand and Subordinate Councils separate from the Chapters.

The answer to this proposition is but simple. If we are to measure the benefits of Masonry by the almighty dollar, and be controlled by the fact that it requires money to pay expenses and to conduct our work, then let the same argument be applied to the Chapter, and let it

merge with the Lodge ; and let the Chivalric branch abandon entirely its organization; for it is the most expensive of any, and it cannot be merged with the Council, Chapter, or Lodge; for many of the brightest and best of the membership of both Lodge, Chapter and Council could not pass the ordeal of the Chivalric test,—and it is, in fact, not a part or portion of what is termed "Ancient Freemasonry," but of more modern origin, and based upon an uncertainty that does not attach to the birthright of the Cryptic Rite.

The last and final argument is, that there has been such a falling off in the membership and number of Councils as to establish that the Cryptic branch of Masonry does not hold the interest that is maintained by the other branches.

Now, the fact is, that after the revival of Masonry there was such a reaction in its favor, from the persecutions which it had undergone, that it spread too rapidly, and partook too much of the mushroom character, and a great many more bodies were instituted than the appropriate material to use in the building of the structure warranted. Masonic bodies sprang up in almost every hamlet, which languished and finally died from want of proper sustenance. The Cryptic Rite grew in this manner as well as the Symbolic and Capitular, and other branches, and not only in this jurisdiction, but throughout the entire land, the tombstones of these bodies—Lodges, Chapters and Councils —are to be seen. The death or removal of a few, sometimes of but one live, enthusiastic, working Brother or Companion, would give the death blow to the body of which he was the moving spirit.

There was a great but unhealthy stimulus given to Masonry by the war; many joined from improper motives, and taking the degrees in this way, when Masonry had answered its purpose with them, they threw it overboard and neither attended meetings or paid dues. With the loss also to be taken into consideration caused by the war, by which many of our best and ablest Masons were lost to active work in Masonic bodies, together with the terrible depression in business and financial matters consequent upon the return to a sound basis of the business interests of our country, a large falling off in the membership of Lodges, Chapters and Councils took place, as well as in the number of the bodies themselves ; hence it is that we see the monuments of these departed bodies strewn over the land, and hence it is that there has been such a struggle on the part of many for existence, hardly breathing, but still just alive ; but we insist that the statistics show that this combination of causes which have resulted in such injury and depression in Masonic matters is drawing near its end ; that already can be seen the bright day star of hope beaming upon us, and a return

to happier times is soon to be expected. The languishing condition of Cryptic Masonry is owing to the same causes that have made their influence felt upon the other bodies, and in this jurisdiction there is more falling off in the Lodge and Chapter, in proportion to their membership, than there is in the Council ; hence, as far as New York is concerned, there is nothing in the argument that is applicable. While in some portions of the country some of these bodies lost nearly all their membership during the war, and in other places bodies which had sprung into existence, as we have remarked before, without adequate sustenance for their support, have had to succumb ; and while this has been so in this jurisdiction to some extent, we nevertheless conclude that with the settlement of business and financial interests of the country upon a sound basis, that the Cryptic branch as well as the other branches of Masonry, will extend and flourish, and that those who love these degrees can, by united effort and perseverance, sustain and make them successful. And, again, to counterbalance this falling off, many of the oldest and ablest of the representative men of other branches are taking hold of Cryptic Masonry and giving their presence to the meetings of the Councils, and their aid and encouragement to its advancement ; and I might refer for the instant to some whom I see before me, both as visitors and as representatives to this body this day, who have been convinced of its rights, and who have the Masonic fairness and justice to acknowledge this change of views, and present themselves with us and are of us for the future. They embrace names that are time-honored, and whose glory will not pass away while Masonry continues to exist.

Now that we have considered and answered, as we will assume the arguments in favor of merging with the Chapters, let us consider the objections which it seems to us are insurmountable. First. Neither the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States or the Grand Chapter of any State has any right to assume the control of these degrees, and it would be an unwarrantable usurpation on the part of any such body to assume to confer them. This is unquestionable, unless *all* of the Grand Councils of *all* of the States should consent to such an action. The consent of no one Grand Council can give the right or authority to have these degrees conferred in a Chapter. There is an inherent right in every Council to these degrees, and if one objects to the transfer, no such transfer can be made legally or with Masonic fairness or justice.

Again, in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, the system of Capitular Masonry is such that the Cryptic Rite cannot be united with it. In Virginia and West Virginia still a different system, then still another

in Texas, and so on in different jurisdictions, while the Mississippi plan stands out pre-eminently the most absurd and ridiculous. Where, we ask, will be the uniformity in the Rite? Instead of preserving these degrees in their beauty, the adoption of this plan would, unintentionally perhaps, but no less effectually, give the death blow to the Rite, and these most beautiful and sublime degrees be forever lost.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's addres relating to the Mississippi plan and the status of Royal and Select Masters, made under it, reported as follows, which report was received and the resolutions reccomended were adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as alludes to the condition of the Cryptic Rite, and the effort being made in other jurisdictions to transfer the rights and prerogatives over the Cryptic Degrees into other hands, thereby surrendering and abandoning their several Grand Councils, respectfully report, That they have given a careful examination to the subject in all its bearings, and unanimously conclude to endorse the remarks, statements and recommendations of the Grand Master.

Your committee, therefore, offer the following resolutions for the consideration of this Grand Council, and urge their adoption:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Grand Master be authorized to revoke the commissions of its present representatives to such Grand Councils as have taken action with a view to surrendering their power over the Cryptic Degrees into the hands of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

2nd. *Resolved*, That this Grand Council hereby refuses to recognize as a lawfully entitled representative, any Companion with a commission issued by a Grand Royal Arch Chapter claiming authority over the Cryptic Degrees.

3rd. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to protect the interests and rights of Cryptic Masonry against the encroachments now threatening the disruption of many Grand Councils, by an usurpation of authority, coupled with an assumption of power not contemplated by the constitutions and usages of Cryptic Masonry.

4th. *Resolved*, That this Grand Council uneqvivocally condemns the action of any of our sister jurisdictions favoring the so-called Mississippi plan, and declares that the successful advocacy of such a policy

will be fatal to the perpetuation of these degrees in their purity and sublimity, wherever such plan be adopted.

5th. *Resolved*, That all delegates to the contemplated National Convention of Royal and Select Masters, in the City of Detroit, in August, 1880, be respectfully urged to organize a concerted plan of action for the United States, with a view to perpetuate the Cryptic Rite in its purity, and also to establish uniformity in the Ritual of the Degrees. And this Grand Council hereby requests the Chairman of the National Convention, held at Buffalo, in August, 1877, to call a meeting of representatives of the several Grand Councils who shall not have adopted the Mississippi plan, to be held in Detroit, in August, 1880, for a free interchange of opinions and actions thereon.

6th. *Resolved*, That this Grand Council hereby enters its solemn protest against the merging of the Cryptic Degrees into the hands of any Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and also hereby declares that any person who receives the Cryptic Degrees under such authority, is clandestinely made, and as such, cannot be received with fraternal greeting within this jurisdiction, neither as visitors or as applicants for affiliation.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Illustrious Companion Charles G. Hudson, and is an able one. It covers 51 pages of the printed proceedings, and ably reviews the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Councils. In his review of Maine, he quotes from the report of Companion Drummond a quotation made by him from the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Texas, which shows that the Consolidation plan does not work satisfactorily in that State. In order to place before the Companions in this jurisdiction all the light possible on this question. We copy the quotation in full. He says:

This Grand Council dissolved in 1864; but the following, from the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, shows the *status* of the degrees:

These degrees are conferred in Councils of Royal and Select Masters, opened and closed in due form. None but affiliated Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, with the consent of their Chapters, are entitled to the degrees. The Chapter to whom the candidate belongs collects the fees, and makes return of the work. All who were Royal Arch Masons in good standing, at the time of the transfer of jurisdiction

of these degrees to the Chapter, were regarded as entitled to the Council Degrees, without ballot. All petitions balloted upon since that time, of course, included the Council Degrees. A Council is no part of a Chapter. It is a distinct body so far as its work is concerned. The Council Degrees in this jurisdiction are not conferred in Royal Arch Chapters, as they are in Virginia and Maryland,—in Virginia since the 17th of December, A. D. 1841, where they are placed between the Past Master and Most Excellent Master ; and in Maryland since A. D. 1824, where they are placed as in Virginia. In Texas, Councils of Royal and Select Masters have not been merged in Chapters of Royal Arch Masons. The only authority this Grand Chapter ever acquired over them was by the concordat of both Grand Council and Grand Chapter, in June, 1864. This Grand Chapter could not, by its sole action, acquire any title in the premises ; the title acquired by virtue of the concordat was that of a custodian and guardian of the Subordinate Councils. By it the degrees of Royal and Select Masters were only to be conferred *in* Councils of Royal and Select Masters appendant to the Subordinate Chapters, and after the candidate had received the Royal Arch Degree. The record does not admit of any doubt as to the correctness of this decision. No Royal Arch Chapter of this jurisdiction can confer, within its bosom, the Royal and Select Degrees. They can only be conferred in Councils of Royal and Select Masters, duly held for that purpose.

The Committee to whom the Grand High Priest's address was referred, reported as follows :

We note, too, the decisions in reference to Cryptic Masonry, and appreciate the difficulties encountered in answering the questions. Our system is peculiar, and the Grand High Priest finds no precedent in the history of other Grand Chapters to guide him. It has been in vogue with us so short a time that it is still crude and incomplete; and the action of his predecessors afford but meager date upon which to found his conclusions. Consequently, he is left to decide the cases as they are, upon his own judgement, unaided by the experience of others. Maryland has given up the control of the Council Degrees to a Grand Council now organized in her jurisdiction, and Texas and the Virginias stand alone among their sisters in this respect, and the system here is different from theirs. So, in reality, ours is peculiar to Texas. Your Committee *submit to the Companions, whether it is best to continue thus isolated from our sister Grand Chapters in this respect.*

From the foregoing it seems that consolidation in Texas does not work satisfactorily. The Grand Chapter of Texas is in the

same position that the boy was in who won an elephant at a raffling match, they have got an elephant on their hands and don't know what to do with him.

We quote the conclusion of Companion Hudson in full. He says:

In conclusion, Companions, after thoroughly reviewing the situation and weighing all we have read and heard, we think the condition of Cryptic Masonry is not so very bad, and, on the whole is improving. We think the worst is past, and from this time we can look for better days.

The different jurisdictions are settling down to work. They begin to realize that there is nothing to hope for from outside aid, such as the Encampment, and that whatever is accomplished must be done at home. There are many chronic grumblers, it is true, who have always lamented and suggested ever since we began to write Reports. Some jurisdictions are feeble and depressed, but the majority are doing as well as can be hoped for in these times of genearal depression, and are looking up, and doing more work, or, at least, their fair proportion, and forming a few new Councils. There is none of this unhealthy and unnatural growth that there was several years ago. Such growth as there is we think good and reliable, and will be of permanent benefit to the Rite.

The example of Mississippi has been rather infectious. Several Grand Councils have been utterly discouraged by the decision of the Grand Encampment at Cleveland, and have transferred their authority to the Grand Chapters. In a majority of the cases, it seems to us, there was no need whatever for this step. The following Grand Councils have transferred their authority, viz: Mississippi, Illinois, North Carolina and Wisconsin. North Carolina was always very small and weak, but the others had a large number of Councils and large membership, and were doing a fair per cent of work. But the counsels of the Companions, who had this peculiar idea on the brain, has prevailed.

Iowa, Arkansas and Kentucky have appointed committees to confer with like committes from their Grand Chapters, but we have not as yet heard their reports. Nebraska has submitted the question to the several subordinate Councils for their decision. California has memorialized the General Grand Chapters to permit such action.

This makes nine Grand Councils in all who have taken such action, and who have either accomplished such transfer, or will soon consumate it. We think this will be the extent of the panic.

You will observe that they are all situated in the West, where the financial depression has been the greatest, and the majority of them have always been few in numbers and languishing.

We are glad to say that in the remainder of the Grand Councils there is no manifest disposition to take this step.

Now that the prerequisite proposition and that of a General Grand Council are practically abandoned, the great question of interest in the Rite is this one of transfer of authority over the degrees to the Grand Chapter, so as to make the Council Degrees appendant to the Chapter —a sort of side degree, in fact.

We are of the opinion that at the next Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, at Detroit, in 1880, there will be a very vigerous effort made by the above mentioned jurisdictions to have their actions fully indorsed by the General Grand Chapter, and allowed by that Body.

We have read the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of Buffalo, and we find that no definite action was taken upon the subject at that time.

The report of the Committee was decidedly adverse to any such step ; but the report was laid on the table until the next Triennial Convocation. We are convinced, we may say, that there will be a most vigerous action at that time to allow this action, and that it is the greatest danger that at present threatens the Cryptic Rite.

We think that you should take some action *now* to avert any such result, and memorialize the General Grand Chapter not to sanction or permit any such transfer of authority to its subordinates.

Let the Cryptic Rite be shut up to its own resources. Just so long as there is a prospect of any outside assistance, there will be suggestions, debates and wranglings and lack of true prosperity. When the Grand Councils are obliged to settle back on the conclusion that they must stand or fall by themselves, they will buckle down to the work, and develop their resources and powers. We have no fears as to the result. If any are not able to go on, we say let them disband honorably ; and the future will produce those who can and will sustain the degrees. We believe in the survival of the fittest; and we would rather have half a dozen good Grand Councils than a multitude of poor, halting, surrendering ones. Let us hold fast, and be content to be such as we are, and do as well as we can.

We think any transfer of authority to the Grand Chapter is directly opposed to all the best interests of the Cryptic Rite. The Chapters

have enough degrees now. It is difficult to find competent officers to work them now; and it will not lessen the difficulty to add two degrees more. It reduces the Council degrees to the level of side degrees, which will be neglected, poorly conferred, if not murdered. It will lead to complications and difficulties, as see our extract from the annual address of the Grand High Priest of Texas, under our review of Maine. It will be but a few years before the Chapters will become weary of the degrees, and will throw them aside, or relinquish authority over them, as was done in Maryland.

There will be no advantage, in a less number of meetings and a less consumption of time of the companions.

Many of the Grand Chapters are themselves in a feeble condition, languishing and feeling the general depression. Many of them are in but a little better condition than the Grand Councils. To go to them is like the sick seeking health of the sick, or of the poor asking alms of the poverty-stricken, or the blind trusting in the guidance of those who cannot see. The whole idea we believe is fallacious and utterly mistaken.

Another question is as to the *status* of Companions, who receive the degrees in such appendant Councils. In Pennsylvania, a resolution was adopted forbidding any Cryptic communication with such persons—in fact, declaring them clandestine. Your committee fail to see how they can be admitted to our Councils, or recognized in any way whatever.

We especially desire that you would read the remarks of Companion Drummond, of Maine, quoted in our review of that jurisdiction.

We, too, have been and are of the opinion that Masonry shares in the general condition of the country. When finances are depressed, we cannot expect many candidates. The only thing for us to do is to act as we do in business matters—hold fast, and wait for better times. Reactions always follow. The flood-tide succeeds the ebb. Adversity gives way to prosperity. The worst, we say again, is past, and better days will be ours, if the Companions will only be content to wait, and drop this endless suggestion of change. Grand Officers will discharge their full duty, even if they do not originate some new idea, or lead on some peculiar crochet.

The sooner we realize that the Council can never become as large as the Lodge or Chapter the better. We don't want any flood of candidates. We want quality rather than quantity, sound growth rather than unsound. We begin to think that the refusal of the Grand Encampment to place the Council Degrees in the regular line, is a blessing—in disguise, perhaps, but yet a blessing.

If our request had been granted, we would have been overrun with a flood of candidates, who would have used us as a stepping-stone only, and never cared for us afterwards, or come near us. Now we know that such as do join us, do so from a true desire for Masonic light and information.

Don't be afraid, Companions, to speak for the Council and let its merits be known. The Masonic world at large knows to little of us. As we say so little about it, the idea goes abroad that the degrees are of little worth and of little importance. It is not realized that they are the summit and perfection of Masonry.

But we will not weary you with further remarks. We rejoice that the past year has been one of prosperity with the Grand Council of New York. We trust that the future of the Cryptic Rite with us will be as brilliant as the past, and that zealous officers and true prosperity will always be ours.

Number of Councils represented	27.
Number of members	2,443.

GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, Buffalo, M. I. Grand Master.
GEORGE VAN VLIET, New York, Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

Printed Proceedings 8vo. *pp.* 34.

The Forty-eighth Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Columbus, October 10th and 11th, A. D. 1878. Samuel W. Courtright, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. A large number of Past Grand officers, and representatives of Foreign Grand Councils, and the representatives of forty-nine subordinate Councils were in atteddance.

ADDRESS.

The address of Most Illustrious Grand Master Courtright is confined entirely to local matters and contains nothing of interest to the Craft outside of his jurisdiction.

PROCEEDINGS.

The proceedings were harmonious throughout, and indicate that Cryptic Masonry in Ohio is maintaining its ground. The

number Received and Greeted during the year was 151, which, considering the stringency of the times, is not a bad showing.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Illustrious Companion Will. M. Cunningham. He reviews the proceedings of twelve Grand Councils, Michigan for 1878, being one of the twelve. In conclusion he says:

In conclusion, the views of your committee are so well known, upon the vexed question troubling the Rite, that it would seem useless to again repeat them; suffice it to say, in the opinion of the writer, the demise of any Grand Council not having sufficient interest in Cryptic Masonry to maintain and support a distinct organization, is a blessing in disguise. And if Grand and Subordinate Councils will only place in office live, working Companions, who will discharge their duty with fidelity to the Craft, and with credit to themselves, there would be no more *wailing* among the *weak-kneed*, but Cryptic Masonry would receive such an impetus that its enemies would be put to shame, and its detractors forever silenced. The growth of Cryptic Masonry, since its first introduction within the United States, by officials of the Supreme Council of A. and A. Scottish Rite, is a matter of special congratulation, and if we will be true to ourselves, true to the Rite, and place our trust in Divine Providence; success will be our reward.

Number of Councils,	60
Number represented,	46
Number of members,	2344

ORESTES A. B. SENTER, Columbus, M. I. Grand Master.
JOHN D. CALDWELL, Cincinnati, Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Printed Proceedings, 8vo.. *pp.* 32.

The Grand Council of this State held its Thirty-second Annual Assembly in Alleghany City, February 20th, A. D. 1878. Illustrious Companion Geter C. Shidle, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

ADDRESS.

The address of the M. P. Grand Master is local in its character, and contains nothing of general interest to the Craft outside of Pennsylvania.

PROCEEDINGS.

This Grand Council puts its seal of condemnation on the "Mississippi plan," and all other schemes of abandonment, or consolidation as will more fully appear by the action had by that Grand Body on the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Council adopted the report of a Special Committee on clothing, jewels, &c., which report is as follows:

To the M. P. Grand Council of R., S. and S. E. M. of Penn.

In accordance with the directions given your committee at the last Annual Session, as printed on page 15 of Proceedings of 1877, we beg leave to present the following description of clothing, jewels, etc., of this Grand Council, and of its Subordinate Councils, not previously described, and recommend the adoption of the same:

I. *Aprons.* The apron of the officers of the Grand Council shall be of white lambskin, sixteen inches wide and fourteen inches deep, with a royal purple and gold-colored silk binding two inches wide; the purple occupying the middle, the gold color placed on either side; the border of the flap to be of the same description, one inch wide. In the centre of the flap shall be a triangle of purple silk surrounded with a gilt or gold embroidered border; within the triangle a triple tau of same material; two gilt flat seven bouillon tassels to be suspended by tabs of purple and gold-colored silk. On the area of apron shall be embroidered a representation of the jewel of the officer, a circle, triangle, and emblem, on a ground of purple silk, three and a half inches in diameter.

The apron of the members of the Grand Council shall be the same in all respects as those worn by the Grand Officers, omitting the embroidery on the area of apron.

The apron of the officers of a Subordinate Council shall be the same in all respects as those worn by the officers of the Grand Council, excepting that the circle on representation of jewel on the area shall be omitted.

The apron of the members of a Subordinate Council shall be from

twelve to fourteen inches deep, and from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, with the number of the Council printed or embroidered in a triangle on the flap; bordering of purple and gold-colored worsted or silk ; binding of same description and same width as worn by the officers of a Council.

2. *Collars.* The collar of the officers of the Grand Council shall be royal purple and gold-colored moire antique silk, or silk velvet, three and a half inches wide, narrowing towards the neck, and twenty-four inches long ; purple to be one-half the width of collar, and gold color on either side ; ornamented with gilt or gold embroidered stars on each side, graduated in number according to rank, viz.:

For Past Grand and M. P. Grand Master, nine stars ; for R. P. D. G. Master, R. P. I. G. M. Master, R. P. G. P. C. of Work, seven stars ; for R. P. G Treasurer, and R. P. G. Recorder, five stars ; for all appointed officers, three stars.

The collar for officers of a Subordinate Council shall be of the same description as those worn by the Grand Officers, in all respects excepting that the stars shall be omitted.

3. *Jewels.* The jewels of the officers of the Grand Council shall be respectively as follows :

A gilt or gold circle one-half an inch in width, and three and one-half inches in diameter, with a triangle and the appropriate emblem placed therein, viz :

M. P. G. Master, a royal crown and square.
R. P. Dep. G. Master, a royal crown and level.
R. P. Ill. G. Master, a turban crown and plumb.
R. P. G. P. C. of Work, a trowel and gravel.
R. P. G. Treasurer, crossed keys.
R. P. G. Recorder, crossed pens.
R. P. G. Marshal, crossed batons.
R. P. G. Sentinel, crossed curved swords.
R. P. G. C. of the Guard, crossed straight swords.

The jewels of the officers of Subordinate Councils shall be the same in all respects as those worn by the Grand Officers, excepting that the circle shall be omitted. The aprons, collars, and jewels to be worn outside of, and over the robes.

4. *Robes.* The proper robes and emblems of office shall be as follows, viz.:

For the M. P. Grand Master, the R. P. Dep. Grand Master, the R.

P. Ill. Grand Master, royal robes, with royal crowns and crowned scepters.

For the R. P. G. P. C. of the Work, a blue robe, with turban and gavel.

The R. P. G. C. of the Guard may wear a suit of armor.

For the officers of Subordinate Councils, the same as for corresponding officers for the Grand Council.

5. *Furniture.* The minimum amount of furniture for a Subordinate Council shall be as follows, viz.:

An altar, with Holy Bible, and compass, square, and trowel. Three triangular tables, covered or painted purple, with gilt triangular plate on centre of top.

A gilt ark, a keystone, a purple vail.

Three gilt squares.

Twenty-seven trowels.

Nine arches of any suitable material, or representations of the same.

Nine gilt or brass candlesticks.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Ill. Companion Charles E. Meyer, Grand Recorder. He gives a detailed account of the proceedings of the Grand Councils of Mississippi and Illinois in their consolidation schemes, and concludes his report as follows :

We very much regret the foregoing action taken by the Grand Councils of Mississippi and Illinois, as in our opinion it is suicidal.

It is the sundering of ties which for many years have united the Grand Council of Pennsylvania with the Cryptic Masons of these jurisdictions. We cannot acknowledge that the Council Degrees can be lawfully conferred in the present day under any other authority than that of a Grand Council. We do not understand how Grand Chapters, their constitutions, or their ritual, can recognize these degrees, or have any knowledge of them. As well might the Grand Lodges of this country confer the Mark Master's degree because it is a part of the Fellow Craft. As well might the Grand Chapters confer the Red Cross Order, because the legends on which it is founded are so intimately connected with the Royal Arch.

With regret we offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Pennsylvania declares that the Royal or Select Masters' Degrees cannot be lawfully conferred by, or under the sanction of, the warrant of Royal Arch Chapters. That Cryptic Masons so made cannot visit Councils in this jurisdiction, or be recognized in any manner whatsoever.

On behalf of the Committee.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Chairman.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Number of Councils at work,	25
Membership in active Councils,	1,662

MARK R. MUCKLE, Philadelphia, M. P. Grand Master.
CHARLES E. MEYER, Philadelphia, Grand Recorder.

RHODE ISLAND.

Circular.

The Grand Council of Rhode Island held its annual assem- in the city of Providence March 11th, A. D. 1878. It was decided not to publish the Proceedings of the Grand Council this year.

Number of Councils,	5
Number of members,	717

JOHN F. ADAMS, Pawtucket M. I. Grand Master.
WILLIAM R. GREEN, Providence, Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Printed Proceedings for 1877 *and* 1878 *8vo., pp.* 32.

Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Charleston, Feb. 14th, A. D. 1877.

Most Illustrious Companion, Wilmot G. DeSaussure, Grand Master presiding. All the Grand Officers,—except the Dept.

Grand Master,—and representatives from nine subordinate Councils, were present.

ADDRESS.

The address of the M. Ill. Grand Master is in a lugubrious tone and bewails the sad condition of the Craft; but thinks that returning financial prosperity will inspire the disheartened Giblemite and induce them to resume labor on the secret vault and complete the work that has been so happily begun. He has no faith in the pre-requisite plan, and does not think it would benefit Cryptic Masonry if adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Master and is published as an appendix to his address. He briefly reviews the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, Michigan for 1876 included.

1878.

The Annual Assembly for 1878 was held at the City of Charleston, February 13th, A. D. 1878. Most Illustrious Wilmot G. DeSaussure, Grand Master presiding.

ADDRESS.

The address is gloomy, clearly indicates a want of interest on the part of the Grand Master, and shows that he had done nothing to inspire or encourage the workmen in the secret vault, in his jurisdiction, during the year. Accompanying the address the Grand Master presented to his Grand Council circulars from the Grand Council and Grand Chapter of Mississippi on "surrender" and called their attention to the circulars saying that he regarded them "as the most definite propositions upon the subject."

The inevitable result of such administrations followed, as will be seen by an examination of the report of the Committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's address and the action of the Grand Council on their report.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address beg leave to submit the following report. They have considered the report of the M. Ill. Grand Master in reference to a surrender to the Grand Chapter, the conferring of the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, and believe that the good of Cryptic Masonry will be subserved by such transfer. To accomplish this they recommend that a committee of three be appointed from this Grand Council to act jointly with a like committee from the M. E. Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

There is nothing in the Proceedings to show that the above report was adopted or approved by the Grand Council, but from the fact that such a committee was appointed we presume the report was adopted. Immediately after the above report in the printed proceedings we find the following :

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committee of conference to act with a like committee from the M. E. Grand Chapter in accordance with the above recommendation: Companions G. T. Berg, D. D. Moore, and J. E. Brazaele.

The Grand Council elected another Companion Grand Master this year and he may save that Grand Council yet. We should have had no hope had the old Grand Master been re-elected. If the the new Grand Master lays off his coat and goes to work, inspires the craft with his presence and counsel, in short if he discharges his duty with *fervency* and *zeal* all will yet be well with that Grand Council; but if he quietly folds his arms and "waits for something to turn up," good-bye South Carolina.

There are no statistics given by which we can ascertain either the number of councils or number of members in that jurisdiction.

W—— H. D. GAILLARD, Pendleton, M. I. Grand Master.
ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Charleston, Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE.

Printed Proceedings, 8 *vo. pp.* 32.

The Grand Council of this State held its Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly in the City of Nashville, November 15th, A. D. 1877. Illustrious Benjamin F. Haller, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. A large number of Past Grand Officers and the Representatives of twenty-four Subordinate Councils were present.

ADDRESS.

The address is brief but to the point. Most Illustrious Companion Haller is of the opinion that "If we used, for the advancement of Cryptic Masonry, but a trifle of the energies we direct into the various channels of business, our Councils would not languish, but, would in a short time, be full of vigor and prosperity." He exhorts every Cryptic Mason to put his shoulder to the wheel, and has no doubt as to the result, if this course should be pursued.

PROCEEDINGS.

We have examined the proceedings of this Grand Council carefully, to ascertain what the final action might be on the resolution of Consolidation, passed at their annual meeting in 1876. We find no reference of any kind to that resolution in the proceedings for 1877, nor any report of the committee to whom it was referred, and from these facts are led to the conclusion that the scheme of "Consolidation" or "surrender" has been abandoned by this Grand Council; we most earnestly hope it has, and that it will never again be revived in the Grand jurisdiction of Tennessee.

There was no report on Foreign Correspondence.

1878.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Tennessee, was held at the City of Nashville, November 14th, A. D. 1878. Most Illustrious Bradford Nichol, Grand Master, presiding. All of the Grand Officers, a long list of

Past Grand Officers, Grand Representatives from eighteen Grand Councils, and representatives from Twenty Subordinate Councils, were in attendance.

ADDRESS.

The Grand Master in his address, communicated the fact to the Grand Council, that on the 25th day of December, 1877, he sent to every Council in that jurisdiction a circular letter of encouragement, and that the result was most satisfactory. He says :

In answer to this communication I received about fifty-three or fifty-four responses, and am proud to state that with but three exceptions all spoke cherfully and promised renewed efforts.

On the 11th of March 1878, I duly commissioned Companion Pitkin C. Wright, a worthy and well informed Companion, as Grand Lecturer. He, I am glad to inform you, has fulfilled my every desire. The magnitude of his labor, which has not cost this Grand Body a solitary cent, will be somewhat appreciated when we listen to his report, as Grand Lecturer, to me, which report I embrace as a part of this message, since quite an amount of useful information is brought out of peculiar interest to our Order. It is as follows :

To Bradford Nichol, M. I. G. M., of Tennessee :

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION :—Since receiving your Commission as Grand Lecturer, I have, to the best of my ability, endeavored to perform the duties of that high and honorable position.

I have visited most of the places in Middle and East Tennessee where Councils are located, and, while in consequence of the great depression in business and other causes, I have not been able to cause the work to be exemplified upon actual candidates in but a very limited number of instances, I have in nearly all of them either met with the Companions at a called meeting, or with the officers for discussion and instruction. When I have not found them qualified to perform the work I have instructed them, and in several instances corrected their irregularities.

I have found them, all things considered, in as prosperous a condition as I could have expected.

I have, in one or two instances, persuaded those that were faint-hearted and disposed to abandon their organizations, to take courage and endeavor to rebuild their almost ruined altars.

I have in most places presented the suggestion of our most Illustrious Grand Master that the Council hold its regular meetings the same night as the stated meetings of the Chapter, and directly thereafter, so save the time and expense of a separate meeting, and in every case found this proposition received with favor. From all I have seen I am constrained to believe that with the return of business prosperity and activity to the state, the Councils will, more than any other of the members of our great Masonic family, feel its effects, and then our fallen arches will be restored, our broken altars again set up and adorned, and Cryptic Masonry will take the place that it ought to hold among us. Thus these most beautiful and instructive degrees of Masonry will again receive that attention every thinking, studying brother knows they are entitled to, and which our present Grand Officers have wrought so perseveringly to procure for them.

I greatly regret that I have not been able to do more for this beautiful Rite during the time I have held your commission, but the great depression of business during the early summer, and then the cessation of Masonic work caused by the terrible scourge which has wasted our loved State, has prevented, and will, I am sure, be accepted as an excuse for my short-comings. I must return my sincere thanks to the Companions of the various Councils I have met for the constant and uniform courtesy and fraternal kindness shown me as Grand Lecturer of this Grand Body.

I am fraternally yours,

PITKIN C. WRIGHT, *Grand Lecturer.*

Several Councils have done astonishingly well.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submitted a report from which we quote the following, which report was adopted:

Your Committee to whom has been referred the address of the M. I. Grand Master, have carefully considered the same. His zeal and interest in this department of Masonry are worthy of much praise and commendation. At many points in this Grand Jurisdiction, where Cryptic Masonry has been sleeping—if not dying—we find he has infused new life and vigor.

A charter was granted for the formation of a new Council, to be called Gleason Council, No. 67.

There was no report on Foreign Correspondence.

From the foregoing it is easy to perceive what a little zealous work will accomplish. Two years ago the Grand Council of Tennessee became demoralized and appointed a committee to act in conjunction with another committee to be appointed by the Grand Chapter, to devise means for the surrender of the Cryptic Rite to the Capitular, a copy of which resolution can be found in our proceedings for 1878, on page 51. However, at the Annual Assembly in which this resolution was adopted, Most Illustrious Benjamin F. Haller was elected Grand Master, and he went to work to infuse new life into the Council, and so succeeded that nothing was said about 'consolidation' at the next Annual Assembly. One year ago Illustrious Companion Bradford Nichol was elected Grand Master; he, too, was a worker, and the fruits of his labor are everywhere apparent in the proceeding published by that Grand Council for its Annual Assembly held in November last. And instead of bemoaning its sad condition, and seeking a resting place in that "dear bosom" we find this Grand Council full of life and vigor, in fact that its prospects are more flattering than that of any of the other Masonic Bodies in that jurisdiction, as appears from the report of the Grand Lecturer where he makes use of the following language: "From all I have seen I am constrained to believe that with the return of business prosperity and activity to the State, the Council will, more than any other of the members of our Great Masonic family feel its effects," &c.

To those Grand Councils who are contemplating suicide, we would commend the action of our Tennessee Companions. We would exhort them to study them, to reflect upon them, to be guided by them and to "go and do likewise."

Number of Councils,	40
Number of members,	1230

BENJAMIN R. HARRIS, Jackson, M. I. Grand Master.
JOHN FRIZZELL, Nashville, Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

Printed Proceedings, 8vo., *pp.* 70.

The twenty-fifth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the City of Burlington, on the 11th day of June, A. D. 1878, Most Illustrious Albert C. Hubbell, Grand Master, presiding. All of the Grand Officers, a large number of Past Grand officers, and representatives of thirteen subordinate Councils were present.

ADDRESS.

The address of Companion Hubbell, M. I. Grand Master, was excellent; and from it we make liberal extracts, for the benefit of the Craft in this jurisdiction. After having quoted from the proceedings of several Grand Councils extracts showing the efforts that had been made to make the Council degrees prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, and the proceedings that had been taken by certain Grand Councils for their dissolution and turning the degrees over to Capitular Masonry, he says :

My feelings and sentiments are well known to this Grand Body as uncompromising in my opposition to all such dissolutions. * * * I have quoted; at some length, the feelings and expressions of several Grand Councils, for the information and encouragement of this Grand Body. I feel to congratulate ourselves that Cryptic Masonry is advancing, and that the sacred treasures of the S. V. are safe and secure, and that with earnest effort on the part of every Grand Council, combined with our own *devoted* personal effort, in the same direction, we may yet secure for the Cryptic degrees that recognition by the Grand Encampment which so justly and legally belongs to them, thereby placing them in their proper position in the American system of Masonry. * * * * * * *

Let us, then, persevere in this glorious work committed to us, using every Masonic and laudable endeavor to obtain that recognition which is so justly ours. For myself, my heart is in the work. I love Cryptic Masonry; and the little ability—even the one talent committed to my keeping—shall be devoted with more earnestness, in the future, to the elevation, advancement and recognition of our beloved Order.

PROCEEDINGS.

The committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. Ill. Grand Master, by their Chairman, Edward S. Dana, reported as follows, which was adopted :

The committee, on the address of the M. Ill. Grand Master respectfully suggest that the report of an increased interest in the Cryptic Rite, in Vermont, is most gratifying to us, as we know it will be to this Grand Body. The increased activity in the work of our Order is, we feel, largely due to the energy and efforts of the Grand Master and Grand Recorder, who have given their time and their hearts to the good work.

We disapprove heartily of the actions of those Grand Councils who have ignobly lowered the banners of our Rite, and taken refuge under the wings of the Grand Chapters.

Like the ostrich, who shelters himself by hiding his beak in the sand, we fear that the course will be neither profitable nor judicious, when weighed by the verdict of posterity.

We fear the effort to induce the Grand Encampment to make our Rite a prerequisite to Knighthood will hardly be successful in the near future; but whether successful or not, we of the Councils have only to be true, faithful and diligent, earnest in season and out of season, and the future of the Cryptic Rite may be assured.

Charters were granted for the formation of three new Councils, which certainly shows a commendable activity among the Craft in Vermont. We congratulate our Companions in Vermont on their prosperity; and hope others may be encouraged and benefitted thereby. We would particularly call the attention of those Grand Councils, who are contemplating an ignominious surrender of our beautiful degrees, to the prosperity of our Companions in the Green Mountain State, and exhort them to go and do likewise. A little earnest labor will accomplish wonderful results.

Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints, in the sands of time.

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main—
A forlorn and shipwreck'd brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate ;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Illustrious Companion Whitcomb. He reviews twenty-one Grand Councils, Michigan for 1877 and 1878 being among the number.

In reviewing Missouri, Companion Whitcomb says :

This Grand Council is one of the number troubled with "apathy"—so called—which we usually translate "poor Grand Officers.'

We think our Illustrious Companion "hits the nail on the head"—that in nine cases out of ten where a subordinate or Grand Council "languishes," or is troubled with "apathy," the cause can be traced to inefficient management on the part of its officers. Not only will a Council or Grand Council remain healthy if officered by the right kind of material; but, in nine cases out of ten, good, active, zealous, *working* officers —men who put their shoulder to the wheel—will revive a Council or Grand Body *from* a "languishing" condition, and restore it to usefulness again. I have no patience with men who will accept positions they are in nowise qualified to fill, and then, because they are unable to successfully manage the organization, cry out "apathy" and "languishing condition," when the fault is not in the order at all, but in themselves.

The report of Companion Whitcomb is a most excellent one; one of the very best we have had the pleasure of reviewing, and we are glad of it; the enterprising Grand Council of Vermont is deserving of a good reporter, and we are glad that she has secured the services of our Illustrious Companion. In conclusion, he says :

Not getting the long and hopefully looked for 'recognition' at the hands of the Grand Encampment many went back to their homes to vote themselves dead. Others went back to go to work. Those who looked for a 'panacea' in a 'General Grand Coencil,' are among the

mourners, and now will have to look up some new remedy or—go to work. The 'General Grand Council' and 'Prerequisition,' being fairly done for, these are two subjects less for discussion. And so another year has left its lessons with us. The Grand Councils of Arkansas, Californis, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin, have weakly yielded to 'the times' and some are (while others meditate) trying the Mississippi plan.

We cannot close this Report without the repetition of our hobby, *work*, WORK, WORK! Our wisest councelors urge it. Our oldest Companions tell us it is the 'secret of success.' We have tried it faithfully the year past, and proved it. Dear Companions of Guild, let us take up that theme and with such measure of ability as we are masters of, urge the simple homely remedy of action. Ask the discouraged to try it. Ask the grumblers to keep still long enough for the rest to try it. Ask (above all) every fainting heart to see what the workers are doing.

Number of Councils,	17.
Number of members,	705.

ALBERT C. HUBBELL Bennington, M. I. Grand Master.
WILLIAM H. S. WHITCOMB, Burlington, Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN.

Proceedings Printed in an Appendix to Grand Chapter Proceedings.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the city of Milwaukee on the 18th day of February, A. D. 1878. Illustrious Companion David H. Wright, Deputy Grand Master presiding.

ADDRESS.

The address of Most Illustrious Grand Master, James L. Bridge, was read by the Grand Recorder. It consists of a *wail* over the failure of the prerequisite plan, contains the usual amount of "apathy" of disbanding Grand Council addresses, and winds up with a recommendation that they take the necessary steps to obtain a resting place in that "Dear Bosom."

PROCEEDINGS.

On motion it was

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed, of which the T. I. D. G. M. shall be one, to memorialize the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, asking for the appointment of a committee of Conference; and that said committee shall have power to agree upon a plan by which the degrees of Royal and Select Masters shall be placed under the control of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee appointed under the above resolution reported as follows which report was adopted:

Your Special Committee appointed to confer with the committee appointed by the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, relative to transferring the Council Degrees to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, respectfully report that they have conferred with said committee and agreed upon the following recommendations:

First. That the Council degrees be received under the charge and control of the Grand Chapter

Second. That the Council Degrees be conferred upon all Royal Arch Masons without charge.

Third. That a committee of three be appointed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, to act in conjunction with a similar committee from the Grand Chapter, to carry these recommendations into effect.

The following amendments to the Constitution were then adopted:

First. Strike from the Constitution the words 'Super-Excellent Master,' whenever they occur.

Second. Add to Sec. 3, Art. 1: *Resolved*, however, that the Grand Council may in Annual Assembly, by a two-thirds vote, surrender the control of the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin.

The joint Committee of the Grand Council and the Grand Chapter made the following Report:

WHEREAS, The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, at their Annual Assembly, held in this city, February 18th and 20th, voted to surrender to the Grand Chapter all constitutional right to confer, or authorize the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, and amend their Constitution by first striking out the Super-Excellent Masters degrees, and second, all portions of the Constitution claiming any right over these degrees; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Chapter accepted the same, and has made the necessary amendments to its constitution to take control of and constitutionally confer these degrees:

Therefore, Your joint Committee, appointed to arrange a detailed plan to carry out the expressed wish of these Grand Bodies, recommend as follows:

First, Each Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction shall open a Council of Royal and Select Masters and confer the degrees of Royal Master and Select Masters, subsequent to the degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Second, All Royal Arch Masons, members of Chapters in good standing at the date of the consumation of this transfer, shall receive the degrees without charge.

Third, In Chapters where there are not a sufficient number of Royal and Select Masters to open a Council, a competent Companion may, by request of the High Priest of the Chapter, communicate the degrees to a sufficient number of Companions to open a Council, but thereafter the degrees must be properly and fully conferred.

Fourth, Each Council, on receipt of these instructions, shall properly balance its books, and forward them with all their papers and the Charter to the Grand Secretary for safe keeping. Paraphernalia for working the degrees shall become the property of the Chapter where the Councils are located.

Fifth, No Companion, who has been suspended for non-payment of dues to his Council, shall be permitted to sit in a Council until his dues are paid, or remitted, by the Chapter of which he is a member.

Sixth, The Grand Secretary will publish, with the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, a list of all Royal and Select Masters in good standing; and after the books of the several Councils are placed in his hands, he will, on application, certify to the Secretary of any Chapter the amount due from Companions, member of his Chapter who have been suspended; and when dues are paid or remitted, the Secretary of the Chapter shall immediately notify the Grand Secretary, and he will balance the book accordingly.

Seventh, Royal Arch Masons from other jurisdictions, who have not received the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, may, after becoming affiliated, receive the degrees without charge. This rule to be in effect one year from the date hereof and no longer.

Eighth, The Ritual for the degrees shall be used as adopted by the

Grand Council of this jurisdiction; and no change whatever, except such as are made permissible by the Ritual itself, shall be tolerated.

Ninth, The Monitor of Cryptic Masonry, by JACKSON H. CHASE, shall be used in conferring these degrees until otherwise ordered by competent authority.

JOHN W. WOODHULL,
WILLIAM C. SWAIN,
MELVIN L. YOUNGS,
For Grand Chapter.

CHARLES F. G. COLLINS,
CHARLES M. COTTRILL,
CHANDLER P. CHAPMAN,
For Grand Council.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

OFFICE OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
Green Bay, March 11th, 1878.

To JOHN W. WOODHULL, Chairman:

I have carefully examined the foregoing report, and cordially approve it, and the recommendations contained therein, and direct that you cause publication of the same to be made, at an early date, for the information and government of all Chapters in this jurisdiction agreeable to the resolutions adopted by the Grand Chapter at its last annual Convocation.

OLIVER LIBBEY,
Grand High Priest.

Attest:
JOHN W. WOODHULL,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.

OFFICE OF M.·.I.·.GRAND MASTER,
Berlin, March 11th, 1878.

The foregoing report is hereby approved by me. All Councils in this jurisdiction will immediately return their Charters to the Grand Recorder, and as soon as they can settle their indebtedness, if any, will forward their books, papers and seals to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter for safe keeping; and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Wisconsin, in accordance with its action at its Annual Assembly, February 20th, 1878, will, from and after the date hereof, cease to exist.

JAMES L. BRIDGE,
M.·.I.·.Grand Master.

Attest:
JOHN W. WOODHULL,
Grand Recorder.

We have copied the report of the joint committee in full, and we also give a complete copy of the subsequent proceeding of the two Grand Bodies that the Companions in Michigan may know exactly how this thing is done in Wisconsin. At the time of its dissolutions the Grand Council of Wisconsin had nine subordinates with 359 members in good standing. We certainly think that with a little energy upon the part of Grand Officers the Grand Council of Wisconsin might have been preserved. We can see no excuse whatever for the course they have taken and in our opinion they have made a serious mistake. Neither do we think the course of the Grand Chapter in assuming control of these degrees is justifiable under the provisions of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter. This union of Cryptic and Capitular Masonry in this manner looks to us as it does to Companion Cooley, "A good deal like getting married without a licence."

——— M. I. Grand Master.
———·—— Grand Recorder.

HISTORY OF CRYPTIC MASONRY.

In the proceedings of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania for 1873, we find the following valuable history of the introducton of Cryptic Masonry in the United States. It is credited in that report to Illustrious Companion Drummond, as having been prepared and published by him, in the proceedings of the Grand Council of Maine for the previous year. But in a letter received by your committee from Ill. Comp. Drummond, we are informed that the history was prepared and published by him in the proceedings of the Grand Council of Maine, in the year 1870. We have been unable to procure a copy of the proceedings of Maine for that year; hence we are obliged to rely upon the reprint of our Pennsylvania Companions, which, however, we have no doubt, is correct. In view of the claim asserted by some of the disbanding Grand Councils, that the Cryptic Degrees originally belonged to the

Chapter, we have deemed it advisable to reprint this history of the introduction of these degrees into this country, and in so doing place before the Companions of this jurisdiction all the light possible on this question. The information contained in this review is valuable, and we earnestly commend it to the careful study of every Cryptic Mason in Michigan.

HISTORY OF CRYPTIC MASONRY IN UNITED STATES.

ALABAMA.—Organized in 1838, by 27 R. & S. Masters. Has met every year since, except 1840, (or or if they met that year there is no record of it,) 1861, 1862 and 1863. There had been a Council at Tuscaloosa previously, established under the authority of the Supreme Council at Charleston. In 1841, the D. I. G. Master reported that he had issued dispensations for four Councils, including one at Tuscloosa. This one was numbered *four*, and as another was numbered *three*, but none numbered one or two, there may have been two Councils in 1838. Of the founders, but one is known to be living.

ARKANSAS.—Organized in 1860, by representatives of four Councils chartered by the Supreme Council 33 ° S. J., at whose invitation the convention was held. The original members and all active members of the Supreme Council in Arkansas, being members of Councils in that State, are members of the Grand Council. It did not meet in 1861; but did in 1862, though the record is lost, and did not meet in 1863 or 1864.

CALIFORNIA.—Organized in 1861, by delegates from four Councils chartered by the Grand Council of Alabama, one by that of Tennessee, and one by that of Texas. It has met every year since, save in 1869. The time of the annual meeting was changed from the autumn to the spring, and no session was held that year.

CONNECTICUT.—Our history of the Grand Council of Connecticut is not very satisfactory. Its early records have been burned; and we have not been able to examine any proceedings of an earlier date than 1846, except in one instance. They have the record unbroken since 1832; but we fear the earlier history is lost beyond recovery.

In 1818, Jeremy L. Cross, claiming to be "authorized by the Grand Council of the State of Maryland," established Hartford, Ashford, Norwich, New London, Colchester, Stamford, Kent, New Haven, Middleton and Canterbury Councils, and, in 1819, Newton Council. The Grand Council was organized in 1819 by *eight* of the *nine* Councils then existing in the State, according to one account. At the Annual

Conclave in 1821, ten of the twelve Councils were represented, and Cross was G. C. G. But little business was done. The Grand Council has preserved its organization ever since, and has met nearly, if not quite, every year. Charters were granted, at its first session, to all its subordinates; but one of them existed nearly thirty years under its original dispensation from Cross, before the Charter was actually issued. This was not by design, but by an oversight.

At the beginning of the anti-Masonic storm, it had fifteen subordinates; but six charters were revoked in 1839, one in 1840, one in 1843, one in 1844; and one, which was restored in 1846, at some date not given.

We are glad to learn that a reprint of the early proceedings has been ordered; and we anticipate that much light has thus been thrown on the early history of the Rite. We had hoped that Comp. Storer, as he once designed, would have prepared a history of the Rite in his State.

FLORIDA.—Organized in 1858, by three Councils having charters from the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction. Meetings in 1860 and 1861 suspended on account of the war.

Annual Convocation January 13, 1869. Five Councils represented. The degree of Super-Excellent Master, adopted as a part of the ritual, and the work exemplified. No session in 1870.

GEORGIA.—A Grand Council was organized, in 1825 or 1826, by Councils established by the Southern Supreme Council; but it became extinct soon after, and no record can be found. The present Grand Council was organized in 1841, and has met every year since, except in 1864 and 1865.

ILLINOIS.—Organized in 1853, by three Councils, supposed to have been chartered by the Grand Council of Kentucky; but it afterwards appearing that one of the Councils had not then been chartered, it was reorganized in 1854, since which time it has met every year.

INDIANA.—Organized in 1855, by two Councils, chartered by the Grand Council of Ohio; and one chartered by the Grand Council of Kentucky, and has met every year since.

IOWA.—Organized in 1857, by three Councils, chartered by the Grand Council of Illinois, and has met every year since.

KANSAS.—Organized in 1857, by three Councils, chartered by the Grand Council of Missouri, and has met every year, but its proceedings for 1868 and 1869 have not yet been published.

KENTUCKY.—Organized December 10th 1827, by six or seven subordinates, and has met every year since, we believe. Its proceedings were formerly published with those of the Grand Chapter. At its organization, Philips Swigert was elected Grand Recorder, and continued in the office, by successive elections, till 1842, when he was elected Puissant Master, and has been re-elected every year since—a period of official service with but one parallel in the country. The proceedings to which we have had access do not show by whom those six or seven Councils were organized; but in a letter published in 1850, Companion Willis Stewart says that they were all organized in September, 1827, by John Barker, the agent of the Southern Supreme Council. In 1820 three of these charters, and in 1860 one other, were declared forfeited. The Rite flourished, however, and was planted by this Grand Council in many other States.

In the list of Councils established by Cross, we find "Lexington Council established November 23, 1816," and "Shelbyville Council established January 15, 1817." If Comp. Stewart was correct, these must have become dormant before the Grand Council was formed. We think this is so, as these two Councils are not mentioned in the earliest list of subordinates of this Grand Council that we have seen!

LOUISIANA. There was formerly a Grand Council in this State, that became extinct. The present one was formed in 1856, by four Subordinates, one of them chartered in 1827, we believe, under the authority of the Southern Supreme Council, one chartered in 1832 by the Grand Council of Kentucky, one in 1847 and another in 1855, by the Grand Council of Alabama. The one chartered in 1847, surrenrendered its charter in 1852; but was chartered again in 1854.

The Grand Council has met every year since its formation.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Oganized in 1826, by seven Councils, *no one of which then had a Charter*. Boston Council was formed in 1817 by nine Companions who had somewhere obtained the degree of Royal Master. They met, adopted a code of By-Laws, chose and installed their officers, and commenced conferring that degree. Individuals from other parts of the State received the degrees, and then formed other Councils, one in Salem, in May, 1818, one in Springfield afterwards, in the same month, one at Newburyport in 1822, and in 1825 one each in Sutton, Brimfield, Greenwich and Medfield, and soon after, one at Princeton. Some of these were organized by Walter Jones, and Jeremy L. Cross, from this State. In 1818 the degrees of Select and Super-Excellent Master were obtained from Columbia Council, and conferred in it in 1819. Up to 1820 Boston Council conferred the

R. M. degree first. Since then the Order has been as we have them in Maine. In 1836 a convention was called. Six Councils being represented, it was voted to form a Grand Council, and a committee appointed to prepare a constitution and report at an adjourned session, at which another Council was represented, the constitution adopted, Grand Officers elected, and the convention adjourned till December, when the officers were installed and Charters issued to every Council in the State. During the anti-Masonic excitement no public meetings were held, but its organization was kept up, and in 1847 it resumed work. The records from 1827 to 1847, and from 1847 to 1853 were lost, and we do not know that they have been recovered.

We take the following from the address of Comp. E. B. Moore, M. P. Grand Master in 1860: "We think, however, Greenwich Council and one at Sheffield had Charters from New York before 1826. And Cross, in his list of Councils, organized by him, gives 'Boston Council, established August 25th, 1817, Henry Fowle T. I. G. M.,' and, moreover, in his certificate denominates them 'Councils of *Select* Masters; yet the proceedings give July 20th 1817, as the date of its orgaization, and Benjamin Gleason as its first T. I. G. M.

MICHIGAN.—Organized in 1858, by three Councils chartered by the Grand Council of Connecticut, and has met every year since, (twice in 1861.)

MISSISSIPPI.—Organized in 1860, by seven Councils chartered by the Grand Council of the Princes of Jerusalem for Mississippi, which derived its authority from the Supreme Council of Charleston. The convention was called by the Grand Council P. J., which, after the formation of the Grand Council, released to it all control over these degrees. By the constitution, all members of the Grand Council P. J. were made permanent members. The convention held three sessions. At the first four Councils were represented, at the second, five, and at the third, seven. There had been a Grand Council formed at Jackson, in 1855, by Councils chartered by other authority than the Princes of Jerusalem; and there were also Councils formed under that authority, which took no part in the convention.

Provision was made, however, for them to come in with the rest; but all initiated under the Grand Council at Jackson, were required to be healed. The result was, that in the course of a few years all of the Councils gave in their adherance to the Grand Council. That has met every year since, excepting 1862 and 1863.

Cross, in his list, says he instituted Natchez Council, March 15th, 1817. It is not the one now existing, as we understand it.

MISSOURI.—Organized in 1864, by representatives of three Councils, chartered by the Grand Council of Illinois; and has met every year since, except 1865. Two Councils had been established in 1863 and one in 1857, by the Grand Council of Kentucky, but they seem to have become extinct.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Organized in 1867, by three Councils chartered by the Grand Council of Maine, and has met every year since.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Organized in 1862, by three Councils. The proceedings for 1869 alone have been published. We are indebted to Comp. John A. Harris for valuable information relative to the history of the Rite in his State. Tyrian Council of Royal Masters was established at Hopkinton, August 5th, 1815. It has been stated that it was organized by Cross; but Cross did not have any authority, or even the degrees, till late in 1816. We think it was formed by the Companions without any warrant. Benjamin Gleason was present at the first two meetings *as a visitor*; and it is probable that he conferred the degrees upon the Companions, and they formed the Council. This view is confirmed by the fact that in 1817 it took a warrant from Cross. This was the first Council in New England, so far as the records we have seen indicate.

The Grand Council was formed by Orphan, Columbian and Adoniram Councils. The record of Orphan Council indicates that it received a dispensation from a *Grand Council held at Concord, June 10th*, 1830*; in 1832 it held its meetings alternately, at Dover and Somersworth. In 1834 it became dormant, and in 1855 it was revived as No. 1. Columbian Council was formed April 15th, 1822, by the R. and S. Masters connected with Webb Chapter, without any warrant. It afterwards became dormant, and was revived as No. 2, in 1855 or 1856. Adoniram Council was chartered by the Grand Council of Connecticut, in September, 1857, after having worked one year under a dispensation.

[Since the larger portion of this report has gone through the press, we have received information from Comp. E. P. Burnham, of Maine, that the Grand Council of New Hampshire was instituted July 9, 1823,

*NOTE.—Our New Hampshire Companions insist that no Grand Council then existed in that State; but we find the following upon pages 6 and 7 of the proceeding of their Grand Chapter in 1828:

A Circular Letter from the High Priest of Maryland Grand Chapter, has been submitted to us, and we are of the opinion, that, inasmuch as we have in this State a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, it is not for the interest of this Grand Chapter to interfere with degrees with which they have no concern, and over which, originally and rightfully, they can have no control.

with the following officers: Jonathan Nye, T. I. G. M.; Thomas S. Bowler, D. T. I. G. M.; Godfrey Stevens, G. P. C. W.; Albe Cady, G. T.; James Wilson, Jr., G. R.; Sebastian Streeter, G. C.; Charles Abbott, G. C. P.; Ammi B. Young, G. St.; Samuel P. Drowne, G. Sent.]

NEW JERSEY.—Organized in 1860 by three Councils chartered, one by New York and two by Pennsylvania, and has met every year since.

NEW YORK.—In a history of the Grand Council, presented in 1861, the committee say that Henry A. Francken, the founder of the Lodge of Perfection at Albany, in 1767, introduced the degrees of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Masters into this country, in New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

In 1807 Joseph Cerneau conferred the degree of Royal Masters in New York, and established a Grand Council, under authority derived from the Grand Consistory in France, and the same year established a Grand Consistory there. The records of the Grand Council for the first three years are lost.

A charter was granted to Columbian Council No. 1, in 1810. In 1821 a Council of Select Masters in New York, founded by Eckles and Niles, united with the other, the members having first been healed. It then conferred the Super-Excellent degree, but not very often till 1842, since which it has been regularly conferred. In a charter granted in 1824, authority was given to confer the Royal, Select and Super-Excellent degrees. In 1817 a charter was issued to Benjamin Gleason and others, who had formed a Council in Boston. In 1824 a charter was issued for the second Council in New York. In 1824 one was issued to John Barney and others, in Sheffield, Massachusetts. In 1825, one for a Council at Greenwich, Massachusetts. The latter had been acting as a Council for some years.

This Grand Council held all Councils and Grand Councils deriving their authority from Cross or Cushman to be clandestine; and accordingly, in 1841, refused admission to the Most Puissant of the Grand Council of Ohio.

When the schism in the Grand Lodge of New York occurred, in 1849, it happened that almost all the members of the Grand Council were of the Phillips party. In consequence, in 1854, another Grand Council was formed by three Councils, chartered by Connecticut that same year. In 1860 the two united and formed the present Grand Council of New York. The old body had published no proceedings before the union, and we have only those of the other body and of the united body.

NORTH CAROLINA.—By the kindness of Comp. Harris, of New Hampshire, we have examined the proceedings at the organization of the Grand Council of North Carolina in 1822, and at the annual convocation in 1823.

At the organization, four Councils (Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 6) were represented. After the organization, it was ordered that the "Deputy Puissant issue letters of dispensation" to the several Councils, empowering them to work until the first meeting of the Grand Council.

In 1823, Nos. 2, 3 and 4 were represented, and charters were ordered to issue to all the subordinates. The vote was afterwards recinded, and the Councils ordered "to work under dispensations they received from the Grand Puissant.

The Grand Council recommended a convention in 1824, to modify the constitution, and subsequently recommend to the convention to be held as aforesaid, to place the Government of the subordinate Councils under the Grand Chapter, and to dissolve the Grand Council. Eureka Council, at Newbern, was admitted into the Grand Council on the same terms as the others. Whether this recommendation was carried into effect or not we have no means of ascertaining.

It is certain, however, that neither the Grand Council or any of its subordinates survived the anti-Masonic storm, and none were ever revived under their former authority. When and by whom these Councils were organized, we have no knowledge. The present Grand Council was organized in 1860, by three Councils chartered by the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction. It did not meet again till 1866, but has met every year since.

OHIO.—A charter was granted in January, 1827, by the Grand Council of New York to King Hiram Council at Cleveland, but we do not find any mention of it in any of the Ohio proceedings to which we have had access. The Grand Council was organized January 6th, 1830, by delegates from five Councils, three, at least, of which were formed in 1827 and 1828, by virtue of warrants from John Barker, the agent of the Southern Supreme Council, a copy of one of which warrants we gave in our report in 1868 (p. 23). It has met every year except 1832, 1833 and 1851.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The Grand Council of Ohio, in 1834, authorized the issuing of a dispensation for a Council at Pittsburg. A Grand Council was formed in 1847, by three Councils—one at Washington—one at Pittsburg, and *one* (*Lone Star*) at *Washington Texas*. This Body met again in 1847, 1848, and 1849, when doubts arose as to the propri-

ety of their course; and it languished until 1854, when, it is said, the officers surrendered the authority to the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem. The subordinate Councils disavowed the acts of the Grand officers, and December 30, 1854, called a meeting and re-organized the Grand Council. How many Councils participated we do not know, but suppose there were but two. However, the Grand Council has met every year since, and is one of the most prosperous in the country. Before 1869, it had not published its proceedings, but two or three times, a condensed history.

RHODE ISLAND.—Organized in 1860, by three Councils, one of which had been in existence since 1819, under a warrant from Jeremy L. Cross, one chartered in 1847 by the Grand Council of Massachusetts, and the other in 1860 by Connecticut. It has met every year since.

We insert a copy of Cross's warrant, for which we are indebted to Comp. E. B. Knight, Grand Recorder:

"*To all to whom these presents may come, GREETINGS:*

"Know ye, that by the High Powers in me vested by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, held in the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, North America, I do hereby constitute and empower the following Illustrious Companions, viz:" [*We omit a list of names thirty-eight in number*;] "to form themselves into a regular Council of Royal and Select Masters; and I do appoint my worthy Companion Samuel Jackson, 2d, to be the first Thrice Illustrious Grand Master,—Caleb Earle, first Deputy Illustrious Grand Master, and Rev. Solomon Sias to be first Principal Conductor of the Work; and do grant them full power, with their constitutional members to congregate, open, and confer the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, and all other business appertaining to said degrees; for which this shall be their sufficient warrant, until revoked by the Grand Puissant. And I do further direct said Council to hold its meetings at Providence, county of Providence, and State of Rhode Island.

"Given under my hand, at Providence, this twenty-seventh day of September, A. D. 1819, of the Deposit 2819.

"JEREMY L. CROSS, D. G. M."

There was in 1860 another Council at Newport, chartered in 1850, under the authority of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite, for the Northern Jurisdiction, It declined to join the others in forming the Grand Council. In the meantime, its existence had been forgotten

outside of the body with which it was connected ; but in 1860, its existence coming for the first time, as we have reason to believe, to the knowledge of the Grand Commander, he suspended further proceeding under that charter, and it was afterwards revoked. We have since learned that the Companions afterwards sought and received a charter from the Grand Council, and are now subordinate to it.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Organized in 1860 by nine Councils, chartered under the authority of the Supreme Council for the Southern jurisdiction. In the original constitution there was a reservation to the members of that Supreme Council of all their rights and privileges, except the granting of warrants, &c., in South Carolina, and the exercise of control over the Councils ; and it was stipulated that the reservation should never be repealed, save by the consent of the Supreme Council.

This Grand Council did not meet from 1862 to 1869 inclusive, but was re-organized in 1869.

Annual Convocation February 10, 1869. Seven Councils represented. Three charters granted.

The M. Puissant, Comp. Albert G. Mackey, in his address, states that in 1826 there was a proposition for the Grand Chapter to assume control of these degrees; and the Grand Chapter of South Carolina appointed a committee, from whose able report we gather the following facts :

1. The degrees of Royal and select Masters were originally introduced by an Inspector-General of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, in the year 1783, and placed by him under the control of the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, which was organized in the same year in the city of Charleston.

2. That they were first conferred in the city of Charleston, by the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem as ' side degrees ' or ' detached degrees ' of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

3. That they were afterwards disseminated over the whole country by agents of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, who granted charters for the establishment of Councils of Royal and Select Masters.

4. That in almost all of the States these Subordinate Councils united to form Grand Councils, who afterwards exercised the rights appertaining to such bodies; the prerogatives of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite being gradually and silently ignored and dispensed with.

TENNESSEE.—Organized in 1847, by five Councils—two chartered by the Grand Council of Kentucky—two by the authority of the Supreme Council, S. J., and one working under a dispensation from the Grand Council of Alabama. In a report in 1868, a committee say that they are informed that all of the Councils were formed under charters granted by that Supreme Council; but two of them were chartered by Kentucky in 1847, and one received a dispensation from Alabama in 1846. In 1866 Comp. Charles A. Fuller says, two at least of those subordinates came from the Supreme Council. This Grand Council has met every year save 1862, 1863 and 1864, but its early proceedings cannot now be readily obtained, if at all.

TEXAS.—Organized in 1856 by three Councils. One chartered by the Grand Council of Kentuckey, one by the Grand Council of Alabama, and the other in 1847, by the Grand Council of New York.—One other Council chartered by Alabama, had existed, but had then forfeited its charter, and became extinct. One other, chartered by Kentucky, took no part in the organization, but at once gave in its adhension to the new Grand Council.

This body met every year till 1864, when it disbanded and turned the degrees over to the Chapter. The consequence is, that those receiving the degrees are not recognized in any other States except Maryland and Virginia.

VERMONT.—Organized in 1854 by four Councils, and met every year since, except 1861. In 1855 it was assumed that there were eight Councils in the state, and charters were issued to all which had not taken them the year before. Until the formation of the Grand Council, there seems to have been no charter from any certain authority held by a single Council in the State. In 1818 Jeremy L. Cross instituted one of the four which formed the Grand Council, but gave it no charter. Afterwards it procured a warrant from John H. Cotten, who was supposed to have received his authority from a Grand Body in Baltimore. This Council conferred only the Select degree. It suspended in 1826, and was re-organized in 1849 under the old charter. To the second of the four, Cotton granted a warrant by authority, as he supposed, of Philip P. Echel, through Cross; but it was for many years connected with a Chapter and under its control.

The third was connected with a Chapter at Montpelier, and is said to have been organized as a separate Body only when it received its charter from the Grand Council. On the other hand, it is stated that these two Councils were entirely distinct from the Chapters.

The fourth was organzied in 1852 by the members of an old Council which had existed in the same place, but had been extinct for many years.

In addition to these, Cotton established a Council in 1818, which suspended in 1828, and reorganized and took a charter from the Grand Council in 1854; also another in 1818, but it had no charter till 1854. There were also two other Councils connected with Chapters till 1864, when they took charters as separate Bodies.

VIRGINIA.—In December 1817, Cross instituted a Council of Select Masters at Richmond, and the next month another at Dumfries. In 1820, Cushman, under authority from Cross, went to Virginia and instituted Councils at Norfolk, Portsmouth, Petersburg, Lynchburg, Stanton, Williamsburg and Winchester. Thereupon, the same year, these Councils formed a Grand Council, which continued its labors till 1841, when it surrrendered the jurisdiction of the degrees to the Grand Chapter, and disbanded, together with all of its Subordinates. The venerable John Dove was the first T. I. Grand Master of the first Council.

We have seen the proceedings of this Grand Council for 1828, 1829 and 1830. From them we learn that the proceedings for 1820 were published, but not those of the intervening years. There was a special Assembly for the election of officers in February, 1828, from which we infer, that the annual session in December, 1827 was not held. In 1828 there were fifteen Councils. We are unable to learn whether any proceeding were afterwards published or not. Comp. Dove was present at all four of these sessions. These proceedings give some reason for believing that there was no session of the Grand Council between 1820 (or 1821) and 1828. A bill for printing the proceedings for 1820, and another for advertising the meeting of 1821, were ordered to be paid in 1828. Cushman was ordered to pay the Grand Treasurer the charter fee for the five new Councils, "he having acknowledged the receipt of the same," but he dying in 1829, his bond given for those fees was cancelled and sent to his widow, with a letter of condolence.

The Subordinates in 1828 were ordered to return their charters or warrants, (and again in 1829) and take new ones; and each Council was to pay five dollars in full for all arrearages to that date.

WISCONSIN.—Organized in 1857, by three Councils chartered by the Grand Council of Ohio, and has met every year since except 1860. Its proceedings were not published in 1868 or 1869, but were to be in 1870. However they have not been received.

SUMMARY.—The historical facts we have given are gathered from such proceedings of Grand Councils and Grand Chapters as we have been able to examine, with some aid from other sources. The statements in these proceedings are not always consistent with each other, and the impossibility of access to full files in many cases, renders it probable that there are errors in some of the details we have given. We, of course, invite correction and additions from any quarter. In that manner we shall obtain the materials for a full history of the Rite.

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 in 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 possible that the founders of the Council in New Hampshire in 1815, and 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 Councils 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 a manner as led him to believe that he had the control of it.

Comp. Harry R. Taylor, of Florida, states that Ebenezer Wadsworth, 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 communication 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 Masons 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 degree 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 Mississippi, in which States he conferred the degrees 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 23rd, 1816, and that summer, two Councils in Kentucky, one in Ohio, one in Mississippi, 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 25th, 1817, he undertakes "by the High Power in me vested by 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 warrants 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 warrants, 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 Royal Master's 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 phamphlet and set out on a new campaign to establish Councils of *Royal* and *Select* 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 Grand High Priest of Maryland submitted to his Grand Capter a paper purporting to be an authority to Jeremy L. Cross, empowering him to grant warrants to Councils of Royal and Select Masters in the 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 Chapters 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 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 an Niles, he had committed no offence against the General Grand Chapter or Grand Chapter of Maryland, as neither of them had taken charge of these degrees, or any of them. It has been claimed, (and the claim recently reasserted) especially by our Virginia Companions, that all Grand Councils and their subordinates now existing, derive their authority, directly or 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 Echel, 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 Royal Master's 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 Council of Connecticut, Vermont and Virginia, were established by him, or under his authority. The latter has dissolved. Vermont has established no Councils out of the State. Connecticut established (of those which took part in the formation of 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 merged with 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 the control of the Grand Chapter in 1824, when there were four Grand Councils of *Royal and Select Masters*, with at least sixty subordinates, it will be perceived that the claim of the Grand Chapter to control all the 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 possessions of the degrees, to agree among themselves that the 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 of that jurisdiction, and the authority, which any Companion might otherwise have had to confer the degrees was restricted. As this was almost unniversally 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 receive 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 the 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, as far as the published records show ; but up to 1848 it had never been conferred (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.

CONCLUSION.

The questions of all absorbing interest to Cryptic Masons, at the present time, are "The Mississippi plan," and how shall Royal and Select Masters, made under that arrangement be received by Companions of the Crypt. In our review of our sister jurisdictions we have endeavored to glean from their reports the action of the several Grand Councils on this question. Five States: Mississippi, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Kentucky, have disbanded their Grand Councils and turned the degrees over to the Chapters, and four others, Arkansas, California, South Carolina and Nebraska, have taken preliminary steps to do the same thing. But in most, if not in all, of the States, last above named, they propose, before the final consumation of their consolidation schemes, to wait and see what action the General Grand Chapter will take in the premises. They concede that under the present Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, it cannot be done, or if done, such action would be in violation of the provisions of that instrument. Many of the adherents of this "New Departure," however, flatter themselves that the General Grand Chapter will make the necessary amendments to its Constitution to allow it to be done. In this we think they will be disappointed. We do not believe the General Grand Chapter will for a moment tolerate this medley of work, or authorize the introduction of two more degrees into the Capitular ritual in a part of the Grand Chapter's under its jurisdiction. We do not believe the General Grand Chapter would sanction it if it could be made uniform in all of the Grand Chapters under its control, much less will it do so when only a portion can be permitted to work them.

We are glad that there is a General Grand Chapter, some power that can place a check on the innovations of such Companions as Walter & Co.; and we look to that Grand Body to

put a stop to further innovations and unwarrantable assumptions of jurisdiction and to restore the landmarks set up by our fathers, but which have been disregarded and set at naught by these Companions.

We are inclined to be charitable to most of those who have entered into this UNHOLY ALLIANCE, because we think they did so with pure motives and without any intention of desecrating our sacred alters. We think they were misled by those to whom they were accustomed to look for Masonic light. But we have no charity for Companions, who, placed at the head of the Order in their respective jurisdictions, stood up in their places and stated to their Companions that Cryptic Masonry originally belonged to the Capitular Rite and could, therefore, be restored to it, and by such statements induced the Companions in their respective jurisdictions to make our beautiful and impressive Rite a "*side show*" for the Chapter. If these chief officers knew what they were stating was untrue they are certainly culpable of the commission of a great wrong and merit the most unqualified condemnation. And if they were ignorant of the history of the Rite and officially stated as facts that which they knew nothing about, and had no reason to believe was true, they are scarcely less criminal.

In the meantime a question arises as to the *status* of Royal and Select Masters who receive the degrees in Royal Arch Chapters under the Mississippi plan; shall they be received and reorganized or shall the door of the secret vault be closed on their approach. Pennsylvania, New York, Maine, Florida, Minnesota, Indiana, Connecticut and several other states have decided that no person can be recognized as lawfully made except such as receive the degrees in a regularly constituted Council of Royal and Select Masters duly empowered by a Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite. And that to all those who receive the degrees under the sanction of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons recognition of any kind whatever will be refused. This we believe to be correct in principal. If we admit such

as are made under the sanction of a Chapter, we must, of course, recognize the power of a Grand Council to transfer the Cryptic degrees to the Capitular Rite. This we cannot do. We could as soon recognize the power of a Grand Chapter to transfer the Capitular degrees to the Blue Lodge, or the power of a Grand Lodge to transfer the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry to a Lodge of Odd Fellows as we could recognize the right or power of a Grand Council to transfer the Criptic Rite to the Chapter.

We think that about all the Grand Councils that have or had any intention of adopting the Mississippi scheme, have done so, and that we need look for no further loss in that direction. We think it very doubtful whether another Grand Council can be found that will presume to turn the degrees over to an organization that is forbidden by its constitution from accepting the trust, or that another Grand Chapter can be found that would agree to receive them until the General Grand Chapter shall pass upon the question. The actions of the several Grand Councils and Grand Chapters on this question has, in our opinion, been without much reflection or investigation of the law and the facts, and that when the attention of the several Grand Bodies is called to these facts no further action of a similar kind will be had; and we further believe that at the next triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter that Grand Body will put a stop at once and forever to all such alliances.

ANDREW J. UTLEY,
M. I. GRAND MASTER.

For the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

ERRATA.

Page 38; second line from bottom, for companions, read companies.

Page 29; second line from bottom, for therefor, read therefore.

Page 34; thirteenth line from bottom, for Nill, read Hill.

Page 100; eighth line from top, for alters read altars.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, IN JACKSON,

Commencing Monday, January 19, 1880.



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FORM OF PETITION FOR A NEW COUNCIL.

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

The undersigned petitioners, being Royal and Select Masters, having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, and being willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Cryptic Masonry, respectfully represent:

That they are desirous of forming a Council in the ——— ———, County of ———, and State of ———, to be named ——— Council, No.—.

They therefore pray for Letters of Dispensation, or a warrant of Constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal Council, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the regulations of the Grand Council.

They have nominated, and do recommend, Comp. A. B., to be the first T. I. M.; Comp. C D., to be the first D. M.; and Comp. E. G., to be the first P. C. of W. of said Council.

If the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted, they promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council.

N. B.—The above petition must be signed by not less than nine Select Masters.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN, assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of Jackson, on Monday, January 19, 1880, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Comp. HUGH McCURDY, ...M. I. Grand Master.
" DAVID WOODWARD, ...D. Grand Master.
" RUFUS C. HATHAWAY, ...G. P. C. of W.
" EDWARD A. ELLIOTT, ...Grand Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE, ...Grand Recorder.
" WILLIAM G. HUDSON, ...G. Capt. of Guard.
" GEORGE H. GREENE, ...G. Conductor of Council.
" —— - —— .....G. Chaplain.
" JAMES H. CUMMINS, ...Grand Steward.
" WILLIAM V. GRIFFITH, ...Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

Comp. D. B TRACY, ...P. M. I. Grand Master.
" D. BOVEE, ...P. M. I. Grand Master.
" O. L. SPAULDING, ...P. M. I. Grand Master.
" E. SPRAGUE, ...P. M. I. Grand Master.
" H. SHAW NOBLE, ...P. M. I. Grand Master.
" WILLIAM BROWN, ...P. M. I. Grand Master.
" GEORGE HILL, ...P. M. I. Grand Master.

Also the representatives of a constitutional number of subordinate Councils.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Companions JAMES H. CUMMINS, GEORGE H. STEPHENSON and PETER F. BLOSSER a Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

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

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the Credentials submitted to them, and find the following members and delegates entitled to seats in the Grand Council:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Comp. HUGH McCURDY,.....M. I. Grand Master.
" DAVID WOODWARD,.....D. Grand Master.
" RUFUS C. HATHAWAY,.....P. C. of W.
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" GEO. H. GREENE,.....G. Conductor of Council.
" ——— ———.....G. Chaplain.
" H. L. ANTHONY,.....G. Steward.
" WILLIAM V. GRIFFITH,.....G. Sentinel.

Also the Past T. I. G. P.'s, Past M. I. G. M.'s, —D. I. M.'s, Past D. G. M.'s, Past G. T. I. and Past G. P. C.'s of W.; also the following delegates from subordinate Councils.

MONROE COUNCIL, No. 1.

Comp. F. W. HAWES,.....T. I. M.
" RICHARD S. DILLON,.....D. M.
" GEORGE LECKIE,.....P. C. of W.

PONTIAC, No. 3.

Comp. SAMUEL H. NORTON.....T. I. M.
" CLARK B. TURNER,.....D. M.
" EDWARD C. SMITH,.....P. C. of W.

RIVER RAISIN, No. 4.

Comp. JOSEPH CLARK,.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE R. HURD,.....D. M.
" ALFRED I. SAWYER,.....P. C. of W.

JONESVILLE, No. 5.

No Returns.

MT. MORIAH, No. 6.

Comp. DAVID BOVEE,.....T. I. M.
" NATHEM ROSENBAUM,.....D. M.
" JOHN A. ASHBAUGH,.....P. C. of W.

THREE RIVERS, No. 7.

No Returns.

ROMEO, No. 8.

Comp. N. LOWELL,.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" JAMES GRAY,.....D M.
" CHARLES F. NEWBURY,.....P. C. of W.

BATTLE CREEK, No. 9.

Comp. D D. BUCK,.....T. I. M.
" M. C. SCHAFER,.....D. M.
" A. B. POWELL,.....P. C. of W.

TYRE, No. 10.

Comp. WILLIAM P. INNES,.....Proxy for Council.

UNION, No. 11.

Comp. E. BOGARDUS,.....T. I. M.
" C. F. R. BELLOWS,.....D. M.
" WM. WILSON,.....P. C. of W.

IONIA, No. 12.

Comp. CHARLES LEACH,.....Proxy for Council.

STURGIS. No. 13.

Comp. CHAS. B. PECK,.....Proxy for Council.

HIRAM No. 14.

No Returns.

MT. ARARAT, No. 15.

Comp. ZINA R. ASHBAUGH,.....T. I. M.
" L. S. RANNEY,.....D. M.
" MOSES KOCHENTHAL,.....P. C. of W.

GENESEE No. 17.

No. Returns.

ADRIAN, No. 18.

Comp. JOHN W. FINCH,.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" JOHN ROSE,.....D. M.
" J. M. KIMBALL,.....P. C. of W.

NILES, No. 19.

Comp. JAMES M. BABCOCK,.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" JAMES S. REEVES,.....D. M.
" CYRUS M. ALWARD,.....P. C. of W.

SAGINAW, No. 20.

Comp. FRED. E. HOYT,.....T. I. M.
" D. B. REEVE .....D. M.
" CHARLES DOUGHTY,.....P. C. of W.

ST. JOHNS, NO. 21.

Comp. GEO. H. STEPHENSON,.....T. I. M.
" CHAS. G. PATTERSON, ...D. M.
" JOHN D. HENDERSON.....P. C. of W.

PORTLAND, No. 23.

Comp. F. G. LEE, ...T. I. M.
" CHESTER SMITH, ...D. M.
" J. H. WEBBER,.....P. C. of W.

ADONIRAM, No. 24.

Comp. ARTHUR CASE, ...D. M.
" PETER F. BLOSSER.....P. C. of W. and Proxy for T. I. M.

KING SOLOMON, No. 25.

No Returns.

CLINTON, No. 26.

Comp. GEORGE FISHER.....D. M.
" WM. C. ROGERS,.....P. C. of W. and Proxy for T. I. M.

OCEANA, No. 27.

Comp. JAMES G. B. ATWOOD,.....Proxy for Council.

DOWAGIAC, No. 28.

No Returns.

LANSING, No. 29.

Comp. JOSIAH BRUNO, Jr.,.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE H. GREENE, ...D. M.
" LEELAND H. BRIGGS,.....P. C. of W.

NORTHVILLE, No. 30.

No Returns.

READING, No. 31.

No Returns.

JACKSON, No. 32.

Comp. HENRY SIMONS,.....T. I. M.
" THOMAS H. WILLIAMS, ...D. M.
" HENRY HUNTINGTON,.....P. C. of W.

ITHICA, No. 33.

Comp. WILLIAM S. TURCK,.....T. I. M.
" JOHN L. SINCLAIR.....D. M.
" A. W. RUSSELL,.....Proxy for P. C. of W.

BLANCHARD, No. 34.

No Returns.

UNION CITY, No. 35.

No Returns.

CHARLOTTE, No. 36.

Comp. E. T. CHURCH,.....T. I. M.
" DANIEL BAUGHMAN,.....D. M.
" P. S. DEGROFF,.....P. C. of W.

NEBUZARADEN, No. 37.

No Returns.

CORUNNA, No. 38.

Comp. HUGH McCURDY.....T. I. M.
" JAMES ANDERSON,.....D. M.
" ALMON C. BROWN.....P. C. of W.

HOLLY, No. 39.

Comp. JAMES H. CUMMINS,.....T. I. M.
" EDWARD HADLEY,.....D. M.
" MARCUS D. ELLIOTT,.....P. C. of W.

BRONSON, No. 40.

Comp. IRA D. HILL,.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" L. W. LEWIS,.....D. M.
" J. E. PULLMAN,.....P. C. of W.

CENTERVILLE, No. 41.

No Returns.

LAPEER, No. 42.

Comp. H. K. WHITE,.....T. I. M.
" W. F. DALEY,.....D. M.
" F. J. JACKSON,.....P. C. of W.

LAWRENCE, No. 43.

Comp. JOHN T. BARROWS,.....Proxy for Council.

ST. JOSEPH, No. 44.

Comp. ALFRED BALDREY,.....Proxy for Council.

SOUTH HAVEN, No. 45.

Comp. ALFRED G. GULLY,.....T. I. M.
" JOSEPH LAMEIN,.....D. M.
" MARSHALL J. DICKINSON,.....P. C. of W.

MANISTEE, No. 46.

Comp. WM. DUNHAM,.....T. I. M.
" D. W. MOWATT,.....D. M.
" WM. KENT, Jr.,.....P. C. of W.

NEWAYGO, No. 47.

No Returns.

LUDINGTON, No. 48.

Comp. WILLIAM G. HUDSON,.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE H. STRONG,.....D. M.
" FRANK P. DUNWELL,.....P. C. of W.

GIBLUM, No. 49.

Comp. TRAVERSE PHILLIPS,.....T. I. M.
" A. PHILO DRAKE,.....D. M.
" MARCUS W. RIKER,.....P. C. of W.

LESLIE, No. 50.

Comp. EDWARD OLDMAN,.....T. I. M.
" M. E. RUMSEY,.....D. M.
" WM. HUTCHINS,.....P. C. of W.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. CUMMINS,
GEORGE H. STEPHENSON,
PETER F. BLOSSER,
Committee.

M. I. GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. I. Grand Master, HUGH MCCURDY, then delivered the following address:

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:

Looking back from this eventful period, the institution of Freemasonry comes down to us in all perfection, hoary with the frost of centuries. Kingdoms have crumbled and empires have fallen—races and tribes of men have been annihilated, and scarce a tradition of them has been preserved; yet Freemasonry to-day stands essentially the same that it was when the first temple, with all its glory, crowned Moriah's height. In this the world of Masonry rejoices; and now the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan meet to renew congratulations that fraternal concord exists among the craft, and that prosperity abounds in every section of our jurisdiction. The working tools of our Rite are bright with use upon the moral temple, and all rejected material is hove over among the rubbish by that sleepless sentinel who guards his post with "dragon's watch and unenchanted eye." "Who can best work and best agree" is still the proud shibboleth of the *secret vault*—the secure *corner stone* of our ancient institution. Let us hold courage and labor on.

CALLED OFF FROM LABOR.

Though we have cause for general rejoicing, there comes up at the threshold of this Assembly the shadow of a beloved Companion who has been called from his labor on earth by the great Master, who garners all. On the ninth day of June last, Rev. Companion B. F. DOUGHTY, the Grand Chaplain of this Grand body, and Past Principal Conductor of the work, died at his home in Sturgis. He had been a prominent worker in all the Masonic bodies of this State for a great number of years, and was universally respected by the craft for the manly qualities of his heart, and that strict integrity that wins the praise of man. Like the perfect ashlar, fitted and prepared by

the workmen, he has been placed as a stone, tried and true, in that temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. In the midst of his usefulness he was called off by the gavel of death to the spirit land above, where the crown of the just shines eternal, and where human glory fades in the brightness of the great hereafter. In honor of his memory, I recommend that this Grand body take such suitable action as will perpetuate the memory of our lamented Companion.

JURISPRUDENCE.

During the year a number of official rulings have been made in this department, but none of them are deemed by us of sufficient importance to require a formal report to this body. This auspicious fact is of itself a tribute to the intelligence and Masonic culture of those Companions who have charge of the Subordinate Councils of this State, and who are so well learned and deeply rooted in the principles and practice that govern our Rite, as to require but little or no elucidation in the discharge of their varied duties.

CRYPTIC MASONRY.

To Royal and Select Masters are given the keystone in Masonry, more precious than is known by the vast workers of the quarries; and it has been truthfully proclaimed that to preserve and transmit our principles to those who succeed us, in the hour of low twelve, is a sacred, bounden duty we owe to Cryptic Masonry. Thus believing, we should often revert to the origin of our institution; for, as has been said, it is only by digging to the foundation, and examining each stone minutely, that we can rightfully estimate what has been erected thereon. It is so with Freemasonry.

The first Grand Council which assembled at Jerusalem was composed of SOLOMON, the king of Israel; HIRAM, the king of Tyre, and HIRAM ABIFF—the three Grand Masters, who, unobserved by "*prying eyes*," devised the whole entire plan by which the temple should be erected—how the workmen should be divided into various degrees, each class consisting of an inde-

pendent body, whereby it might be recognized by the peculiar sign of that degree. Most happily, too, they combine within the power of the Council, the Alpha and the Omega of Freemasonry, thereby denominating Cryptic Masonry, by way of pre-eminence, the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry. Thus, in fact, the duties, the powers, the responsibilities of a Council embrace the whole range of Ancient Craft Masonry, from the conception of the idea *in the heart*, until the candidate is in the full possession of our mysteries, or, in our own peculiar language, until he has passed the Circle of Perfection. It is in the *secret vault*, securely guarded, that the illustrious Companions are required not only to search out the truth, but to determine plans and design objects for the private as well as general good of the craft.

If, therefore, Companions who constitute this class and who have passed the Circle of Perfection—who have witnessed the wisdom, strength and beauty of our principles, will be but true to their obligations, and faithful to their requirements—what immense good could be accomplished. No bickerings, no strife and no conflicts could ever exist in the Masonic institution, but peace, concord and tranquility would prevail, and the only contention in the whole Masonic family of earth would be, who can best work and who can best agree. Brotherly love and charity would be happily blended together, and the life and character of a gentleman, of a faithful brother and devoted companion, would be merged in the life and purity of a consistent Mason. With you and all Illustrious Companions, who have entered the *secret vault*, rests the responsibility if confusion ever prevail in the Lodge, Chapter or Council. Hence you perceive that the charge of a Select Master is literally true when it says to each of you "that your obligations are increased in proportion to your privileges; and also, let it be your constant care to prove yourself worthy of the confidence reposed in you, and of the high honor conferred on you, in admitting you among Select Masters."

The Degrees of E. A., F. C., and M. M., were originally Ancient Craft Masonry; while the old constitutions gave the

Master the right and authority to congregate his members into a Chapter for the purpose of conferring the Royal Arch, which originally constituted a part of the Third Degree. In elucidating the Royal Arch, it becomes necessary that other degrees should be incorporated into the Chapter, for the purpose of explaining the various parts of the Temple. Hence the Mark and Most Excellent Masters' Degrees were added and conferred before the Royal Arch.

In process of time, it became necessary to establish a Council, whose province it should be to "account for the concealment and preservation of those *essentials* of the craft which were brought to light at the erection of the second Temple, and which lay concealed from the mystic eye four hundred and seventy years." Hence Cryptic Masonry was inaugurated.

In different countries different systems prevail to inculcate, enforce and teach Ancient Craft Masonry; but in this country it is confined to the degrees of the Lodge, Chapter and Council. Cryptic Masonry, therefore is contained within the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, and are numbered eight and nine in the York Rite; although in a chronological point of view they are the first and last degrees; hence called the Alpha and Omega of Ancient Craft Masonry. They illustrate the mysteries of Masonry, and without a full, perfect and complete knowledge of these degrees our Masonic edifice is incomplete and unfinished, or, as has been aptly said "the degrees of Royal and Select Masters are polished and perfect ashlars, marked and numbered for the building."

CRYPTIC MASONRY IN MICHIGAN.

Brief though it may be, this reference to Cryptic Masonry is enough to prove its eternal fitness in the record of the graces. The sacredness of these connected memorials can but infuse us n the future, for it was Xenophon who happily said "these shocks of corn should inspire those who raise them to defend them." A word or two yet of the more recent past, and this recital closes.

To Monroe Council, No. One, of Detroit, we are indebted for the first establishment of Royal and Select Masters in Michigan. The charter came from the Grand Council of Connecticut, and for years was the only organized body in Michigan—its jurisdiction being the boundaries of the State. On the 13th day of January, 1858, there were two more additional Councils, and these assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, by their delegates duly chosen for that purpose, and organized the present Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, when the following grand officers were elected :

T. I. G. P..... N. B. CARPENTER.
I. D. G. P..... S. B. BROWN.
G. T. I..... F. DARROW.
G. T. ..... E. ROOD.
G. R ..... N. P. JACOBS.
I. G. C. OF THE G. T ..... T. A. FLOWER.
I. G. C..... G. B. INGLE.
I. G. C. OF THE WORK ..... R. W. DAVIS.
I. G. M ..... A. J. CUMMINGS.
I. G. Steward ..... A. B CUDWORTH.
I. G. Sentinel ..... CHARLES D. HOWARD,

and they were duly installed into their respective offices by Companion, T. I. G. M., G. B. ENGLE, by virtue of a special Dispensation issued by the Grand Council of Connecticut, as follows:

"GRAND COUNCIL OF CONNECTICUT.

"By virtue of the power in me vested, as most Puissant Grand Mas-
" ter, I do hereby authorize and empower T. I. Comp. G. B ENGLE, G. M.
" of St. Clair Council, No. 24, to install the officers of the Grand Council
" of the State of Michigan, whenever they shall have been elected.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the
" seal of our Grand Council to be affixed, at Norwich. in the State of Con-
" necticut, the 28th day of December, 1857.

[L. S.] "WM. L. BREWER,
"Attest, "M. P. G. M.
" E. G. STORRER,
"Grand Recorder."

Since that auspicious day, the growth and progress of Cryptic Masonry in this State has been upward and onward. Like a well watered tree, it shot deep, rose high and has taken rank among the most flourishing. Instead of three Councils as twenty-two years ago, and a limited membership, our jurisdiction now embraces fifty subordinate Councils, upon whose altars perpetually burn the sweet incense of the Cryptic Rite; with a membership of over two thousand, who yield devoted worship at their sacred shrine.

To this record we point with feelings of pride and pleasure, in a spirit of friendly admonition to those Sister Councils whose jurisdictions are fainting by the way-side and surrendering their sacred trusts to the Grand Chapters. We urge them in the spirit of all that is essential to the well being of our entire order, no longer to weary in well doing, but to gird on their armor anew, and march on to triumph. On this subject our Grand Council has a record of which we may well feel proud. We may not, therefore, renew our action of last year, as it continues on a firm and stable basis, armed with the principles of right, justice and truth, which must prevail. For those Grand bodies who have surrendered the great charters of their heraldry we have profound feelings of sorrow; while we adjure them again to seize hold of the priceless legacy that shine so resplendent in the galaxy of Masonry. May we not hope, then, ere long to welcome these Giblemites back to their allegiance, to labor in the secret vault, and never again be caught *sleeping at their posts*.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

During the past year I have appointed the following Illustrious Companions as Representatives of this Grand Council: Illustrious Companion HARVEY L. CURRIER, near the Grand Council of New Hampshire; Illustrious Companion EDWARD S. SCHULTZ, near the Grand Council of Maryland, and Illustrious Companion THOMAS GLIDDON, near the Grand Council of New York.

THANKS.

I should here omit a most pleasant duty were I to neglect tendering my official thanks to Illustrious Companion GARRA B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder, for the efficient and prompt aid he has at all times given me in the discharge of my official duties. Companion NOBLE has held that responsible position since 1871, and to his industry, untiring zeal and intimate knowledge of the Cryptic Rite, is this jurisdiction indebted for the present prosperous and proud position it now occupies

CLOSING REMARKS.

Delos, an island of the Cyclades, was famed in ancient times for the number and skill of its artists, and for the splendid temple and oracle of Apollo—raised eventually as an asylum to his mother, when she was pursued from place to place by the implacable Juno. From this famous oracle came the fount of inspiration, said to be a chasm from which issued the exhilarating vapor. Over this was built the tripod of the gods, from which a populace could breathe the ascending distillations. To the inbred Mason we need not enlarge the illustration. The soul grows as truly as the Mason grows—as the tree takes in the air of the universe, aided by dew and rain ; and by its mysterious chemistry transmits sap and fibre into wood and leaf, and flower and fruit, and color and perfume, so does the soul of the Mason drink in living knowledge, and by a divine alchemy, as potent and with the same inherent force as that which lies hid in the germ of the acorn. The virtuous Roman truly said, "either let not that which *seems* expedient be base, or if it be base, let it not be expedient."

If our Masonic order were merely a thing of yesterday; if it were local and confined to one country, or to men of one faith; or if the number of its initiates were limited to this or that clime, or its capacity for good or evil devoted to selfish ends; the question of its morality and philosophy might well be consigned to one grave. Not in vain are the winged seeds of truth ever sown—God sees that they take root somewhere and grow. The

truth of all this is witnessed in the past history of nearly six thousand years—their pungent facts have been figured on the breastplate of time. When our ancient brethren dispensed their charities under the frowns of barbarism—when they disregarded the anathemas of kings and rulers, and gathered around common altars in fraternal relations, they gave divine evidence that the order would survive the mutations of time; and if we, brothers, shall continue to emulate the virtues of those good and faithful men, it will survive the wreck of ages yet to come.

Need I say more in honor of that Craft whose acts shine among the brightest in the domain of "good will to man?" Deeds of love, it may well be claimed, are the chief employment of the angels of God; and into a soul that overflows with bounty, the bright robed messengers of Faith, Hope and Charity constantly descend. Our *Faith*, after death, shall be swallowed up in victory—our *Hope* consumed only by its enjoyment—and our *Charity* ended when we shake off mortality in the boundless atmosphere of eternal love.

HUGH McCURDY,
M.·. I.·. G.·. M.·.

On motion, the M. I. Grand Master's Address was referred to the following Committee for apportionment: Companions Wm. P. INNES, A. S. HASKIN and EDWARD OLDMAN.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Finance.—Companions O. L. SPAULDING, J. R. MITCHELL and JOHN W. FINCH.

On Jurisprudence.—Companions WILLIAM BROWN, E. SPRAGUE and THOMAS H. MOSHER.

On Returns.—Companions SAMUEL H. NORTON, WILLIAM S. TURCK and H. SHAW NOBLE.

On Charters and Dispensations.—Companions DAVID BOVEE, WILLIAM P. INNES and GEORGE HILL.

TREASURER'S AND RECORDER'S REPORTS.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their annual financial statements, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Grand Treasurer's Report.

E. A. Elliott, Grand Treasurer,
In account with Grand Council of R. and S. Masters.

DEBTOR.

1879.		
Jan. 21,	To Cash, balance on hand as per report	$920 10
Feb. 13.	" Cash received from Grand Recorder	368 00
	Total received	$1,288 10

CREDIT.

1879.		
Jan. 21,	By paid A. J. Utley, Grand Master	$ 50 00
	" W. V. Griffith, Grand Sentinel	10 00
	" F. M. Foster, Janitor of Hall	5 00
Feb. 18,	" G. B. Noble, Grand Recorder	125 00
April 21,	" G. B. Noble, on acc., printing Proceedings	175 00
Sept. 5,	" G. B. Noble, on acc., printing Proceedings.	125 00
Oct. 3,	" G. B. Noble, on acc., printing Proceedings.	125 00
		$615 00
1880.		
Jan. 19,	To amount received to date	$1,288 10
	By amount paid out as per vouchers	615 00
	Balance on hand	$673 10

E. A. ELLIOTT,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

G. B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder,

In account with Grand Council of R. and S. Masters.

1879.		DR.		
Jan. 20,	For dues received from	Monroe Council.....	No. 1....	$58 00
	" " "	Pontiac Council.....	" 3. ..	15 00
	" " "	River Raisin Council..	" 4....	11 75
	" " "	Jonesville Council....	" 5....	6 25
	" " "	Mt. Moriah Council..	" 6....	17 50
	" " "	Three Rivers Council.	" 7....	18 50
	" " "	Zabud Council.....	" 9....	24 50
	" " "	Tyre Council..... ...	" 10....	17 00
	" " "	Union Council.....	" 11....	30 75
	" " "	Ionia Council.....	" 12....	11 00
	" " "	Sturgis Council.....	" 13....	5 75
	" " "	Mt. Ararat Council...	" 15....	10 75
	" " "	Adrian Council....	" 18....	24 50
	" " "	Niles Council.....	" 19....	9 00
	" " "	Saginaw Council.....	" 20....	17 00
	" " "	St. Johns Council ...	" 21....	20 00
	" " "	Portland Council....	" 23....	6 00
	" " "	Adoniram Council...	" 24 ...	7 25
	" " "	Clinton Council.....	" 26....	5 50
	" " "	Pentwater Council....	" 27....	9 75
	" " "	Lansing Council.....	" 29....	14 50
	" " "	Reading Council.....	" 31....	8 25
	" " "	Jackson Council.....	" 32....	33 25
	" " "	Ithica Council... ...	" 33....	7 00
	" " "	Union City Council....	" 35...	7 25
	" " "	Charlotte Council....	" 36....	9 25
	" " "	Nebuzaraden Council.	" 37....	14 50
	" " "	Corunna Council....	" 38 ...	8 25
	" " "	Holly Council.....	" 39....	13 00
	" " "	Bronson Council.....	" 40 ...	6 25
	" " "	Centerville Council...	" 41 ...	5 25
	" " "	Lapeer Council.....	" 42....	13 25
	" " "	Lawrence Council ...	" 43....	12 00
	" " "	St. Joseph Council...	" 44....	5 75
	" " "	South Haven Council.	" 45....	8 00
	" " "	Manistee Council.....	" 46....	7 00
	" " "	Ludington Council...	" 48...	9 75
	" " "	Giblum Council.	" 47...	7 25
	" " "	Leslie Council.	" 50. ..	13 00
	" " "	Niles, No. 19, dues for 1877....		8 00
	" " "	Adoniram, No. 24, dues for 1877		5 75
	Received from sale of 3 copies re-print proceedings.....			2 10
March 17,	" "	Grand Treasurer.....		175 00
Sept. 5,	" "	Grand Treasurer.....		125 00
Oct. 4,	" "	Grand Treasurer.....		125 00
	Balance due Grand Recorder....			6 90
				$971 25

1879.		CREDIT.	
Jan. 20,	By Paid	Pay Roll	$141 00
Feb. 13,	"	Grand Treasurer, E. A. Elliott	368 00
March 29,	"	Express chgs, Proceedings from Gd. Rapids,	2 10
April 21,	"	Express chgs, Re-print from Grand Rapids	4 85
May 28,	"	Express chgs, Reprint Copy and Seal	25
July 22,	"	Post & Tribune, Blanks	2 50
Dec. 1,	"	Postal Cards, Circulars and Printing	3 00
	"	Receipt Book	1 25
		Envelopes and Stationery	1 30
	"	Postage Stamps for Proceedings, etc	15 00
March 25,	"	A. J. Utley, on acc., printing proceedings	175 00
Sept. 5,	"	H. H. Colestock, on acc., printing Report	125 00
Oct. 4,	"	H. H. Colestock, on acc., printing Report	110 00
1880.			
Jan. 16,	"	H. H. Colestock, on acc., printing Report	22 00
			$971 25

G. B. NOBLE,
Grand Recorder.

The following Companions submitted their credentials, and were each received as Grand Representatives of sister Grand Councils near the Grand Council of Michigan: Ill. Companion WILLIAM BROWN, as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Maryland; Ill. Companion GARRA B. NOBLE, as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New Hampshire.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE.

The committee to whom the Grand Master's address was referred for sub-division and reference, submitted the following:

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

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. I. Grand Master for apportionment and reference, would most respectfully report that so much of said address as refers

to the action of this Grand body last year, relative to consolidation with the Grand Chapter, be endorsed as the sentiments of this Grand Council.

That so much as refers to the death of Ill. Companion Rev. BENJAMIN F. DOUGHTY, be referred to a committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM P. INNES,
A. S. HASKIN,
EDWARD OLDMAN,
Committee.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following committee upon the death of Ill. Companion B. F. DOUGHTY: Companions WM. P. INNES, GEORGE HILL and WM. C. ROGERS.

On motion of P. M. I. Grand Master O. L. SPAULDING, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the special order at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Grand Council was then called from labor until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday Morning—JANUARY 20, 1880.

The Grand Council resumed labor at nine o'clock.

Officers present, same as last evening.

The Committee on Returns reported that they had examined the returns submitted to them, and found them correct.

S. H. NORTON,
WM. S. TURCK,
H. SHAW NOBLE,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand

Recorder for the past year, and accompanying vouchers, and find them correct. That there is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer six hundred and ninety-three dollars and ten cents, and there is due the Grand Recorder six dollars and ninety cents.

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We also recommend that the Grand Treasurer give bonds for double the amount of funds in his hands, to be approved by the Grand Master, and deposited with the Grand Recorder.

O. L. SPAULDING,
J. L. MITCHELL.
J. W. FINCH,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON DEATH OF COMPANION DOUGHTY.

The Committee on the death of Ill. Companion B. F. DOUGHTY made the following report, which was adopted.

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

While we meet to-day around our sacred altar to offer up thanksgivings to the Great Ruler of all, our ranks are broken and our hearts filled with sorrow.

Our beloved Companion and Grand Chaplain, Rev. BENJAMIN F. DOUGHTY is no more of this earth, but has been called from labor to refreshment above.

His was a life worthy of emulation—pure, holy and unostentatious. He was a veteran in Masonry; was held in high esteem by all who knew him; was a true friend to the craft, and watched its interests with a jealous eye.

Companion DOUGHTY was made a Master Mason at Woodhull, Steuben county, November, 1854; a Royal Arch Mason, in Addison, Steuben county, in 1855; and was dubbed and created a Knights Templar in Penn Yan, all in the State of New York.

The Council degrees, in which he was more than ordinarily proficient, he received prior to 1860, in our own jurisdiction.

In the Scottish Rite, he received the ineffible degrees, from the 4th to the 32d, in Louisville, Ky., during the late war.

Companions, we sorrow at this time because death has invaded our sacred portals. The grim tyrant invades the abode of all alike; the lowly cottage of the humble, and the gilded palace of the rich are one to him. He strikes all alike, the evil with the good; the young, the old, the middle-aged go before him as the grain before the reaper.

To us all, death brings terror, but from the divine revelations we learn that death is but a step into the life of another world, more beautiful, more sublime than this. Should we not rather rejoice that they have been admitted to higher and holier spheres, and that this life of toil and labor is exchanged for that everlasting life which abounds with all good to those who have been faithful to the end?

Your Committee submit the following preamble and resolutions of respect to the memory of our deceased Companion:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in due course of nature, to remove from our midst our faithful co-worker and beloved Companion, Rev. BENJAMIN F. DOUGHTY, therefore

Resolved, That this Grand Council desires, in an emphatic manner, to testify to the high character and moral worth of our deceased Companion, and unite with the family, relatives, and numerous friends of the deceased, in sincere mourning for his loss.

Resolved, That in the death of Companion DOUGHTY, not only this Grand Council and his family, but the community at large have sustained a loss not easily repaired. His seat in our Council and family circle is vacant, and his numerous companions and friends will no more be greeted by his friendly salutation. He has gone to eternal rest, honored and beloved by all who knew him. Like a shock of wheat fully ripe he has been gathered into the garner. Let us, while we mourn his loss, strive to imitate his virtues.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of this Grand Council, and a copy be sent to the widow of our deceased Companion.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. P. INNES,
GEORGE HILL,
WM. C. ROGERS.
Committee.

The hour for special order for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result:

Comp. DAVID WOODWARD, Clinton.....M. I. G. M.
" RUFUS C. HATHAWAY, Ionia..... D. G. M.
" WILLIAM G. HUDSON, Ludington.....G. P. C. of W.
" H. SHAW NOBLE, Monroe.....G Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit.....G. Recorder.
" GEORGE H. GREENE, Lansing..... G. Capt. of Guards.
" JAMES H. CUMMINS, Holly.....G. Con. of Council.
" FRANCES A BLADES, Detroit.....G. Chaplain.
" GEORGE H. STEPHENSON, St. Johns..... G. Steward.
" WILLIAM V. GRIFFITH, Detroit.....G. Sentinel.

On motion of Companion GEORGE H. STEPHENSON, the Grand Recorder was authorized to have 400 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Council printed and distributed as usual.

On motion of Companion P. M. I. G. M. GEO. HILL, the M. I. Grand Master was allowed $50 for his services the past year, the Grand Recorder $125 for his services the past year, the Grand Sentinel $10 for his services the past year, and the Janitor of the hall, $5.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M. GEO. HILL, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council be extended to the various railroads for courtesies extended to the delegates attending the present Assembly of this Grand Council.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The grand officers elect were then installed by Grand Master HUGH MCCURDY—Companion J. L. MITCHELL as Grand Marshal—who were inducted into their respective stations, and so proclaimed by the Grand Marshal.

On motion of Companion S. H. NORTON, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council be, and are hereby, tendered to P. M. I. Grand Master HUGH MCCURDY for services rendered this Grand Council the past year.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following committee on Foreign Correspondence: Companion Grand Recorder, P. M. I. G. M. H. SHAW NOBLE and P. M. I. G. M. WILLIAM BROWN.

P. M. I. Grand Master GEORGE HILL offered the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council be extended to the fraternity of the City of Jackson, for the free use of their hall during the present Assembly.

There being no further business, the Grand Council was closed in ample form, to meet again in annual Assembly in the City of East Saginaw, on the Monday preceding the third Tuesday of January, 1881, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.



DAVID WOODWARD,
M. I. Grand Master.

ATTEST:

G. H. Noble

Grand Recorder.

LIST OF GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1858 TO 1879.

Year.	T. I. G. P.	D. I. G. P.	G. T. I.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards.
1858	*N. B. Carpenter	S. B. Brown	*Frank Darrow	R. W. Davis	Ezra Rood	*N. P. Jacobs	T. A. Flower.
1859	*N. B. Carpenter	S. B. Brown	*Frank Darrow	*John Clark	" "	" "	A. J. Cummings.
1860	*Frank Darrow	*John Clark	D. B. Tracy	*B. F. Doughty	" "	" "	S. B. Morse.
1861	*John Clark	D. B. Tracy	*B. F. Doughty	E. Sprague	" "	" "	S. L. Dart.
1862	D. B. Tracy	E. A. Elliott	G. B. Noble	D. Bovee	" "	Oliver Bourke	C. H. Putnam.
1863	E. A. Elliott	G. B. Noble	D. Bovee	S. L. Dart	" "	" "	J. P. Whiting,
1864	G. B. Noble	D. Bovee	S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict	" "	" "	" "
1865	D. Bovee	S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict	W. S. Edwards	" "	" "	" "
1866	S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict	W. S. Edwards	Wm. Walker	J. T. Hayden	" "	W. F. King.
1867	W. S. Edwards	Wm. Walker	J. T. Hayden	W. F. King	Wm. Barclay	" "	J. W. Champlin.
1868	J. T. Hayden	O. L. Spaulding	J. W. Champlin	M. Walter	" "	" "	H. Shaw Noble.
1869	C. H. Putnam	O. L. Spaulding	E. Sprague	H. Shaw Noble	" "	" "	J. E. Marvin.
1870	O. L. Spaulding	E. Sprague	H. Shaw Noble	Wm. Brown	" "	" "	J. B. Nixon.
1871	E. Sprague	H. Shaw Noble	Wm. Brown	A. I. Sawyer	" "	G. B. Noble	E. M. Doan.
1872	H Shaw Noble	Wm. Brown	M. Mansfield	E. M. Doan	E. A. Elliott	" "	George Hill.
1873	Wm. Brown	M. Mansfield	E M. Doan	George Hill	E. A. Elliott	" "	A. J. Utley.

*Deceased.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED IN 1874.

Year.	M. I. G. Master.	Deputy G. Master.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards.
1874	Wm. Brown	M. Mansfield	George Hill	E. A. Elliott.	G. B. Noble	A. J. Utley.
1875	M. Mansfield	George Hill	J. R. Everard	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.
1876	George Hill	J. R. Everard	A. J. Utley	" "	" "	C. B. Reynolds.
1877	J. R. Everard	A. J. Utley	C. B. Reynolds	" "	" "	C. W. Strait.
1878	Andrew J. Utley	C. W. Strait	D. Woodward	" "	" "	W. C. Turck.
1879	Hugh McCurdy	D. Woodward	R. C. Hathaway	" "	" "	W. G. Hudson.
1880	David Woodward	Rufus C. Hathaway	William G. Hudson	H. Shaw Noble	" "	George H. Greene.

RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE COUNCILS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1879.

Name.	Number.	Location.	County.	T. I. Master.	Recorder.	Exalted.	Admitted.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Died	Reinstated.	Total Membership	Dues Paid.
Monroe	1	Detroit	Wayne	F. W. Hawes	John H. Shepard	14					3		190	$57 75
Pontiac	3	Pontiac	Oakland	Sam'l H. Norton	J. A. Harris	6		4		12		7	53	19 25
River Raisin	4	Monroe	Monroe	Joseph Clark	Charles Toll						1		28	6 75
Jonesville	5	Jonesville	Hillsdale	R. G. Spaulding	James J. Dennis			2			1		22	5 50
Mt. Moriah	6	Coldwater	Branch	David Bovee	Simon B. Kitchell								68	16 75
Three Rivers	7	Three Rivers	St. Joseph										* 63	
Romeo	8	Romeo	Macomb	A. E. Palmer	Robert Turner					1	1		18	4 50
Zabud	9	Battle Creek	Calhoun	D. D. Buck	A. S. Halladay								96	23 25
Tyre	10	Grand Rapids	Kent	George Voorhis	John S. Curtis			16					47	11 50
Union	11	Ypsilanti	Washtenaw	E. Bogardus	W. S. Hack			1		2			68	16 75
Ionia	12	Ionia	Ionia	R. C. Hathaway	W. W. Worden	10							34	15 75
Sturgis	13	Sturgis	St. Joseph	H. S. Anthony	C. B. Peck							1	18	4 25
Hiram	14	Marshall	Calhoun										† 65	
Mt. Ararat	15	Hillsdale	Hillsdale	Z. R. Ashbaugh	W. S. Knapp	1				1			41	10 75
Genesee	17	Fenton	Genesee										51	
Adrian	18	Adrian	Lenawee	Fred. A. Furgason	Orange Webster	2				2	1	1	75	20 00
Niles	19	Niles	Berrien	Hiram A. Edwards	Geo. W. Timmons	4				1	1		39	12 50
Saginaw	20	East Saginaw	Saginaw	Fred. E. Hoyt	H. P. Lyon	1				1	2	2	61	16 00
St. Johns	21	St. Johns	Clinton	G. H. Stephenson	Q. E. Bridgeman	2		1		17			64	16 50
Portland	23	Portland	Ionia	F. G. Lee	George Hill							2	27	6 50
Adoniram	24	Manchester	Washtenaw	J. D. Van Duyn	Mat. D. Blosser	1							27	7 25
King Solomon	25	Big Rapids	Mecosta										‡ 16	
Clinton	26	Clinton	Lenawee	David Woodward	George Runyon	1					1		25	6 75
Oceana	27	Pentwater	Oceana	Fred Neilson	Wm. E. Dockry								30	7 25
Dowagiac	28	Dowagiac	Cass										‡ 29	
Lansing	29	Lansing	Ingham	Josiah Bruno, Jr.	Edwin H. Porter	1				5			58	15 00
Northville	30	Northville	Wayne	A. B. Strong	John Fizsimmons								28	6 75
Reading	31	Reading	Hillsdale										* 29	
Jackson	32	Jackson	Jackson	Henry Simmons	Geo. H. Codey	2		1			1	1	114	29 75
Ithaca	33	Ithaca	Gratiot	Wm. S. Turck	A. W. Russell		3	1	1	1			29	7 00
Blanchard	34	Tecumseh	Lenawee										‡ 22	

Union City	35	Union City	Branch	A. B. Aiken	Elmer Roe			1			1		24	6	00
Charlotte	36	Charlotte	Eaton	E. T. Church	R. M. Thomas								36	8	75
Nebuzaraden	37	Constantine	St Joseph										* 43		
Corunna	38	Corunna	Shiawassee	Hugh McCurdy	J. D. Leland						2		32	7	75
Holly	39	Holly	Oakland	J. H Cummins	John M. Baird	8							40	15	75
Bronson	40	Bronson	Branch	David Strachly	A. J. Trigg								26	6	25
Centerville	41	Centerville	St. Joseph										* 16		
Lapeer	42	Lapeer	Lapeer	H. K. White	H. E. Hatch	2							41	11	75
Lawrence	43	Lawrence	Van Buren	G. A. Cross	A. H. Draper	3	1	1					40	12	00
St. Joseph	44	St. Joseph	Berrien	Alex. Elton	Joseph W. Brewer						1		20	4	75
South Haven	45	South Haven	Van Buren	Alfred G Gulley	Geo. S. Seaver	1							24	6	50
Manistee	46	Manistee	Manistee	Wm. Dunham	J. Kinsley	2		1					22	7	00
Newaygo	47	Newaygo	Newaygo										† 25		
Ludington	47	Ludington	Mason	Wm. G. Hudson	M. J. Danahar								28	6	75
Giblum	49	Hastings	Barry	Traverse Phillip	Edwin Altoft	1		2					26	7	25
Leslie	50	Leslie	Ingham	Edward Oldman	James McDawls	1							27	7	25
						63	1	31	1	43	16	14	2000		

* Returns for 1879 † Returns for 1876. ‡ Returns for 1877. , Romeo, No 8, dues for 1878 ..... 5 00

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STATE.	Organized.	Date of report.	Grand Master.	Address.	Grand Recorder.	Address.
Alabama	1858	Dec., 1878	James Milton	Eufaula	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	1860	Oct., 1877	J. P. McCown	Magnolia	L. E. Barber	Little Rock.
California	1859				Charles L. Wiggan	San Francisco.
Connecticut	1819	May, 1879	Abram Heaton	Bridgeport	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Florida	1858	June, 1879	Geo. S. Hallmark	Warrington	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	1825	April, 1878	Charles R. Armstrong	Macon	Andrew M. Wolihin	Albany.
Illinois	1853	Oct., 1878	Jonathan L. French	Chicago	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago. (182 Clark St.)
Indiana	1855	Oct., 1879	Walter R. Godfrey	Michigan City	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Iowa	1857	Oct., 1878	Daniel B. Shelly	Davenport	Wm. B. Langridge	Muscatine.
Kansas	1867	Oct., 1877	William J. Cochran	Atchison	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	1827	Oct., 1878	W. LaRue Thomas	Danville	A. G. Hodges	Louisville.
Louisiana	1856	Feb., 1878	Geo. J. Pinckard	New Orleans	Richard Lambert	N. Orleans. (P. O. draw. 852.)
Maine	1855	May, 1879	John S. Derby	Saco	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	1874	Nov., 1879	William F. Cochran	Baltimore	George L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	1826	Dec., 1878	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston.	John Haigh	Somerville.
Michigan	1858	Jan., 1880	David Woodward	Clinton	Garra B. Noble	Detroit. (359 E. Larned St.)
Minnesota	1870	Oct., 1879	George W. Cooley	Minneapolis	Grove B. Cooley	Minneapolis.
Missouri	1864	Oct., 1878	B. F. Bailey	Fulton	W. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
Nebraska	1872	Dec., 1877	Robert W. Furnas	Brownville	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
New Hampshire	1862	May, 1870	Harvey L. Currier	Manchester	George P. Cleaves	Concord. (P. O. Box 214.)
New Jersey	1860	Jan., 1879	Frank A. Fenton	Camden	George B. Edwards	Jersey City.
New York	1809	Sept., 1876	Geo. M. Osgoodby	Buffalo	George Van Vliet	New York. (Masonic Tem.)
North Carolina	1860	June, 1879	C. M. Van Orsdel	Wilmington	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Ohio	1839	Aug., 1878	Orester A. B. Senter	Columbus	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Ontario (Canada)	1871	Aug., 1877	David McClellan	Hamilton	James B. Nixon	Toronto.
Pennsylvania	1847	Feb., 1879	Mark Richards Muckle	Philadelphia	Charles E. Meyer	Phila. (Masonic Temple.)
Rhode Island	1860	March, 1878	John F. Adams	Pawtucket	William R. Greene	Providence.
South Carolina	1860	Feb., 1878	W. H. D. Gaillard	Pendleton	Z. Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	1847	Nov., 1878	Benjamin R. Harris	Jackson	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Vermont	1845	June, 1879	Albert C. Hubbell	Bennington	W. H. S. Whitcomb	Burlington.
Wisconsin	1857	Feb., 1878	James L. Bridge	Berlin	John W. Woodhull	Milwaukee.

In Memoriam.

Rev. Comp. BENJAMIN F. DOUGHTY,

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Died June 9th, 1879.



"Life's labor done,
Serenely to his final rest he passed;
While the soft memories of his virtue yet
Linger, like sunlight hues, when that bright orb has set."

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF SISTER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN:

Maryland .....Companion WILLIAM BROWN .....Battle Creek.
New Hampshire..Companion GARRA B. NOBLE..... Detroit.

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Maryland .... " EDWARD S. SCHULTZ.....———

REPORT

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report that they have received proceedings of the following Grand Councils:

Alabama ..... 1878.
Connecticut ..... 1879.
Florida ..... 1879.
Indiana ..... 1879.
Maryland ..... 1878, 1879.
Massachusetts ..... 1878.
Minnesota ..... 1879.
Missouri ..... 1878.
New Jersey ..... 1878, 1879.
New Hampshire ..... 1879.
North Carolina ..... 1878, 1879.
Pennsylvania ..... 1879.
Vermont ..... 1879.

ALABAMA—1878.

The forty-first annual assembly convened in the city of Montgomery Wednesday, December 4. Companion James Milton, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Three subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is replete with good sayings concerning Cryptic Masonry. He says: "Since our last annual assembly, no material change in Cryptic Masonry has taken place in this, or, as far as I am informed, in other jurisdictions. It is a fact that is greatly to be regretted,

that for several years past there has been a great decline in the interest taken in it. The reasons assigned for it, and remedies recommended, are almost as numerous as there are jurisdictions. A late one, however, is the most startling of all, since it proposes to abolish Cryptic Masonry as a separate institution, giving the degrees to the Chapter.

"This, in my opinion, would, at this moment, instead of producing the effect sought, introduce a chaos which would render it impossible to obtain any beneficial result. For it would do away with our Ritual (beautiful and impressive as it is) to a great extent, and of necessity make a change in the Ritual of the Chapter; and in such an event we should have to go into "the highways and byways" and gather up all the old Royal Arch Masons, and confer the degrees of the Council upon them, or have two kinds of Royal Arch Masons.

"And were it possible to do so, I am satisfied that it would be rejected by a great majority of them. Our brethren, many of whom have been Masons from their earliest manhood to old age, and whose lives have been governed by its teachings, and whose constant aim has been to give light and instruction to their uninformed brethren in accordance with the teachings they received, would regard such a change as an "innovation," and reject it accordingly. And were we to consent to do so, it is by no means certain that we should be received by the Chapters. We should not forget that a very short time ago we went knocking at the door of another institution, seeking to be taken under its wing, which met with a courteous but positive refusal on its part.

"Now, while other jurisdictions may do as may seem to them best, Companions, I advise you never to consent to a dismemberment; but rather let us redouble our efforts to sustain and revive Cryptic Masonry, and hand it down to our children, as we received it, with a lustre untarnished."

The committee on the Grand Master's address reported that they had read it with unalloyed pleasure, that it was replete with good and wholesome instruction, and full of hope for the future.

The present officers were continued in office until the next annual assembly.

Companion Daniel Sayre presented the report on correspondence—short, concise and to the point. He says: "We have the proceedings of nearly all the Grand Councils at the latest assemblies, but for several reasons will not attempt a regular review. We purpose only to offer a few remarks upon some of them." He gives Michigan, for 1878, a fraternal notice, quoting from the Grand Master's address, and from our report.

We give his conclusion in full: "And thus we close our report. We wish it was better than it is, but with all its faults and deficiencies we submit it to our companions. At present, our beloved Rite is under a cloud, as,

indeed, all the Rites are; but it is owing to the times. Everywhere Masonry has been suffering, as anyone will be convinced who will study the proceedings of the several Grand bodies.

"There is a decrease in the membership of at least three-fourths of the Grand Chapters of the United States, and we are not certain if the proportion is not as great in the Grand Lodges. And yet, Companions want to transfer the Council degrees to the former to preserve them!

"There is actually a net decrease of membership in the whole of the United States, Quebec and Nova Scotia, of over 100. But from this, deduct Pennsylvania (where they do not talk of transferring the degrees), and Quebec and Nova Scotia (which do not belong to the United States), and there is a net decrease of over *eleven hundred.*

"These facts we glean from a table in the proceedings of Iowa, where is a decrease of 141. And in Illinois, where there are 168 subordinate Chapters, the increase is only 129. Another case of jumping out of the frying pan into the fire."

Companion James Milton, Eufaula, M. I. Grand Master. Companion David Sayre, Montgomery, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT—1879.

The sixty-first annual assembly was held in the city of New Haven, May 12. Deputy Grand Master Abram Heaton presiding, in the absence of the Grand Master, Arthur R. Blakeslee. Twenty-two subordinate Councils; nineteen represented.

The Grand Master's address was read by the Grand Recorder. Of local interest only; simply a report of his official acts.

From the reports of the several Grand officers we think Cryptic Masonry is holding its own. We see no symptoms of suicide or insanity in Connecticut. A per capita tax of ten cents was assessed upon each member of the subordinate Councils to meet the demands of the Grand Council.

Companion William Wallace Lee presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, briefly reviewing the proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils, Michigan for 1879 of the number, congratulating us on our prosperity and highly complimenting our printed proceedings, and says: "The correspondence report is voluminous and mainly judicious and correct."

Companion Abram Heaton, Bridgeport, elected M. I. G. M.; Companion Jos. K. Wheeler, Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA—1879.

The tenth annual assembly, in obedience to its Constitution, assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of Pensacola, June 4, 1879. There not being a quorum present, it was called off subject to the order of the M. Ill. Grand Master, who, in conformity with the order of June 5, assembled the Grand Council June 21, 1879, Companion George S. Hallmark, M. I. G. M., presiding. Three subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a short address of interest only to that jurisdiction. He referred very feelingly to the death of those illustrious companions who stood prominently before the Masonic world, and paid a fine tribute to the memory of Companion Wm. Morrill, Past Grand Master of that Grand Council, who died June 7, 1879, aged 73 years. He says: "Cryptic Masonry is not on the increase in the State, but though our numbers are few, let us pledge ourselves to fight the battle manfully, resting assured that in the end we will receive our reward."

Companion John Carlovitz submitted his report on correspondence, acknowledging the receipt of the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, ours for 1879 of the number. It is mostly a history of the Cryptic Degrees, interesting and instructive, and strongly protesting against consolidation with the Chapter.

Companion George S. Hallmark, re-elected M. I. Grand Master; Companion John Carlovitz, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1879.

The twenty-fourth annual assembly of the Grand Council of Indiana was held in the City of Indianapolis, October 21, 1879, Companion Walter R. Godfrey, D. I. Grand Master, presiding. Thirty-three Councils represented.

The address of M. I. Grand Master Albert P. Charles (who was detained at home from serious illness in his family) was submitted by Deputy Illustrious Grand Master Godfrey, and read by Past Illustrious Grand Master Martin H. Rice. It is short, relating principally to his official acts.

Companion William W. Austin submitted the report of correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils. Michigan for 1879 of the number is fully noticed, quoting largely from Grand Master Utley's address, and says: "He handles the subject without gloves. Had all the Grand Councils such a live Master we would hear no sound of wailing coming up through the arches." And in his conclusion, says: "We have presented all the forcible points, and trust that Indiana will go on

loyal as ever, and if the Cryptic craft must sink, let Indiana's flag be the last the waves shall close over."

Companion Walter R. Godfrey, Michigan City, elected M. I. Grand Master: Companion John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND—1878.

The Grand Council assembled in the City of Baltimore, November 13, 1878, Companion Edwin L. Parker, Jr., M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Four subordinate Councils represented. No report on correspondence.

MARYLAND—1879.

The Grand Council assembled in the City of Baltimore, November 12, 1879, Companion Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Three subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, but to the point, and shows no weakness. He says:

"Every branch of Masonry has its seasons of depression, and Cryptic Masonry is no exception to the general rule. It therefore behooves us, Companions, to work earnestly and zealously to maintain and perpetuate the stability of one of the most beautiful and important branches of Masonry; to preserve the Cryptic degrees in their sublimity, completeness and purity, and by united action defeat any plan which would mar their glory and give the death blow to a Rite which has in itself intrinsic merit enough to maintain a separate and independent existence. Therefore, no one of us need lose courage, nor believe that labor exerted in behalf of such an important Rite as Cryptic Masonry will be wasted. One versed in the lore of the Craft has wisely remarked that a Masonic body should resemble a beehive, in which all the members work together with ardor for the common good. That the hope of success, and not the hope of reward, should be our stimulating and sustaining power. Our object, and not ourselves, should be our inspiring thought. Let us, then, so labor for the interests of Cryptic Masonry in Maryland, and success is certain to crown our efforts."

The committee to whom was referred the address cordially commended and endorsed it, and offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the policy adopted by a number of our sister Grand Councils is pronounced suicidal, and that this Grand Council join with the faithful in proclaiming "No surrender."

The Committee on Correspondence reported the receipt of the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, ours for 1879 included, regretting that financial considerations prevent a general review.

Companion William F. Cochran, elected M. I. Grand Master; Companion George L. McCahan, elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS—1878.

The annual assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Boston, December 11, 1878, Companion Alfred F. Chapman presiding. Seventeen subordinate Councils represented.

The address is mostly of local import. He says the Councils in his jurisdiction are in a vigorous and healthy condition. He says he was called upon to make but one decision, which he considers of sufficient significance to be reported.

"One of the Councils discharged certain members for non-payment of dues. The By-Laws of the Council specified that if the amount due was not paid at or before a designated assembly, 'the Council may at that or any subsequent assembly, declare by a two-thirds vote that his membership be forfeited.' A copy of this By-Law, and a notice of the amount due, were sent to each delinquent, but the defect was, absence of specific notice; and my decision was:

"Delinquents for non-payment of dues, like other offenders, should be notified of the time and place when action will be taken in each particular case. This does not involve all the formalities incident to trials, but affords opportunity for defense at a time certain."

He devotes over two pages to the illustrious dead of that jurisdiction who passed over the dark valley the past year. Huron Council of Worcester lost nine members by death during the year. One of these, Simeon Thompson, was born in April, 1792, and took the degrees in Boston Council in 1827. Another, John McClellan, was born February, 1810, and joined Boston Council in 1853; was elected Grand Treasurer 1857, and held the office for twenty-two successive years.

In closing his remarks in regard to him, he says: "The day of his death was to him the beginning of a new life; for he lives anew in the better knowledge of the craft, in the unselfish regard of his brethren, and in their high appreciation of the fidelity which made him conspicuous. Years may come and go, governments and the plans thereof may change, other men and other generations must fill the places of the present; but when memory of the man shall fail, and his generation shall be all forgotten, posterity may read what his brethren can safely inscribe upon his tomb, 'Sacred to the memory of an honest man, and a good Mason.'"

Another: Abraham Annis Dame, who was born in Orford, N. H., August 27, 1792, and died at the residence wherein he had lived since May, 1824, in Boston, Mass., on November 14, 1878, took the Cryptic degrees in Boston Council, July 27, 1819, and presided over it from 1825 to 1829 inclusive; was elected to honorary membership March 15, 1855, and was by seven years its oldest living member.

Memorial pages are inscribed to the memory of Companions McClellan and Dame.

The Grand Master, in closing, says: "To you, then, Companions of the Cryptic Rite, I turn with that hope which inspires confidence—kindred in will, kindred in zeal, kindred in the wish to preserve the institution of Free-masonry from poverty and decay; may we not, by a union of our efforts, although we take but a little from each, yet do very much to make this branch of it comely and fair to look upon—worthy of an independent and ever-generous support?

"Then shall the Rite 'that was full of people' no longer sit solitary, no longer be as a widow 'that was great among the nations,' but rather as a 'princess among the provinces,' and these shall become tributary unto her."

The Constitution was amended so as to allow Subordinate Councils to confer the degree of Super Excellent Master, without charge, upon any Royal and Select Master residing within its jurisdiction, who has received the latter degree in any jurisdiction where said degree of Super Excellent Master is not recognized or worked.

Companion J. W. Dadmun submitted his report on Foreign Correspondence, saying he first attempted to make a detailed report, but a second thought led him to make a summary report, aiming directly at the most important questions of the hour. He acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of thirteen Grand Councils—Michigan not of the number. He is opposed to the Mississippi plan, or any other plan, and indorses Companion Drummond's views, "abandon the degrees altogether rather than introduce confusion by adopting the plan proposed," and in closing, he says: "In our opinion there is but one way to preserve these degrees in their beauty and excellence, and that is to keep them distinct and independent of all other Masonic branches. Let us cease begging of other Grand bodies some special recognition, and show them that we are able to stand alone on the real merits of the Cryptic degrees. During the last decade the number of Councils has increased from 444 to 656, and the number of members from 16,048 to 28,985. This is only about a thousand less than the number of members in the most prosperous year of the decade, which was in 1876. This decrease in 1877 is remarkably small, when we consider the financial pressure of the hard times. During the same year the decrease in Capitular Masonry, in the State of New York alone, was 831. Patience and perseverance will bring us off victorious."

We fully agree with Companion Dadmun, and heartily indorse his views.

Companion Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, re-elected M. I. Grand Master; Companion John Haigh, of Somerville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA—1879.

The tenth annual assembly of the Grand Council assembled in the city of St. Paul, October 18, 1879, Companion Geo. W. Cooley, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Four Councils represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, after briefly reviewing the history of the Grand Council, from its organization in 1870 to the present time, says: "During a portion of our history, in common with other Masonic bodies, we have experienced a period of depression peculiarly incident to the Cryptic Rite; but never has there been observed any inclination to abandon the degrees, or to unite with any other body. Steadily has the order continued to grow, and the uniform purpose of mind to uphold and maintain it, that exists in our subordinate bodies, is good evidence that the labors of our predecessors have not been in vain.

"Prior to 1876, no report on Foreign Correspondence was made, but at that time, and the two subsequent assemblies, the chairman of that committee submitted excellent reports, which were printed with the proceedings. The direct result of that correspondence has been to secure for this body the reputation of being thoroughly wide awake, and warmly attached to the Rite; a reputation which I hope we will continue to merit.

"Such in brief is our history, and considering the number of Cryptic wrecks afloat on the sea of Masonry, with signals of distress waved to the nearest Capitular Craft, I again congratulate you upon the result of your labors."

Companion Grove B. Cooley submitted the report of Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 20 Grand Councils in his usually humorous and poetical manner, quoting largely from M. I. Grand Master Utley's address, and inserts in full our proceedings relative to merging the Cryptic degrees with those of the Chapter, and closing with a very humorous poetical summary, which we should like to insert in full, but time forbids.

Companion George W. Cooley, of Minneapolis, re-elected M. I. Grand Master; Companion Grove B. Cooley, of Minneapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI—1878.

The fourteenth annual assembly was held in the city of St. Louis, October 11, 1878, Companion D. P. Baily, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Eight Councils represented.

M. I. Grand Master William R. Penick being absent on account of

sickness in his family, his address was presented and read by the Grand Recorder.

He reports that but little work has been done, and but little interest taken in Council Masonry. He is of the opinion that the "Mississippi plan" has not met with the approval its originators had expected. He says, after reviewing the proceedings of other jurisdictions: "He cannot recommend the adoption of the Mississippi plan, or any other plan that would place the Royal and Select degrees in the Chapter, while the Chapters confer the degrees of Past Master and Most Excellent Master. If the General Grand Chapter would make some disposition of these two degrees, and grant permission for the Royal and Select Masters degrees to be conferred where they properly belong, with the Royal Arch, I would heartily approve such a plan.

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In conclusion, Companions, permit me to express a hope that I will soon hear that the Grand Council of Missouri has decided not to transfer the beautiful degrees of Cryptic Masonry to any other Masonic body, and that the Companions present have renewed their determination to redouble their exertions to preserve the organization as it is."

The committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's address recommended that that portion referring to the transferring of the degrees be referred to a special committee, which was done, and the committee made the following report, which was adopted:

"Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's address on consolidation of the Council work with that of the Chapter, respectfully report that they have received information that the Grand Chapter of Missouri has appointed a committee to confer with a similar committee of this body, and therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to confer with the aforesaid committee of the Grand Chapter, and to report at the next session of this Grand Council."

Companion J. W. Luke submitted the report on foreign correspondence, and reviewed briefly the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, Michigan for 1878 included. In his closing, he says:

"P. S.—We wish we could have concluded with the end, but cannot forbear a postscript. Throughout our review we avoided making any comments, though at times strongly tempted to do so, and upon consultation, the committee unanimously determined to add a few words, giving the ideas which suggested themselves as we read and wrote. The cause of the apathy existing in so many Councils is attributed in the greatest measure to supineness on the part of Grand officers. To some extent this is no doubt the case, if we are allowed to judge from reading

addresses year after year, in which Grand Masters acknowledge that they have been unable to visit subordinates, for reasons satisfactory, of course, to them, but they hope that their successors will do better. It seems to us that this is the effect, and not the cause. Grand officers and Illustrious Masters, when first inducted into office, are almost always determined to do something to rouse members to a greater interest in the Cryptic degrees; but, like all rash youths, they soon find that they overrated the task, and are gradually drawn into the meshes which have bound others who preceded them. Laxity of discipline has, no doubt, contributed solidity to the contemptuous indifference so prevalent, and if there is any course that would rouse the twenty-seven sleepers, it would be to weed out, without delay, all drones from Subordinate Councils, strike from the rolls all Councils that did not show signs of renewed life, and if enough faithful ones were not found to form a Council, and enough Councils to constitute a Grand Council, let those that remain true consolidate with organizations that are alive. The idea of prerequisite we do not favor. It would be only making a gateway which must be passed through, once for all, and in a few years we should only have added to the evils we are now complaining of, by an increased number of dummies, who have paid their fees but nothing more "

Companion D. P. Bailey, of Fulton, elected M. I. Grand Master. Companion W. H. Mayo, of St. Louis, elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1878.

The twentieth annual assembly was held in the city of Trenton, January 15, 1878, M. I. Grand Master Cornelius Vreund presiding.

His address was principally a report of his official acts, and showed that his office had been no sinecure.

Companion Thos. J. Corson, Grand Recorder, Chairman Committee on Correspondence, reported the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Councils, Michigan, for 1877, of the number. But no report.

Companion George Scott, of Paterson, elected M. I. Grand Master. Companion Thos. J. Corson, re elected Grand Recorder

NEW JERSEY—1879.

The twenty-first annual assembly was held in the city of Trenton, January 21, 1879, Companion George Scott, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Five Subordinate Councils represented.

Grand Master Scott submitted a very able address reporting his official acts, showing that he was alive to the interests of Cryptic Masonry. He says:

"While we have not made very large gains in point of new members, during the past year, still I am of the opinion that we are in a healthy and prosperous condition, considering the depressed state of business affairs throughout the country. If the Companions would pay more attention to the selecting of their officers, and elect only those who would promise, or that they were satisfied would give some attention to their Councils, and do the work necessary, there would be no difficulty in their Councils meeting with success.

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While some of the Grand Councils in other jurisdictions have seen fit to abandon their grand Council organizations, and have transferred the control of the degrees to the Grand Chapters of their respective jurisdictions, I trust this Grand Council will ever uphold the maintenance and control of the Cryptic Rite as a separate and distinct organization, free from any interference of Capitular Masonry. It will be time enough to take action when we ascertain the views of the General Grand Chapter when they meet in 1880. Let us not take a leap in the dark.

"Companions, you have upheld Cryptic Masonry in the past—no great sacrifices are required in the future. In my correspondence with other jurisdictions, I have always maintained that New Jersey would never give up its control of the Cryptic Rite as an independent organization. I trust I shall be sustained in my remarks under this head. Before closing, I feel it my duty to impress upon you, and especially upon my successor, the necessity of working diligently and faithfully to promote the interests of the Cryptic Rite. Let us determine that we can and will succeed, and the victory is half won. Among the members of this Council we have some of the most distinguished Masons to be found anywhere, men who have labored long and faithfully. There are pages in the history of Cryptic Masonry bright with the records of our predecessors, pages sacred to the memory of those who have labored with us and gone to their just reward, and with these records of the past spread before us, stimulating us to renewed exertion for the good of our Order, and reminding us of the labors and faithfulness of our departed Companions, let us, then, labor diligently to complete that inner temple for God's eternal praise, and be ready to sleep in peace, as the night cometh when no man can work." In the words of the poet:

"A nobler work we need not seek;
To weld the broken links, to make the chain,
As at the first, entire. The mystic word to speak,
That binds in loving fellowship again
Brother to brother; stays the impassioned word;
Calms the fierce billows, erst in fury stirred;
The friendly deed in kindliness to do;
Covering with love's fair mantle many a stain
And sin and sear; relieving pain;
Aiding the needy all our life-way through;
With God our helper, and our watchword Peace,
Failing and laboring until labor cease.
And filled is all the outline of the Master's plan,
The fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man."

We would like to quote his address in full, which accords with our views and feelings, but must be content with the foregoing.

The Grand Recorder, Companion Corson, was not able to be present on account of illness, and submitted the following communication (which proved to be his last), which clearly shows that he was not only sound, but keenly alive to the interests of Cryptic Masonry:

TRENTON, January 20th, 1879.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of New Jersey:

DEAR B. B. AND ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS—For the first time in seventeen years, the place of your Grand Recorder will be found vacant, upon calling the roll at their annual assembly. This is a most grievous disappointment to the incumbent of the office; but, as you all know, this absence from the post of duty is utterly unavoidable.

My books and papers will be found so arranged that my proxy can easily understand them.

Allow me, as one who feels a deep interest in Cryptic Masonry, and particularly in this Grand Body, to express an earnest hope that our Grand Council will not take any action with a view of disbanding as a distinct organization. Let us preserve our life and our independence, and let us avoid the degradation of humbly sueing at the back door of the Grand Chapter, and beseeching that Grand body to take us in and wet-nurse us into a sickly vitality. Better, vastly better, an honorable death than a cowardly surrender of life.

Any service that the subscriber can render towards perpetuating our organization and infusing new life and vigor into the Rite, will be most cheerfully performed. Let us all do what we can towards accomplishing this end, and Council Masonry will flourish and grow strong in New Jersey.

Hoping that your deliberations and action at this annual assembly may be marked by that harmony, liberality, unanimity and devotion to the rite which have characterized the proceedings of this Grand Council in former years,

I am, most fraternally yours,

THOMAS J. CORSON, *Grand Recorder.*
per HATTIE F. CORSON.

He acknowledged the receipt of the proceedings of fourteen Grand Councils, ours for 1878 included. No report on correspondence.

IN MEMORIAM.

Companion THOMAS J. CORSON,

Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of New Jersey.

DIED MAY 10, 1879. AGED 51 YEARS.

"The gavel has sounded; the Master has called him
From labor on earth to refreshment above."

Companion Frank A. Fenton, of Camden, elected M. I. Grand Master; Companion Thomas J. Corson, of Trenton, re-elected Grand Recorder; Companion George B. Edmunds, Jersey City, appointed Grand Recorder

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1879.

The eighteenth annual assembly was held in the city of Concord, May 19, 1879. Companion Henry P. Glidden, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Five Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master is short, and wholly of local matters.

No report on correspondence.

Companion Harvey L. Currier, of Manchester, elected M. I. Grand Master; Companion George P. Cleaves, of Concord, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA—1878.

The proceedings for 1878 and 1879 under one cover. The fourteenth annual assembly was held in the city of Norristown, June 6, 1878. Companion C. M. Van Orsdel, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Three subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master announced that it was unnecessary to submit a written communication, as he had done nothing, and had no recommendations to make.

No report on correspondence.

Grand Master C. M. Van Orsdel was re-elected. Grand Recorder Donald W. Bain was re-elected.

NORTH CAROLINA—1879.

The fifteenth annual assembly was held in the town of Durham, June 4, 1879. Companion C. M. Van Orsdel, Grand Master, presiding.

Three subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address was short, less than half a page of the printed proceedings. He says: "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."

Waiting for something to turn up.

Alas! poor Y * * * * *

The following preamble and resolutions were introduced and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Council Masonry in North Carolina seems 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.

No report on correspondence.

Companion Sidney D. Allen, of Winston, elected Grand Master; Companion Donald W. Bain, of Raleigh, re elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA—1879.

The thirty-third annual assembly of the Grand Council of the Royal, Super Excellent and Select Masters of Pennsylvania assembled at Bethlehem, February 19, 1879. Ill. Companion Mark Richards Muckle, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

Eleven subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's (whose portrait adorns the frontal page) address is a good effort, but mainly refers to matters within that jurisdiction. We quote from his address the following, which we think too good to pass over: "I am, however, not altogether astonished at the apathy exhibited by members of Cryptic Masonry in some localities, in our own or sister jurisdictions, when I look about and behold that entire Grand bodies permit themselves bodily with their subordinates to be engulfed or swallowed by mergement (union as they term it) into Grand Chapters, as has been instanced in the cases of the Grand Councils of Mississippi, Iowa, Kentucky, North Carolina, Texas and others. The old Keystone State stands firmly opposed to this action, and regrets such a suicidal course, which is without a shadow of right, either legally or morally so. With the same propriety might a Grand Lodge make a union with a Grand Chapter, or a Grand Chapter merge a Commandery of Knights Templar, and *vice versa*.

"If such a course is pursued, we must sever our fraternal relationship with them, and thereby debar the Companions, who have been placed in the unenviable dilemma spoken of, from the privilege of visiting or affiliating with the Companions of our jurisdiction. As far back as the annual session of 1867, this Grand Council established the principle for its own government, 'that the great good which Cryptic Masonry is accomplishing by preserving the true and legitimate landmarks of ancient Craft Masonry, will forever eradicate the idea of disbanding or surrendering her power and authority to any other body of Masons.' We should feel grateful at the success which has attended the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, from its re-organization in 1854 until the present time; working in grandest harmony and without the least discordant element in its composition, free from all indebtedness. and blessed with an amply filled treasury, more than adequate for all necessary purposes. To this happy condition of affairs, I have been an eye witness, and an active participant upon the floor of the Grand Council for twenty-one years, and, therefore, speak from actual observation.

"Our present prosperous condition has, no doubt, been in a great measure the happy result of a scarceness of the inordinate, ill-advised, and neck-breaking race, ambition for office, which characterizes all the other

branches of Masonry; the Grand Council having but four Grand Masters to preside over its deliberations during the past twenty-four years."

Companion Charles E. Meyer submitted a concise, complete and full report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, ours for 1878 of the number.

The introductory to his report is of too great length to insert in full, but we cannot forbear quoting a few extracts:

"What we may have to say on the subject, we intend to speak as plainly and unmistakably as possible, denying any intention of wounding the feelings of any of the Illustrious Companions who may not think as we think. It has been claimed that Cryptic Masonry derived its life from Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and, therefore, they have the right to take again what they gave. It can be proven beyond a doubt that the Council degrees never did belong to or were in any way lawfully connected with Capitular Masonry. In one or two instances only a Chapter may have appropriated them, but never with any shadow of right."

"The merging or surrendering of the degrees of the Council to the Chapter is not a new question. It was discussed ably and with much warmth in 1850, when the matter was further advanced than it is or can be to-day. The subject was then brought before the General Grand Chapter at its meeting in Boston, Mass., when, on motion of Companion Horace Goodwin, of Connecticut, the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of forming a General Grand Council for the Royal and Select Masters' degrees in the United States.

"At the same session, the following report was made:

"Companion Stevenson, of North Carolina, from the Committee on Royal and Select Masters' degrees, reported verbally that, in the opinion of the committee, it is inexpedient for this General Grand Chapter to take any action on the subject of forming a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; which report was adopted."

In 1853, at the triennial session of the General Grand Chapter, a committee was appointed to take into consideration the subject of the degrees of Royal and Select Master, commonly called Cryptic Masonry, who, after a careful examination and due deliberation, made a full and concise report, together with the following resolutions, as expressive of their conclusions, for the consideration of the General Grand Chapter, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter, and the governing bodies of Royal Arch Masonry, affiliated 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."

For a more extended report of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, see address of M. I. Grand Master Utley, our proceedings of 1879, pages 23, 24 and 25.

"We are satisfied that Cryptic Masonry is not declining, as some would have us believe. A careful study of the proceedings reviewed will reveal the fact that Cryptic Masonry has not decreased in as large a ratio as Blue or Capitular Masonry. More interest is being manifested by the friends of the cause. In nearly every case the returns are regularly made, and the dues and fees honestly paid. There is as bright a future before it as for the Craft, or Capitular or Chivalric Masonry, and that without the intercession of any other organization."

Companion Mark Richards Muckle, of Philadelphia, re-elected M. P. Grand Master; Companion Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1879.

The twenty-sixth annual assembly of the Grand Council was held in the city of Burlington, June 10, 1879, Companion Albert Conklin Hubbell, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Eighteen subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a very excellent address. He does not mince matters, but speaks plain and to the point. He says:

"I should be recreant to my trust and most certainly to my own feelings were I to fail of calling the earnest attention of this Grand body to the question of all-absorbing interest to Cryptic Masons at the present time, viz., 'The Mississippi Plan,' and how shall Royal and Select Masons made under that arrangement be received by Companions of the Crypt. Five States, Mississippi, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Kentucky, have disbanded their Grand Councils and turned the degrees over to the Chapter; and six others, Arkansas, California, North Carolina, South Carolina, Missouri and Nebraska, have taken the preliminary steps to do the same thing. But in most if not all the last named States they propose, before the final consummation of their un-Masonic consolidation schemes, to wait and see what action the General Grand Chapter will take in the premises. They admit that under the present Constitution of the General Grand Chapter it cannot be done, or if done such action would be in violation of the provisions of that Constitution. Many of the adherents of the 'New Departure,' however, flatter themselves that the General Grand Chapter will make the necessary amendments to its Constitution to allow it to be done. In this we think they will be disappointed. I do not believe the General Grand Chapter will for a moment tolerate their medley of work, but will stop further innovations and unwarrantable assumptions of jurisdictions and will restore the landmarks set up by our fathers, but which

have been disregarded and set at naught by these Companions. And I venture the assertion that if the Most Illustrious Companions of these defunct Grand Councils had given as much time and thought to their subordinate Councils as they gave to this 'consolidation' plan, they would to-day be in a happy and flourishing condition. I recommend that the representatives of these defunct Grand Councils be excused from further attendance upon this Grand Council as such. I also recommend the adoption of a resolution denying to all persons who receive the Royal and Select Masters degrees by communication on the 'Mississippi plan,' or in any other manner than in a regularly constituted Council of Royal and Select Masters, duly chartered by a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, any recognition as Cryptic Masons, and that the doors of our Secret Vaults in Vermont be closed against them. We perhaps can never expect to be as large as the Chapter or Lodge, nor shall we ever rival them, but we are doing about as well, and we have no cause to be discouraged, having made a net gain in membership of seventy-nine last year. I trust we have nearly passed through this period of depression and a reaction will soon set in. At all events our future must depend upon ourselves. It is useless to pass resolutions or present memorials, but let us put our own shoulders to the wheel, and develop ourselves. If we do this, there need be no fear as to the result. We now number over 80,000 Cryptic Masons, therefore let us stop begging and support ourselves. This Grand Council has managed to exist for twenty-six years since the re-organization, and I have confidence to believe she can live a few years longer; therefore, my Companions, shall we for a moment tolerate the thought of entering into this *unholy alliance?* Shall we be among the faithless ones to cry unto the Chapter to "save us or we perish?" No, most emphatically no. Now I earnestly entreat of this Grand body to give forth no uncertain sound to-day upon these important and vital questions. Let your clarion tones reverberate not only through the arches of our beloved jurisdiction, but throughout the length and breadth of this fair land, that Vermont is not recreant to her trust, but the legacy bequeathed to us and made sacred and holy by the prayers and benediction of our fathers shall be guarded as the apple of our eye, and by us transmitted to our posterity without the taint of treason and without spot or blemish."

Good, better, best! Had we more of the same spirit we would not see so many languid, laggard, weak-kneed jurisdictions sleeping.

The committee on the address heartily commends the suggestions embodied in the address, and to his arduous duties attributed the increased zeal manifested throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, and recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That as the Grand Council of Vermont has heretofore stood firm in its position as a separate and distinct organization from the Grand Chapter, and has sustained itself with an honorable record, we think the action of the aforesaid Grand Councils premature and unjustified by precedent or necessity, and we hereby refuse to recognize as genuine any person who obtains his degrees in any but a regular Council, duly chartered.

We desire to endorse most heartily the expression of the M. Ill. Grand Master in relation to the faithful performance of the duties of officers of subordinate Councils, and we believe with him that "whatsoever man soweth that shall he also reap," and those Councils whose officers perform their duties best will reap the greatest benefits.

Companion Wm. H. S. Whitcomb submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence—a concise, healthy, pointed and able review of the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, including Michigan for 1879. He speaks of our book being the largest of all the proceedings of the Grand Councils, and quotes freely from Grand Master Utley's address as meeting his views fully. He also says of Grand Master Utley's report on Foreign Correspondence: "How is a fellow going to review such a report in eleven lines?" and says it reminds him of an incident in his own life. Once upon a time, many years ago, he thought he could play "checkers," and challenged everybody to play, until he struck upon a stranger who was willing to play a game or two for fun. He's never played checkers since. He does not say he will never write another report, but he sees what a report can be made with time and money, and says he cannot drop the report without saying that it fills his idea of what a report should be. No, Companion Whitcomb, don't give up the ship; we should be very sorry to lose your yearly reports, even if they do not cover 100 pages. We always look forward with great pleasure to the receipt of them, for they are always full of good things.

We had the pleasure of meeting Companion Grand Recorder Whitcomb at our office in May last, and regret much that we had not more time with him. But as he says he wished to see if it would do to come here again in August next, we hope and trust we did not so frighten him that he will not come. We shall be happy to meet you again—*come*.

In conclusion, he says:

"'Would it were worthier.'

"The flitting years remind us of the fact that soon our work will be done. Shall we, who are in the prime of life, work with the vigor and determination worthy of 'Royal and Select Masters,' or shall our record when made up, show that we considered the title an empty, unmeaning name? 'Quit you like men,' should ring in our ears and nerve our hands, for if we are not unmindful of our duty, we shall hear above the

din and stir of money-making the tread of that grand army of freedom and temperance and justice that this nineteenth century is marshaling on all the fields of the world, whose banners are white, whose watchword is charity, and whose victory is as certain as that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

" 'Go forth, our Brothers, strong in God's sight,
Truth is your armor, freedom your right,
Meet error's legions, put them to flight.
Go where oppression binds her chain,
Bid the down-trodden rise again,
Say unto evil, God's right shall reign.' "

Companion Alfred Conklin Hubbell, of Burlington, was re-elected M. Ill. Grand Master. Companion William H. S. Whitcomb, of Burlington, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE—1879.

We received a circular from the Grand Recorder saying the Grand Council was held May 10, 1879.

Companion John S. Derby, of Saco, was elected M. I. Grand Master. Companion Ira Berry, of Portland, re-elected Grand Recorder.

We understand the proceedings have been published, but regret we have not received them in time for review. We always get good things from the proceedings of Maine.

RHODE ISLAND—Circular.

The nineteenth annual assembly assembled at Providence, March 10, 1879.

Companion Amos A. Perry was elected M. I. Grand Master; Companion Wm. R. Greene, of Providence, re-elected Grand Recorder.

It was decided not to print the proceedings this year.

LOUISIANA—1879.

We received from Grand Recorder Richard Lambert a circular stating that the proceedings for 1879 were not to be printed. But he sent us the excellent and interesting address of M. I. Grand Master George J. Pinkard, from which, it being so much in accordance with our own views, we cannot resist quoting extensively. In opening, he says:

"Illustrious Companions: Our ever-gracious and over-ruling Grand Master again permits us to assemble in Grand Council; again to exchange

fraternal greetings with each other; again to review the past, and take counsel together for the future. Let us offer up a tribute of praise and thanksgiving, that whilst the destroying angel has so lately swept over our Southern lands, carrying desolation into every household and leaving behind a listless torpor—weighing so heavily on our hearts—so many of us are spared to meet on this, our twenty-fourth annual assembly. And at the outset let us for a moment recall the days of August, September and October last—there is a mournful sweetness in recurring to the solemnities of those days of woe—when the mourners were seen about the streets, and the sad processions, in long array were seen wending their never-ceasing way to the cities of the dead—and the anxious inquiry of *who next?* was the continued and repeated interrogatory—when our brethren of strong and robust constitutions were taking up their homes in the silent cities, after a brief but terrible struggle, and our children and consorts, too fragile for a protracted struggle, meekly succumbing to the all-pervading influence of the fell destroyer. Alas, who is there amongst us who has not been a daily witness to the heroic efforts put forth by the most delicate and fairest of our homes; and who in turn have laid themselves down, and amid the pangs of dissolution, with upraised hands to heaven, and with the last expiring effort of reason, have exclaimed, "My Father and my God." Oh! could we for an instant, for a single moment only, tear aside the veil which divides the temporal from the spiritual, how would our hearts take comfort as we beheld the happy re-union of departed friends in the glorious land of immortality. But it may not be; then with a dropping tear and a sympathetic sigh pass we on to the consideration of topics more immediately affecting our temporal Brotherhood."

Again, in regard to the general outlook, he says:

"Since the last annual meeting the Grand Councils of Wisconsin and Iowa have dissolved and retired to what is termed the bosom of the Grand Chapter, making in all six Grand Councils of which I am officially informed.

"In most of these Grand Councils the action looking to a disbandment appears to have been brought about, or originated, from the Grand East. And we have this peculiar Masonic phenomenon presented for our consideration: The Grand Master, having solemnly sworn to support and uphold the Constitution of the Grand Council of his jurisdiction, taking immediate steps to destroy it! In some instances, the very committees have had their reports in readiness before the meeting of the Grand Council, the whole matter cut and dried as it were.

"In our perusal of the various addresses from the East of these disbanding Councils, we have endeavored in vain to find some reasonable

ground for the proposed dissolution, and are constrained to admit we find nothing but vague generalities. One Grand Master asserts it is because he has nothing to do. Another hopes to pile up a large sum of money for the benefit of the bereaved and desolate, and make the Masonic institution "*what it ought to be*," and that peace and perfect stagnation prevail throughout the jurisdiction. Peace and perfect stagnation prevail; an excellent reason certainly for the displacement of a Grand Master so reporting. A Grand Master that can find *nothing to do!* Why, if we could command the time, there is not a day in the whole Masonic term we could not employ from four to six hours in attending to the duties of the office. Is it all, that there are no disturbing elements to coerce or reconcile? Is it all, that no complicated questions of Masonic jurisprudence are presented for the consideration of the Grand Master? Is it all, that no new Councils are to be organized? No dispensations to issue?

"Verily, we look upon these duties, important and onerous as they may be, as but trifles in comparison with those higher duties which claim the consideration of the Grand Master. Why, is there no influence the Grand Master can exert from his high official station? No sympathy that can be extended to the bereaved and suffering? No words of cheer to the disconsolate, or of encouragement to the afflicted? Is there no charm in the literature of our writers sufficient to claim an hour's consideration? No suggestions that can be made? No intercourse with our sister jurisdictions to be maintained? When we can find there is none of these high and holy duties to fulfil, when our aspirations have sunk to this dead level, when we can see no charm, can feel no thrill of joyous emotion in the performance of these high duties—then, indeed, will we acknowledge that "*peace and perfect stagnation*" prevail throughout our grand jurisdiction.

"Peace and perfect stagnation prevail, and the fiat goes forth, and the Grand Council, with its constituents numbering from ten to forty or fifty, close their labors.

"Peace and perfect stagnation prevail, and the Grand Master's office is a perfect sinecure!

"Peace and perfect stagnation prevail! And ever will prevail, where Giblumites such as these prevail, who can find "nothing to do."

In conclusion:

COMPANIONS—In our report we have endeavored to lay before you a synopsis of the proceedings of our sister Grand Councils the past year. We have carefully read all the proceedings we have received at this time and extracted such portions as we think will show to the Royal and Select of Michigan the condition of the Cryptic Rite throughout the several

Grand Jurisdictions. Owing to the financial depression throughout the whole country, the increase in membership has not been as large as heretofore. But we think it is not more so than in all other grades of Masonry. We see no reason to be discouraged; but, on the contrary, from the correspondence herewith laid before you, a strong determination to preserve inviolate the organizations of the Grand Councils, and firmly believe that the action taken by our late sister Grand Councils in relation to consolidation with the Chapter will sooner or later have to be retracted. As Companion William W. Austin, of Indiana, in his closing remarks, says: "If the Cryptic craft must sink, let Michigan stand with Indiana and nail our flags to the mast and be the last the waves shall close over."

Fraternally submitted.

(Signed) 

For the Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS

Twenty-third Annual Assembly, held in East Saginaw,

COMMENCING MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1881.



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FORM OF PETITION FOR A NEW COUNCIL.

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

The undersigned petitioners, being Royal and Select Masters, having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, and being willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Cryptic Masonry, respectfully represent:

That they are desirous of forming a Council in the ——— ——— County of ———, and State of ———, to be named ——— Council, No. —.

They therefore pray for Letters of Dispensation, or a warrant of Constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal Council, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the regulations of the Grand Council.

They have nominated, and do recommend, Comp. A. B., to be the first T. I. M.; Comp. C. D., to be the first D. M.; and Comp. E. G., to be the first P. C. of W. of said Council.

If the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted, they promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council.

N. B.—The above petition must be signed by not less than nine Select Masters.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN, assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of East Saginaw, on Monday, January 17, 1881, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

Comp. DAVID WOODWARD, ... M. I. Grand Master.
" RUFUS C. HATHEWAY, ... D. Grand Master.
" WILLIAM G. HUDSON, ... G. P. C. of W.
" H. SHAW NOBLE, ... Grand Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE, ... Grand Recorder.
" GEORGE H. GREENE, ... G. Capt. of Guards.
" JAMES H. CUMMINS, ... G. Conductor of Council.
" FRANCIS A. BLADES, ... Grand Chaplain.
" GEORGE H. STEPHENSON, ... Grand Steward.
" WILLIAM V. GRIFFITH, ... Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

Comp. D. B. TRACY ..... P. M. I. Grand Master.
" O. L. SPAULDING ..... P. M. I. Grand Master.
" E. SPRAGUE ..... P. M. I. Grand Master.
" H. SHAW NOBLE ..... P. M. I. Grand Master.
" GEORGE HILL ..... P. M. I. Grand Master.
" HUGH McCURDY ..... P. M. I. Grand Master.

There being present the representatives of a constitutional number of subordinate Councils, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was opened in ample form at 7.30 o'clock P. M., with prayer, by Rev. FRANCIS A BLADES, Grand Chaplain.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Companions PETER F. BLOSSER, GEORGE H. GREENE and E. M. ADAMS a Committee on Credentials.

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

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the credentials submitted to them, and find the following members and delegates entitled to seats in the Grand Council:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Comp DAVID WOODWARD.....M. I. Grand Master.
" RUFUS C. HATHEWAY.....D. Grand Master.
" WILLIAM G. HUDSON.....G. P. C. of W.
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" WILLIAM V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

Also, the Past M. I. G. M.'s, Past D. G. M.'s and Past G. P. C.'s of W. Also the following delegates from subordinate Councils:

Monroe Council, No. 1.

Comp. G. B. NOBLE.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" GEORGE LECKIE.....D. M.
" JOHN B. THOMPSON.....P. C. of W.

Pontiac Council, No. 3.

Comp. S. H. NORTON.....T. I. M.
" C. B. TURNER.....D. M.
" E. C. SMITH.....P. C. of W.

River Raisin Council, No. 4.

Comp. A. I. SAWYER.....T. I. M.
" D. R. CRAMPTON.....D. M.
" LOUIS FREDENBURG.....P. C. of W.

Jonesville Council, No. 5.

Comp. WITTER J. BAXTER.....Proxy for Council.

Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.

Comp. DAVID BOVEE, (S. S. Scovell, Proxy,).....T. I. M.
" N. ROSENBAUM.....D. M.
" JNO. A. ASHBAUGH.....P. C. of W.

Three Rivers Council, No. 7.

No Returns.

Romeo Council, No. 8.

No Returns.

Battle Creek Council, No. 9.

Comp. D. D. BUCK.....T. I. M.
" M. F. SHAFFER.....D. M.
" O. B. POWELL.....P. C. of W.

Tyre Council, No. 10.

Comp. L. A. ROGERS.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" JOHN GOLDSMITH.....D. M.
" JOHN BOLE.....P. C. of W.

Union Council, No. 11.

Comp. E. BOGARDUS.....T. I. M.
" O. F. R. BELLOWS.....D. M.
" WM. WILSON.....P. C. of W.

Ionia Council, No. 12.

Comp. CHAS. LEACH,.....Representative of Council.

Sturgis Council, No. 13.

Comp. H. L. ANTHONY,.....T. I. M.
" W. W. STONE,.....D. M.
" N. I. PACKARD,.....P. C. of W.

Hiram Council, No. 14.

No Returns.

Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.

Comp. GEORGE CARD, ... T. I. M.
" L. S. RANNEY, ... D. M.
" M. ROCHENTHAL, ... P. C. of W.

Genesee Council, No. 17.

Comp. C. M. ADAMS, ... T. I. M.
" B. POTTER, ... D. M.
" Wm. E. SMITH, ... P. C. of W.

Adrian Council, No. 18.

Comp. JOHN F. KIMBALL, ... T. I. M.
" JOHN ROSE, ... D. M.
" ORSEMAS LAMB, ... P. C. of W.

Niles Council, No. 19.

Comp. HIRAM A. EDWARDS ..... T. I. M.
" JAMES S. REEVES, ... D. M.
" D. H. FREED, ... P. C. of W.

Saginaw Council, No. 20.

Comp. F. E. HOYT, ... T. I. M.
" D. B. REEVE, ... D. M.
" CHAS. DOUGHTY, ... P. C. of W.

St. Johns Council, No. 21.

Comp. GEO. H. STEPHENSON, ... T. I. M.
" CHAS. G. PATTERSON, ... D. M.
" JOHN D. HENDERSON, ... P. C. of W.

Portland Council, No. 23.

Comp. F. G. LEE, ... T. I. M.
" CHESTER SMITH, ... D. M.
" J. A. WEBBER, ... P. C. of W.

Adoniram Council, No. 24.

Comp. P. F. BLOSSER, ... Representative of Council.

King Solomon Council, No. 25.

Comp. JOSEPH H. KILBOURN, ... T. I. M.
" E. P. CLARK, ... D. M.
" DANIEL E. STEARNS, ... P. C. of W.

Clinton Council, No. 26.

Comp. DANIEL WOODWARD,.....T. I. M.
" GEO. FISHER,.....D. M.
" WM. C. ROGERS,.....P. C. of W.

Oceana Council, No. 27.

Comp. WILLIAM E. DOCKRY,.....T. I. M.
" WILLIAM E. THORP,.....D. M.
" FRED WILSON,.....P. C. of W.

Dowagiac Council, No. 28.

No Returns.

Lansing Council, No. 29.

Comp. JOSIAH BRUNO, JR.,.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE H. GREENE,.....D. M.
" LELAND H. BRIGGS,.....P. C. of W.

Northville Council, No. 30.

Comp. F. R. BEAL,.....T. I. M.
" WM. HARLAN,.....P. C. of W

Reading Council, No. 31.

No Returns.

Jackson Council, No. 32.

Comp. JOHN L. MITCHELL,.....Representative of Council

Ithica Council, No. 33.

Comp. WM. S. TURK,.....T. I. M.
" JOHN L. ST. CLAIR,.....D. M.
" J. F. HENRY,.....P. C. of W.

Union City Council, No. 35.

Comp. A. B. AIKEN,.....T. I. M.
" RODNEY SIMON,.....D. M.
" R. E. McDONALD,.....P. C. of W.

Charlotte Council, No. 36.

Comp. SETH KETCHUM,.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" DANIEL BAUGHMAN,.....D. M.
" PARUE S. DEGROFF,.....P. C. of W.

Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37.

Comp. A. C. FRENCH.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" JNO. W. SIMONS.....D. M.
" A. TRUESDALE.....P. C. of W.

Corunna Council, No. 38.

Comp. HUGH McCURDY.....T. I. M.
" JAS. ANDERSON.....D. M.
" FRANK D. SMITH.....P. C. of W.

Holly Council, No. 39.

Comp. JAMES H. CUMMINS.....T. I. M.
" EDWARD HADLEY.....D. M.
" THOS. M. JOSLIN.....P. C. of W.

Bronson Council, No. 40.

Comp. DAVID STRACHLY.....T. I. M.
" L. W. LEWIS.....D. M.
" J. E. PULLMAN.....P. C. of W.

Centreville Council, No. 41.

No Returns.

Lapeer Council, No. 42.

Comp. H. K. WHITE.....T. I. M.
" W. F. DALEY.....D. M.
" F. J. JACKSON.....P. C. of W.

Lawrence Council, No. 43.

Comp. G. A. CROSS.....T. I. M.
" W. S. BIDWELL.....D. M.
" J. F. BARROWS.....P. C. of W.

St. Joseph Council, No. 44.

Comp. ALFRED BALDRY.....T. I. M.
" HENRY L. PITCHER.....D. M.
" FREDERICK E. MINNES.....P. C. of W.

South Haven Council, No. 45.

Comp. ALFRED G. GULLEY, ...D. M., and Proxy for T. I. M.
" MORTIMER HESLETT,.....P. C. of W.

Manistee Council, No. 46.

Comp. WM. DUNHAM, ... T. I. M.
" D. W. MOWATT, ... D. M.
" WM. WENTZ, JR., ... P. C. of W.

Newaygo Council, No. 47.

No Returns.

Ludington Council, No. 48.

Comp. H. B. SMITH, ... Proxy for T. I. M.
" GEORGE H. STRONG, ... D. M.
" FRANK P. DUNWELL, ... P. C. of W.

Giblum Council, No. 49.

Comp. TRAVERSE PHILLIPS, ... T. I. M.
" A. PHILO DRAKE, ... D. M.
" MARCUS W. RIKER, ... P. C. of W.

Leslie Council, No. 50.

Comp. A. C. MANLY, ... T. I. M.
" E. OLDMAN, ... D. M.
" WM. HUTCHINS, ... P. C. of W.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. F. BLOSSER,
GEO. H. STEPHENSON,
E. M. ADAMS,
Committee.

The M. I. Grand Master, David Woodward, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL:

To the history of Freemasonry antiquity lends a charm. The meditative Mason loves to dwell upon what bears the impress of ages long gone by. A charm lingers around aged Masonic emblems. The pine through whose branches have whistled the winds of a thousand bleak winters, the mountain whose bald summit has warded off the thunderbolts of untold ages, are each monuments of enduring time. Is it strange, then, that the Mason should read the history of Freemasonry with emotions, that he should reverence the Order the better for being ancient, and render an homage more devotional on that account? Had it been worthless it would long since have passed away. Things worthless do not triumph age after age over all the opposition of power that the ingenuity of man can bring to bear upon them. When we follow back the foot-prints of time, we find many of the eminent men of former days the living monuments of the teachings of Freemasonry. St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist were eminent Christian patrons of Masonry, with King Solomon, Zerubbabel, Abraham and Moses, with many others worthy of profound admiration. Although handed down from generation to generation, Freemasonry is still the same. With 49 Grand Lodges, nearly 10,000 Lodges; 39 Grand Chapters, with nearly 2,000 Chapters and 109,000 R. A. M.; 25 Grand Councils, 439 Councils, with 20,000 members. We of Michigan hold the Cryptic Rite especially sacred, while we regret that some of our sister jurisdictions have fallen out of the beaten track.

OUR DEAD.

Since last we met it has pleased the Great Creator to remove from our midst here on earth to a state of endless duration two Companions, members of this Grand Council. William Brown, on September 23. This beloved and honored Companion

died at his home in the city of Battle Creek, aged 68 years. He was made a Mason in Detroit Lodge, No. 2, July 27, 1847; was dimitted and assisted in forming Battle Creek Lodge, of which he was Master two years. After moving to Battle Creek he filled nearly all the responsible offices in their Masonic body. He was elected T. I. G. P. of this Grand Council, January 1, 1873, and re-elected January 19, 1874. He was elected G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Michigan January 19, 1876, all of which positions he filled with credit to himself and honor to the Fraternity.

Companion E. A. Elliott died in the City of Detroit, November 15. He has filled the high position of T. I. G. P. of this Grand Council; also, for several years, Grand Treasurer of this Grand body.

I recommend such action be taken by the Grand Council in regard to their memory as you in your wisdom may see fit.

OFFICIAL.

January 20, I issued dispensation to Hiram Council, No. 14, to elect and install its officers.

January 21, I issued dispensation to St. Joseph Council, No. 44, to elect and install its officers.

February 5, I wrote Blanchard Council, No. 34, enquiring why they had not made returns to the Grand Council since 1877. Receiving no reply, I called on the D. I., March 24, and learned from him that it had been impossible to get a quorum together, but would make an effort to do so. December 4, I again wrote them, requesting them to give notice and try to hold their annual election. This was a failure. I then made them an official visit January 5, 1881; found them past resurrection. Not only the Council, but the Chapter and Lodge were neither in condition to pay dues to their respective Grand bodies and probably will surrender their charters. I arrested their charter and have placed it, together with their records, in the hands of the Grand Recorder.

February 20, I received the bond of the Grand Treasurer, approved the same and forwarded it to the Grand Recorder.

Soon after receiving the Proceedings of last year, I wrote the several Councils reporting no returns, and am pleased to state that several of them made the following reply: "We did make returns and hold the Grand Recorder's receipt for money paid, and trust you will hear from us next year." To those Councils I would say, if you will send your returns to the Grand Recorder in time to have them arranged and come before the Committee on Credentials you will not stand marked "no returns." Three Rivers, No. 7, promised to make an effort. Hiram, No. 14, made no reply. Genesee, No. 17, wrote me December 15, that they had not done any business for three years and thought it useless to try. On receipt of this communication, I wrote Illustrious Companion James H. Cummins, Grand Conductor, requesting him to visit them at his earliest convenience and, at his discretion, set them at work or arrest their charter.

December 24, I received the following from T. I. M., E. M. Adams: "Most Illustrious Sir—Referring to your favor of the 16th inst., last evening was our regular annual meeting; we held our election, collected some back dues and have the promise of more, so that we shall be able to pay up arrearages to the Grand Council and get on a sound footing again. If you will have blanks for three years returns sent to W. J. Fitch, Recorder, we will attend to the matter at once." I wrote the Grand Recorder to forward the necessary blanks.

The following day I received a communication from Companion Cummins, informing me that he had twice visited Genessee Council, reported their action, and, further, they hopefully expected they would again be received into the fold of R. & S. M. of Michigan. For prompt action and the result, Companion Cummins is hereby tendered my official thanks.

King Solomon, No. 25, under date of January 10, report they will make returns.

Dowagiac, No. 28, doubtful.

Nebuzaraden, No. 37, will try.

Centerville, No. 41, no reply.

Newaygo, No. 47, no reply.

I have noted the delinquents in detail that my successor may have time to look them up.

December 21, I granted Monroe Council, No. 1, permission to move from Masonic Hall on Jefferson avenue to Masonic Temple on Congress street.

December 27, I issued dispensation to Reading Council, No. 31, to elect and install its officers.

December 30, I issued dispensation to Tyre Council, No. 10, to elect and install its officers.

Companions—The past year, occurring our Presidential election, our attention has been largely drawn from Cryptic Masonry. So far as I can ascertain, but a small amount of work has been done. During the forepart of the Masonic year I made the request of a number of Councils to inform me when they would have work, and I would meet with them. They now inform me that they have not done the work.

August 25, I visited Monroe Council, No. 1, at Detroit and saw the degrees of Royal and Select Master conferred on several candidates. The officers of No. 1 are skilled workmen.

During the past year I have appointed the following Illustrious Companions as representatives of this Grand Council:

Illustrious Companion John Woolverton, M. D., near the Grand Council of New Jersey; Illustrious Companion John Carlovitz, near the Grand Council of Florida; Illustrious Companion George W. Cooley, near the Grand Council of Minnesota; and Illustrious Companion J. W. Chamberlin, near the Grand Council of Ohio.

During the year no official questions have been asked. This of itself shows that Cryptic Masonry is in the hands of intelligent Companions, who are well skilled in the mysterious work of the S. V.

I will now present to you the proceedings of the Convention of Royal and Select Masters, held in the City of Detroit, August 23, 24 and 25, 1880:

CIRCULAR.

To the M.·. Ill.·. Grand Masters of Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters:

The Convention of Royal and Select Masons, held in Buffalo in 1877, adjourned to meet upon the call of the President.

I have been requested by Most Ill. George W. Cooley, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Minnesota, in accordance with instructions of his Grand Council, to call a meeting of the Convention in 1880.

Concurring in his views, I hereby give notice that a meeting of that Convention will be held in Detroit, Michigan, on the twenty-third day of August, A. D. 1880, at eight o'clock in the evening.

It is earnestly desired that all the Grand Councils be represented. If no session of any Grand Council is to be held before that date, it is desired that the Grand Master will take measures to be represented; this can properly be done, as the purpose of the Convention is consultation, and its action only advisory.

That we have arrived at a most important era in the history of Cryptic Masonry is evident from the situation. The degrees are now conferred in four different ways.

1. In Chapters, as a Part of the Regular Series of Degrees.

In this class are Virginia and West Virginia, where the degrees are conferred before the Royal Arch, the order being Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, Royal Master, Select Master and Royal Arch. A Grand Council was formed in Virginia in 1820, which, yielding to a claim based upon a gross error, in 1841 surrendered the degrees to the Grand Chapter and dissolved.

2. In Councils Appurtenant to Chapters, but Otherwise Independent of Them.

In this class is Texas, whose Grand Council was dissolved in 1864; 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 Councils Appurtenant to Chapters, and Under the Control and Authority of Grand Chapters.

In this class are Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nebraska, South Carolina and Wisconsin. These Grand Councils have formally dissolved, but, previous to their dissolution, they surrendered the degrees (so far as they had the power) to their several Grand Chapters, which accepted the trust and are now undertaking to confer and control the degrees.

The Grand Council of Illinois, in like manner, voted to surrender the degrees to the Grand Chapter, but still claims to be in existence.

Measures, looking ultimately to the same end, but not fully consummated, have been taken by the Grand Councils of California, Missouri and North Carolina.

I understand that the Grand Chapter of Nevada (where there has never been a Grand Council) contemplates authorizing its Chapters to confer these degrees in "appurtenant Councils," and the same thing is favored in Oregon; by whose "surrender" they propose to obtain this authority I am not advised.

Several of these Grand Chapters are awaiting the action of the General Grand Chapter, and I have no doubt that an effort will be made at its next Convocation to adopt the amendments to the Constitution offered by our Mississippi Companions, and now pending, and thus, by endorsing what is known as the "Mississippi Plan," *assume* control of the Cryptic degrees.

4. In Councils, Under the Jurisdiction of Grand Councils.

In this class are Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine. Maryland. Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Vermont, in the United States, and England, Ontario and New Brunswick abroad.

This unparalleled confusion in the entire polity of the Rite, and necessary conflict even in the rituals of the different jurisdictions, peremptorily call for action to secure uniformity, or for the entire abandonment of the degrees, by the existing Grand Councils.

Experience shows that united action can be secured only by general consultation, and a Convention is the only method of having that.

The more important questions growing out of the situation are the following:

1. Shall the Grand Council system of organization be continued? If not, shall the degrees be abandoned, or the "Mississippi Plan" adopted?

2. If the Grand Council system is to be continued, what measures (if any) shall be taken to prevent a conflict between the Grand Councils and the General Grand Chapter?

3. What rule shall be adopted as to the *status* of those who receive the degrees in Chapters, as well as of those who have received the degrees in regular Councils, but have assisted in conferring the degrees in other bodies, or been present when they were thus conferred?

4. What rule ought to be adopted in relation to the jurisdiction in States, etc., in which no regular Grand Council exists?

The enumeration of these questions, of course, in no manner precludes the consideration of others.

Experience has shown that the comparatively brief time during which a Convention can remain in session does not give opportunity for work by

committees upon subjects under consideration, and the necessity of committee work, to secure proper action by any deliberative body, is universally acknowledged; indeed it may be safely said that the action of the last two Conventions failed to exert its due influence in consequence of the failure to prepare in advance measures for consideration.

To obviate the danger of ill-considered action, I take the liberty of designating Companions to prepare, and have ready for presentation at the opening of the Convention, reports upon the four questions above stated, for the consideration of the Convention, with resolutions embodying such action as they shall recommend should be taken in relation thereto:

1.—GEO. M. OSGOODBY, Buffalo, New York.
GEO. W. COOLEY, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
WILLIAM W. AUSTIN, Richmond, Indiana.

2.—EDWARD S. DANA, New Haven, Vermont.
GEO L. MCCAHAN, Baltimore, Maryland.
WILLIAM WALLACE LEE, West Meriden, Conn.

3.—CHARLES E. MEYER, Philadelphia, Pa.
GEO. J. PINCKARD, New Orleans, La.
HUGH MCCURDY, Corunna, Michigan.

4.—WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, Newark, Ohio.
JOHN S. DERBY, Saco, Maine.
JOHN HAIGH, Somerville, Mass.

Inasmuch as no provision has been made for the expenses of the meetings of committees, I trust the Companions will *at once* proceed, by correspondence, to interchange views, and prepare reports upon the subject committed to them; there is ample time for that purpose.

I hope, also, no one of the Companions will ask to be excused because he may not be a member of the Convention, or not able to attend it, inasmuch as the committees above announced are not committees *of the Convention*, but of *my own*, to assist me in presenting to the Convention matters for its action. And if any of the Companions prefer, they may submit their report to me, and I will have it presented to the Convention by the presiding officer. It would aid very materially, however, in the deliberations of the Convention if each committee would print its report and circulate copies in advance of the meeting.

Seasonable notice will be given in what hall the Convention will meet. Only Companions from jurisdictions in which a regular Grand Council exists will be admitted to participate in the Convention, until it shall otherwise order.

Companions, the time has come for decisive and *final* action in one direction or another; let us, therefore, come together and consult freely, deliberate fully and act wisely, to the end that when we separate the united approval of our several Grand Councils shall crown our efforts, and the future of the Cryptic Rite be irrevocably settled.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
President of the National Convention of R. & S. Masters.

Portland, Maine, March 10, 1880.

PROCEEDINGS.

DETROIT, Mich., August 23, 1880.

Pursuant to a call made by M. Ill. Companion Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, a number of Royal and Select Masters assembled at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, Michigan, on Monday evening, August 23, 1880, Anno Dep., 2880; M. Ill. Companion Josiah H. Drummond acting as Chairman.

On motion, George Van Vliet was chosen as Secretary.

On motion of Comp. O. A. B. Senter, of Ohio, a committee of three on credentials was appointed, the committee consisting of Comps. Orestes A. B. Senter, of Ohio; George P. Cleaves, of New Hampshire; and Garra B. Noble, of Michigan.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report :

That the several Grand Councils were represented by the Companions hereinafter named, which report was received and accepted, and the committee continued during the session.

Alabama—Comp. William D. Wadsworth.

Connecticut—Comp. John O. Rowland.

California—Comps. Henry S. Orme, William M. Petrie and R. E. Hedges.

Lafayette Council, of Washington, D. C., (admitted to representation by a *vote* of the Convention)—Comps. James P. Pearson, proxy, and J. C. Allen.

Florida—Comp. George M. Osgoodby, proxy.

Georgia—Comp. Charles R. Armstrong.

Indiana—Comps. Walter R. Godfrey, John M. Bramwell and Thomas B. Long.

Kansas—Comps. Albert D. McConaughy, Dwight Byington, Edwin D. Hillyer and James C. Bennett.

Louisiana—Comp. George J. Pinckard.

Maine—Comps. Josiah H. Drummond and Edward P. Burnham.

Maryland—Not represented.

Massachusetts—Comps. Alfred F. Chapman and John Haigh.

Minnesota—Comp. George W. Cooley.

Missouri—Not represented.

Michigan—Comps. Hugh McCurdy, D. Burnham Tracy, Garra B. Noble, David Woodward, David Bovee and Rufus C. Hatheway.

New Hampshire—Comps. George P. Cleaves and John J. Bell.

New Jersey—Comps. John Woolverton and George Scott.

New York—Comps. George M. Osgoodby, John N. Macomb, Jr., and George Van Vliet.

North Carolina—Not represented.

Ohio—Comps. Orestes A. B. Senter, Rev. Thomas J. Melish and John D. Caldwell.

Pennsylvania—Not represented.

Rhode Island—Not represented.

South Carolina—Comp. C. F. Jackson.

Tennessee—Comp. Benjamin F. Haller.

Vermont—Comps. Alfred A. Hall and William Brinsmaid, proxy.

On motion of Comp. George M. Osgoodby, of New York, Comp. George J. Pinckard, of Louisiana, was chosen as Vice-President of the Convention, and it was then resolved that the present officers be continued during the session.

Comp. George W. Cooley, of Minnesota, presented the following, which was, on motion, received, accepted and ordered printed with the proceedings.

MR. PRESIDENT AND COMPANIONS:

When the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota, at its last assembly, passed a resolution instructing its chief officer to request our President to issue a call for another convention of Cryptic Masons, it did so with the belief that from the representations made to it the Order would be greatly benefitted by an assembly held at this time.

For many years we have been contesting the so-called Mississippi plan, among whose advocates we read the names of those from whom we had a right to expect earnest and hearty co-operation in our work; and their failure to support us has resulted in the loss of about one-fourth of our Grand Councils and the demoralization of several more.

Nor has the evil stopped here; the influence of their action has been felt and observed in jurisdictions whose Grand Councils have been earnestly engaged in the promotion of the welfare of the Order, and in many States a few discontented Companions have started a movement, which, but for the determined stand taken by others, would have resulted in adding more names to the list of sleeping sentinels, or, at least, have lessened the force which it now becomes our duty to hurl against any and all opposition to the maintenance of our rights and our privileges as Cryptic Masons.

We not only ask that our position as an independent Order shall be recognized by other branches of Masonry, but it is our duty to demand that we, and we alone, shall have full and supreme control of all that pertains to the degrees of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masonry, a right that we have earned by years of patient toil in the secret vault, a right legitimately acquired from Scottish Masonry, and a right that we propose to maintain just as long as a few jurisdictions that I might mention will stand side by side with the Grand Council of Minnesota.

I do not apprehend that any other State will endeavor to follow the advocacy of the merging scheme; I do not believe that those who have the subject under consideration will ever act upon it to our detriment; nor do I believe that the leading spirits in Capitular Masonry will consent to receive among them Masons who so quickly desert their post of duty, or that they will become willing tools in the hands of men who are so anxious to shift the responsibility of supporting so many grand bodies, whose "excessive multiplication" has given them such uneasiness.

The subjects to be brought forward for our consideration at this time are few, but involve points of vital interest. The action of some Grand Councils in disbanding has thrown into our midst Companions to whom we owe a duty as Masons, and yet who owe to us an allegiance which they cannot as readily absolve themselves from as did the Councils of which they were members. Peculiar cases will continue to arise, and good policy requires that the action of this Convention shall be such as to render strict Masonic justice, tempered with brotherly love. Already in the jurisdiction from which I hail, as well as several others, questions have arisen regarding the status of certain Companions of uncertain standing, which questions have been readily disposed of, and the report of the committee to whom was referred such matters will be looked forward to with great interest.

As an opponent of the Mississippi plan, I pledge the Grand Council of Minnesota to any action, consistent with our obligations and our duty, that has for its aim the perpetuation of Cryptic Masonry, and I may add that as long as three subordinate Councils exist in that State the pledge shall be kept.

To argue the question of our sole and exclusive right to these degrees would, in view of the reports soon to be presented, be superfluous. We are now in rightful possession of them, and under no circumstances should we listen to any proposition having for its aim their surrender to any other Masonic body.

Since my connection with the Order I have observed in many jurisdictions, and especially in Maine, New York and Pennsylvania, a persistent and growing determination to hold, by all the force at command, those rights to which we honestly believe we are entitled, and never to surrender them either to the General Grand Chapter or to the subordinate Grand Chapters.

Cryptic Masonry, having passed its lowest ebb, is not now on the decline; Grand Councils are not disbanding on account of financial failure.

Is New York unable to maintain an organization? Is Pennsylvania? Maine? Minnesota?

Florida, with a Grand Master who had some energy and determination, placed the weakest of our sisters on a firm and substantial basis.

And is this, the most beautiful of Masonic rites, to be thrown aside among the rubbish of side degrees because some of the workmen are weary? Let them make room for those who are willing to bear the heat and burden of another day, and let the good work go on. Companions, whatever may be the action of this Convention, or of the General Grand Chapter, or of subordinate Grand Chapters, there will still exist Grand Councils who will claim jurisdiction over the Royal, Select and Super Excellent degrees, and who, in the future as to-day, will stand on record as champions of the Cryptic Rite. The relations of our Order under adverse circumstances would undoubtedly be unpleasant, not only as between ourselves and clandestine Royal and Select Masters, but also between the loyal Grand Councils and the Grand Chapters who have pretended to assume control of these degrees.

To avoid the complications which must necessarily arise in the future, to remedy the evils of the present, and to rectify the errors of the past, is our work to-day. Acting together in harmony we can accomplish much. As a General Grand Council our power would be felt where it is now unknown, and having undertaken the warfare in behalf of Cryptic Masonry, let us continue to fight until the opposition is entirely swept away and the Cryptic Rite fully recognized as an independent power throughout the Masonic world.

GEO. W. COOLEY,

M. I. G. M., Grand Council R. & S. M., Minnesota.

On motion of Comp. Geo. W. Cooley, of Minn., a committee of five were appointed to report upon the advisability of forming a General Grand Council, and if they thought favorably thereof, to present the draft of a proposed constitution. Whereupon the following committee was appointed: Geo. W. Cooley, of Minnesota; O. A. B. Senter, of Ohio, Geo. M. Osgoodby, of New York; Geo. J. Pinckard, of Louisiana; and John J. Bell, of New Hampshire.

On motion, Comp. Geo. M. Osgoodby, of New York, was requested to read, for the information of this Convention, the protest prepared by the Grand Council of the State of New York, for presentation to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States.

After the reading of said protest it was

RESOLVED, That this Convention of Royal and Select Masters, representing the Grand Councils of the following States, viz.:

Alabama,	Connecticut,	Florida,	Georgia,
Indiana,	Kansas,	Louisiana,	Maine,
Massachusetts,	Minnesota,	Michigan,	New Hampshire,
New Jersey,	Ohio,	Vermont,	

do hereby cordially endorse and adopt the protest of the Grand Council of New York to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, against any usurpation by it or any of its constituents, Grand or subordinate, of the control or jurisdiction of the degrees of Royal and Select Master; and that we will severally, as Grand Councils, abide by our rightful possession, ownership and jurisdiction of these degrees, regardless of any other Masonic body; and regard as clandestine all who receive these degrees under any authority other than that granted by a regular Grand Council, disconnected from a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

On motion, a committee consisting of Comps. Hugh McCurdy, of Michigan, John Haigh, of Massachusetts, and Geo. Scott, of New Jersey, were appointed for the purpose of procuring funds sufficient to defray the expense of printing the above mentioned protest and resolution.

On motion of Comp. Geo. J. Pinckard, of Louisiana, the Convention then adjourned until to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, at 7.30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

DETROIT, Mich., Tuesday, August 24.
A. D. 1880, A. L. 2880, 7.30 P. M.

The Convention of Royal and Select Masters resumed its session. Comp. Geo. J. Pinckard, Vice-President, in the chair.

On calling the roll, the representatives of seventeen Grand Councils were found to be present.

On motion, Comps. John D. Caldwell, of Ohio; Benjamin F. Moore, of Georgia; and Benjamin F. Haller, of Tennessee, were accorded the privilege of being present and participating in our deliberations.

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

On motion of Comp. Wm. D. Wadsworth, of Alabama, all committees appointed by Comp. Josiah H. Drummond prior to the opening of this Convention were continued as permanent committees of this Convention.

Comp. Geo. W. Cooley, of Minnesota, from the special committee of *five*, to consider the advisability of forming a General Grand Council, presented the following report:

To the Convention of Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, now in Session:

Your committee to whom was referred the question of the advisability of organizing a General Grand Council, respectfully report:

That having given the subject that consideration to which its importance entitles it, we recommend for your adoption the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this Convention it is advisable to organize a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the United States of America; and having been instructed to prepare and present a constitution in the event of our favorably considering such question, we desire to offer herewith the following as a proposed constitution for the consideration of this convention:

WHEREAS, At a Convention of Royal and Select Masters assembled in the City of Detroit, Mich., this 24th day of August, 1880, it is considered expedient, for the welfare and perpetuation of the Cryptic Rite and the proper government of Councils of Royal and Select Masters, that a General

Grand Council be organized for the United States of America, therefore, we do ordain and establish, subject to the approval of and ratification by our respective Grand Councils, or of a majority of them, the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Council shall be composed of the following officers:

Most Puissant General Grand Master.
Right Puissant General Grand Deputy Master.
Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
Puissant General Grand Treasurer.
Puissant General Grand Recorder.
Puissant General Grand Chaplain.
Puissant General Grand Captain of the Guard.
Puissant General Grand Conductor of the Council.
Puissant General Grand Marshal.
Puissant General Grand Steward.
Puissant General Grand Sentinel.

together with all Past Most Puissant General Grand Masters, Past Right Puissant General Grand Deputy Masters, Past Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductors of the Work; all Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Principal Conductors of the Work, or their proxies; all Past Most Illustrious Masters of the several constituent Grand Councils; and the first three officers of every Council, under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Council, or their proxies, which officers of said constituent Councils shall, collectively, have one vote.

SEC. 3. On all questions to be decided by the General Grand Council, each State Grand Council shall be entitled to three votes, by its representative or representatives. The General Grand officers, when present, shall each have one vote, but no member of the General Grand Council shall be entitled to vote as proxy when the Companion giving the proxy is present.

SEC. 4. The officers of the General Grand Council shall be elected by ballot and installed at each triennial assembly, except the General Grand Chaplain and General Grand Sentinel, who shall be appointed by the General Grand Master at the commencement of each stated assembly, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall be elected and installed.

SEC. 5. The duties of the officers of this General Grand Council shall be such as are appropriate to their several stations.

SEC. 6. The stated assemblies of the General Grand Council shall be held triennially, at such date and place as it shall determine. Provided, that if in the opinion of the General Grand Master, or, in case of his inability, then of the Senior Grand officer, there shall be danger to life and health, from sickness or other local cause, by any meeting being held at the time appointed, he may change such meeting to some other time and place, and in the event of such change being made, he shall immediately notify the General Grand Recorder thereof, who shall forthwith notify the other officers and members in such manner as he may deem best calculated to effect the desired object.

SEC. 7. The General Grand Master and General Grand Deputy Master shall have authority to call a special assembly of the General Grand Council whenever they consider it expedient or necessary, and it shall be their duty to do so when properly requested by a majority of the Grand Councils, of which four months' notice shall be given of the time and place of meeting.

SEC. 8. A quorum of the General Grand Council shall consist of the representatives of three Grand Councils.

SEC. 9. The General Grand Council shall watch over and protect the interests of Cryptic Masonry in the States, Districts or Territories which recognize its jurisdiction, and where there is no Grand Council regularly established, and shall settle all difficulties which may arise and be referred to it, and shall give such advice and instruction as may seem most conducive to the peace, advancement and perpetuation of Cryptic Masonry in its original integrity.

SEC. 10. The General Grand Master, or, in case of his inability to act, the General Grand Deputy Master, shall have power and authority to grant dispensations for new Councils of Royal and Select Masters, in any State, District or Territory in which there is not a Grand Council regularly established and working independently of any other Masonic body; such dispensation in no case to extend beyond the time of the next stated assembly of the General Grand Council, but no new Council shall be established in any State, District or Territory where there is a regular Council within a reasonable distance, without the consent of the Council nearest the place where such new Council is proposed to be located; and he shall immediately notify the General Grand Recorder of such dispensation, and make report of the same at the next triennial assembly of the General Grand Council, when the General Grand Council may grant said Council a charter.

SEC. 11. The fees for granting a dispensation shall be twenty-five dollars, and every Council holden by dispensation or charter from this body, shall pay into the treasury of the General Grand Council the sum of one dollar for each Companion greeted therein, and fifty cents annually for each member, until such time as a Grand Council shall be regularly established in the State, District or Territory in which such Council is located.

The General Grand Recorder shall be paid by the petitioners *five* dollars for his services in granting a Charter. The fees in the several Councils under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Council, for conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and the appendant degree of Super Excellent Master, shall not be less than ten dollars.

SEC. 12. Whenever there shall be three Councils regularly instituted in any State, District or Territory, a Grand Council may be established so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate.

SEC. 13. Each Grand Council constituent of this General Grand body shall pay to the General Grand Recorder, annually, the sum of fifty cents for each chartered Council under its jurisdiction.

The Grand Recorder of each Grand Council shall be required to transmit to the General Grand Recorder an official notice of the election of its Grand officers within thirty days thereafter, and also transmit to the General Grand Recorder six copies of their proceedings as soon as the same are printed.

SEC. 14. Every Council of Royal and Select Masters must have a charter or dispensation from the General Grand Council, or from some Grand Council working independently of any other branch of Masonry, and no Council shall be deemed legal without such dispensation or charter, and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Council or any member of it, and any Council or Assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden without such Charter, or any person assumed to be received or greeted therein.

ARTICLE II.

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

SEC. 15. A Council of Royal and Select Masters, under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Council, shall consist of the following officers: Thrice Illustrious Master, Right Illustrious Deputy Master, Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, Recorder, Captain of the Guard, Conductor of the Council, Steward, Sentinel, and as many members as may be convenient for working together.

SEC. 16. Every Council under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Council shall annually make a return to the General Grand

Recorder of their name, number, location and time of stated meetings, with a list of officers and members, degrees conferred, companions admitted, died, suspended or expelled, in accordance with a form furnished from the office of the General Grand Recorder.

SEC. 17. Every Council under dispensation from this General Grand Council shall, at the close of its period, return to the General Grand Recorder its dispensation and its records.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 18. This Constitution may be amended at any stated assembly by a majority vote of the Grand Councils represented.

SEC. 19. This Constitution shall take effect and be in force when it shall be ratified by nine (9) Grand Councils.

SEC. 20. Nothing contained in this Constitution shall be construed to derogate from the right or authority of any Grand Council which may not determine to become a constitutent of this General Grand Council.

SEC. 21. Whenever this Constitution shall be ratified and accepted by any Grand Council, its Grand Recorder shall immediately notify the General Grand Recorder of such action, and whenever nine Grand Councils shall have so ratified and accepted it, the General Grand Recorder shall notify all the Grand Councils and the officers of this General Grand Council, who shall thereupon assume their duties as such.

Signed by GEO. W. COOLEY,
ORESTES A. B. SENTER,
GEO. M. OSGOODBY,
GEO. J. PINCKARD,
Committee.

John J. Bell declining to sign the report.

On motion, the above report was received.

On motion, it was decided that in acting upon the report of said "committee of five" on the advisability of forming a General Grand Council, as well as the constitution presented, *each* Grand Council represented shall have but *one* vote.

On motion, the report of said committee was laid upon the table for the present.

Comp. Geo. M. Osgoodby, of New York, from the special committee on the first question proposed by M. Ill. Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, in his call for this convention, presented

the following report, which was received, and their recommendations adopted:

To the National Convention of Royal and Select Masters of the United States:

Your committee named by the M. Ill. President of this convention, in the call issued to the several loyal Grand Councils of the United States, and to whom was assigned the consideration of the following proposition set forth in such call:.

"Shall the Grand Council system of organization be continued? If not, shall the degrees be abandoned, or the 'Mississippi Plan' adopted?" would respectfully and fraternally report:

Your committee have with great interest and labor, since the question of merging the Cryptic with the Capitular degrees was proposed, carefully made a study of the subjects of the ancient landmarks governing the conferring and ownership of the degrees of Royal and Select Master; and as the result of such examination have satisfied themselves that the degrees never have been the property of the Royal Arch Chapters, either General, Grand or Subordinate.

We find that there was a regular Council in the year 1809, in the City of New York, assuming to control these degrees, and to confer the same. This Council afterwards became the starting point, or beginning of the Grand Council of the State of New York, the organization of this Grand Council relating back to 1809, by the cession of this early Council of that year; and it is claimed by some, and the proof appears to be indisputable, from records in the archives of the Grand Chapter of New York, that this Council was in fact instituted in 1807, (instead of 1809) and we refer to such proofs, stated by the Grand High Priest of New York in his address to the Grand Chapter in 1850. This Council was instituted under authority of the Grand Consistory.

The Grand Council of Connecticut was organized in 1819; that of Georgia in 1825; that of Massachusetts in 1826, and so on; but it is unnecessary to state the dates of organization of others, for those we have stated are sufficient to show the earlier organizations.

The degrees of Royal and Select Master are in the lawful custody of the Grand Councils of the several States, and in the opinion of your committee they cannot be preserved in their original purity and beauty, and the important lessons by them inculcated, be perpetuated, by being conferred as side degrees, or as appendant to an entirely different branch of Masonry, to which they are superior in rank.

We have, therefore, come to the conclusion that the Grand Council system of organization should be continued; that the degrees shall not be abandoned, nor should the "Mississippi Plan" be adopted.

Which conclusion we recommend be adopted by this convention of Royal and Select Masters.

(Signed) GEO. M. OSGOODBY,
GEO. W. COOLEY,
For the Committee.

Comp. George J. Pinckard, of Louisiana, from the special committee on the third question proposed, presented the following report, which was on motion received, and their resolutions adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, July 28, 1880.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, ESQ.,
President of the National Convention of R. and S. M.

M. ILL. COMP.:—In reply to your circular of March 10, 1880, the committee consisting of Comps. Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, Pa., Geo. J. Pinckard, of New Orleans, La., and Hugh McCurdy, of Corunna, Mich., beg leave to report. The question submitted to them was:

"3. What rule shall be adopted as to the status of those who receive the degree in Chapters, as well as of those who have received the degrees in regular Councils, but have assisted in conferring the degrees in other bodies, or been present when they were thus conferred?"

And it was requested that answer be made in time to present to the convention to be held in Detroit, Mich., on the 23d of August, 1880.

The early history of the Council degrees is well known to you. It is not necessary to discuss the origin or working up to this time. Sufficient it is for us that they are so entirely different from the other degrees, or systems, or rites of Masonry, as to have nothing in their ritual that can be taken and used by the other degrees without destroying them. While in so many particulars they are without any similarity, yet there is one point common to all degrees in Masonry, and that is the obligation of secrecy. The old charges say that a Mason is obliged, etc., etc., to obey the mora law. The violation of an obligation is a violation of the moral law. In every degree of Masonry the same charge is given to keep inviolate its secrets, as particularly from the brother of lower degree as from the profane. These are certain particulars in which we all agree. It cannot be denied that every Cryptic or Council Mason has obligated himself not to be present at the conferring of the degrees except in the body of a lawfully warranted and duly constituted Council. Conferred outside of a

lawfully warranted and duly constituted Council it is done clandestinely, and there is no healing that can make such a clandestine regular, and he cannot be recognized in any manner or form whatever. One so made is shunned by all good Masons, and the finger of warning and contempt is continually pointing at him, and with like abhorence the true brother looks upon all those who in any manner or form whatever assists at the clandestine making. If such are the feelings engendered at the action of a companion, what must be the feelings toward a Grand Council or Grand Chapter that sanctions the conferring of degrees over which they have no control whatever? Grand Chapters can lawfully know nothing of a higher degree than is recognized by the fundamental principles which declare the Royal Arch the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry. A Grand Council is merely one of a number of custodians or trustees having in charge these degrees, it is only the agent entrusted with that in which each and every Grand Council is a part owner. If all were to cease to work, and lay down the trowel, and desert the secret vault—yet all are bound by their obligations as sacred as any taken, and they cannot reveal or make public these degrees unlawfully, except at their own peril—they would be and are forsworn, and leaving the work leave behind them broken promises and violated vows, and are guilty of gross unmasonic conduct.

It becomes those who are strong in the faith to stand upon guard and place upon record a declaration of what is right and proper, just and honorable, and masonic. Thus believing, be it

RESOLVED, That the degrees of Cryptic Masonry. viz., the Royal and Select Masters, can only be conferred in Councils of Royal and Select Masters, working under regular Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters.

RESOLVED, That no Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons can lawfully confer or cause to be conferred, directly or indirectly, any of the degrees of Cryptic Masonry, commonly known as the Royal and Select Masters.

RESOLVED, That all Royal Arch Masons who have received the degrees of Royal and Select Master by the authority, direct or indirect, of Chapters or Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons shall be and are regarded as clandestinely made Royal and Select Masters, who cannot, in any manner, be recognized or admitted into any lawful Council of Royal and Select Masters.

RESOLVED, That any Royal and Select Master, made under lawful authority, who shall be present and aid or assist, directly or indirectly, in the conferring of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees outside of a regularly warranted Council of Royal and Select Masters, duly warranted by a

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, shall be guilty of unmasonic conduct, and is liable to expulsion from all the rights and privileges of Cryptic Masonry.

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to each Grand Council, with the request that they take action upon and adopt the same, and that copies be also sent to the several Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
GEORGE J. PINCKARD,
HUGH McCURDY.

The committees on the second and fourth questions proposed, were granted further time.

The convention was then adjourned until to-morrow (Wednesday) evening, at 7.30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

DETROIT, Mich., Wednesday Evening,
August 25, 1880, 7:30 o'clock.

The convention of Royal and Select Masters resumed its labors, Geo. J. Pinckard, of Louisiana, in the chair.

Present, representatives from the following States: Alabama, Connecticut, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, and Ohio.

The reading of the minutes of yesterday's session was dispensed with.

On motion, the report of the special committee of five on organizing a General Grand Council, was taken from the table and their recommendations adopted.

The committee on the second and fourth questions propounded by the President, were discharged and relieved from the further consideration of the subjects therein contained.

On motion, the election of provisional officers for the Provisional General Grand Council was proceeded with, with the following result:

M. P. G. G. M.....Josiah H. Drummond.....of Maine.
R. P. G. G. D. M. .....Geo. M. Osgoodby. .....of New York.
R. P. G. G. P. C. W. .....Geo. J. Pinckard .....of Louisiana.
P. G. G. Treas.... .....Orestes A. B. Senter .....of Ohio.
P. G. G. Rec .....Geo. W. Cooley.....of Minnesota.
P. G. G. C. G. .....Wm. D. Wadsworth .....of Alabama.
P. G. G. C. C. .....Charles R. Armstrong.....of Georgia.
P. G. G. M. ....Edward P. Burnham.....of Maine.
P. G. G. S.....Albert D. McConaughy .....of Kansas.

On motion, it was ordered that 300 copies of the proceedings of this convention be printed, and the bill therefor be sent to the M. P. G. G. M.

On motion, the time and place for the next assembly was left subject to the call of the Provisional M. P. G. G. M.

On motion, the Provisional General Grand Recorder was requested to procure the proceedings of the conventions held in the cities of New York, New Orleans and Buffalo, and have them printed.

On motion, it was resolved, that the thanks of this convention, being eminently due, are hereby tendered to Comps. Josiah H. Drummond, George J. Pinckard, and George Van Vliet, for the valuable services rendered this convention.

On motion, the thanks of this convention were tendered to the companions of the City of Detroit, for the courtesies extended to us at this time.

On motion, the convention then adjourned, subject to the call of the Provisional M. P. General Grand Master, as previously provided for.

GEO. VAN VLIET,
Secretary

Companions, this provisional General Grand Council was not organized by unanimous consent, as many of the representatives said it was entirely new to them and would take no part

in it or the organization until their individual Grand Councils had been consulted—Michigan among the number.

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons adopted the following resolution:

> RESOLVED, That the General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal Masters and Select Masters, and that it is inexpedient for the General Grand Chapter to take any action concerning them.
>
> Signed by the committee.

Companions, as loyal subjects, this does not personally interest us; yet, let us put forth our united supplications for the benefit of our sister jurisdictions who are now slumbering, and may soon be found sleeping at their posts.

On the 13th day of January, 1858, there assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, by their delegates, three Councils and organized the present Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan. By industry and rigid economy we have, from this nucleous of three Councils, steadily advanced until our number has reached fifty Councils. On examining our printed proceedings you will find a very limited amount of legislation has been required. Peace and harmony has universally prevailed. Will you continue to legislate for yourselves, or will you delegate that power to three or more Grand Councils assembled in General Grand Council? Can Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts legislate for California, Louisiana and North Carolina as well as each individual State for themselves? Will any of our sister jurisdictions who have gone outside the fold for want of support and conferred the degrees free, return and do work at $10? Our numbers have increased slowly for the past three years. Many useless blocks have been hove over among the rubbish and replaced by others that would stand the test of the overseer's square.

Cryptic Masonry in our jurisdiction is in a healthy state. The old maxim, "let well-enough alone," is safe. Give the subject your careful consideration.

Should you, in your wisdom, see fit to ratify the action of the convention, you will, in justice to the General Grand Coun-

cil, appropriate five dollars towards the necessary expenses of printing, etc., and forward the same to Illustrious Companion George W. Cooley, G. G. Recorder of the General Grand Council.

Permit me, Companions, to return to you my sincere thanks for the distinguished honor conferred upon me at our last annual assembly, also to many of you for the assistance rendered during the year now about to close, and especially to the services rendered by Illustrious Companion Garra B. Noble, who has served you as Grand Recorder for the past ten years. To his industry and zeal is this jurisdiction indebted for the proud position it now occupies.

As I take my leave of you in my official capacity, remember only that which has been well done. Let us remember that the eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good, and especially upon them that fear him and hope in his mercy. Then, let us enter upon the work before us with a determination that it can have but one result—perfect success.

D. WOODWARD,
M. I. Grand Master.

On motion of Comp. Rufus C. Hatheway, the address of the M. I. Grand Master was referred to the following committee for apportionment: Comps. L. A. Rogers, John F. Kimball and D. R. Crampton.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following Standing Committee:

On Finance.—Comps. A. I. Sawyer, J. L. Mitchell and D. D. Buck.

On Jurisprudence.—Comps. E. Sprague, P. M. I. G. M., O. L. Spaulding, P. M. I. G. M., and Hugh McCurdy, P. M. I. G. M.

On Returns.—Comps. Wm. S. Turck, F. E. Hoyt and Wm. Kent, Jr.

On Charters and Dispensations.—Comps. Wm. Dunham, Wm. E. Dockry and F. R. Beal.

On motion of P. M. I. Grand Master Geo. Hill, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the special order at half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE.

The committee to whom the Grand Master's address was referred for sub-division and reference, submitted the following:

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

Your committee to whom was referred the M. I. Grand Master's address, beg leave to report: To so much as refers to the granting of dispensations, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence; so much as refers to annulling charters, be referred to same committee; so much as refers to our illustrious dead, be referred to a committee of three; and so much as refers to the formation of a General Grand Council, be referred to a committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. A. ROGERS,
JOHN F. KIMBALL,
D. R. CRAMPTON.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following committee upon the death of Comps. P. M. I. G. Master Edward A. Elliott, and P. M. I. G. Master Wm. Brown: Comps. P. M. I. G. Master Hugh McCurdy, P. M. I. G. Master Benjamin Porter and G. Recorder Garra B. Noble.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their annual financial statements, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

G. B. Noble, Grand Recorder,

In account with G. Council of R. and S. Masters.

1880.		Dr.			
Jan. 19,	For dues from	Monroe Council	No.	1	$57 75
"	"	Pontiac Council	"	3	19 25
"	"	River Raisin Council	"	4	6 75
"	"	Jonesville Council	"	5	5 50
"	"	Mt. Moriah Council	"	6	16 75
"	"	Romeo Council	"	8	4 50
"	"	Zabud Council	"	9	23 25
"	"	Tyre Council	"	10	11 50
"	"	Union Council	"	11	16 75
"	"	Ionia Council	"	12	15 75
"	"	Sturgis Council	"	13	4 25
"	"	Mt. Ararat Council	"	15	10 75
"	"	Adrian Council	"	18	20 00
"	"	Niles Council	"	19	12 50
"	"	Saginaw Council	"	20	16 00
"	"	St Johns Council	"	21	16 50
"	"	Portland Council	"	23	6 50
"	"	Adoniram Council	"	24	7 25
"	"	Clinton Council	"	26	6 75
"	"	Oceana Council	"	27	7 25
"	"	Lansing Council	"	29	15 00
"	"	Reading Council	"	31	6 75
"	"	Jackson Council	"	32	29 75
"	"	Ithaca Council	"	33	7 00
"	"	Union City Council	"	35	6 00
"	"	Charlotte Council	"	36	8 75
"	"	Corunna Council	"	38	7 75
"	"	Holly Council	"	39	15 75
"	"	Bronson Council	"	40	6 25
"	"	Lapeer Council	"	42	11 75
"	"	Lawrence Council	"	43	12 00
"	"	St. Joseph Council	"	44	4 75
"	"	South Haven Council	"	45	6 50
"	"	Manistee Council	"	46	7 00
"	"	Ludington Council	"	48	6 75
"	"	Giblum Council	"	49	7 25
"	"	Leslie Council	"	50	7 25
"	"	Romeo Council (for 1878)	"	8	5 00
					$456 75
For three copies re-print					2 50
					$459 25

1880.		Cr.	
April 26,	By Paid	Postage on Proceedings	$ 9 00
" 28,	"	Grand Treasurer H. Shaw Noble	430 00
Dec. 1,	"	C. C. Noble, Printing Cards, etc.	3 00
	"	150 Postal Cards	1 50
	"	Envelopes, Stationery and Postage Stamps	4 50
	"	Fifty P. O. Envelopes	1 62
	"	Balance due last report	6 90
	"	On hand due Grand Council	2 73
			$459 25

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. Shaw Noble, Grand Treasurer,
In account with Grand Council of R. and S. Masters.

1880.	Dr.	
February,	To Cash of Grand Secretary	$430 00
		$430 00

1880.		Cr.	
February,	By Receipt,	H. McCurdy	$ 50 00
	"	G. B. Noble	125 00
	"	W. V. Griffith	10 00
	"	W. J. French	5 00
	"	Post and Tribune Job Co	57 00
	"	Pay Roll	138 00
	"	Balance on hand	45 00
			$430 00

The Grand Council was then called from labor until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday Morning—JANUARY 18, 1881.

The Grand Council resumed labor at nine o'clock. Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

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

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for the past year, and accompanying vouchers, and find them correct.

That there is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a balance of forty-five dollars. * * * * * * *

Your committee would recommend that the Grand Recorder be paid one hundred and twenty-five dollars for his services for the last year; that the Grand Sentinel be paid ten, and the Janitor be paid five dollars.

Your committee would further recommend that instead of paying the M. I. G. Master a salary or monied consideration for his services, that the Grand Council vote him a suitable jewel. Your committee do not look with favor upon the practice of paying salaries to Grand Officers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. I. SAWYER,
J. L. MITCHELL,
D. D. BUCK.

The hour for special order for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers with the following result:

Comp. RUFUS C. HATHEWAY, Ionia .....M. I. G. M.
" WILLIAM G. HUDSON, Ludington .....D. G. M.
" GEORGE H. GREENE, Lansing.....G. P. C. of W.
" H. SHAW NOBLE, Monroe.....G. Treasurer
" GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit.....G. Recorder
" JAMES H. CUMMINS, Holly.....G. Capt. of Guard
" GEORGE H. STEPHENSON, St. Johns.....G. Con. of Council
" FRANCIS A. BLADES, Detroit.....G. Chaplain
" ALFRED BALDRY, St. Joseph.....G. Steward
" WILLIAM V. GRIFFITH, Detroit.....G. Sentinel

The following companions submitted their credentials, and were each received with grand honors, and accredited as Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Councils near the Grand Council of Michigan: P. M. I. Comp. H. Shaw Noble, as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New York; P. M. I. Comp. Garra B. Noble, as Grand Representative of the Grand Councils of Florida and of Minnesota.

REPORT ON G. G. COUNCIL.

The committee on the subject of a General Grand Council submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the M. I. Grand Master's address as relates to the formation of a General Grand Council, would submit the following as their report thereon:

For nearly a quarter of a century Cryptic Masonry has lived and flourished in Michigan, having grown from three to fifty subordinate Councils. It to-day promises a prosperous future; a wise management and a strict fidelity to the landmarks of this branch of the order has given it this success. The degrees of Royal Master and Select Master have been kept as we believe they ought to be, in a separate body.

The Grand Council of the State of Michigan has in the past been sufficient in government and ample in jurisdiction, for all our needs, and we believe can better oversee and control us than any other body.

What is good for us is of like value to any jurisdiction in the United States.

Our Grand Council having proved sufficient in all things, and at all times for us, we can but recommend the same kind of a guiding hand to our sister States.

The General Grand Council, for us, we believe, would be a piece of useless and expensive machinery.

For these and many other reasons that we might enumerate, we deem it advisable, for the present, at least, that this Grand Council do not favor the organization of a General Grand Council.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

A. C. MANLY,
GEORGE HILL,
WM. P. INNES,
Committee.

REPORT ON DEATH OF WM. BROWN.

The committee on the death of M. I. Comp. Wm. Brown submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:—Your committee to whom was referred so much of the M.·. I.·. G.·. M.·. address as relates to the death of Companion William Brown, P.·. M.·. I.·. G.·. Master, respectfully report:

With feelings of more than ordinary sorrow and sadness, on account of the long personal and intimate friendly relations which have existed from my boyhood with our departed companion and myself, do I approach the discharge of this delicate duty.

P.·. M.·. I.·. G.·. M.·. William Brown, died at his home in Battle Creek, September 23, 1880, of heart disease, and was buried September 26, 1880, at Oak Hill cemetery. The funeral services were under the immediate supervision of Peninsular Commandery, No 8, K. T., of which our companion was a member at the time of his death, the Rev. Sir Stuart, of St. John's Episcopal church, of Kalamazoo, as prelate. The services were begun at the Presbyterian church, where Rev. Reed Stuart, the pastor, made an eloquent impromptu address on the life and character of the deceased, after which the procession was formed and proceeded to the place of interment. Besides Peninsular Commandery, there was a large number of Sir Knights from Marshall, Albion, Union City, Galesburg and Bellevue, the two Masonic Lodges of Battle Creek, and the citizens generally, forming, it was said, the largest procession on such an occasion ever assembled in Battle Creek.

Companion Brown was born at Newburg, New York, April 22, 1811, hence was at the time of his death sixty-nine years of age. He removed to this State in 1832, and settled in Redford, and after staying there a short time removed to Birmingham. Here he married Miss Minerva L., daughter of Roswell T. Merrill, Esq., by whom he had one child, Miss Grace, now a young lady of rare literary accomplishments.

In 1853, Companion Brown removed from Birmingham to Battle Creek, where he continued to reside until the time of his death. Upon his removal to Battle Creek, he began the manufacture of threshing machines under the firm name of William Brown & Co., which was subsequently changed to that of Upton, Brown & Co., of which he was the senior member at the time of his death.

The public journals of his city show the hold he had upon the affections of his fellow townsmen, with whom he came in daily contact, and from which we take the following extracts. Says one:

"The deceased was a man of high moral character, strict business "integrity, and especially was he a friend of the laboring man, with whom "he was always in warmest sympathy; and though in social life he was "rather quiet and reserved he possessed the friendship and esteem of a "large circle of acquaintances. He was one who wherever duty pointed "was ready to perform it promptly and well; and though he is no longer "with us, his memory will remain fresh and green in the hearts of all "who knew him."

The other journal said: "Mr. Brown was one of Battle Creek's best "known and universally esteemed citizens, and his death will be a loss to "all. His well known integrity and business qualities were such that his "place among our prominent citizens will be hard to fill."

HIS MASONIC RECORD.

This is our particular province and appropriate theme at this time, and to this record we turn with satisfaction and pride.

Brother Brown received Masonic *light* in Detroit Lodge, No. 2, July 27, 1847; was *crafted* August 10, '47, and *raised* September 15, '47.

In 1850, he took an active part in organizing Birmingham Lodge, No. 44. On the 9th of January, 1851, the Lodge was chartered and he was elected its first Worshipful Master, which office he held when he removed to Battle Creek, in 1853; and it was under his mastership that the writer of this, who had just arrived at age, received the symbolic degrees in Masonry. As we journeyed the pathway of life together in our labor of love, our brother was wont to refer to the incident of my apprenticeship, and watched with paternal anxiety and solicitude, the marked honors conferred upon me by the craft.

Companion Brown was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Masonry in Monroe Chapter, No. 1, March 22, 1848; and received the Council degrees in Monroe Council, No. 1.

On the 21st day of January, 1859, he was created a Knights Templar in Peninsular Commandery, No. 8.

Companion Brown was twice elected M.·. I.·. G.·. M.·. of this Grand Council, for the years 1873 and 1874. In this branch of Masonry our companion was an enthusiast, and devoted much time and study to place Cryptic Masonry on a sure foundation; to give it prominence and standing; and we believe our companions will agree with us, that Cryptic Masonry in our State is largely indebted for its exalted position among our sister grand jurisdictions to the efforts of companion Brown.

On the nineteenth day of January, 1876, he was elected G.·. H.·. P.·. of the G.·. R.·. A.·. Chapter of this State.

All these masonic honors our companion bore with a modesty becoming his sensitive and retired nature. His death opens to our view the daily lesson of mortality which is being constantly repeated in the glittering palaces of kings, the luxurious homes of the rich, and in the humble cot of the poor; all, all are alike obedient to the mandate of the inexorable messenger—death! Happiness and misery, affluence and want are equal before his demands; so that day by day, month by month, and year by year there disappear from the busy scenes of life the active actors in this grand drama, as well as the passive figures off the great stage of human existence.

The terms declared by the Psalmist to be the years of man had nearly passed by him, when the dread arrest was made. But he had so lived that he did not fear to die, and he looked upon the summons with that fortitude which had characterized his life. "Death to a good man is but passing through a dark entry out of the little dusky room in his father's house, into another that is fair and large, lightsome and glorious, and divinely entertaining." And we may supplement this happy thought with the observation of an old Greek philosopher: "No evil is honorable; but death is honorable; therefore is death not evil."

Companion Brown was sincere and constant in his friendship; open, manly, frank and candid; and to these virtues were united all the gentleness of a loving nature. His family have sustained the irreparable loss; and no one can realize the deep significance of this expression who has never experienced it. We need not go into the sanctuary of the family to find mourners; while there attending the funeral, we heard the old in the streets of his home, with tearful cheek and broken spirit, exclaim: "We didn't think we were going to lose Mr. Brown so soon!"

In his death our order has sustained a great loss, and our only consolation is in the belief that our loss is his eternal gain.

> "So one by one the dear old faces fade;
> Hands wave their farewell while beckoning us
> Across the river all must pass alone."

We therefore recommend that a suitable memorial page be set apart to perpetuate his memory.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HUGH McCURDY,
For the Committee.

REPORT ON DEATH OF E. A. ELLIOTT.

The committee on the death of M. Ill. Companion Edward A. Elliott, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your special committee to whom was referred so much of the M. I. G. Master's address as relates to the death of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Edward A. Elliott, submit the following report:

Companion Edward A. Elliott died at his residence in the City of Detroit November 8, 1880, and was buried at Woodmere Cemetery. The funeral services were held under the auspices of Detroit Lodge, No. 2, of which Companion Elliott was a Past Worshipful Master. Companion Elliott received his first light in Masonry, November 26, 1850, in Detroit Lodge, No. 2, and received the degrees of Capitular Masonry in Monroe Chapter, No. 1, very soon thereafter. He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Monroe Council, No. 1, and was elected T. I Master of the Council in 1862, and for ten consecutive years thereafter. He was elected T. I. G. Puissant of this Grand Council for the year 1864. Companion Elliott was a zealous and hearty worker in the Order; ever ready to aid and assist in almost every capacity so long as health and ability permitted. He died as he lived, respected by all who knew him best. We therefore recommend that a memorial page be set apart in our proceedings to perpetuate his memory.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

G. B. NOBLE,
For the Committee.

The grand officers elect were then installed by P. M. I. Grand Master D. B. Tracy—Companion A. I. Sawyer as Grand Marshal—who were inducted into their respective stations and so proclaimed by the Grand Marshal.

On motion of Companion George H. Stephenson, the Grand Recorder was directed to publish 400 copies of the proceedings of the Grand Council, and to distribute as usual.

On motion of Comp. A. I. Sawyer, the Grand Recorder was instructed to procure a suitable P. M. I. G. Master's Jewel, and present the same on behalf of this Grand Council to Past Most

Illustrious Grand Master David Woodward, as a token of our esteem and respect for him as our presiding officer.

On motion of P. M. I. Grand Master Geo. Hill, the thanks of this Grand Council were tendered to P. M. I. Grand Master David Woodward, for services rendered the Grand Council the past year.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Foreign Correspondence: Companions Grand Recorder, L. A. Rogers and D. R. Crampton.

On motion, the thanks of the Grand Council were extended to the fraternity of East Saginaw, for the free use of this hall during the present assembly.

There being no further business, the Grand Council was closed in ample form—prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. F. A. Blades—to meet again in annual Assembly, in the City of Flint, on the Monday preceding the third Tuesday of January, 1882, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.



RUFUS C. HATHEWAY,
M. I. Grand Master.

ATTEST:

Grand Recorder.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF SISTER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN:

State.		Name.	Post Office Address
Maryland	Comp.	——— ———	———
New Hampshire	"	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Florida	"	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Minnesota	"	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
New York	"	H. SHAW NOBLE	Monroe.
Ohio	"	J. L. MITCHELL	Jackson.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN NEAR SISTER GRAND COUNCILS:

State.		Name.	Post Office Address.
New Hampshire	Comp.	HARVEY L. CURRIER	Manchester.
New York	"	THOMAS GLIDDON	Rochester.
Maryland	"	EDWARD S. SCHULTZ	———
New Jersey	"	JOHN WOLVERTON	———
Florida	"	JOHN CARLOVITZ	Milton.
Minnesota	"	GEORGE W. COOLEY	Minneapolis.
Ohio	"	J. W. CHAMBERLIN	———
Indiana	"	WALTER R. GODFREY	Michigan City.
Maine	"	HORACE H. BURBANK	Saco.
Louisiana	"	HENRY HAMBERGER	New Orleans.
Kansas	"	EDWIN D. HILLYER	Valley Falls.
Alabama	"	BENJAMIN FRANKLIN POHL	Godselen.
Rhode Island	"	HORACE K. BLANCHARD	Providence.
Tennessee	"	BRADFIELD NICHOL	Nashville.
Pennsylvania	"	JAMES S. BARLOW	Philadelphia.

LIST OF GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1858 TO 1879.

Year.	T. I. G. P.	D. I. G. P.	G. T. I.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards.
1858	*N. B. Carpenter	S. B. Brown	Frank Darrow	R. W. Davis	Ezra Rood	*N. P. Jacobs	T. A. Flower.
1859	*N. B. Carpenter	S. B. Brown	Frank Darrow	John Clark	" "	" "	A. J. Cummings.
1860	*Frank Darrow	John Clark	D. B. Tracy	B. F. Doughty	" "	" "	*S. B. Morse.
1861	*John Clark	D. B. Tracy	*B. F. Doughty	E. Sprague	" "	" "	S. L. Dart.
1862	D. B. Tracy	E. A. Elliott	G. B. Noble	D. Bovee	" "	Oliver Bourke	C. H. Putnam.
1863	*E. A. Elliott	G. B. Noble	D. Bovee	S. L. Dart	" "	" "	J. P. Whiting.
1864	G. B. Noble	D. Bovee	S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict	" "	" "	" "
1865	D. Bovee	S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict	W. S. Edwards	" "	" "	" "
1866	S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict	W. S. Edwards	Wm. Walker	J. T. Hayden	" "	W. F. King.
1867	W. S. Edwards	Wm. Walker	J. T. Hayden	W. F. King	Wm. Barclay	" "	J. W. Champlin.
1868	J. T. Hayden	O. L. Spaulding	J. W. Champlin	M. Walter	" "	" "	H. Shaw Noble.
1869	C. H. Putnam	O. L. Spaulding	E. Sprague	H. Shaw Noble	" "	" "	J. E. Marvin.
1870	O. L. Spaulding	E. Sprague	H. Shaw Noble	Wm. Brown	" "	" "	J. B. Nixon.
1871	E. Sprague	H. Shaw Noble	Wm. Brown	A. I. Sawyer	" "	G. B. Noble	E. M. Doan.
1872	H. Shaw Noble	Wm. Brown	M. Mansfield	E. M. Doan	*E. A. Elliott	" "	George Hill.
1873	*Wm. Brown	M. Mansfield	E. M. Doan	George Hill	E. A. Elliott	" "	A. J. Utley.

*Deceased.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL, UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED IN 1874.

Year.	M. I. G. Master.	Deputy G. Master.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards.
1874	*Wm. Brown	M. Mansfield	George Hill	*E. A. Elliott	G. B. Noble	A. J. Utley.
1875	M. Mansfield	George Hill	J. R. Everard	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.
1876	George Hill	J. R. Everard	A. J. Utley	" "	" "	C. B. Reynolds.
1877	J. R. Everard	A. J. Utley	C. B. Reynolds	" "	" "	C. W. Strait.
1878	Andrew J. Utley	C. W. Strait	D. Woodward	" "	" "	W. C. Turck.
1879	Hugh McCurdy	D. Woodward	R. C. Hatheway	" "	" "	W. G. Hudson.
1880	David Woodward	Rufus C. Hatheway	William G. Hudson	H. Shaw Noble	" "	George H. Greene
1881	Rufus C. Hatheway	William G. Hudson	George H. Greene	H. Shaw Noble	" "	Jas. H. Cummins.

*Deceased.

RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE COUNCILS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1880.

NAME.	Number.	Location.	County.	T. I. Master.	Recorder.	Exalted.	Admitted.	Withdrawn.	Expelled	Suspended.	Died.	Reinstated.	Total Membership	Dues Paid.	Date of Meeting Each Month.
Monroe	1	Detroit	Wayne	Richard S. Dillon	John H. Shepard	19	..	7	..	..	3	..	199	$64 50	Monday after Full Moon.
Pontiac	3	Pontiac	Oakland	Samuel H. Norton	J. A. Harris	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	64	17 25	First Monday.
River Raisin	4	Monroe	Monroe	Joseph Clark	Charles Toll	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	8 50	Friday after Full Moon.
Jonesville	5	Jonesville	Hillsdale	R. G. Spaulding	J. W. Stoom	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	9 50	.....
Mt. Moriah	6	Coldwater	Branch	N. Rosenbaum	Simon B. Kitchell	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	74	25 25	First Thursday.
Three Rivers	7	Three Rivers	St. Joseph	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	*	63	.....	.....
Romeo	8	Romeo	Macomb	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	*	18	.....	.....
Zabud	9	Battle Creek	Calhoun	D. D. Buck	Geo. F. Barrow	6	..	..	..	2	2	..	86	28 50	.....
Tyre	10	G'nd Rapids	Kent	Geo. Voorhis	John L. Curtiss	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	43	11 50	First Thursday.
Union	11	Ypsilanti	Washten'w	E. Bogardus	W. L. Pack	8	..	1	..	..	1	..	75	24 50	Third Wednesday.
Ionia	12	Ionia	Ionia	Rufus C. Hatheway	W. W. Worden	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	9 25	.....
Sturgis	13	Sturgis	St. Joseph	H. S. Anthony	C. B. Peck	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	6 25	Tuesday after Full Moon.
Hiram	14	Marshall	Calhoun	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	‡	65	.....	.....
Mt. Ararat	15	Hillsdale	Hillsdale	George Card	W. T. Knapp	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	10 75	.....
Genesee	17	Fenton	Genesee	E. M. Adams	W. J. Fitch	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	16	4 00	Thursday on or suc'd'g F. M.
Adrian	18	Adrian	Lenawee	John F. Kimball	Thomas Nisbet	..	..	..	..	7	1	..	67	16 50	Thursday after Full Moon.
Niles	19	Niles	Berrien	Hiram A. Edwards	Geo. W. Timmonds	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	12 50	Thursday after Full Moon.
Saginaw	20	East Saginaw	Saginaw	Fred E. Hoyt	H. P. Lyon	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	60	14 75	First Monday.
St. Johns	21	St. Johns	Clinton	Geo. H. Stephenson	J. M. Frisby	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	19 50	Wednesday on or before F. M.
Portland	23	Portland	Ionia	F. G. Lee	George Hill	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	6 50	Monday preceding Full Moon.
Adoniram	24	Manchester	Washten'w	J. D. Van Duyn	Mat. D. Blosser	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	6 50	Thursday after Full Moon.
King Solom'n	25	Big Rapids	Mecosta	Jos. H. Kilbourn	Charlie Gay	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	16	5 75	First Tuesday.
Clinton	26	Clinton	Lenawee	David Woodward	D. H. Silvers	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	24	7 50	Wednesday on or before F. M.
Oceana	27	Pentwater	Oceana	Wm. E. Dockry	John H. Bouton	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	29	7 00	Second Monday.
Dowagiac	28	Dowagiac	Cass	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	†	29	.....	.....
Lansing	29	Lansing	Ingham	Josiah Bruno	E. H. Porter	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	64	20 25	Thursday after Full Moon.
Northville	30	Northville	Wayne	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	4 75	.....
Reading	31	Reading	Hillsdale	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	*	29	.....	.....
Jackson	32	Jackson	Jackson	Henry Huntington	S. Prosser	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	110	28 75	Second and Fourth Friday.
Ithaca	33	Ithaca	Gratiot	Wm. S. Turck	W. C. Beckwith	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	7 00	First Monday.
Union City	35	Union City	Branch	A. B. Aiken	Elmer Roe	7	..	..	..	4	..	..	29	11 50	Wednesday on or before F. M.

Charlotte	36	Charlotte	Eaton	E. T. Church	P. M. Thomas	2	..	..	..	..	38	10	75	First Tuesday.
Nebuzaraden	37	Constantine	St. Joseph.	J. Boynton	L. E. George	1	..	..	..	..	41	10	00	.....
Corunna	38	Corunna	Shiawassee	Hugh McCurdy	J. D. Zeland	..	..	..	..	..	32	7	75	Third Thursday.
Holly	39	Holly	Oakland	Jas. H. Cummins	John M. Baird	4	..	..	1	..	43	13	50	Third Wednesday
Bronson	40	Bronson	Branch	David Strachly	A. J. Trigg	..	..	..	..	..	26	6	00	First Tuesday after Full Moon.
Centerville	41	Centreville	St. Joseph	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	16	.....		
Lapeer	42	Lapeer	Lapeer	H. K. White	H. E. Hatch	..	..	..	..	1	40	9	75	First Friday Dec., Mar. & Sept.
Lawrence	43	Lawrence	Van Buren.	Geo. A. Cross	A. H. Draper	9	..	..	..	1	48	18	75	Thursday after Full Moon.
St. Joseph	44	St. Joseph	Berrien	Alfred Baldry	J. W. Brewer	1	..	..	..	1	20	5	50	First Monday on or before F.M.
South Haven	45	South Haven	Van Buren.	Joseph Lannin	George L. Seaver	1	..	..	1	..	24	6	50	Friday on or before Full Moon.
Manistee	46	Manistee	Manistee	Wm. Dunham	J. Kinsley	3	..	..	..	..	25	8	25	Third Friday.
Newaygo	47	Newaygo	Newaygo	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	‡ 25	.....		
Ludington	48	Ludington	Mason	Wm. G. Hudson	Jacob Staffon	3	..	..	..	..	31	10	00	.....
Giblum	49	Hastings	Barry	Traverse Phillips	Benjamin R. Rose	2	..	..	..	2	26	7	75	First Monday.
Leslie	50	Leslie	Ingham	A. C. Manly	James McDaniels	1	..	..	..	..	27	7	25	Second Thursday.
						103	..	11	..	25	17	1	1979	
Received from Nebuzaraden Council, No. 31, dues for 1879													10	00
Received from Genesee Council, No. 17, dues for 1878 and 1879													9	25
Received from Northville Council, No. 20, dues for 1877, 1878 and 1879													12	25
													$541	75

* Returns for 1879. † Returns for 1877. ‡ Returns for 1876.

GRAND RECORDERS—POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

State.	Name.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	DANIEL SAYRE	Montgomery.
California	THOMAS HUBBELL CASWELL	San Francisco.
Connecticut	J. K. WHEELER	Hartford.
England	D. M. DEWAR	2. Red Lion Square, High Holborne, London, W. C.
Florida	JOHN CARLOVITZ	Milton.
Georgia	ANDREW W. WOLIKIN	Albany.
Indiana	JOHN M. BRAMWELL	Indianapolis.
Kansas	JOHN H. BROWN	Wyandotte.
Louisiana	RICHARD LAMBERT	New Orleans.
Maine	IRA BERRY	Portland.
Maryland	GEO. L. MCCAHAN	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	JOHN HAIGH	Somerville.
Michigan	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Minnesota	WM. CHENEY	Minneapolis.
Missouri	W. H. MAYO	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	GEO. P. CLEAVES	Concord.
New Jersey	CHARLES BECHTEL	Trenton.
New York	GEO. VAN VLEIT	New York.
North Carolina	DANIEL W. BAIN	Raleigh.
Ohio	JOHN D. CALDWELL	Cincinnati.
Ontario	JAMES B. NIXON	Toronto.
Pennsylvania	CHARLES E. MEYER	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	WM. B. GREENE	Providence.
South Carolina	ZIMMERMAN DAVIS	Charleston.
Tennessee	JOHN FRIZELLE	Nashville.
Vermont	W. H. S. WHITCOMB	Burlington.
Minnesota	GEO. W. COOLEY	Minneapolis.

THIS PAGE

IS SET APART IN

FRATERNAL REMEMBRANCE

—OF—

PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

WILLIAM BROWN,

OF THIS GRAND COUNCIL;

WHO WAS ALSO

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST

—OF—

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MICHIGAN,

Who Died,

AT HIS RESIDENCE IN BATTLE CREEK,

SEPT. 23, 1880.

TO THE MEMORY

—OF—

EDWARD A. ELLIOTT,

PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

—AND—

PAST GRAND TREASURER

—OF—

THIS GRAND COUNCIL,

Who Died,

AT HIS RESIDENCE IN DETROIT,

NOV. 15, 1880.

APPENDIX.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

To all Regular Royal and Select Masters, and especially to all Grand Councils thereof—Greeting:

Whereas, at a Convention of Royal and Select Masters, representing a majority of the Grand Councils in the world, held in Detroit, on the twenty-third, twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth days of August, A. D. 1880, a Constitution for a General Grand Council was framed and submitted to the Grand Councils of the United States:

And, whereas, the officers, provided for in that Constitution, were elected and directed to enter upon the duties of their respective offices, when the Constitution should be ratified by nine Grand Councils:

And whereas, the Grand Councils of New York, Ohio, Minnesota, Indiana, Tennessee, Maryland, Massachusetts, Alabama and Louisiana, being nine in number, have, at their respective Annual Assemblies, ratified said Constitution:

I, Josiah H. Drummond, of Maine, elected provisional General Grand Master at said Convention, hereby declare that the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America has been regularly formed, and now exists as the governing Body of the Rite in the United States, as provided in its Constitution.

The General Grand Officers will at once enter upon the discharge of their duties; but before doing so, it is recommended

that they severally take an obligation before a Grand Master or Past Grand Master of a Grand Council, to support the Constitution of the General Grand Council, and forward a certificate thereof to the P.·. General Grand Recorder, Comp. GEORGE W. COOLEY, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The General Grand Master is happy to announce that the M.·.E.·. Grand Chapter of South Carolina, in view of the action of the M.·. E.·. General Grand Chapter at its late Convocation, has rescinded its action in reference to the Council degrees, and that the Grand Council has reorganized, resumed work and ratified the Constitution of the General Grand Council, and is now a constituent thereof.

Given under my hand this first day of March, A. D., 1881, A. Dep. 2881.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
General Grand Master.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

And Amendments, passed January, 1874.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan shall consist of a —

Most Illustrious Grand Master,
Deputy Grand Master,
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,
Grand Captain of the Guards,
Grand Treasurer,
Grand Recorder,
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Conductor of the Council,
Grand Steward,
Grand Sentinel,

AND ALL

Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissants,
Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters,
Past Thrice Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissants,
Past Deputy Grand Masters,
Past Grand Thrice Illustrious, and
Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work,

TOGETHER WITH THE

Thrice Illustrious Masters,

Deputy Masters, and

Principal Conductors of the Work,

For the time being, of the several Subordinate Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council,

OR

Their proxies, duly empowered,

AND

All Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Masters, and

Past Thrice Illustrious Masters,

Who are members of Subordinate Councils, and who have presided one year over a Council in this State.

OF REPRESENTATION NECESSARY.

SEC. 2. There shall not be a Grand Council opened for business unless there shall be present a representation from at least two subordinate working Councils.

POWER OF GRAND COUNCIL.

SEC. 3. The Grand Council shall have sole government and superintendence of the several subordinate Councils in this State, shall assign their limits, and establish the fees for admission. In all cases of controversy, an appeal shall lie from an aggrieved Council, or any member of a Council, to this Grand Council. It shall also have power to grant Charters constituting new Councils of Royal and Select Masters, within the State of Michigan.

MEETINGS.

(Amended 1879.)

SEC. 4. The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council shall be held on the day preceding the Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter, in each and every year, at 7½ o'clock P. M., at such place as shall be designated by the Grand Chapter, but a Special Assembly of the Grand Council may be called whenever the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, shall deem it necessary.

DUTIES OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Principal Conductor of the Work, severally, to inform and perfect themselves in the Sublime Art and Work of Royal and Select Masters: to make themselves acquainted with the Lectures and Ancient Charges; and to consult with each other, for the purpose of adopting suitable measures for diffusing the knowledge of The Work and

Lectures, and to secure uniformity in the several subordinate Councils under this jurisdiction.

OF DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

SEC. 6. The Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master shall have authority, during the recess of the Grand Council, to grant Letters of Dispensation, under their respective signatures and private seals, to a competent number of duly qualified petitioners, empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters for a specific term of time, not extending beyond the next meeting of the Grand Council: *Provided*, That the same fees as are required for a Charter shall be first deposited in the hands of the Grand Recorder. And in all cases where such Dispensation is granted, the officer granting the same shall make report thereof at the next meeting of the Grand Council; and the Grand Council may continue or recall such Dispensation, or may, upon application for the same, grant the petitioners a charter; and in case a Charter be so granted, the fees first deposited with the Grand Recorder shall be credited in payment for the same, but if the dispensation is not continued, or Charter granted, the money to be returned, except necessary expenses.

SEC. 7. No Dispensation or Charter shall be issued for instituting a Council of Royal Masters independent of Select Masters.

SEC. 8. No Dispensation or Charter for the institution of a new Council of Royal and Select Masters shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine Royal and Select Masters, which petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Council nearest to the place where the new Council is to be formed, vouching for the moral character and Masonic ability of the petitioners, and recommending the Grand Council to grant the prayer of the same.

CHARTER FEE.

SEC. 9. No Charter shall be granted for establishing a Council of Royal and Select Masters for a less sum than *Twenty-five Dollars*.

LIMIT OF NUMBER OF COUNCILS.

SEC. 10. There shall not be a greater number of Councils established in this State than there are Royal Arch Chapters, nor more than one Council within the jurisdiction of each Chapter.

AMENDMENTS, ETC.

SEC. 11. The Grand Council shall be competent, on concurrence of two-thirds of its members present, to revise, amend or alter this Constitution, provided a motion to that effect is duly made and seconded at one Annual Assembly of said Grand Council, and laid over until the next for consideration.

OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS,

And Amendments, passed January, 1874

ARTICLE II.

OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. A Council of Royal and Select Masters shall consist of a
Thrice Illustrious Master,
Deputy Master,
Principal Conductor of the Work,
Treasurer,
Recorder,
Captain of the Guards,
Conductor of the Council,
Steward and Sentinel,
And as many members as may be found convenient for working to advantage; and ought to assemble for work at least once in three months.

AS TO STANDING OF COUNCILS.

SEC. 2. No Council of Royal and Select Masters in this State shall be considered legal unless they have a charter from the Grand Council, or a Dispensation from one of the Grand Officers; and Masonic communication, either public or private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Council under this jurisdiction, or any member thereof, and any Council or assemblage that may be so illegally established without such Charter or Dispensation, or any person admitted in such illegal Council; but nothing in this section shall be so construed as to affect any Council, or the members of any Council, which may be established by proper authority in other States.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE DEGREES.

SEC. 3. All applications for the Degree of Royal and Select Master, or membership in any subordinate Council under this jurisdiction, shall be by petition, in writing, to the nearest Council, from a member of a Royal Arch Chapter regularly constituted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and subordinate to the same, and also of the State Grand Chapter from which he hails, and shall lie over one lunar month after the same shall have been received and

referred to a committee for inquiry, unless by a unanimous vote of the Companions present, in which case the application may be acted upon instanter, and an unanimous ballot shall be necessary in all cases.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 4. The officers of the several Subordinate Councils shall be chosen annually by ballot. A majority of the whole number present shall be necessary to elect; and the persons so chosen shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and installed; which election shall take place on the regular meeting next preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

DUTIES OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER.

SEC. 5. The Thrice Illustrious Master of every subordinate Council has it in special charge, as appertaining to his office, duty and dignity, to see that the By-Laws of his Council, as well as the Constitution of the Grand Council, and general regulations of Royal and Select Masters, are duly observed and obeyed; that all the officers of his Council perform the duties of their respective stations, and are examples of diligence and industry to their companions; that true and accurate records of the proceedings of his Council be kept by the Recorder; that the Treasurer render just and accurate accounts of all moneys belonging to the Council; and that the annual dues to the Grand Council be regularly and punctually paid. He has the special charge and care of the Charter and Dispensation of his Council; he has a right to call his Council, at pleasure, upon any emergency. It is likewise his duty, together with the Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, to attend the meetings of the Grand Council, either in person or proxy, when duly summoned by the Grand Recorder.

DEGREE FEE.

SEC. 6. No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters for a less sum than FIVE DOLLARS.

OF DUES.

Amended 1877; Proceedings, page 19.

SEC. 7. Each subordinate Council may provide By-Laws for the assessment of such dues, as well as the time of their payment, as they may think proper.

PERCENTAGE TO GRAND COUNCIL.

SEC. 8. Each subordinate Council shall pay to the Grand Council the following sums, to wit: For each Companion receiving the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, $1; for each member annually, 25 cents, except

the Recorder. The dues for degrees and membership shall accompany the returns to the Grand Council, and no Council shall have a vote until such dues are paid.

BY-LAWS

And Amendments, passed January, 1874.

I.

PRECEDENCE OF COUNCILS.

The several Councils in this State shall be numbered according to the date of their respective charters.

II.

RETURNS TO GRAND COUNCIL.

Each Council in this State shall make returns to the Grand Council, at their Annual Assembly, of the names of its officers and members, and of all Companions received and acknowledged the preceding year.

III.

COMPENSATION OF GRAND RECORDER.

The Grand Recorder shall receive an annual compensation of —— dollars for his services, and five dollars for each Charter issued.

IV.

DUTY OF GRAND TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive all moneys; and at the stated meeting of the Grand Council he shall exhibit an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements; and no moneys shall be paid out by him without the consent of the Grand Council and the written order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master or officer presiding.

V.

DUTY OF GRAND RECORDER.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to keep a record of the proceedings of the Grand Council.

VI.

DELINQUENT COUNCILS.

If any Council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble and work, for the space of twelve months; or shall fail to be represented at the stated meetings of the Grand Council, for the term of two stated meetings in succession; or shall fail, for the same length of time, to discharge their dues,—every such delinquent Council shall forfeit its charter, together with all its jewels, furniture, and effects of every kind, subject to the disposal of the Grand Council, and shall be notified thereof by the Grand Recorder.

VII.

Passed 1878; Proceedings, Page 18.

That hereafter no Charter or Dispensation for new Councils will be granted by this Grand Council unless the dimits of the petitioners accompany the petition for Dispensation.

VIII.

AMENDMENTS, ETC.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended in the same manner as the Constitution, only.

MASONIC CALENDAR.

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling *Anno Lucis* (A.·.L.·.), "in the year of light."

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS—Same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish Chronology is used, *Anno Mundi* (A.·.M.·.), "in the year of the world."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS—Date from the year the second Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, *Anno Inventionis* (A.·.Inv.·.), "in the year of the discovery."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, *Anno Depositionis* (A.·.Dep.·.), "in the year of the deposit."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—Commence their era with the organization of their order, *Anno Ordinis* (A.·.O.·.), "in the year of the Order."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES.

1. ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—Add 4000 years to the common time; thus, 1881 to 4000, equal 5881.

2. SCOTTISH RITE MASONS—Add 3760 years to the common era; thus, 1881 to 3760, equal to 5641.

3. ROYAL ARCH MASONS—Add 530 years to the vulgar era; thus, 1881 to 530, equal to 2411.

4. ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—Add 1000 years to the common time; thus, 1881 to 1000, equal to 2881.

5. KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—From the Christian era take 1118 years; thus, 1118 from 1881, equal to 763.

Year of our Lord, A.·.D.·. 1881—Christian Era.

Year of the Light, A.·.L.·. 5881—Ancient Craft.

Year of the World, A.·.M.·. 5641—Scottish Rite.

Year of the Discovery, A.·.Inv.·. 2411—Royal Arch.

Year of the Deposit, A.·.Dep.·. 2881—Royal and Select Masters.

Year of the Order, A.·.O.·. 763—Knights Templar.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters,

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS

Twenty-fourth Annual Assembly, held in Flint,

COMMENCING MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1882.



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FORM OF PETITION FOR A NEW COUNCIL.

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

The undersigned petitioners, being Royal and Select Masters, having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, and being willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Cryptic Masonry, respectfully represent:

That they are desirous of forming a Council in the ——— ———, County of ———, and State of ———, to be named ——— Council, No. —.

They therefore pray for Letters of Dispensation, or a warrant of Constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal Council, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the regulations of the Grand Council.

They have nominated and do recommend, Comp. A. B., to be the first T. I. M.; Comp. C. D., to be the first D. M.; and Comp. E. G., to be the first P. C. of W. of said Council.

If the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted, they promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council.

N. B.—The above petition must be signed by not less than nine Select Masters.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of Flint, on Monday, January 16, 1882, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. Ill. Comp. RUFUS C. HATHEWAY.....Grand Master.
Ill. Comp. WILLIAM G. HUDSON.....D. Grand Master.
" GEORGE H. GREENE.....G. P. C. of Work.
" H. SHAW NOBLE.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
Comp. JAMES H. CUMMINS.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" GEORGE H. STEPHENSON.....G. Conductor of Council.
" REV. FRANCIS A. BLADES.....G. Chaplain.
" ALFRED BALDRY.....G. Steward.
" WILLIAM V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentine

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. Ill. Comp. D. B. TRACY.....Past Grand Master.
" " E. SPRAGUE.....Past Grand Master.
" " GEORGE HILL.....Past Grand Master.
" " HUGH McCURDY.....Past Grand Master.
" " DAVID WOODWARD.....Past Grand Master.

There being present the representatives of a constitutional number of subordinate Councils, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was opened in ample form at 7½ o'clock P. M., with prayer by Rev. Francis A. Blades, Grand Chaplain.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Companions P. F. Blosser, Joseph Clark and Allen McKee a committee on credentials, who, after due time, presented the following report, which was on motion adopted:

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

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the Credential submitted to them, and find the following members and delegates entitled to seats in the Grand Council:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Comp. RUFUS C. HATHEWAY.....M. I. Grand Master.
" WILLIAM G. HUDSON.....D. Grand Master.
" GEORGE H. GREENE.....G. Prin. Con. of Work.
" H. SHAW NOBLE.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
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" Rev. FRANCIS A. BLADES.....G. Chaplain.
" ALFRED BALDRY.....G. Steward.
" WILLIAM V. GRIFFITH.....G. Sentinel.

Also, the P. M. I. G. Masters, P. D G. Masters and Past G. P. Cond's of Work.

Also, the following officers and delegates from subordinate Councils:

Monroe Council, No. 1.

Comp. F. W. HAWES.....Representative of Council.

Pontiac Council, No. 3.

Comp. SAM'L H. NORTON.....T. I. M.
" CLARK B. TURNER.....D. M.
" EDWARD C. SMITH.....P. C. of W.

River Raisin Council, No. 4.

Comp. JOSEPH CLARK.....T. I. M.
" D. R. CRAMPTON.....D. M.
" LOUIS FREDENBURG.....P. C. of W.

Jonesville Council, No. 5.

Comp. ROSWELL G. SPAULDING..... T. I. M.
" JAMES I. DENNIS..... D. M.
" HARVEY RANSOM..... P. C. of W.

Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.

Comp. S. S. SCOVILLE ..... Representative of Council.

Three Rivers Council, No. 7.

No Returns.

Romeo Council, No. 8.

Comp. ABIJAH E. PALMER..... T. I. M.
" JAMES GRAY..... D. M.
" CHARLES F. MEDBURY..... P. C. of W.

Zabud Council, No. 9.

Comp. D. D. BUCK..... T. I. M.
" A. S. HALLODAY..... D. M.
" A. B. POWELL..... P. C. of W.

Tyre Council, No. 10.

Comp. W. P. INNES ..... Proxy for Council.

Union Council, No. 11.

Comp. E. BOGARDUS..... T. I. M.
" C. F. R. BELLOWS..... D. M.
WM. WILSON..... P. C. of W.

Ionia Council, No. 12.

Comp. GEO. M. TABER..... Proxy for T. I. M.
" HENRY WHEADON..... D. M.
" ARTHUR SMITH..... P. C. of W.

Sturgis Council, No. 13.

Comp. T. J. COLLINS..... T. I. M.
" H. L. ANTHONY..... D. M.
" IRA N. PACKARD..... P. C. of W.

Hiram Council, No. 14.

No Returns.

Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.

Comp. GEO. CARD..... Representative of Council.

Genesee Council, No. 17.

Comp. E. M. ADAMS..... T. I. M.
" B. POTTER..... D. M.
" W. E. SMITH..... P. C. of W.

Adrian Council, No. 18.

Comp. JOHN F. KIMBALL.....T. I. M.
" DAVID F. ANDERSON.....D. M.
" ORSON LAMB.....P. C. of W.

Niles Council, No. 19.

Comp. HIRAM A. EDWARDS.....T. I. M
" JAMES S. REEVES.....D. M.
" DAVID H. FREED.....P. C. of W.

Saginaw Council, No. 20.

Comp. WALTER FITZGERALD.....T. I. M.
" D. B. REEVE.....D. M.
" CHAS. DOUGHTY.....P. C. of W.

St. Johns Council, No. 21.

Comp. GEO. H. STEPHENSON.....T. I. M.
" CHAS. S. NICKS.....D. M.
" S. G. WATKIN.....P. C. of W.

Portland Council, No. 23.

Comp. W. E. LOOMIS.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" D. KENNEDY.....D. M.
" GEO. HILL.....P. C. of W.

Adoniram Council, No. 24.

Comp. P. F. BLOSSER.....Representative of Council.

King Solomon Council, No. 25.

Comp. JOSEPH KILBOURN.....T. I. M.
" ESECK P. CLARK.....D. M.
" CEYLON C. FULLER.....P. C. of W.

Clinton Council, No. 26.

Comp. D. BROOKS.....Representative of Council.

Oceana Council, No. 27.

Comp. WM. E. DOCKRY.....T. I. M
" A. N. RANDALL.....D. M.
" FRED NIELSON.....P. C. of W.

Dowagiac Council, No. 28.

No Returns.

Lansing Council, No. 29.

Comp. JOSIAH BRUNO, JR.....T. I. M.
" GEO. H. GREENE.....D. M.
" LELAND H. BRIGGS.....P. C. of W.

Northville Council, No. 30.

No Returns.

Reading Council, No. 31.

No Returns.

Jackson Council, No. 32.

Comp. HENRY HUNTINGTON.....T. I. M.
" SANFORD HUNT.....D. M.
" GEO. H. COLLY.....P. C. of W.

Ithica Council, No. 33.

Comp. WM. S. TURCK.....T. I. M.
" JOHN L. SINCLAIR.....D. M.
" JOHN F. HENRY.....P. C. of W.

Union City Council, No. 35.

Comp. A. B. AIKEN.....T. I. M.
" RODNEY SIMONS.....D. M.
" R. E. McDONALD.....P. C. of W.

Charlotte Council, No. 36.

Comp. E. T. CHURCH.....T. I. M.
" DANIEL BAUGHMAN.....D. M.
" PARUE S. DEGRAFF.....P. C. of W.

Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37.

No Returns.

Corunna Council, No. 38.

Comp. CHAS. H. COSSETT.....T. I. M.
" JAS. ANDERSON.....D. M.
" W. J. WESTLAKE.....P. C. of W.

Holly Council, No. 39.

Comp. J. M. BAIRD.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" THOS. M. JOSLIN.....D. M.
" EDWARD HADLEY.....P. C. of W.

Bronson Council, No 40.

Comp. DAVID STRACHLY.....T. I. M.
" L. W. LEWIS.....D. M.
" WM. CLOUSE.....P. C. of W.

Centreville Council, No. 41.

No Returns.

Lapeer Council, No. 42.

Comp. H. K. WHITE.....T. I. M
" C. L. THATCHER.....D. M.
" F. J. JACKSON.....P. C. of W.

Lawrence Council, No. 43.

Comp. GEO. A. CROSS ..... T. I. M.
" WM. L. BIDWELL ..... D. M.
" JOHN F. BARROWS ..... P. C. of W.

St. Joseph Council, No. 44.

Comp. HENRY L. PITCHER ..... T. I. M.
" FREDERICK E. MINNES ..... D. M.
" A. B. BISBEE ..... P. C. of W.

South Haven Council, No. 45.

Comp. MORTIMER HULETT ..... T. I. M.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY ..... D. M.
" LEANDER A. LEIGHTON ..... P. C. of W.

Manistee Council, No. 46.

Comp. LOUIS C. MORRIS ..... T. I. M.
" D. W. MOWATT ..... D. M.
" ALLEN McKEE ..... P. C. of W.

Newaygo Council, No. 47.

No Returns.

Ludington Council, No. 48.

Comp. PELEG EWING ..... T. I. M.
" GEO. W. STRAY ..... D. M.
" FRANK P. DUNWELL ..... P. C. of W.

Giblum Council, No. 49.

Comp. A. P. DRAKE ..... T. I. M.
" M. W. RIDER ..... D. M.
" T. PHILLIPS ..... P. C. of W.

Leslie Council No. 50.

Comp. A. C. MANLEY ..... T. I. M.
" E. OLDMAN ..... D. M.
" WM. HUTCHINGS ..... P. C. of W.

Grand Haven Council, U. D.

Comp. GEO. E. HUBBARD ..... T. I. M.
" WM. J. H. SAUNDERS ..... D. M.
" DANIEL GALE ..... P. C. of W.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

P. F. BLOSSER,
JOSEPH CLARK,
ALLEN McKEE,
Committee.

M. I. Grand Master, Rufus C. Hatheway, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Illustrious Companions of the Cryptic Rite in Michigan:

It affords us sincere pleasure to welcome you as the representatives of the Royal and Select Masters of the Peninsular State to this annual assembly of our Grand Council, now in the twenty-fourth year of her existence.

Let our hearts rejoice and be glad; may their thoughts be like refined gold and the spotless lily; our lives and actions the echoing of praises unto Him, and His wisdom guide us as we review the past and legislate for the interests of this branch of our beloved order.

Since our last annual assembly we have added another page to the history of Cryptic Masonry. The labors of another year, with its joys and sorrows, have rolled around, with all its interests, all its evil and good, bringing us nearer the completion of our earthly pilgrimage, and the record thereof is with the recording angel. Another year of heart-longings, together with deeper feelings for the success of the lessons taught us in the Secret Vault, which should be so dear to every member of the order, has been added to the irrevocable past; and now, by permission of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, "He who rules the destinies of all nations," we again meet to deliberate and devise measures for the future prosperity and harmony of Cryptic Masonry within our borders.

With our "Circle of Perfection" unbroken, we have demonstrated our faith in the "God of our Fathers" and acknowledged that "His mercy endureth forever."

As we assemble here, let us raise our voices in unison to the "Great I Am," and offer our sincere thanks for the many benefits we have received at His hands, and devoutly ask that he shower upon us in the future as many favors and blessings as He has in the past.

We should be thankful that Cryptic Masonry still pursues its onward and upward course, and that experienced workmen are still wielding the trowel and spreading the cement of brotherly love.

It would have been better, perhaps, could I have shown you a larger growth of our noble order, still we can safely congratulate ourselves that our position is one to be proud of, that it is secure, that our labors have not been in vain, that nothing has transpired to disturb the harmony of the Companions, and that a renewed interest has been taken by a goodly number of our members for the welfare of the Rite, and though a few special cases seem to call for a more rigid examination and personal application, yet our condition in this jurisdiction may be contemplated with satisfaction.

Companions, no doubt there will be many items of my official doings that may have been over-looked or forgotten in this report, for the reason that while peacefully at work in the Secret Vault at Petosky in September last, the torch of the incendiary was applied to my loved home in Ionia, and the house and all it contained, including the numerous minutes of my official acts, were entirely consumed, leaving me simply the clothes I had on. Thus, if any discrepancies occur you will understand the cause and willingly drop over me the broad mantle of *one* of the greatest boons to mortals given.

OUR ORGANIZATION.

On the 13th day of January, A. D. 1858, delegates from three (3) Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Michigan, which were then known as Monroe Council, No. 23; St. Clair, No. 24; and Pontiac, No. 25; met in Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, and formed the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons for the State of Michigan, and Illustrious Companion N. B. Carpenter was elected the first Thrice Illustrious Grand Puissant, who, with the other officers, was duly installed by Thrice Illustrious Master Rev. George B. Engle, of St. Clair Council, under and by the authority of the Most Illustrious

Companion Wm. L. Brewer, Most Puissant Grand Master of Connecticut; and we have gone on increasing in the good work until we now number forty-three (43) working Councils, with two (2) others under dispensation, and with a membership of over two thousand Royal and Select Masters.

I see before me at this time a few Companions who were present at the first assemblies of this Grand Council, and Illustrious Companion Gen. Wm. P. Innes was a member of the first Committee on Credentials, and also of the first Committee on Charters and Dispensations; and how many of us now assembled in this hall, in full health and vigor of manhood, will be spared to meet again at our next assembly, and particularly at the end of the next twenty years?

> "Time cannot teach forgetfulness
> While grief 's full heart is fed by fame."

How important it is that we well and faithfully perform all our work in such a manner as to meet the approval of Him, and that the sweet refrain of "Well done good and faithful" may be wafted to us.

> "To die is landing on some silent shore,
> Where billows never beat, nor tempests roar;
> Ere well we feel the kindly stroke, 'tis o'er."

The outlook for the coming year of Cryptic Masonry is equally as cheering as in the past. There is a degree of security and confidence among the members of our beautiful and instructive order in our noble State that signifies a determination to keep out all invaders from our Secret Vault, and not permit any more Ahishars to allow us to be surprised by the ever-prying eyes of our enemies.

As far as I am advised, our circle of companionship has not been invaded by the dread messenger, death, and our chain of mystic brotherhood remains unbroken, and for that reason alone we should not be unmindful of the All-Wise Supreme Grand Master of Heaven, who is ever taking cognizance of our every act and thought, and who will reward us according as our works shall be.

Let us, therefore, gird up our loins and work earnestly while yet the day lasteth, and that we who may linger yet a little while will press on

> "To join
> That innumerable caravan that moves
> To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
> His chamber in the silent halls of death."

THE MARTYRED CHIEF.

On the morn of July 2d last another, *the second*, terrible tragedy was enacted at the Federal Capital—General James A. Garfield, President of these United States, was mortally wounded by the bullet of an assassin. The day which opened so propitious ended in the deepest of gloom and sadness.

A brother high in station, "a widow's son," who was loved, honored and revered for his nobleness of purpose and greatness of mind, was stricken down by a mercenary wretch for being denied that which he was not entitled to and totally unfitted for, and became the murderer of one of the noblest and greatest of men. And again does history thus repeat itself.

The whole nation was startled by the terrible tragedy. The base and contemptible being, not able to comprehend the beneficence of a great, good and manly life, wholly devoted to his people, remorselessly strikes down our loved one in the midst of his usefulness, and from every quarter came lamentations and impulsive exclamations of horror. On Monday night, September 19, his warfare of life was ended, his working tools gathered up and he admitted to the Grand Council above. Peace to his ashes! The iron tongues tolled mournfully the requiem of our departed chief. There were seen emblems of mourning on every hand, and we, as Cryptic Masons, mingled our tears of sympathy with those who were nearest and dearest to him. Thus we can see and feel the great value of the teachings of Masonry, the necessity for the extirpation of ignorance, violence and crime, the over-coming of selfishness, intolerance and bigotry.

Immediately after the adjournment of the last assembly of this Grand Council, I addressed communications to the Thrice

Illustrious Masters of the different Councils in this jurisdiction, for the purpose of creating a greater interest among the craft, more uniformity in and a better acquaintance with our beautiful work and lectures (of which very many were sadly in need), and, from subsequent visits and correspondence, I am led to believe that a number of them have aroused from their lethargy, correctly informed themselves in the work and lectures so they can do creditably for themselves and their respective Councils.

DORMANT COUNCILS.

With reference to what may be termed "idle Councils," I would say I have written to Companions who I supposed were in position to give me the information desired, and I much regret that not one deigned to answer till late in the year, and then only by repeated questioning on my part, and some have not answered at all, thus conclusively showing that the beautiful lessons taught us in our ritual have fallen unheeded among the sleepy and indolent Ahishars, and have failed to reach their hearts or to keep in view the ordinary courtesies of life.

I am satisfied it would be a hopeless task to attempt to resuscitate them, and would recommend that such be entirely stricken from our rolls, and would advise that an active committee be appointed to investigate these cases and report every Council lying dormant, length of time, those having done little or no work during the past two or more years, and the amount by them transacted.

A Council that fails to hold regular assemblies for twelve months, or make its returns to this Grand Council for two successive years, forfeits its charter and should no longer be entrusted with the important work.

BOND OF GRAND TREASURER.

Our Grand Treasurer, Ill. Comp. H. Shaw Noble, P. T. I. G. P. of this Grand Council, in compliance with the regulations of this Grand Body, transmitted to me in January last his official bond in the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000). Finding it was properly drawn and with sufficient security, I approved and acknowledged the same.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the interim of this Grand Body I have commissioned as Grand Representatives of this Grand Council, near their respective Grand Councils, the following Illustrious Companions:

Representatives.	Residence.	State.
Benjamin Franklin Pope	Gadsden	Alabama.
Wm. Monroe Petrie	Sacramento	California.
Frederick H. Waldron	New Haven	Connecticut.
Donald Mangles DeWar	London	England.
Andrew M. Wolihin	Albany	Georgia.
Walter R. Godfrey	Michigan City	Indiana.
Edwin D. Hillyer	Valley Falls	Kansas.
Henry Hamburger,	New Orleans	Louisiana.
Horace H. Burbank	Saco	Maine.
Eugene A. Holton	Boston	Massachusetts.
Joseph S. Browne	St. Joseph	Missouri.
John Headly Bell	Winnepeg	Manitoba.
James S. Barber	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania.
Horace K. Blanchard	Providence	Rhode Island.
John E. Breascale	Anderson	South Carolina.
Bradford Nichol	Nashville	Tennessee.
Marsh Olin Perkins	Windsor	Vermont.

All of whom have signified their acceptance of the trust reposed in them.

I have also been officially informed that the Grand Masters of the several Grand Jurisdictions have appointed and commissioned the following Illustrious Companions of Michigan as Grand Representatives of their respective Grand Councils near to our Grand Council:

State.	Representative.	Residence.
Alabama	D. Burnham Tracy	Detroit.
California	Gen. William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Connecticut	Rufus C. Hatheway	Grand Rapids.
England and Wales	Gen. O. L. Spaulding	St. Johns.
Indiana	John W. Finch	Adrian.
Kansas	Rufus C. Hatheway	Grand Rapids.
Louisiana	Gen. O. L. Spaulding	St. Johns.
Maine	William S. Turck	Alma.

State.	Representative.	Residence.
Maryland	Alfred I. Sawyer.	Monroe.
Massachusetts	Rufus C. Hatheway	Grand Rapids.
Missouri	William G. Hudson	Ludington.
Ontario	Benjamin Porter	Jackson.
Pennsylvania	Charles H. Axtell	St. Louis.
Rhode Island	Samuel H. Norton	Pontiac.
South Carolina	John L. Mitchell	Jackson.
Tennessee	George Hill	Portland.
Vermont	Theron F. Giddings	Kalamazoo.

And I believe all but one have informed me of the receipt of the same, and they will doubtless present their commissions during the present session of this Grand Body, when we shall be pleased to recognize them with the customary honors.

JURISPRUDENCE.

We have received and answered very many inquiries on questions of Masonic law during the past year, and with but few exceptions they were readily answered by referring them to the printed proceedings of this Grand Body, our well settled Masonic law, and general rulings in the bodies below; and though the record of them was lost in the fire, I did not deem it necessary to procure copies of them for your inspection. Among those that have been received and answered since that calamity I find a few that I think of sufficient importance to merit mention:

Q. Can we receive and entertain a petition for the degrees from a non-affiliated Royal Arch Mason?

A. No.

Q. Can a petition for the degrees be received at a special assembly and acted upon?

A. No, except by dispensation.

Q. Has a Council the right to return the fee to a candidate who has petitioned for and been elected to take the degrees, but now refuses to present himself for that purpose?

A. Yes, if no objection and candidate requests it to be returned to him. We do not make these beautiful degrees com-

pulsory, and if one was forced to take them to get something for his money, he no doubt would be an unpleasant member.

Q. Can a petition for the degrees be received at a regular assembly and referred, and two weeks afterwards, at a called assembly, acted upon?

A. No, except by dispensation.

Q. A dimitted Royal and Select Master and a non-affiliated M. M. and R. A. M. is desirous of petitioning us for membership; can we receive his petition and act on same?

A. No.

Q. Our by-laws require the dues of all members to be paid at the *annual assembly;* can the Thrice Illustrious, at the next regular assembly, order the Recorder to enter "suspended" against those who are in arrears?

A. Yes, if *over* a year in arrears and your by-laws so authorize him, and the member has been duly notified by the Recorder and he continue to refuse to pay. But in "over a year" do not be too arbitrary and call thirty days *over*. Be lenient, be charitable; give six months or more.

Q. A companion not present was elected to an office, and at a subsequent assembly for installation he was found to be suspended for non-payment of dues. Can he, though paying the amount against him and being restored to membership, be now installed?

A. No. He was not legally elected, not being eligible at the time.

Q. A Companion wishes to be restored from suspension caused by non-payment of dues; must he also pay in addition what would have accrued had he not been suspended?

A. Be governed by your by-laws. I hold dues do not accrue during suspension, but that a Council may require, as a condition of restoration (a penalty, as it were, for violating the law), that the Companion so petitioning shall also pay an amount equal to what the dues would have amounted to at time of restoration.

Q. 1st. Can a Companion who has received the degrees in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons be admitted into a Council of R. & S. Masters? 2d. If not, how can he?

A. 1st. He can not. 2d. He only can by becoming a member of a Council that has its authority from a proper Grand Council that is not tainted by the "Mississippi plan" or "*mergement*" with any Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He must petition in regular form and set forth the facts, and, if elected, he must be formally healed, and then he becomes a member of that Council.

Q. 1st. Is it necessary to take a vote on an application for a dimit? 2d. If objections are raised how shall I proceed?

A. 1st. Certainly; if not the T. I. M. might dimit all his members. 2d. Notify the objector to file his charges; if no charges are filed and he is not in arrears for dues, state the request to your members present, and a majority vote grants the dimit.

Q. Has a Council the right to remit the dues of every Companion when they can and are able to pay, so if anything serious should occur they may stand *right* on the books?

A. No. A Council cannot rightfully remit dues of those able to pay, as such action would be an injury to the Grand Council as well as to your own Council. Get them to pay their dues and thus avoid anything serious happening.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

Since our last annual assembly I have been notified that more than a constitutional number of sister Grand Councils have approved the proposed General Grand Constitution and voted favoring the formation of a General Grand Council, and, therefore, I feel at liberty to announce to you that there is such a General Grand Body now in existence.

I believe the formation of this General Grand Council to be a step towards calling a halt in the amalgamation or "Mississippi plan," and will assist in promoting the cause of Cryptic Masonry.

It rests with you whether Michigan becomes one of the number or not; and as an individual State, we certainly would not look well if we were not a constituent part of the General Government.

The Constitution of the General Grand Body contains provisions that must solve those questions that have arisen relative to the *status* of Grand Councils that have surrendered their powers to other bodies, that never had any control or ownership of our beautiful degrees.

It does not recognize any Council that has not a charter from some Grand Council working independently of any other branch of Masonry, which is also the position taken by Michigan.

While I am opposed to the formation of new bodies, I am also of the opinion that the position taken by the *merging* Grand Bodies fully justifies the actions of those who called for the General Convention and the actions adopted by said Convention.

The last information I received on the subject shows *eighteen* Grand Councils to have ratified the constitution of the new General Grand Council, viz: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, South Carolina (which has been re-organized), Tennessee and Vermont.

Connecticut and New Jersey referred the matter to a committee to report at the next session.

North Carolina and Pennsylvania declined, and I have not heard what action Rhode Island has taken.

Of the twenty-four Grand Councils in the United States all but six have become a constituent part of the General Grand Council, and I feel free to say that united action is of much importance in this branch of Masonry; and from my extended correspondence I learn a new impetus has been given to the rite and an interest awakened that has not been felt for many years.

Of the merging Councils, the Grand Chapters of Arkansas

and Illinois appointed committees to consider the situation and report. Also, Kentucky has appointed a committee for same purpose, and has asked for and been granted a dispensation for the organization of a *regular* Council.

For information of those who may wish to know what expense the ratification may be to us, I will quote from the General Grand Constitution: "Article 1, Sec. 13.—Each Grand Council constituent of this General Grand Body shall pay to the General Grand Recorder annually the sum of *fifty cents* for each chartered Council under its jurisdiction."

I have been thus explicit, believing the good of the craft demands it, and trust you will legislate in this connection for that which will be for the greatest benefit to all.

CORRESPONDENCE.

My correspondence during the year has been both extensive and expensive, and I have often felt the necessity of this Grand Council having a seal for the exclusive use of the Grand Master; and also that the actual expenses incurred by him for proper stationery, postage, etc., should be borne by this Grand Body; and I would respectfully recommend that an appropriate seal be procured for their future use, and that all stationery, postage, etc., be furnished them by this Grand Council.

VISITS.

I have made a number of visits during the year, but the minutes of all up to the middle of September were consumed. Still, by considerable correspondence I have been enabled to get the dates of a few of them.

March 16. I had the pleasure of visiting Gabriel Council, No. 9, at Battle Creek, and assisted in conferring the degrees upon ten candidates. It is only necessary for me to say this was the home of our deceased Companion, P. M. I. G. M. Wm. Brown, which is sufficient assurance that their work was satisfactory.

March 17. I had the satisfaction of meeting with Tyre Council, No. 10, at Grand Rapids, and assisted in the work upon

thirteen candidates, and under the management of Ill. Comp. Voorhis, assisted by Comps. Benedict, Rogers and others, the work they send up will surely be approved.

Dec. 1. I met with Corunna Council, No. 38, at Corunna, and joined with the officers and companions in passing the "Circle of Perfection" with nine candidates. Comp. McCurdy, P. M. I. G. M., is a zealous, active Mason, and we need entertain no fear as to the future of this Council. And let me here add that they had twenty-five candidates, but owing to the state of the roads at that time they could not all get there. At this meeting they elected their new officers, whom I duly installed and gave them such instructions as I deemed necessary and of interest to them and to the craft.

I was favored on these two last occasions with the presence of Ill. Comp. Geo. H. Stephenson, of St. Johns, our Grand Conductor, and for his valuable assistance I am under many obligations.

Also in December, I started to visit Union City Council, No. 35, and at Waseppi Junction was detained till nearly midnight before I could get a passenger train for Union City, and on arrival there, about 1 A. M., found, of course, the companions had dispersed and gone to their respective homes. I must here say, that though there were numerous freight trains passing that junction, going east to and beyond Union City, and that I sent a number of *paid* dispatches to Superintendent Bush, of Jackson, asking permission to take one of them, yet I was unable to get passage on any of them, thus compelling me to disappoint the numerous companions and causing an unusual amount of annoyance to us all. The next evening I was to have been in St. Joseph, but owing to the afternoon train being that day taken off the Chicago & West Michigan Railroad, of which no one had notice, I was detained at New Buffalo till near midnight. But the following evening I met with the Illustrious Companions of St. Joseph Council, No. 44, and witnessed the work on a number of candidates, and was much pleased with

their labors from first to last, after which they elected their new officers, whom I installed same evening.

Shortly after I visited Grand Haven Council, U. D., and the manner in which the work was done by its Thrice Illustrious Master, Companion Geo. E. Hubbard, and his assistants would bring the blush to very many of our older Councils. These Companions are well in possession of the true Ritual, and their work will certainly be approved by you.

During this month I also visited Petosky Council, U. D., and witnessed their work, and, from the interest manifested, I can safely say the Ritual is in good and faithful hands.

These two Councils will apply to you this session for charters, and having carefully examined their work, minutes, etc., I feel certain they will prove themselves worthy of such being granted them; and they will not only reflect honor upon themselves in the conferring of the degrees, but will add very much to the interest of Cryptic Masonry by infusing new life and energy into some of the older Councils. I congratulate both in the wise selection they have made for their officers, and I cheerfully recommend that charters be granted them.

I have also visited officially my own Council, Ionia, No. 12, and the work done by P. T. I. M., Comp. P. B. Haight, and his assistants will compare favorably with some of our best working bodies.

Other visits I cannot call to mind.

DISPENSATIONS.

March 18. I received a request from a suitable number of Companions at Grand Haven for a dispensation to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters in that place, and the request being accompanied with their dimits, also the consent of and recommendation by Tyre Council, No. 10, of Grand Rapids, I issued my dispensation to Illustrious Companion Geo. E. Hubbard and eight other Companions to form a Council at said place, to be known as Grand Haven Council, No. —, and went there and started them in the good work. Illustrious Companion Hubbard was chosen as its Thrice Illustrious Master.

Sept. 13. I received a request from a few Illustrious Companions at Petosky to place them in a way so they might have a Council there. Believing the location a good one for the establishment of a Council, and finding sufficient members of our order sojourning there, I opened a special or urgent Council for the purpose of conferring the degrees upon a sufficient number of candidates living there, whereby they might petition for dispensation and commence work in the Secret Vault. After the degrees were conferred, and consent being given by Manistee Council, No. 46, the Petosky Companions petitioned for and were granted a dispensation to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters at that place, to be known as Petosky Council, No. —, and Illustrious Companion L. W. Cole was chosen as its Thrice Illustrious Master. I instructed them in the work, and from specimens since brought up by them am satisfied the Ritual will be faithfully adhered to.

The dispensation fees of these new Councils were immediately paid over to our Grand Recorder at the time of granting same.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS.

I have not been called upon to sign but two orders upon our Grand Treasurer, one being for printing the proceedings, and the other for the jewel voted P. M. I. G. M., D. Woodward.

RITUAL.

At a convention held in New York a few years ago a committee was appointed to recommend a complete system of work, that the same might be uniform throughout the country, and on making their report it was adopted and another committee appointed for the purpose of introducing the same to the different Grand Councils. Learning that many of our sister Grand Bodies were adopting the convention work, so-called, I applied to Illustrious Companion John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, the Grand Recorder of Ohio, for a copy of that work, which he kindly furnished me, and had partially examined same when the fire destroyed it, and not procuring another, can only say I am

of the opinion that, with a few changes, we can not do better than to continue with that we have. Still, it might be well, perhaps, for this Grand Body to appoint a committee on the subject, if it should be thought of sufficient importance.

FAVORS RECEIVED.

During the year I received the proceedings from a majority of the Grand Jurisdictions, and for such courtesies I wish to tender my sincere thanks, especially to those who so promptly furnished me duplicates to replace those that were consumed.

AMENDMENTS.

Companions, from my knowledge of the wants of this jurisdiction, I feel that the constitution should be so amended as to require the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or some proficient Companion deputized by him, to visit annually every subordinate Council in the State. Such visits should only be made by those who are fully acquainted with and well up in the work of our Ritual. And I am of the opinion that a Grand Lecturer to this Grand Body, would be of essential service to the craft, and would have a direct tendency to awaken a fresh interest in Cryptic Masonry, and result in much good to our order. I would recommend such a change as would provide for the carrying out of these suggestions.

CLOSING.

In a few hours I shall lay down the gavel, that emblem of authority which your kind partiality entrusted to my care, and mingle with you upon the floor. I have tried to do my duty, and if I have failed or come short of what you expected of me, the error is rather the fault of the head and not of the heart.

It has been said that no man is truly happy until his pleasure grows out of his work, as naturally as does a color petal out of a flower, and that work, real, true work, into which a man's heart and soul enters, is its own exceeding great reward. Such, companions, Masonic work has been to me.

Though I shall soon step down from this proud eminence to which you elevated me and again assume my place in the

ranks as a private member, I shall ever bear with me an anxious solicitude for the well-being and prosperity of our noble Rite.

Cryptic Masonry can be painted in glorious and Oriental colors, and the picture to the imagination will stand in beautiful repose. However beautiful the design or happy the conception, it will not erect itself. Hard work is the condition whereby we bring anything to a consummation. These Cryptic degrees have all the conditions of success, and demand our entire devotion and energies. So let us press forward with the good work, as no branch of our ancient institution holds more real worth than that contained within the bounds of Council degrees. Here is found the completion of the ancient mysteries, which fully demonstrate the advancement of truth. Let us build up this beautiful fabric by our sincere devotion to its interests.

Let us instruct every Royal Arch Mason that he should be in possession of all the beauties and knowledge of Masonry; that the completion of the ancient mysteries is only found in the Council degrees, and that he is unworthy to become a "Knight" till he finds that completion. 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 traditions. Without these degrees the Royal Arch is but a partial history, while, upon the instructions they give, the candidate treads more confidently the pathway to the higher orders.

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread 'till thou return unto the ground." Our own order is bound by the same condition, and *we* must work for it to make it anywise successful. Free Masonry holds its court in the secret recesses of the human heart, and, there established, its power is still available to cheer and to bless.

That every organism must adapt itself to its surroundings is as true of social and religious systems as it is of those forms of lower life that, failing in their adaptation, have turned to stone, while ages have swept by and left them.

In closing, permit me to say that only from duty to our Supreme Grand Master can flow *our* duties to our companions, for it is *all* His, and *we* must learn what "He would have us to do." Life, our faculties, our *all* belong to Him, and from His goodness came the arts of life and the enduring nerve of zeal. To Him we can return *nothing*. In living for many we live for God, and they who serve Him shall find a reward worthy of such a Master.

If we are Masons at heart as well as in name, we have all the olden time necessity for belief in God, and no reason why our trust in Him should be in the least abated.

I have offered you certain suggestions which I regard as being for the welfare of our beloved order, and submit them to you for such action on your part as may be deemed wise and proper.

In leaving you as your Grand Master, I feel that I have your fraternal love and friendship, and it is my desire that I may be permitted long to meet with you in these annual assemblies.

As the time approaches for me to return to you the emblem of office, the question arises, who is to wear it the coming year? In the honorable and responsible position to which you elected me, it has been my aim to preserve unimpaired the dignity and honor of the Grand Council. In your choice for Grand Master, select from our Secret Vault one who has the requisites to govern, is self-disciplined, cautious and faithful. Let us always choose men of zeal, energy and courage, who will work themselves and inspire others to work. We must not let Cryptic Masonry die out. The trust is too sacred for trifling. The Grand Council should be honored and its interests well protected, and when our labors here are over, may we all meet in the "Circle of Perfection" above,

"With God our helper, and our watchword 'Peace,'
Failing and laboring until labor cease,
And filled is all the outline of the Master's plan,
The fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man."

May the benedictions of Heaven rest upon you all, and upon the illustrious order we represent, and "for my Companions' sake, I will now say peace be within thee."

Yours fraternally,

RUFUS C. HATHEWAY,
Grand Master.

On motion, the address was referred for sub-division and reference to Comps. William P. Innes, Samuel H. Norton and Traverse Phillips.

On motion of Comp. John L. Mitchell, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the special order at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Finance.—Comps. A. I. Sawyer, J. L. Mitchell, D. D. Buck.

On Jurisprudence.—Comps. Wm. P. Innes, David Woodward, G. M. Tabor.

On Returns.—Comps. Wm. S. Turck, Ed. C. Smith, J. F. Kimball.

On Charters and Dispensations.—Comps. Traverse Phillips, John M. Baird, F. P. Dunwell.

COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE.

The committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's address for sub-division and reference, submitted the following:

Flint, Mich., Jan. 16, 1882.

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

Your special committee to whom was referred the address of the M. I. Grand Master for proper division and reference, would respectfully report that they have carefully considered the same, and suggest the following for the consideration of this Grand Body:

So much as relates to the death of our beloved Brother and Chief Magistrate, James A. Garfield, to a special committee of five (5).

So much as relates to idle Councils, to a special committee of three (3), of whom the M. I. Grand Master elect shall be chairman.

So much as relates to the forfeiture of charters, upon failure to meet within a certain specified time, to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

So much as relates to the appointment of Grand Representatives, back to the Grand Council, with the recommendation that the action thereupon be approved by them.

So much as refers to questions of Masonic law, to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

So much as refers to the General Grand Council, and its relations to this Grand Council, to a committee of three (3).

So much as refers to the ritual of the Order, to a special committee of three (3), of whom the present M. I. Grand Master shall be chairman.

So much as refers to the amendments recommended by the M. I. Grand Master, to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

So much as relates to a seal for the use of the M. I. Grand Master during recess, your committee would recommend be adopted, and the Grand Recorder be instructed to purchase same soon as possible after the adjournment of this Grand Body; and your committee further recommend in this connection, that the M. I. Grand Master be reimbursed for any necessary moneys expended by him during the year for postage and stationery, the amount to be ascertained by Committee on Finance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. P. INNES,
S. H. NORTON,
T. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

The M. I. Grand Master then appointed the following

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On the Death of President Garfield.—Comps. Rev. Francis A Blades, P. M. I. G. M. Hugh McCurdy, Wm P. Innes, John L. Mitchell, Alfred I. Sawyer.

On Idle Councils.--Comps. Grand Master elect, D. B. Tracy, Henry Simmons.

On General Grand Council.—P. M. I. G. M. Hugh McCurdy, Comps. D. B. Tracy, P. F. Blosser.

On Ritual.—P. M. I. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway, P. M. I. G. M George Hill, Comp. Geo. H. Stephenson.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their annual financial statements, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

G. B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder,

In account with Grand Council.

1881.		Dr.		
Jan. 18,	For balance due Grand Council			$ 2 73
	For dues from	Monroe Council	No. 1	64 50
	" "	Pontiac Council	" 3	17 25
	" "	River Raisin Council	" 4	8 50
	" "	Jonesville Council	" 5	9 50
	" "	Mt. Moriah Council	" 6	25 25
	" "	Zabud Council	" 9	28 50
	" "	Tyre Council	" 10	11 50
	" "	Union Council	" 11	24 50
	" "	Ionia Council	" 12	9 25
	" "	Sturgis Council	" 13	6 25
	" "	Mt. Ararat Council	" 15	10 75
	" "	Genesee Council	" 17	4 00
	" "	Adrian Council	" 18	16 50
	" "	Niles Council	" 19	12 50
	" "	Saginaw Council	" 20	14 75
	" "	St. Johns Council	" 21	19 50
	" "	Portland Council	" 23	6 50
	" "	Adoniram Council	" 24	6 50
	" "	King Solomon Council	" 25	5 75
	" "	Clinton Council	" 26	7 50
	" "	Oceana Council	" 27	7 00
	" "	Lansing Council	" 29	20 25
	" "	Northville Council	" 30	4 75
	" "	Jackson Council	" 32	28 75
	" "	Ithaca Council	" 33	7 00
	" "	Union City Council	" 35	11 50
	" "	Charlotte Council	" 36	10 75
	" "	Nebuzaraden Council	" 37	10 00
	" "	Corunna Council	" 38	7 75
	" "	Holly Council	" 39	13 50
	" "	Bronson Council	" 40	6 00
	" "	Lapeer Council	" 42	9 75
	" "	Lawrence Council	" 43	18 75
	" "	St. Joseph Council	" 44	5 50
	" "	South Haven Council	" 45	6 50
	" "	Manistee Council	" 46	8 25
	" "	Ludington Council	" 48	10 00
	" "	Giblum Council	" 49	7 75
	" "	Leslie Council	" 50	7 25
Amount forward				$512 98

Amount brought forward					$512 98
For Dues from Nebuzaraden Council, No. 31 for 1879				10 00	
" " Genesee Council, No. 17 for 1878–79				9 25	
" " Northville Council, No. 20 for 1877, '78–79				12 25	
March 22, For Dispensation at Grand Haven				25 00	
Oct. 27, " " " Petosky				25 00	
Dec. 17, " one copy re-print				1 00	
					$595 48

CR.

March 11, By Paid Grand Treasurer, H. Shaw Noble					$524 00
May 11, " " "				26 00	
Aug. 10, " Postage or Proceedings				4 60	
Oct. 29, " Grand Treasurer, H. Shaw Noble				24 85	
Dec. 1, " C. C. Noble, print. cards and circulars				2 00	
10, " Postage Stamps, Envelopes, Stationery				5 30	
1882.					
Jan. 11, " W. H. Thompson & Co., printing blank Returns				17 50	
					$604 25
Balance due Grand Recorder					$8 77

P. M. I. GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL.

In accordance with the resolution (page 42, Proceedings of 1881), I procured and presented to Past M. I. Grand Master David Woodward a Past Grand Master's Jewel, from whom I received the following reply:

CLINTON, January 10, 1882.

Companion GARRA B. NOBLE,
Grand Recorder:

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION—The jewel ordered by the Grand Council is received. Accept my gratitude for the able manner in which you have discharged the duty entrusted to you, and through you to the Grand Council for the suitable Past Grand Master's Jewel so cheerfully bestowed. I shall ever wear it with pleasure, and be constantly reminded by it of the honor conferred upon me.

As for the jewel, the design and execution is beautiful. I shall wear it with the greater pleasure that it is the first one ordered by the Grand Council, and for the kind words received with it. Your fraternal expressions of kindness and good will I most heartily reciprocate.

Fraternally yours,

D. WOODWARD,
Past M. I. G. M.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. SHAW NOBLE, Grand Treasurer,

In account with Grand Council of R. and S. Masters.

1881.		DR.	
January	17,	To Balance on hand	$ 45 00
March	11,	" Cash of Grand Secretary	524 00
May	11,	" " " "	26 00
October	29,	" " " "	24 85
			$619 85
1882.			
January	16.	To Balance on hand	$229 85
1881.		CR.	
January	17,	By Receipt, O. L. Spaulding	$ 3 00
		" " R. C. Hatheway	3 00
		" " Charles Leach	3 00
March	11,	" Paid warrant to G. B. Noble	125 00
		" " " Wm. Cole	5 00
		" " " W. V. Griffith	10 00
		" Pay roll	126 00
August	24,	" Paid warrant to W. H. Thompson	65 00
1882.			
January	16,	" " " R. & W	50 00
		" Balance on hand	229 85
			$619 85

The Grand Council was then called from labor until 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, January 17, 1882.

The Grand Council resumed labor at 8½ o'clock, prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan.

Your Committee on subordinate returns respectfully report that they have had the same under careful consideration, and find them correct as follows: Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50. We have received no returns from the following Councils: Nos. 4, 7, 14, 28, 30, 37, 41, 47.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. S. TURCK,
E. C. SMITH,
JOHN F. KIMBALL.
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

The Committee on the General Grand Council submitted the following report, which was received, and action on the resolution accompanying the report laid over until the next annual assembly, and to be submitted to the subordinate Councils for their action:

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan.

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the M. I. Grand Master's address as refers to the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the U. S., beg leave to report that the General Grand Council was organized in Detroit, August 23, 1880, when a constitution was adopted, to become operative whenever the same should be ratified and accepted by nine Grand Councils. Eighteen Grand Councils have already ratified and accepted the constitution, hence the General Grand Council is now a fixed fact. The formation of a General Grand Council was, in our opinion, an absolute necessity to prevent the total breaking up of the State Grand Councils, and to preserve the Cryptic Rite from being merged into State Grand Chapters and becoming side degrees in Masonry only. By edict of this Grand Body, all intercourse with Councils' mem-

bers who received the degrees in Chapters and not under the direct sanction of a State Grand Council, is interdicted and they are declared clandestine and illegal. The action of this Grand Body has ever been in the right direction on this question, and we may add, without egotism, the first to plant itself squarely upon the question of non-intercourse with all Masons receiving the Council degrees in, under or by authority of a State Grand Chapter. Of the twenty-four Grand Councils in the United States, all save six have become a constituent part of the General Grand Council, and some of these are taking steps to come in under the provisions of the General Grand Council.

For this Grand Body to become a constituent member of the General Grand Council in no way affects us, only by paying the fee of fifty cents annually for each chartered Council in our jurisdiction. (Article 1, Sec. 13, General Grand Constitution.) Is this Grand Body willing, under these circumstances, to pay this small sum for the benefit of the Rite, or not? is really all the question before us.

Our Jurisdiction has not been troubled with any dogmas or isms upon this subject. The true light of Cryptic Masonry has burned brightly upon our altars, and the workmen in the Secret Vault have worked their regular hours unmolested and undisturbed. "Peace has been within our walls and prosperity within our palaces." But not so with many of our sister Grand Jurisdictions The sound of the working tools has been unheard; the Bible been closed upon the altar; the lights extinguished in the temple; and sleepers found at their posts. Shall we permit this state of things to exist, or will we cast our influence in favor of order, God's first law, and assist in bringing order out of chaos and confusion; to re-light the extinguished tapers, and restore Masonic peace, happiness and prosperity among the workmen in the Ninth Arch? Your committee agree with the M. I. Grand Master, and are of the opinion that this Grand Body should become a constituent part of the General Grand Council, and submit this resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan hereby ratifies and accepts the constitution of the General Grand Council; and the Grand Recorder be and is hereby instructed to notify the General Grand Recorder of our action in the premises.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FLINT, January 17, 1882.

HUGH McCURDY,
D. BURNHAM TRACY,
P. F. BLOSSER,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, excepting so much as related to the election of a Grand Lecturer, which was laid on the table:

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan.

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, appointed by the M. I. Grand Master, to whom was referred that portion of his address relative to questions submitted by members of subordinate Councils, would beg leave to report that we have examined the same and find them correctly answered and in accordance with Masonic law prevailing within the jurisdiction, and in accordance with the suggestions of the M. I. G. M. referred to us. We would further recommend that this Illustrious Grand Council elect some competent Companion as Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be to visit annually each subordinate Council in the State of Michigan, at least once during the year, at the expense of the said subordinate Council visited; and we would further recommend that the said Grand Lecturer be requested to strictly confine his instructions to the present work now adopted throughout the State of Michigan.

WM. P. INNES,
D. WOODWARD,
GEORGE M. TABER,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report as follows, which was adopted:

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for the past year, together with accompanying vouchers, and find them correct.

The amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer at the close of the last session was $45.00, at the opening of this session, $229.85.

Your Committee would recommend that the Grand Recorder be paid the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for his services, and that he be authorized to have the proceedings printed and distributed as usual, pay for the same, send the bill to the Grand Treasurer with his endorsement thereon, and the Grand Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay said amount to the Grand Recorder.

Your Committee would also recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to have bound one or more copies of the proceedings of the Grand Council from its organization to the present date, for preservation.

Your Committee would also recommend that the sum of ten dollars be paid the Grand Sentinel, and five dollars to the Janitor.

Your Committee would further recommend that the sum of twenty-five dollars be allowed Most Illustrious Grand Master R. C. Hatheway, as a partial remuneration for his incidental expenses, including stationery, postage stamps, etc., and that a suitable jewel be also procured and presented to him.

A. I. SAWYER,
J. L. MITCHELL,
D. D. BUCK,
Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The time as fixed by special order for the election of Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Master appointed as tellers companions Wm. S. Turck, E. C. Smith and A. B. Aiken, when the Grand Council proceeded with the election with the following result:

Comp. WILLIAM G. HUDSON, Ludington .....M. I. G. M.
" GEORGE H. GREENE, Lansing .....D. G. M.
" JAMES H. CUMMINS, Holly .....G. P. C. of W.
" H. SHAW NOBLE, Monroe .....G. Treasurer
" GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit .....G. Recorder
" GEORGE H. STEPHENSON, St. Johns .....G. Capt. of Guard
" ALFRED BALDRY, St. Joseph .....G. Con. of Council
" REV. FRANCIS A. BLADES, Detroit .....G. Chaplain
" ALFRED G. GULLEY, South Haven .....G. Steward
" WILLIAM V. GRIFFITH, Detroit .....G. Sentinel

The following Companions submitted their credentials, and were received with grand honors and accredited as Grand Representatives of sister Grand Councils near the Grand Council of Michigan: Comp. Samuel H. Norton, as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Rhode Island; P. M. I. G. M. George Hill, as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Tennessee.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

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

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg to submit the fol lowing report:

That they have examined the returns and transcript of work submitted to them by Grand Haven Council, under dispensation, and Petosky Council, U. D., and find them in conformity with the requirements of this Grand Council.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that a Charter be granted to Grand Haven Council, to be called Grand Haven Council, No. 51, and that Geo. E. Hubbard be the first T. I. M., Wm. J. H. Saunders, the first D. M., and Daniel Gale, the first Prin. Con. of Work.

Also that a Charter be granted to Petosky Council, to be called Petosky Council, No. 52, and that Levi W. Cole be the first T. I. M., and Joseph A. C. Bowen be the first D. M., and John H. Milon be the first P. C. of W.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BAIRD,
F. P. DUWELL,
T. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

DELINQUENT COUNCILS.

The Committee on delinquent Councils submitted their report as follows, which was adopted:

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan.

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the M. I. Grand Master's address relative to "delinquent Councils," would beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the matter, and would recommend that article 6 of the by-laws of this Grand Council be strictly carried out: viz., "If any Council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble and work for the space of twelve months, or shall fail to be represented at the stated meetings of the Grand Council for the term of two stated meetings in succession, or shall fail, for the same length of time, to discharge their dues, every such delinquent Council shall forfeit its charter, together with all its jewels, furniture and effects of every kind,

subject to the disposal of the Grand Council, and shall be notified thereof by the Grand Recorder."

We would further recommend that the M. I. Grand Master be requested to see that this by-law be enforced.

WM. P. INNES,
D. WOODWARD,
GEORGE M. TABER,
Committee.

PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

The Committee on the death of the late President of the United States, James A. Garfield, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted unanimously by standing vote:

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan.

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the M. I. Grand Master's address as refers to the death of Comp. James A. Garfield, late President of the United States of America, beg leave to report:

Probably no single event in the history of this eventful century has so thrilled and shocked the civilized world as the untimely taking off of our esteemed and lamented Companion.

Civilization and religion itself for a time seemed dumb in the presence of that crime that robbed a free people of an honored chief magistrate, a christian wife of her husband, innocent children of a father and guide, and a widowed mother of her son and support. In the presence of such a crime, the human mind seemed turned back upon itself to ask: is it possible that fraternities of men like Masons have labored and toiled for five thousand years to disseminate the principles of love and toleration among men, and that the Great Preacher himself ushered into our world with the proclamation of "Peace on earth and good will to men," should illustrate His gospel of peace and love in His own life; and that after eighteen centuries of Christian influences, moulding and elevating humanity, that now, in the latter half of the nineteenth century, a monster in human form should leap from the bosom of society, like a thunder bolt from a clear sky, and startle the world with a crime, that for atrocity, is unparalleled in the history of the race?

It is even so!

The great body of Masons throughout the length and breadth of our land, have deeply felt and tenderly expressed their sympathies for the bereaved and stricken family of our murdered Companion. And well they

may, for in his life and death, Comp. James A. Garfield illustrates most strikingly those qualities of heart and conduct in life begotten of principles and teachings of Free Masonry.

His was a most symmetrical character: everywhere, in all of his relations to humanity, as son and husband, and father and citizen, in civil and military life, in the bonds of fraternal companionship, public and private, his character seemed rounded out and perfected to an extent unequaled by but few of his kind.

The civilized world, the nation, the family and the fraternity mourn his loss.

To us, as Masons, there was a tie beyond our common humanity. He was our Brother, he had bowed at the same altar, assumed the same obligations, learned the same lessons, been sent out into the world on the same errand, his heart had been stimulated by the same principles and inspired by the same faith as our own; hence, our grief is a personal grief:

The name of James A. Garfield in the fraternity of F. & A. M., will long be as ointment poured forth—*precious, cherished, honored*—"a name that was not born to die," loved in life and mourned in death as few men in this world have ever been.

To us is left the privilege to cherish his memory, emulate his virtues and try to so live that our Companions surviving us may be able to say of us, as we say of him, *for his country and his kind, he did what he could.*

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of this Council shall be forwarded to the widow of deceased.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Signed by Committee:

F. A. BLADES,
H. McCURDY,
W. P. JONES,
J. L. MITCHELL,
A. I. SAWYER.

The grand officers elect were then installed by P. M. I. Grand Master D. B. Tracy—Comp. J. L. Mitchell as Grand Marshal—who were inducted into their respective stations and so proclaimed by the Grand Marshal.

On motion, the thanks of this Grand Council were tendered P. M. I. Grand Master Rufus C. Hatheway, for services rendered the Grand Council the past year.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Foreign Correspondence: Comp. Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer H. Shaw Noble.

On motion, the thanks of the Grand Council were extended to the fraternity of Flint for the free use of their hall during the present assembly.

There being no further business, the Grand Council was closed in ample form—prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. F. A. Blades—to meet again in annual assembly, in the City of Detroit, on the Monday preceding the third Tuesday of January, 1883, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.



WM. G. HUDSON,
M. I. Grand Master.

ATTEST:

G. H. Noble
Grand Recorder.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF SISTER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN:

State.		Name.	Post Office Address.
Maryland	Comp.	——— ———	———.
New Hampshire	"	Garra B. Noble	Detroit.
Florida	"	Garra B. Noble	Detroit.
Minnesota	"	Garra B. Noble	Detroit.
New York	"	H. Shaw Noble	Monroe.
Ohio	"	J. L. Mitchell	Jackson.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN NEAR SISTER GRAND COUNCILS:

State.		Name.	Post Office Address.
New Hampshire	Comp.	Harvey L. Currier	Manchester.
New York	"	Thomas Gliddon	Rochester.
Maryland	"	Edward T. Schultz	———.
New Jersey	"	John Wolverton	———.
Florida	"	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Minnesota	"	George W. Cooley	Minneapolis.
Ohio	"	J. W. Chamberlin	———.
Indiana	"	Walter R. Godfrey	Michigan City.
Maine	"	Horace H. Burbank	Saco.
Louisiana	"	Henry Hamberger	New Orleans.
Kansas	"	Edwin D. Hillyer	Valley Falls.
Alabama	"	Benjamin Franklin Pohl	Gadsden.
Rhode Island	"	Horace K. Blanchard	Providence.
Tennessee	"	Bradfield Nichol	Nashville.
Pennsylvania	"	James S. Barber	Philadelphia.
Vermont	"	Marsh Olin Perkins	Windsor.
South Carolina	"	John G. Brezcole	Anderson.
California	"	Wm. Monroe Petatie	Sacramento.
Connecticut	"	Fred. H. Waldrom	New Haven.
Georgia	"	Andrew M. Wolikin	Albany.
Massachusetts	"	Eugene A. Holton	Boston.
Ontario	"	John Headley Bell	Winnipeg.
England		Donald Mangles Dewar	8 Red Lion Square, London.

GRAND RECORDERS.

State.	Name.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
California	Thomas Hubbell Casswell	San Francisco.
Connecticut	J. K. Wheeler	Hartford.
England	D. M. Dewar	8 Red Lion Square, High Holborne, London, W. C.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolikin	Albany.
Indiana	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Geo. L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston.
Michigan	Garra B. Noble	Detroit.
Minnesota	Wm. Cheney	Minneapolis.
Missouri	W. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	Geo. P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Charles Bechtel	Trenton.
New York	Geo. Van Vleit	New York.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	James Gossip	Halifax.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Ontario	Daniel Spry	Barrie.
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Meyer	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Wm. B. Greene	Providence.
South Carolina	Zimmerman Davis	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizelle	Nashville.
Vermont	Arthur Edward Bosworth	Springfield.
G. G. Council	Geo. W. Cooley	Minneapolis, Minn.

LIST OF GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1858 TO 1882.

Year.	T. I. G. P.	D. I. G. P.	G. T. I.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards.
1858....	*N. B. Carpenter..	S. B. Brown	Frank Darrow....	R. W. Davis	Ezra Rood.....	*N. P. Jacobs	T. A. Flower.
1859....	*N. B. Carpenter..	S. B. Brown	Frank Darrow....	John Clark.....	" "	" "	A. J. Cummings.
1860....	*Frank Darrow....	John Clark.....	D. B. Tracy	B. F. Doughty....	" "	" "	*S. B. Morse.
1861....	*John Clark	D. B. Tracy	*B F. Doughty....	E. Sprague.....	" "	" "	S. L. Dart.
1862....	D. B. Tracy.....	E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee	" "	Oliver Bourke...	C. H. Putnam.
1863....	*E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee	S. L. Dart	" "	" "	J. P. Whiting.
1864....	G B. Noble.....	D. Bovee	S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict...	" "	" "	" "
1865....	D. Bovee.....	S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict ...	W. S. Edwards ...	" "	" "	" "
1866....	S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict....	W. S. Edwards...	Wm. Walker	J. T. Hayden.....	" "	W. F. King.
1867....	W. S. Edwards	Wm. Walker	J. T. Hayden.....	W. F. King	Wm. Barclay.....	" "	J. W. Champlin.
1868....	J. T. Hayden....	O. L. Spaulding..	J. W. Champlin..	M. Walter.....	" "	" "	H. Shaw Noble.
1869....	C. H. Putnam	O. L. Spaulding..	E. Sprague.....	H. Shaw Noble...	" "	" "	J. E. Marvin.
1870....	O. L. Spaulding..	E. Sprague.....	H. Shaw Noble...	Wm. Brown.....	" "	" "	J. B. Nixon.
1871....	E. Sprague.....	H. Shaw Noble...	Wm. Brown.....	A. I. Sawyer.....	" "	G. B. Noble.....	E. M. Doan.
1872....	H. Shaw Noble...	Wm. Brown.....	M. Mansfield.....	E. M. Doan.....	*E. A. Elliott.....	" "	George Hill.
1873....	*Wm. Brown.....	M. Mansfield	E. M. Doan.....	George Hill.....	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.

* Deceased.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED IN 1874.

Year.	M. I. G. Master.	Deputy G. Master.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards.
1874....	*Wm. Brown.....	M. Mansfield	George Hill	*E. A. Elliott.....	G. B Noble.....	A. J. Utley.
1875....	M. Mansfield	George Hill.....	J. R. Everard	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.
1876....	George Hill	J. R Everard	A. J. Utley	" "	" "	C. B. Reynolds.
1877....	J R. Everard	A J. Utley	C. B. Reynolds	" "	" "	C. W. Strait.
1878....	Andrew J. Utley	C. W. Strait	D. Woodward.....	" "	" "	W. S. Turck.
1879....	Hugh McCurdy.....	D. Woodward	R. C. Hatheway.....	" "	" "	W. G. Hudson.
1880....	David Woodward....	Rufus C. Hatheway..	William G Hudson...	H. Shaw Noble.....	" "	George H Greene.
1881....	Rufus C. Hatheway..	William G. Hudson...	George H Greene...	" "	" "	Jas. H. Cummins.
1882....	William G Hudson...	George H. Greene....	James H. Cummins ..	" "	" "	G. H. Stephenson.

* Deceased.

RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE COUNCILS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1881.

NAME.	Number.	Location.	County.	T. I. Master.	Recorder.	Exalted.	Admitted.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Died.	Reinstated.	Total Membership	Dues Paid.	Date of Meeting each Month.
Monroe	1	Detroit	Wayne	Richard S. Dillon	C. W. Maynard	7		1		4	4		195	$53 75	Monday after Full Moon.
Pontiac	3	Pontiac	Oakland	Samuel H. Norton	J. A. Harris	3		2		5		2	67	19 75	First Monday each month,
River Raisin	4	Monroe	Monroe										*28		
Jonesville	5	Jonesville	Hillsdale	R. G. Spaulding	Jason W. Storm	2		1			1		29	8 75	
Mt. Moriah	6	Coldwater	Branch	N. Rosenbaum	S. B. Kitchel	5					2		77	22 75	First Thursday each month,
Romeo	8	Romeo	Macomb	Abijah E. Palmer.	Dwight M. Lowell								19	4 50	First Tuesday each month.
Zabud	9	Battle Creek	Calhoun	D. D. Buck	Geo. F. Barrows	14		2					106	36 75	First Wednesday each month.
Tyre	10	Gr'nd Rapids	Kent	George Voorhis	John S. Curtis	13		11		1			44	23 00	First Thursday each month.
Union	11	Ypsilanti	Washten'w	E. Bogardus	W. L. Pack	3		1		10	1	2	68	19 00	Third Wednesday each month.
Ionia	12	Ionia	Ionia	Peter B. Haight	W. W. Worden	9							44	17 50	
Sturgis	13	Sturgis	St. Joseph	Thomas J. Collins	Henry S. Church	2				2		1	21	6 75	Tuesday after Full Moon.
Mt. Ararat	15	Hillsdale	Hillsdale	Ira Carpenter	L. S. Ranney			1					41	10 00	Second Monday each month.
Genesee	17	Fenton	Genesee	E. M Adams	W. J. Fitch	3		1				1	19	6 75	Thursday on or preced'g F. M.
Adrian	18	Adrian	Lenawee	John F Kimball	Fred A. Furgason	4		1		15			55	16 25	Thursday after Full Moon.
Niles	19	Niles	Berrien	Hiram A. Edwards	Geo. W. Timmons	4					1		45	14 00	Thursday after Full Moon.
Saginaw	20	East Sagin'w	Saginaw	Walter Fitzgerald	Geo. B. Gage	3				2	1		60	17 00	First Monday each month.
St. Johns	21	St. Johns	Clinton	Geo. H.Stephenson	J M. Frisbee	2					1		56	15 25	Wednesday on or before F. M.
Portland	23	Portland	Ionia	F. G. Lee	W. E. Loomis								27	6 50	Monday preceding Full Moon.
Adoniram	24	Manchester	Washten'w	J. D. Van Duyn	M. D. Blosser	2					1		28	8 25	Thursday after Full Moon.
King Solom'n	25	Big Rapids	Mecosta	Jos. H. Kilbourn	Charles Gay						1		16	3 50	First Tuesday each month.
Clinton	26	Clinton	Lenawee	David Woodward	Danforth Keyes	2							26	7 75	Wednesday on or before F. M.
Oceana	27	Pentwater	Oceana	Wm. E. Dockrey	John H. Bouton	2		3					28	8 25	Second Monday each month.
Lansing	29	Lansing	Ingham	Josiah Bruno Jr.	Chas. S. Cleveland					18	1		45	11 00	Monday after Full Moon.
Northville	30	Northville	Wayne										20		
Jackson	32	Jackson	Jackson	Henry Huntington	S. Prosser	7				7			110	34 25	2d and 4th Friday each month.
Ithaca	33	Ithaca	Gratiot	Wm. S. Turck	W. C. Beckwith			1		4			24	5 75	Monday before Full Moon.
Union City	35	Union City	Branch	A. B. Aiken	Elmer Roe								28	9 00	Wednesday on or before F. M.
Charlotte	36	Charlotte	Eaton	E. F. Church	P. M. Thomas				2				36	8 75	First Tuesday each month.
Nebuzaraden	37	Constantine	St. Joseph										41		
Corunna	38	Corunna	Shiawassee	Charles H. Cosset	J. D. Leland	9				2			39	16 25	
Holly	39	Holly	Oakland	Jas. H. Cummins	John M. Barnes					1	1		41	10 00	Third Wednesday each month.

Bronson	40	Bronson	Branch	David Strachly	Geo. W. Ellis	1	..	1	..	..	..	24	6	75	Third Tuesday each month.
Centerville	41	Centerville	St. Joseph			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lapeer	42	Lapeer	Lapeer	H. K. White	H. E. Hatch	..	..	..	..	1	..	39	9	50	1st Friday Dec. Mar. June, Sep.
Lawrence	43	Lawrence	Van Buren.	George A. Cross	A. M. Draper	7	..	1	..	1	..	53	18	25	Thursday after Full Moon.
St. Joseph	44	St. Joseph	Berrien	Henry L. Pitcher	J. W. Brewer	6	..	..	..	..	..	26	11	00	Monday after Full Moon.
South Haven	45	South Haven	Van Buren.	Mortimer Hulett	Geo. L. Seaver	2	..	..	10	1	..	15	5	50	Friday on or before Full Moon.
Manistee	46	Manistee	Manistee	Louis E. Morris	J. Kinsley	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	6	00	Third Friday each month.
Ludington	48	Ludington	Mason	Pelig Ewing	Jacob Staffon	4	..	..	..	..	..	35	11	50	
Giblum	49	Hastings	Barry	A. P. Drake	John F. Goodyear	4	..	1	..	1	..	28	10	00	First Monday each month.
Leslie	50	Leslie	Ingham	A. C. Manley	James McDaniels	2	..	1	..	..	..	28	8	50	Second Thursday each month.
Grand Haven	51	Grand Haven	Ottawa	Geo. E. Hubbard	Chas. T. Pagelson	9	1	..	..	..	..	19	8	75	First Friday each month.
Petosky	52	Petosky	Emmet	Levi W. Cole		..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	
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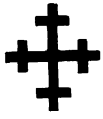
* Returns for 1880.



Companion

James A. Garfield,

Late President of the United States.

Died, September 19, 1881.

Requiescat in pace.



FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Your committee respectfully report that they have received the proceedings from the following Grand Councils:

Alabama 1881
California ..... 1880, 1881.
Connecticut 1881
Indiana 1881
Kansas 1879, 1880, 1881
Massachusetts 1881
Maryland 1880
Minnesota 1881
Missouri 1880, 1881
Maine 1881
New Jersey 1881
New York 1881
North Carolina 1881
Ontario 1880, 1881
Pennsylvania 1881
Tennessee 1879, 1880
Vermont 1881

ALABAMA—1880.

Forty-third annual assembly was held December 6, 1880, in the city of Montgomery. Comp. William Dwight Wadsworth, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Seven Councils represented.

Strong resolutions were adopted against merging the degrees with those of the Chapter, or abandoning the Council organization. A resolution was adopted ratifying the constitution of the General Grand Council.

Comp. William Dwight Wadsworth re-elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Daniel Sayre re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA—1881.

Twenty-first annual assembly was held in the city of San Francisco, April 14, 1881. Comp. Edward Richards Hedges, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Six Councils represented.

M. I. Grand Master Hedges had visited every Council but one, Shasta, that being so far away he was not able to visit, but had received information from them that it was alive and active, having conferred the degrees on fifteen or more candidates.

Comp. Edward Richards Hedges re-elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT—1881.

Sixty-third annual assembly was held in the city of New Haven, May 9, 1881. Comp. John O. Rowland, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Twenty-one Councils represented.

Usual routine of business, showing steady increase in membership and general prosperity.

A committee was appointed to report at the next annual assembly as to the General Grand Council. Comp. William Wallace Lee submitted a brief report on correspondence, acknowledging the receipt of our proceedings, with others. In speaking of the General Grand Council, he favors it, and thinks it will result in general good to Cryptic Masonry.

Comp. Chester Tilden, of Willimantic, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1881

Twenty-sixth annual assembly was held in the city of Indianapolis, October 18, 1881. Comp. Edward S. Ross, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Thirty-two Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, relating to his official acts only.

Comp. William W. Austin, chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a full and interesting report on correspondence, noticing our proceedings critically. We should like to quote from him, but must pass with the rest.

Comp. Perry W. Gard, Frankfort, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1881.

We received the proceedings of this Grand Council for 1878, 1879 and 1881. No proceedings published in 1880. The Grand Council assembled

at the city of Topeka, February 15, 1881, at 12:45 P. M. Comp. Dwight Byngton, acting M. I. Grand Master, presiding, in the absence of the Grand Master.

Seven Councils represented.

At the afternoon session, M. I. Grand Master Comp. Albert D. McConaughy having arrived, delivered a very good address relating to local matters mostly. He recommended the endorsement of the General Grand Council, which was done.

Comp. Dwight Byngton was elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. John H. Brown, Wyandotte, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS—1881.

The annual assembly was held in Boston, December 14, 1881. Comp. Albert L. Richardson, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Sixteen Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a short address relating to his official acts and doings only. He announced the appointment of M. I. Comp. Rufus C. Hatheway, Grand Master of Grand Council of Michigan, to be their representative near our Grand Council. (We welcome our P. G. Master and representative from Massachusetts.)

Comp. John Haigh, Somerville, elected Most Illustrious Grand Master; Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, elected Grand Recorder.

Comp. J. W. Dadmun, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, acknowledged the receipt of proceedings from eighteen Grand Councils, and submitted the following report, meeting our views. We give it in full:

"Your Committee on Correspondence respectfully report, that the battle has been fought and the victory won—Cryptic Masonry holds the fort. *Eighteen* out of twenty-four Grand Councils have ratified the Constitution of the General Grand Council and others are wheeling into line.

"We shall not attempt an extended or a detailed report this year, as we think it best to let the leaven of truths gently and effectually work until it shall permeate the whole lump.

"It is strange how reason can be warped to favor present schemes or pre-conceived opinions. For example: The General Grand Chapter decides that it has no jurisdiction over Cryptic Masonry; a constituent Grand Chapter concludes at once that *therefore* it has jurisdiction over those degrees and may proceed to confer them *ad libitum*, the Grand Council of the State having consented thereto.

"Another Grand Chapter decides that, inasmuch as the parent body disclaims any control over the degrees, and has refused to authorize its constituents to confer them, it has no right to accept the proffered boon,

and it notifies the Grand Council of the jurisdiction accordingly. It does not take an unprejudiced mind long to decide which of these two Grand Chapters has good common sense on its side, or which has good Masonic law and usage for its support.

"But how can State Grand Councils surrender the degrees to *any* other body without violating their most sacred obligations? We have never seen an intelligent reason given for such a breach of faith. By common consent these degrees were arranged into a distinct grade, and *only* by common consent can they be rightfully surrendered to any other grade. But above all to see them conferred *without fee or ballot*, in direct contravention of the fundamental rules of all the Orders, is execrable. What respect can such Council Masons have for their Companions of other jurisdictions who have, and still are, devoting so much time and money to the support of the Cryptic Rite.

"We do not wish to use any harsh language, but we will say this: our respect for the Order is greatly strengthened by the fact that a large majority of Grand Councils are true and faithful to their Masonic vows. Our purpose is fixed, never to enter a Council appendant to a Chapter, especially when the degrees are conferred without fee or ballot—that is too *cheap Masonry* for us."

MARYLAND—1880.

The Grand Council assembled in Baltimore, November 10, 1880. Comp. William F. Cochrane, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Five Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a short address; recommended the adoption of a resolution approving the establishing of a General Grand Council, which was referred to a Committee, who reported the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maryland hereby approves of the formation of a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and formally ratifies the Provisional Constitution adopted by the Convention of Royal and Select Masters held at Detroit, Michigan, August 25th, 1880.

And which was unanimously adopted.

A very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Comp. Geo. L. McCahan. He very ably reviews the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, Michigan for 1880; quoting from Grand Master McCurdy's address liberally and very flatteringly. His report is quite full and complete, and we would like, time permitting, to quote freely therefrom, but must desist—to commence we would not know where to stop.

Comp. George W Sheive, of Baltimore, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. George L. McCahan, of Baltimore, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA—1881.

The annual assembly was held in the city of St. Paul, October 10, 1881. Comp. G. W. Murrill, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Three Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a short address, giving an account simply of his doings. Comp. Grove B. Cooley submitted the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Councils—Michigan for 1881. We would like to quote from this report many of his appropriate remarks, but satisfy ourselves by giving in full his poetic conclusion:

SUMMED UP.

Now we approach our journey's end,
Our task is nearly done:
We now make our obeisance
To Companions every one.
We regret the offerings we bring
Are not so very good;
Yet with materials, time and pay,
We've done the best we could.

The "Grand rounds" we have taken,
To salute the Sentinel;
To see that each was at his post,
To see that "All was well."
To see the gates were all secure,
The jewels all were bright,
To ask of each and every guard,
"Watchman, what of the night."

In Alabama, "all is well."
There is Companion Sayre,
And he will e'er stand at the helm,
In weather foul and fair.
And California's still alive,
Although much has been said,
And Meyer, of Pennsylvania,
Had reported her as dead.

Connecticut e'er cautious, like
Her correspondent, Lee,
Decided she would wait a year
And see what she could see.
While Florida is very slow,
She hardly ever fails;
We wish *Postmaster* Carlovitz
Would hurry up the mails.

And Georgia has an *Armstrong*
To succor and to save
The degrees of Cryptic Masonry
From an ignominious grave.
And Illinois has got two heads,
So she can look both ways.
Indiana is as steady as
The maid of other days.

And Kansas still is active, and
Is earnest and is true;
While fair Louisiana can be
Equaled but by few.
And Maryland comes to the front
In new, yet modest dress,
And vows the "Cryptic infant" rocked
In her cradle, "more or less."

As to Maine and Massachusetts,
We have'nt much to say;
For each has *too* good generals
To ever go astray.
And Michigan moves to the van,
As ever firm and staid;
For Hugh McC and Garra B
Will never retrograde.

Missouri, we are glad to see,
Had no intent to wed;
Nor as Meyer and Whitcomb both declared,
Was numbered with the dead.
Though wounded on the skirmish line,
She counted well the cost;
And concluded all she had received
Was but a scratch at most.

North Carolina has come back again
As smiling as before;
The plan "Amalgamation," she
Don't long for any more.
Nebraska, we are satisfied,
Will to her boats return;
Two years ago she left behind, but
Wisely did not burn.

New Hampshire, as her rocks and hills,
Is ever firm and staid;
New Jersey shows timidity,
And seems to be afraid;
While New York yet stands foremost,
And never can be beat
When led by such as Osgoodby,
Brown, Hudson and VanVleit.

Ohio has a Cunningham, who
Every problem solves;
Likewise she has a SENTER,
Around which she revolves;
Ontario, as we have heard,
Has gone into the "Ark;"
And as to all her doings, we
Are left out in the dark.

Pennsylvania, ever strong and firm,
Will always hold her own.
And as she e'er has done before,
Will "play her hand alone."
Little Rhoda does not tell us, all
The good things she has seen;
But we soon shall hear her story, from
Her Grand Recorder Greene.

Tennessee, among the vigilant,
  Has done her work up well;
She e'er has had a leader, in
  That veteran Frizzell;
South Carolina has flanked to the right,
  Has turned herself about;
And whether in camp or on the march,
  Will keep her pickets out.

Green Mountain Boys will ever keep
  Their Jewels shining bright.
Are first in war and first in peace.
  First in the Cryptic Rite.
Good leaders they have always had,
  Firm, earnest, true and brave,
Who always led to victory,
  To succor and to save.

O, Woodhull! O, Wisconsin!
  We rejoice that you still live;
We take back all that we have said,
  And freely say forgive;
Let Whitcomb close his triangle,
  And Meyer cease to weep,
For you were out recruiting, while
  The others were asleep.

Minnesota, moving onward, flings
  Her banner to the breeze,
And sends greeting to Companions, to
  All countries, lands and seas.
May each one keep his trowel bright
  Until the call for rest;
May Faith and Hope and fervent Love
  Abide in every breast.

And when at last the end shall come,
  The final trump shall blow;
When each shall reap and gather in
  Whatever he may sow:
May all our work accepted be
  May each be truly blest,
Then may the Great Grand Master say,
  Enter into my rest.

Comp. Grove B. Cooley, Minneapolis, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Wm. Cheney, Minneapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI—1881.

The proceedings for 1880 and 1881 are under one cover.

The Grand Council assembled at the City of St. Louis, May 6, 1881. Grand Master John A. Dolemer presided.

Six Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a short address, of interest only in that jurisdiction.

The Constitution of the General Grand Council was ratified.

Comp. Wm. H. Mayo submitted a short report on Foreign Correspondence, acknowledging the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, Michigan for 1881 included. He closes as follows: "Prospects for the Rite are brighter now than they have been for many years, and we believe it is because there is a common or supreme central governing power in the General Grand Council, formed at Detroit last August, and as that was a most important and interesting event to all Royal and Select Masters, we will give the proceedings of said convention as briefly as possible, believing it to be by far the most interesting and instructive matter we can lay before our readers." And gives the proceedings of the Convention in full.

Comp. John R. Parson, St. Louis, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, St Louis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE—1881.

The Grand Council assembled in Portland, May 4, 1881. Comp. John S. Derby, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Eleven Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a short address. He says the year has been one of quiet; devoting much of his address to the General Grand Council, and says "Heretofore he had been opposed to the creation of new bodies and surrendering to others rights we are capable of exercising ourselves. I believe that the extraordinary position taken by many Grand Bodies justified the action of the convention, and I heartily recommend that its constitution be ratified by you." The address was referred to the Committee on doings of Grand Officers, who reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Maine does hereby accept and ratify the Constitution framed by the Convention which met at Detroit, August 23, 24, and 25, 1880, as and for the Constitution of the General Grand Council of the United States.

Comp. Arlington B. Marston, of Bangor, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Ira Berey, of Portland, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1881.

The twenty-third annual assembly of the Grand Council was held in the city of Trenton, January 18, 1881. Comp. Archibald J. Wark, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Three Councils represented.

The address is very short, relating to local matters only.

A committee was appointed to report on the expediency of joining the General Grand Council at the next annual assembly.

No report on Correspondence.

Comp. Charles Belcher, Jr., Newark, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Charles Bechtel, Newark, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK—1881.

The Grand Council assembled in the City of New York, September 20, 1881. Comp. Charles W. Brown, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Twenty-six Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address has many good sayings in relation to his doings that could well be applied to all jurisdictions.

Comp. Charles G. Hudson submitted his report on Correspondence, and as usual are of his best—they are always good.

He received twenty-two Grand Council proceedings, Michigan for 1881 included, and says: "Grand Master Woodward's address was excellent in many things," and quotes his introduction as worthy of repeating and sharing with others. He, however, hits him rather tartly on his opinion, as to the General Grand Council, and thinks we are mistaken in our action in not ratifying the General Grand Council, and hopes we will see our mistake and wheel into line next year.

Comp. John J. Martin, of Albany, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Geo. Van Vliet, of New York, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA—1881.

The sixteenth annual assembly of the Grand Council was held in the town of Asheville, June 2, 1881 Comp. J. I. Macks, D. I. Grand Master, as M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Three Councils represented.

The D. I. Grand Master delivered a very short address, relating mostly to the convention of Grand Councils and the formation of the General Grand Council. He says:

"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.

Which resolution was adopted.

The committee appointed at the annual assembly (1879) to take into consideration the propriety of dissolving the Grand Council, prepared a very elaborate report to present at its annual, 1880, but no meeting being held in 1880, the report was presented in 1881, and a supplementary report says: "In view of the action of the General Grand Chapter, they deem it inexpedient to submit a plan for the consolidation of the two systems." They also say: "Information has been received that a General Grand Council had been formed and that a number of Grand Councils had adopted the constitution and entered into the organization;" and close their report, saying: "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."

Charters were granted for two Councils.

Comp. J. I. Macks, of Wilmington, was elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Donald W. Bain, of Raleigh, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ONTARIO—1878, 1879, 1880.

The proceedings of three assemblies of this Grand Council is received under one cover. The eighth annual assembly was held in the city of Hamilton, August 15, 1878. Comp. David McLellan, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Eight Councils represented.

1879.

The ninth annual assembly was held at the city of Guelph, August 13, 1879. Comp. David McLellan, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Nine Councils represented.

The address was short, relating to local matters, and closing, says: "The year which now closes has been one of great harmony and concord, which in itself is a matter for congratulation."

Comp. J. G. Burns, of Toronto, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Daniel Spry, of Barrie, elected Grand Recorder.

1880.

The tenth annual assembly was held at the City of Guelph, July 15, 1880. Comp. Joshua G. Burns, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Eleven Councils represented.

Grand Master Brown delivered a very valuable and instructive address. We would like to report it in full, but must be content with a few clippings as follows:

"Ten eventful years belong to our annuals, to which we may recur with some satisfaction. Their fruits have been garnered by us and are a rich heritage; let us labor diligently to preserve and increase them. Our course has been progressive, our numbers have multiplied, our light, once feeble, ascends with the steady glow of assured permanency."

"I recommend the Grand Council to cancel the warrants of all Councils in arrear and that will not make an effort to put themselves in good standing; better it is to lop off the withered branches which are unfruitful than to burden ourselves with weights to retard our progress."

We think the Grand Master has struck the key note, one we heartily approve. In closing, he says:

"The past and present method of doing business must cease. Officers elected to positions should feel that their duties do not begin and end when they have been installed to office and obtained the Masonic rank which they have desired. Let us couple with a desire for office, ability and energy to work for Masonry, and let us exert our influence to place the Cryptic Degrees in their proper position."

Comp. James B. Dixon presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils. Michigan not received; we know not why; they were mailed to the Grand Recorder regularly. In his conclusion, his opinion of the Mississippi plan, so fully agrees with our own, we give it in full:

"This completes the review of the proceedings that have come to hand since we published our last report; we have to again express our regret that it has been impossible to furnish a report since 1877, but the Companions may expect them regularly every year from this time forth. Every one of the reports dwells more or less on the so-called Mississippi plan, and naturally we feel like giving our opinion on it. We think it is a very great mistake for any Grand Council to take any such action, as we hold that it is just as much of a crime against the law of Masonry for a Grand Council to voluntarily surrender its existence, as it is against the law of all civilized countries for a man to cut his throat. Then, again, it must necessarily lead to very great confusion, from the fact that several of the Grand Councils have said that no Companion receiving the degrees in a Chapter shall be received as a visitor or acknowledged as a member of the Order. This action will doubtless be taken by all who are determined to remain firm in their Grand Council connection. The Royal and Select Masters, therefore, of the few jurisdictions which have turned over the degrees to Chapters will find themselves outside of the Order altogether,

except in the few localities which have adopted this plan. The next step will probably be for Grand Councils to give charters to those who desire to work the degrees as independent Councils where no regular Grand Council exists, the result being confusion worse confounded. It would be far better for a Grand Council that finds it impossible to live without dragging out a miserable existence, to die nobly contending against adverse circumstances, than to basely surrender that sacred birthright which has been handed down to them by men who would have scorned to think of such a thing for a moment."

Comp. Joshua G. Burns, of Toronto, re-elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Daniel Spry, of Barrie, re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA—1881.

Thirty-fifth annual assembly was held at Altoona, February 16, 1881. Comp. William J. Fordney, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

Nine Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, showing perfect harmony and healthy progress.

Comp. Charles E. Meyer, for the Committee on Correspondence, made no review of proceedings of Grand Councils, but gives the proceedings of the general convention at Detroit and constitution of the General Grand Council, and concluding, says:

"Your committee have carefully examined the entire proceedings, and are in harmony with the views expressed by the representatives from Alabama, Connecticut, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee and Vermont, the convention being composed of Craftsmen active in every department of Masonry, and whose experience is valuable. If these Companions desire to form a National Grand Council we cordially wish them God speed, but we cannot recommend to this Grand Council the acknowledgment of any body superior to it, and to which it would be bound to give allegiance and pay tribute to. Again, for this Grand Council to become a part of the National Body, it would require an amendment to our constitution. Under the circumstances we would offer 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 composing it all prosperity and harmony, and that their fondest hopes may be fully realized.

Comp. George C. Johnson, of Alleghany City, elected M. P. Grand Master; Comp. Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, re-elected R. P. Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE – 1879, 1880.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Council for two years under one cover. The thirtieth annual assembly was held in the city of Nashville, November 12, 1879. Comp. Benjamin B. Harris, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Twelve Councils represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, favors consolidation with the Chapters. The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the address was referred, made the following report, which was adopted:

"The suggestions of the address under 'Masonic material,' have our hearty approval, but we are not prepared to recommend those in regard to the consolidation of Cryptic and Capitular Masonry. Already a number of Grand Councils have prepared able and exhaustive memorials to the General Grand Chapter, which meets next August, to make provision for these degrees. We, therefore, deem any action in this direction by this Grand Council as unnecessary, if not premature. We would wait and see the terms and conditions of the General Grand Chapter, before taking action upon a matter so important. We are not yet prepared to recommend the investiture of these degrees upon Capitular Masonry otherwise than in the manner they were given to us."

Comp. George H. Morgan, of Gainsboro, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. John Frizzell, Nashville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

1880.

The thirty-first annual assembly was held in the city of Nashville, November 11, 1880. Comp. David J. Pierce, I. D. Grand Master, presiding.

Thirteen Councils represented.

Grand Master George H. Morgan's address was read. It was brief, referring to home matters only. No report on correspondence. The General Grand Council was endorsed, and it agreed by vote to become a constituent member of the same.

Comp. Edward Burney, of Nashville, was elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. John Frizzell, of Nashville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1881.

The twenty-eighth annual assembly was held in the City of Burlington, June 14, 1881. Comp. Albert Conklin Hubbell, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Eighteen Councils represented.

Grand Master Hubbell delivered a very excellent address, we copy his opening:

"ILL. COMPANIONS:—Time, the ceaseless stream, has rolled another year along its rushing, endless tide. Another year with all its interest, all its evil and good, has departed and the record thereof is with the recording angel. But as life hastens on, and its great work is not done, we cast our eyes towards the future, and realize that there is something to be done besides being glad or sad. We live to do, and there will be joys to sweeten our labor, and God's grace to cheer us in the sadness that comes betimes to us all. Thus day by day the hours of our lives, those messengers of God, meet us on our way, and we accept mutely the gifts they bring, and let them go with scarcely a look into their faces as they pass, except the few that bring us great and special gifts, or keen, deep disappointment, and these photograph themselves upon our memory in lines of light, or it may be fire.

"As the opening chord defines the character, and holds within it the elements of the music that follows, let the key note which we strike to-day be one of sincere praise and thanksgiving, as those chords that vibrate in the sweetest harmony are swept over by the memory of God's great goodness to us since last we met in Grand Assembly; and yet I would not be unmindful of the shadowed homes, of the weary hours of pain and suffering, and deep affliction through which some of us have passed. God knows best. Some with plaintive tongues must walk in lowly vales of life's weary way; others in loftier hymns sing of nothing but joy as they tread the mountain tops of life, but they all unite without discord or jar as the ascending anthem of loving and believing hearts finds its way into the chorus of the redeemed heavens. It is with such thoughts as these, Illustrious Companions, that I take up the record of our illustrious dead."

He very feelingly refers to the decease of a number of Companions, among which is Past Grand Treasurer, Leverett Brush Englesby, who died February 27, 1881. Also Past M P. Grand Master, Squire Marcy, who died January 23, 1881, aged 78 years. Memorial pages were set apart in the proceedings to each of the deceased, also one to the memory of twelve other Companions. And closing, he says: For six successive years he has had that position, for which tokens of their love and esteem he will carry with him to life's latest hour, and asks that some other companion be elected to fill his place.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the General Grand Council, submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Vermont hereby ratifies the Constitution of the General Grand Council o the United States, and declares its allegiance to the National Body, which we trust will be useful in maintaining and perpetuating the Cryptic Rite.

Comp. W. H. S. Whitcomb submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-six Councils, in his usual fraternal manner, Michigan mentioned for 1881. We give his conclusion in full:

"Dear companions, we close another review, with the hope that you will kindly and generously bear its imperfections, and forgive anything you may consider in the least unkind. The reviewer cannot form an opinion, or comment on the opinion of another without in some degree touching the feelings of the reader. Bear in mind that what is here written is written in the hope that it may enlighten, inform, or guide the opinions of Vermont's Council Masons, and not in the least provoke ill will or unkind feelings. Laboring for many years for the upbuilding of Cryptic Masonry in Vermont, perhaps we have come to think of it in the light of an abused and neglected Rite, and feel such an interest in it that perhaps this review may convey more impatience than is really felt. Companions, know this, that the promotion of the Rite is the object at heart, and trust to the future to prove it, if you have any doubts to-day. Everything looks encouraging."

Speed the worker! Cheer him on,
If you cannot by his side
Bear your burden, cheer him on!
His work, well done, will abide.

Cheer the worker. Do not frown
If his work accomplished shows
His zeal and skill. His renown
Will help us all. No one knows.

How the worker, in his mind,
(Not for power, or for pelf),
Sought the good of all mankind,
Never thinking of himself.

Comp. Rev. Frederick Shubael Fisher, of Vergennes, was elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Arthur Edward Bosworth, of Springfield, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

We have nothing directly from this jurisdiction, but believing the Companions would like something of their doings, copy Comp. Charles G. Hudson's report, of New York, in full, trusting he will excuse our audacity:

"We have before us the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi for 1881, for which Companion Pinckard, of Louisiana, has our thanks. We believe you will be glad to hear a few extracts from these proceedings, and especially from the address of the G. H. P., Companion Speed.

A large part of that address is occupied by the Cryptic degrees and the action of the G. G. Chapter. It reviews the memorial which we sent to

Detroit, and which was adopted by the convention, in a very severe manner. Companion Speed reviews, at a length which we cannot quote, the subject of the right of the G. G. C. to assume control of the Cryptic degrees. He freely acknowledges that, whatever may be the difference of opinion as to the status of the G. G. C. with reference to these degrees previous to 1853, it did then abandon all right to control them. He says: "I do not, "however, believe that there is now, or that there ever has been any legal "impediment to a resumption of jurisdiction over these degrees."

A little farther on:

"In the present state of feeling upon the subject, I am clearly of the "opinion that it was inexpedient for the G. G. C. to have taken any "action upon the subject of these degrees, and thereby to have widened "the breach between those who favor and those who oppose 'our plan.' If "in time our opponents shall permit reason to resume its sway, and agree "to discuss the measure with us and others concurring with us, in a calm "and dignified manner, such as becomes Masons and the gravity of the "subject, dispensing with the use of all harsh terms and words, and for- "bearing to pronounce anathemas against us, such as in older and ruder "times were fulminated against heretics, then the subject may be resumed in "the G. G. C.; and if it shall be made to appear that there is any real objec- "tion to the adoption of the degrees by the Chapter, then we may, without "endangering our own dignity, agree to retrace our own steps, but until "that time comes, I suggest that we continue to work the Cryptic degrees "regardless of all outside opposition, or the maledictions of those who "would drag the discussion of a purely Masonic question down to the "level of an argument suited only to the purlieus of a police court.

"I would here gladly dismiss the subject, but for the fact that during "the session of the G. G. C., there was presented a document, which in "the language of the G. H. P. of Iowa, 'contained some of the most "unmasonic, discourteous and invidious reflections I ever saw for a "Masonic publication.'

"Even now, after the lapse of some months, I cannot, without feel- "ings of the most intense indignation, recall the unnecessarily harsh, "ungentlemanly, and unmasonic tone which pervaded and permeated what "purported to be a memorial, addressed by one grave and dignified Masonic "body to another, which has not inaptly been termed the 'Senate of "American Masonry.'"

He then discusses the memorial at length, quoting from it, and using such grave and courteous terms as some of the following:

"The idea is purely gratuitous."

Again, "As ignoscible a conclusion as ever was reached."

Again, "The memorialists having tired with arguing their case, now

retire behind the scenes, from which they quickly emerge in the character of a fishwoman, and resort to the usual weapon of that class."

Other quotations hereafter will show the animus of this address, and how clearly it shows the weakness of his case by resorting to what he condemns, and using the last resort of men worsted in argument, billingsgate and harsh words. It seems to us that Companion SPEED feels he is playing a losing game. By the amount of his fluttering, he must be sorely wounded.

From the quotations above, after he frankly confesses that the G. G. Chapter has relinquished all claim to the Cryptic degrees, we fail to see how there can be no legal impediment to its resuming the degrees. On the other hand it is impossible. Every State has its Grand Council now. If the G. G. C. ever had the title and control, which we will not discuss, that title and control has forever passed, and can never be resumed as matters now stand. It is vested in other hands. As soon might a man after he had deeded all his right and title in a piece of real estate, try to resume control of it.

It seems to us, that the evident intention in Mississippi to continue to confer the Cryptic degrees, and defend their course by saying that they have the power, and the G. G. C. is merely advisory, and a league or confederation between the Grand Chapters, fails and is faulty. The simple and only answer needed to this, is to ask why they presented any memorials to the G. G. C. to recognize the Cryptic degrees. Why did several jurisdictions resolve to wait until after the Convocation at Detroit? Why did South Carolina and others rescind their action, and again establish their Grand Councils?

It is a mere quibble to say that the G. G. C. did not intend to interfere, and, when it recognized "the four degrees only," and thought it "inexpedient" to take any action concerning the Cryptic degrees, intended to leave it an open question, and to permit the various Grand Chapters to do as they pleased. Any unbiased person will say that the G. G. C. did not sanction any such thing. It is torturing the language, and drawing from the words an idea they were never intended to convey. They would not labor so hard to prove it, if they really believed it, or had any arguments to prove their assertions. When the G. G. C. resolves that it "has no jurisdiction over the Degrees of Royal Master and Select Master," can more than one construction be put upon it? Does it not declare that the Chapter cannot confer the Council degrees? Is not the merging of the two null and void?

Yet Companion SPEED suggests that in Mississippi they continue to confer these degrees, and says when we show any arguments, and they can without endangering their dignity, they may recede from their action.

Does any one suppose that they will listen to any arguments? No argument can convince them. Sufficient have already been presented in the past few years to convince. But Mississippi will not be convinced.

Again we quote from the review of the memorial:

"The first statement which seems to call for notice is the assertion "that it requires the unanimous consent of all the Grand Councils of the "land to transfer these Degrees to any other branch of Masonry. As we "in Mississippi received these degrees from the Supreme Council at Char- "leston long before any such thing as a Grand Council was heard of in "this latitude, through the Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem, by "whose mandate our Grand Council was organized and until the mania "for revision enveloped us in its toils, worked a ritual which upon its title "page bore the inscription:

"The Masonic Degrees of Royal and Select Master as taught by Illus- "trious Deputy Inspector General JOSEPH MEYERS, the original certified "copy of which was brought by him from Berlin, Prussia, and afterwards "on the 20th day of February, 1788, presented by him to the Grand Coun- "cil of the Princes of Jerusalem, at Charleston, S. Carolina, and by virtue "of which the legitimate degrees have always been conferred in all regular "Councils throughout the United States."

"We may well doubt the authority of any Grand Council to question "the right of our Grand Council to dispose of them. The Supreme Council "might, if it chose, demand their return to it, but surely no other body has "any claim to them which is better than our own, and none other can, "with the slightest pretence of authority assume to dictate to us the dispo- "sition we shall make of them."

This argument might be very good, if Mississippi were the only State in which these degrees were conferred, or if the Grand Council of Mississippi were the only Grand Council. But, as we said above, every State merely has its Grand Council. The Cryptic Rite has assumed national proportions; it has increased until it is fully recognized as an integral portion of Masonry. And any such change as handing its degrees over to the authority of another and lower body is too great and sweeping a change for any one Grand Council to dare to attempt. Such an action demands the consent of all and a universal agreement. A simple statement is enough. As well might the Grand Chapter of New York, because it has had the Capitular degrees from an early date, arrogate to itself the power of handing them over to the Lodge. Such an action would be universally condemned, and all Royal Arch Masons made by Lodges would be declared clandestine.

Again we quote, concerning the memorial:

"Regarding the endorsement of the so-called convention of Royal and

"Select Masters, which assembled at Detroit and assumed the grandilo-
"quent title of 'Provisional General Grand Council of Royal and Select
"Masters,' I have only to say that it amounts to no more than an expres-
"sion of approval by any other equal number of gentlemen, for that Con-
"vention was a self-constituted body and had only such powers as it chose
"to arrogate to itself. It pretended to act by virtue of authority granted
"to a body which met and finished the business which it was authorized
"to transact years before."

The Companions of Mississippi may believe this, for they may not be any better posted. But most of the Companions know that the Convention was a delegated body; that most of the grand Councils were represented. Some of the delegates had been appointed at the last Annual Assembly. Moreover the Buffalo Convention adjourned to meet at the call of the president, and that Convention was delegated. At Detroit no power was arrogated. It had a right to do what it did, and make the proposal it did. That proposal of a National G. Council could be accepted or rejected, and until nine Grand Councils ratified it, it was no power; but that it met the approval of the Rite is evident from the fact that twice that number of Grand Councils have ratified and become members of the G. G. Council. As to the endorsement of the memorial, it was a true endorsement of sixteen Grand Councils.

Once more we will quote from this address, and this quotation shows how uncertain Companion SPEED is concerning the "Mississippi plan," and also shows how easy it is to overlook the beam in his own eye while he picks at the mote in the eyes of the memorialists. He says:

"The organization of a General Grand Council of Royal and Select
"Masters will probably be effected. From the temper and spirit mani-
"fested by the self-constituted convention which set it upon foot it is fair
"to presume that it will be an aggressive body, and there is some reason
"to fear that it will attempt an interference with those Grand Chapters
"which have assumed control of the Cryptic degrees. Precisely what
"form that interference will take, of course cannot be predicted with any
"certainty, but it may be that it will attempt the creation of Councils to work
"these degrees in the States where the Grand Chapters exercise jurisdic-
"tion over them. There is one way in which we may effectually guard
"against any such attempt, and that is to prohibit any Royal Arch Mason
"from engaging in the work under penalty of expulsion, and I recom-
"mend that you take into consideration the propriety of adopting a regu-
"lation imposing such a penalty. We have no reason to expect that the
"General Grand Chapter will hereafter legislate against the position we
"have assumed, and indeed we have ground for indulging the hope that
"before it is again convened a majority of the States will adopt the 'Mis

"sissippi plan,' and thereby render it powerless to take any adverse "action."

Man is prone to indulge in the delusions of hope. The majority of the States have ratified and become members of the General Grand Council. It has been effective. It has been a grand success, a success we hardly expected; and eighteen Grand Councils are a grand majority, which decrees the end of the "Mississippi plan," and vindicates the "self-constituted body."

Whether the General Grand Council will form Councils in the States which have surrendered the Rite, we cannot say. We do not know that we would advise it at present, but rather wait for the Companions to see how utterly mistaken was their action in uniting with the Chapter. But should such action be determined, we maintain the G.·.G.·.Council would have a perfect right to organize Councils in Mississippi. All candidates made Royal and Select Masters by Chapters have been declared clandestine by nearly all the Grand Councils, and are so regarded by the G.·.G.·. Council. There are no Councils in those States which have abandoned the Cryptic Rite to the Chapter, and in all unoccupied territory the G.·.G.·. Council would be justified in again introducing the Rite in such territory. Still we would not advise it at present, although this Companion, who has so much to say about "bitterness," and "rancor," and "unmasonic spirit," and "manly and dignified spirit," and "anathemas" and "heretics," with an admirable consistency, puts himself upon record before all the Masonic world, for all time, as advising expulsion to be inflicted upon any Royal Arch Mason who may differ in opinion from him, or desire to have the Cryptic Degrees separate from the Chapter in Mississippi. This recommendation speaks for itself, and needs no further comments. We are sorry it is so.

We sincerely hope our Companions in these jurisdictions will soon retrace their steps, and rescind their action. We commend to their thoughtful consideration the example of South Carolina, from whose Charleston Mississippi first received the Cryptic Degrees. For what benefit will it be to Companions to receive these degrees under the authority of the Chapter? As matters stand now, in the vast majority of the States they are regarded as clandestine, and they are deprived of that great Masonic privilege, that of visiting in other jurisdictions, and can not even hold Cryptic intercourse with any but their own number. We hope that the reaction will soon set in in Mississippi, and she will set the example of returning as she sat that of going away. We are informed by a near neighbor of Mississippi, who is in correspondence with several of her Companions, that there are those in that State who denounce these proceedings, and who are Past Grand Masters at that, who will never be present in a Chapter to con-

fer the Cryptic Degrees, and some of whom are High Priests of Chapters and refuse to confer these degrees in the Chapter. It is evident not near as many are receiving the Cryptic Degrees under the Chapter as were expected and promised by the promoters of this movement.

May they soon return, and no one will give them a more hearty welcome than we.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

From the reports of the proceedings we learn that eighteen Grand Councils have ratified the Constitution of the General Grand Council.

Three, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Michigan, have appointed committees to report at their next Annual Assemblies; and three, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island, decline to become constituents of it. Arkansas, Kentucky, and Illinois, who had taken steps to "merge," have reconsidered their action, and stopped to reconnoitre.

WISCONSIN.

We learn from Comp. W. H. S. Whitscomb's report, of Vermont, which we quote:

"Have reorganized under the old constitution of 1878, with a membership of thirteen hundred." Their version of affairs is:

"We have now fifty-two Councils regularly organized and chartered by the Grand Council of Wisconsin. We believe our companions will greet us and recognize us as Royal and Select Masters, entitled to all the courtesies which are and ever should be extended to true Masons."

"We rejoice that Wisconsin's Grand Council is once more in their best, and we extend to them a cordial greeting and rejoice in their prosperity."

Comp. M. I. Fred King, Jr., Grand Master; Comp. John W. Woodhull, of Milwaukee, Grand Recorder.

Welcome! welcome! we greet thee, and extend the right hand of fellowship.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

At the annual assembly of the Grand Council of New York in 1872, four warrants were granted companions resident in England to establish Councils, which were duly constituted, and in July, 1873, a Grand Council was duly constituted as the most Puissant Grand Council of England and Wales and the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown, excepting North America.

We learn from the report of Comp. George W. Cooley, of Minnesota, 1880, the following. We copy his report in full:

"We receive tidings from this Grand Council by way of a letter from Companion D. M. Dewar, Grand Recorder.

"The Grand Council was held on Thursday, the 26th day of February, at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion Square, Holborn. There were present among other Companions, the Rev. G. R. Portal, M. P. Grand Master;

Frederick Davison, R. P. Grand Treasurer; Frederick Binckes, R. P. Grand Recorder; H. C. Levander, R. P. Grand Lecturer; Lieut. Col. F. Burdett, T. C. Watts, R. I. D. Grand Master, No. 1; D. M. Dewar, Recorder, No. 1; T. Meggy, T. Cubitt, I. E. Anderson, R. Loveland, H. R. Cooper Smith, R. Ray, W. Carlton Hale, T. Poore, and others.

"The minutes of the previous Grand Council having been read and confirmed, the Grand Recorder read a report of the Board of General Purposes, congratulating the Grand Council upon the progress the Cryptic Rite was making. It appeared from the report that nine warrants had been granted, and one hundred and forty certificates issued since the last meeting of the Grand Council. The report particularly mentioned the flourishing state of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1. The report was adopted. Several alterations having been made in the Book of Constitutions, the election of Grand Master resulted in favor of Companion, the Rev. G. R. Portal. Companion D. M. Dewar was appointed R. P. Grand Recorder.

"All business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the Grand Council was closed according to Ancient Form, and the majority of the members adjourned to banquet at the Holborn Restaurant.

"Among other warrants granted by the Grand Council, one was granted for a Council in Tunis (the site of ancient Carthage,) and one at Malta, and in both places the degrees are highly appreciated. In fact the Grand Council of England and Wales promises to be one of the most flourishing Grand Councils in the world."

We congratulate the companions of the old World upon their success and prosperity, and place the Grand Council of England and Wales upon our list of correspondence, and ask a reciprocal return.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we congratulate our companions upon the prospect for the prosperity of our rite. After going through the various proceedings, we are greatly encouraged; the prospect has not been so encouraging as it is now for years. The quaint old saying, "It's darkest just before the dawn," has proved itself; the 'Mississippi plan' has failed, and we believe will soon be heard of no more. There seems to be more enthusiasm and determination to go to work, and we believe that Cryptic Masonry is now securely anchored, and in line where she rightly belongs. Let her course be upward and onward. The General Grand Council is now a fixture, and the Grand Head of the Rite in the United States and Territories. Although not a constituent member, we wish her God-speed.

Companions, in making our report, we have endeavored to give you the *status* of Cryptic Masonry as it now stands, and from all we have gathered we find much to encourage us.

G. B. NOBLE,
For the Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS

Twenty-fifth Annual Assembly, held at Detroit,

COMMENCING MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1883.



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FORM OF PETITION FOR A NEW COUNCIL.

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

The undersigned petitioners, being Royal and Select Masters, having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, and being willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Cryptic Masonry, respectfully represent:

That they are desirous of forming a Council in the ——— ———, County of ———, and State of ———, to be named ——— Council, No.—.

They therefore pray for Letters of Dispensation, or a warrant of Constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal Council, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the regulations of the Grand Council.

They have nominated and do recommend, Comp. A. B., to be the first T. I. M.; Comp. C. D., to be the first D. M.; and Comp. E. G., to be the first P. C. of W. of said Council.

If the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted, they promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council

N. B.—The above petition must be signed by not less than nine Select Masters.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN assembled at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on Monday, January 15, being the Monday preceding the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1883, A. Dep. 2883, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. Ill. Comp. WILLIAM G. HUDSON.....Grand Master.
Ill. Comp. GEORGE H. GREENE.....D. Grand Master.
" JAMES H. CUMMINS.....G. P. C. of Work.
M. Ill. Comp. H. SHAW NOBLE.....G. Treasurer.
" " GARRA B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
Comp. GEORGE H. STEPHENSON.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" ALFRED BALDRY.....G. Conductor of Council.
" REV. FRANCIS A. BLADES.....G. Chaplain.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY.....G. Steward.
" ALEXANDER McGREGOR.....G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. Ill. Comp. D. B. TRACY.....Past Grand Master.
" " E. SPRAGUE.....Past Grand Master.
" " GEORGE HILL.....Past Grand Master.
" " HUGH McCURDY.....Past Grand Master.
" " DAVID WOODWARD.....Past Grand Master.
" " RUFUS C. HATHEWAY.....Past Grand Master.

The Grand Officers being present, and the representatives of a Constitutional number of Subordinate Councils, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was opened in ample form, with prayer by Rev. Francis A. Blades, Grand Chaplain.

The M I. Grand Master appointed Companions Edward C. Smith, Traverse Phillips and Peter F. Blosser a Committee on Credentials, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the Credentials submitted to them, and find the following members and delegates entitled to seats in the Grand Council:

Comp. WILLIAM G. HUDSON.....M. I. Grand Master.
" GEORGE H. GREENE.....D. Grand Master.
" JAMES H. CUMMINS.....G. P. C. of Work.
" H. SHAW NOBLE.....Grand Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE.....Grand Recorder.
" GEORGE H. STEPHENSON.....G. Captain of the Guard.
" ALFRED BALDRY.....G. Conductor of the Council.
" REV. FRANCIS A. BLADES.....Grand Chaplain.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY.....Grand Steward.
" ALEXANDER McGREGOR.....Grand Sentinel.

Also, the P. M I. G. Masters, Past D. G. Masters, and Past G. P. Conductors of Work.

And the following Officers and Delegates from Subordinate Councils:

Monroe Council, No. 1.

Comp. JAMES FINDLATER.....T. I. M.
" RICHARD ROWLAND.....D. M.
" JOHN B. THOMPSON.....P. C. of W.

Pontiac Council, No. 3.

Comp. SAMUEL H. NORTON.....T. I. M.
" EDWARD C. SMITH.....D. M.
" MARK WALTER.....P. C. of W.

River Raisin Council, No. 4.

Comp. ALF ED I. SAWYER.....T. I. M.
" WILLIAM S. HAIGHT.....D. M.
" ANDREW VIVIAN.....P. C. of W.

Jonesville Council, No. 5.

Comp. JAMES I. DENNIS.....D. M.
" CHAS. H. LEVINS.....P. C. of W. and Proxy for T. I. M.

Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.

Comp. J. S. CONOVER.....P. C. of W., Representative of Council.

Romeo Council, No. 8.

Comp. ABIJAH E. PALMER.....T. I. M.
" JAMES GRAY.....D. M.
" CHARLES F. NEWBERRY.....P. C. of W.

Zabud Council, No. 9.

Comp. D. D. BUCK.....T. I. M.
" C. J. MILLER.....D. M.
" A. B. POWELL.....P. C. of W.

Tyre Council, No. 10.

Comp. WILLIAM P. INNES.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" GEORGE VORHEIS.....D. M.
" GEORGE LABOUR.....P. C. of W.

Union Council, No. 11.

Comp. C. F. R. BELLOWS.....T. I. M.
" C. T. ASHLEY.....D. M.
HOWARD STEPHENSON.....P. C. of W.

Ionia Council, No. 12.

Comp. PETER B. HAIGHT.....T. I. M.
" L. P. ESSICK.....D. M.
" A. L. COLTON.....P. C. of W.

Sturgis Council, No. 13.

Comp. W. W. STONE.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" H. L. ANTHONY.....D. M.
" IRA F. PACKARD.....P. C. of W.

Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.

Comp. IRA CARPENTER.....T. I. M.
" GEO. CARD.....D. M.
" ARNOLD BURGES.....P. C. of W.

Genesee Council, No. 17.

Comp. EDWIN M. ADAMS.....T. I. M.
" B. POTTER.....D. M.
" W. E. SMITH.....P. C. of W.

Adrian Council, No. 18.

Comp. JOHN F. KIMBALL.....T. I. M.
" DANIEL T. ANDERSON.....D. M.
" ORSAMUS LAMB.....P. C. of W.

Niles Council, No. 19.

Comp. H. IRVING BABCOCK.....D. M. and Proxy for T. I. M.
" ENOCH FLEGAL.....P. C. of W.

Saginaw Council, No. 20.

Comp. GEO. B. GAGE.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" D. B. REEVE.....D. M.
" H. H. CHEENY.....P. C. of W.

St. Johns Council, No. 21.

Comp. GEO. H. STEPHENSON.....T. I. M.
" CHAS. S. WICKS.....D. M.
" J. D. HENDERSON.....P. C. of W.

Portland Council, No. 23.

Comp. W. E. LOOMIS.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" D. KENNEDY.....D. M
" GEO. HILL.....P. C. of W

Adoniram Council, No. 24.

Comp. J. D. VAN DUYN.....T. I. M.
" ARTHUR CASE.....D. M.
" PETER F. BLOSSER.....P. C. of W.

King Solomon Council, No. 25.

Comp. CHARLIE GAY.....T. I. M.
" PETER McNAUGHTON.....D. M.
" B. ELIAL HUTCHINSON.....P. C. of W.

Clinton Council, No. 26.

Comp. DAVID BROOKS.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" GEORGE FISHER.....D. M.
" WILLIAM C. ROGERS.....P. C. of W.

Oceana Council, No. 27.

Comp. WILLIAM E. DOCKRY.....T. I. M.
" FRED. WILSON.....D. M.
" GEO. W. INNIS.....P. C. of W.

Lansing Council, No. 29.

Comp. JOSIAH BRUNO.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE H. GREENE.....D. M.
" LELAND H. BRIGGS.....P. C. of W.

Northville Council, No. 30.

No Returns.

Jackson Council, No. 32.

Comp. T. H. WILLIAMS.....T. I. M.
" SANFORD HUNT.....D. M.
" R. LIVERMORE.....P. C. of W.

Ithaca Council, No. 33.

Comp. J. F. HENRY.....T. I. M.
" J. L. SINCLAIR.....D. M.
" W. C. BECKWITH.....P. C. of W.

Union Council, No. 35.

Comp. A. B. AIKIN.....T. I. M.
" R. SIMONS.....D. M.
" R. E. McDONALD.....P. C. of W.

Charlotte Council, No. 36.

Comp. E. T. CHURCH.....T. I. M.
" DANIEL BAUGHMAN.....D. M.
" P. S. DEGRAFFE.....P. C. of W.

Nebuzaraden Council, No 37,

Comp. DANIEL E. NELSON.....Representative of Council.
" A. C. FRENCH.....T. I. M.
" A. J. TRUSDELL.....D. M.
" SHELDEN BLISS.....P. C. of W.

Corunna Council, No. 38,

Comp. CHAS. H. COSSETT.....T. I. M.
" JAMES ANDERSON.....D. M.
" WILLIAM J. WESTLAKE.....P. C. of W.

Holly Council, No. 39.

Comp. JAMES H. CUMMINS.....T. I. M.
" THOS. M. JOSLIN.....D. M.
" M. D. ELLIOTT.....P. C. of W., Representative of Council.

Bronson Council, No. 40.

Comp. I. D. HULL.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" L. W. LEWIS.....D. M.
" J. E. PULLMAN.....P. C. of W.

Lapeer Council, No. 42.

Comp. W. F. DALY.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" F. J. JACKSON.....D. M.
" WM. COLINCK.....P. C. of W.

Lawrence Council, No. 43.

Comp. G. H. CROSS.....T. I. M., Representative of Council
" W. S. BIDWELL.....D. M.
" J. F. BURROWS.....P. C. of W.

St. Joseph Council, No. 44.

Comp. HENRY L. PITCHER.....T. I. M.
" HENRY M. ZEKIND.....D. M.
" H. C. ROCKWELL.....P. C. of W.

South Haven Council, No. 45.

Comp. S. S. DONOHUE.....Proxy for T. I. M.
" S M. TROWBRIDGE.....Proxy for D. M.
" EDWIN D. BEEBE.....P. C. of W.

Manistee Council, No. 46.

Comp. LOUIS E. MORRIS.....T. I. M.
" D. W. MOWATT.....D. M.
" A. McKEE.....P. C. of W.

Ludington Council, No. 48

Comp. FRANK P. DUNWELL.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE W. STRAY.....D. M.
" D. V. SAMUELS.....P. C. of W.

Giblum Council, No. 49.

Comp. A. B. DRAKE.....T. I. M.
" M. W. RIKER.....D. M.
" T. PHILLIPS.....P. C. of W., Proxy for T. I. M.

Leslie Council, No. 50.

Comp. A. C. MANLEY.....T. I. M.
" E. OLDMAN.....D. M.
" WM. HUTCHINGS.....P. C. of W., Proxy for T. I. M.

Grand Haven Council, No. 51.

Comp. GEORGE. E. HUBBARD.....T. I. M.
" WM. J. H. SAUNDERS.....D. M.
" CHARLES N. DICKINSON.....P. C. of W.

Petoskey Council, No. 52.

Comp. LEVI W. COLE.....T. I. M.
" JOSEPH A. C. ROWAN.....D. M.
" SYLVESTER B. CALKINS.....P. C. of W.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD C. SMITH,
TRAVERSE PHILLIPS,
PETER F. BLOSSER,
Committee.

M. I. Grand Master, William G. Hudson, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

As we cross the threshold of another Masonic year, it becomes our duty and privilege, in accordance with a practice of our ancient brethren, to pause and review, very briefly, the work of the year just past. I therefore crave your indulgence while I return to you an account of my doings, performed in behalf of our Order, in the special department of the goodly edifice entrusted to us for building.

First, let us contemplate for a moment how rapidly we are all approaching the borders of that land from whose bourne no traveler returns. While we mingle our tears and pay our last tribute of respect to the memory of him who has fallen in the great struggle of life; while God, in His infinite mercy, has permitted us once more to assemble around this sacred altar and thank Him that we still live, death has, nevertheless, invaded the Secret Vault of this Grand Council, and removed one of our Companions, as we trust and believe, to everlasting life in the paradise of God.

Comp. William V. Griffith, who died in the City of Detroit, April 25th, 1882, has stood Sentinel at the door of our Secret Vault for the last 17 years. His example of faithfulness should stand a model to his successor. I recommend that a memorial page be inscribed to his memory in our next printed proceedings.

And now, Companions, according to the custom which so generally prevails, I presume it will be expected of me, at this time, to enter into a long discourse upon the beauties and teachings of our Grand Institution. This I do not purpose to do, as they have all very recently most ably been set forth in your hearing by Companions of ability. I shall, therefore, proceed to present to you a report of my official acts.

The past year has been one of peace and harmony. Not a complaint has been made to me, not a charge preferred, and but

one question submitted during the year. I believe it to be a matter of congratulation that there has been no dispensations granted for new Councils, while the charters of several Councils have been forfeited for failure to pay proper respect to this Grand Council. The strength of our Order consists, not in the number of our Councils, but in the fervency and zeal, the purity, intelligence and morality of their members. It is not without a feeling of pleasure that I allude to a fact, doubtless well known to many of the Companions here assembled, I refer to the States of Illinois and Wisconsin, who, since our last assembly, have receded from their previous action in regard to "merging," and have re-organized Grand Councils and resumed control of the R. & S. M. Degrees.

I would recommend that the congratulations of this body be sent to these re-organized Grand Councils.

OFFICIAL.

On the 12th day of February I received the bond of the Grand Treasurer, which I approved and forwarded to the Grand Recorder. On March 16th last it was my pleasure to meet with the Companions of Petoskey Council, No. 52, constitute the same and install its officers. On the 17th of March I constituted Grand Haven Council, No. 51, and installed its officers. I am sure that the Cryptic Rite, in such hands as the Companions at Petoskey and Grand Haven, can but prosper. And I wish here to publicly thank the Companions for courtesies extended me.

On the 12th of April I received a petition from Romeo Council, No. 8, asking permission to open their Council at Mt. Clemens, for the purpose of conferring the degrees on a number of Companions, Mt. Clemens being in their jurisdiction, and believing it to be for the good of the Craft, I granted their petition. Oct 26th, for good reasons shown, I granted a Special Dispensation to St. Johns Council, No. 28, to receive the petitions of three Companions, and pass the ballot for their advancement before the required time. Nov. 30th, Monroe Council,

No. 1, asked permission to hold their annual assembly before the prescribed time. Sufficient and satisfactory reasons being given, I granted their request. On Dec. 18th I gave Ludington Council, No. 48, permission to hold their annual assembly one week later than prescribed in their by-laws. During the year I have made very few official visits, for the reason that I could ill afford to make many such. The financial element of paying my own expenses, without fee or reward, was too severe a drain on my poorly filled cash drawer. I believe, however, that this Grand Council should adopt some plan of official visitation. Some system would unquestionably result in great good to the Craft, and is, in my opinion, necessary. The visiting officer should have his expenses paid at least, as it is far too much to expect any one to do more than lose his time from his business.

DELINQUENT COUNCILS.

At our last assembly the M. I. G. Master was instructed to see that Article six of the By-Laws of this Grand Council be strictly enforced. In looking over the reports of some years past, I found that quite a number of Councils had made no returns and paid no dues for several years, some of these delinquencies reaching as far back as 1876. I requested the Grand Recorder to have printed and send to each last T. I. M. and Recorder of all delinquent Councils, a copy of the By-Laws, together with the action of the Grand Council at their last Assembly relating thereto, and that he inform me of the results.

In November, Comp. Noble reported to me that he had not received a reply to any of his communications. I thereupon took the following action in the matter:

On Dec. 15, I visited Companions of Hiram Council, No. 14, arrested their charter, and have placed it in the hands of the Grand Recorder. I was unable to find the records of Hiram Council. Dowagiac, No. 28, has made no returns to this Grand Council since 1877. Dec. 10, I deputized Comp. H. A. Edwards, of Niles, to visit Dowagiac and arrest their charter, which he

did, and I have placed it, together with the records in the hands of the Grand Recorder.

Reading Council, No. 31, has paid no dues since 1879. I deputized Comp. Ira Carpenter, of Hillsdale, to arrest their charter, which was done, and placed with their records in the hands of the Grand Recorder. Comp. Carpenter informs me that the expenses incurred were $5.00, which I recommend be paid.

Three Rivers Council, No. 7, and Centerville, No. 41, have paid no dues and made no returns to the Grand Council since 1879. Dec. 15, I deputized Comp. A. C. French, of Constantine, to arrest their charters, which, after considerable trouble, he found and forwarded to me, and I placed them in the hands of the Grand Recorder. The charter of Newaygo, No. 47, I have not arrested for the reason that I have been unable, from pressure of my own affairs, to visit them in person, and could not find any Companion in that vicinity to attend to the duty for me. The case is one that calls as loudly for discipline as any. No report has been made and no dues paid since 1876.

As you have seen by the foregoing, I have arrested the charters of five Councils. I have performed this duty in compliance with the order of this Grand Council. Though I regret its necessity, I have no doubt it was necessary, and am of the opinion that in some instances it should have been done some years earlier. I have reason to believe that this work will result in good to our order. In some instances it will enable new and stronger workmen to remove the debris and build goodly edifices. In others let us hope that more skillful, wise and zealous craftsmen will be found to erect enduring walls on a firm foundation, still remaining.

And now, Illustrious Companions, as I return to you the emblem of authority which you kindly entrusted one year since to my care, permit me to thank you most fervently for the high honor you have conferred upon me, and for the kind and fraternal greetings that have met me on every hand. Comp. Noble, Grand Recorder, I wish especially to thank for the kind

and efficient aid he has given me in the discharge of my official duties. Companions, you have before you for consideration my official acts during the past year, and as I am not blessed with so brilliant an intellect as many of my illustrious predecessors, I trust that my many short-comings will be by you attributed to my misconceptions of duty, and ask at your hands that leniency so becoming in the man and the mason, which will enable you to award me the best of motives, however imperfect and faulty my work may have been, and throw around it the broad mantle of Masonic charity.

W. G. HUDSON,
M. I. G. Master.

On motion of M. I. P. G. M. Hugh McCurdy, the address of the M. I. Grand Master was referred to the following committee for subdivision and reference: Comps. Hugh McCurdy, David Woodward and E. Sprague.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE.—Comps. S. H. Norton, E. H. Adams, W. E. Dockry.

RETURNS.—Comps. Richard Rowland, D. D. Buck, A. B. Aiken.

JURISPRUDENCE.—Comps. P. M. I. G. M. Hugh McCurdy, P. M. I. G. M. David Woodward, William Went, Jr.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.—Comps. William P. Innes, James Findlater, M. D. Elliott.

On motion of Comp. Geo. H. Stephenson, the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year was made the special order for to-morrow, Tuesday, at 10 o'clock A. M.

COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE.

The committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's address for subdivision and reference submitted the following:

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

Your Committee on Division and Reference respectfully report that they congratulate the workmen of the Secret Vault on the general prosperity and harmony that exists among the workmen of the State, and the

able manner in which the M. I. Grand Master has discharged the duties of his office, with honor to himself and profit to the craft.

1. Your committee recommend that so much of the address as relates to the death of Comp. William V. Griffith be referred to a special committee of three.

2. That so much as relates to "Official Visitations" be referred to a special committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HUGH McCURDY,
DAVID WOODWARD,
E. SPRAGUE,
Committee.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On the Death of Comp. William V. Griffith—Comps. M. I. G. M. Hugh McCurdy, G. Chaplain Rev. Francis A. Blades, William P. Innes.

On Visitations - Comps. P. M. I. G. M. David Woodward, Samuel H. Norton, Peter F. Blosser.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following communications from Jonesville Council, No. 5, and Saginaw Council, No. 20, which were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Jonesville, Mich., January 8, 1883.

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

Companions—By a vote of Jonesville Council, No. 5, of Royal and Select Masters, I am directed to notify the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of Michigan that Mt Ararat Council, No. 15, R. & S. M., of Hillsdale, Mich., received the petition and conferred the degrees of Royal and Select Master upon Comp. G. W. Mosher, who was at that time a resident of Jonesville and within the jurisdiction of Jonesville Council, No. 5, R. & S. M., and to ask your Grand body to take such action in the case as justice shall require.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

[seal.] J. W. HOMES,
Recorder, Jonesville Council, No. 5.

EAST SAGINAW, Mich., December 4, 1882.

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

At a regular convocation of Saginaw Council, No. 20, R. & S. M., held in Masonic Hall, Monday evening, December 4, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the T. I. Master of this Council be and he is hereby instructed to call the attention of the Grand Council to the feasibility of abandoning the Grand Council, and taking such action as will authorize the conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master by the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons.

[SEAL.]

GEO. B. GAGE,
Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their annual financial statements, which were referred to the Finance Committee:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. SHAW NOBLE, Grand Treasurer,

In account with Grand Council of R. and S. Masters.

1882.		DR.	
January 16,	To balance on hand		$279 85
	" Cash of Grand Secretary		300 00
17,	" " " "		175 00
1883.			
January 12,	" " " "		16 00
			$770 85
	To balance on hand		$325 85

1882.		CR.	
January 17,	By warrant of G. B. Noble		$125 00
	" " W. V. Griffith		10 00
	" " A. S. Ganson		5 00
	" Pay-roll receipts		138 00
	" Paid A. E. Palmer, receipts		3 00
	" " R. C. Hatheway		25 00
	" " P. F. Blosser		3 00
May 11,	" " W. H. Thompson		71 00
June 19,	" " G. B. Noble		15 00
Nov. 17,	" " Roehm & Wright		50 00
	" balance on hand		325 85
			$770 85

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

G. B. Noble, Grand Recorder,

In account with Grand Council.

January 16, 1882. Dr.

For dues from	Monroe Council	No.	1	$ 53 75
" "	Pontiac Council	"	3	19 75
" "	Jonesville Council	"	5	8 75
" "	Mt. Moriah Council	"	6	22 75
" "	Romeo Council	"	8	4 50
" "	Zabud Council	"	9	36 75
" "	Tyre Council	"	10	23 00
" "	Union Council	"	11	19 00
" "	Ionia Council	"	12	17 50
" "	Sturgis Council	"	13	6 75
" "	Mt. Ararat Council	"	15	10 00
" "	Genesee Council	"	17	6 75
" "	Adrian Council	"	18	16 25
" "	Niles Council	"	19	14 00
" "	Saginaw Council	"	20	17 00
" "	St. Johns Council	"	21	15 25
" "	Portland Council	"	23	6 50
" "	Adoniram Council	"	24	8 25
" "	King Solomon Council	"	25	3 50
" "	Clinton Council	"	26	7 75
" "	Oceana Council	"	27	8 25
" "	Lansing Council	"	29	11 00
" "	Jackson Council	"	32	34 25
" "	Ithaca Council	"	33	5 75
" "	Union City Council	"	35	9 00
" "	Charlotte Council	"	36	8 75
" "	Corunna Council	"	38	16 25
" "	Holly Council	"	39	10 00
" "	Bronson Council	"	40	6 75
" "	Lapeer Council	"	42	9 50
" "	Lawrence Council	"	43	18 25
" "	St. Joseph Council	"	44	11 00
" "	South Haven Council	"	45	5 50
" "	Manistee Council	"	46	6 00
" "	Ludington	"	48	11 50
" "	Giblum Council	"	49	10 00
" "	Leslie Council	"	50	8 50
" "	Grand Haven Council	U. D.		8 75
" "	Romeo Council, No. 8, for 1880			4 50
June 22,	Received from Grand Treasurer			15 00
"	1 copy report sold			75
				$537 00

1882.		Cr.	
January	16,	By Balance from last report	$ 8 77
		" Paid Grand Treasurer	300 00
	17,	" " " "	175 00
		" Fees, two Charters	10 00
June	29,	" Richmond & Backus, printing and binding	7 00
May	18,	" Postage stamps and envelopes	13 48
October	2,	" Thompson & Co., printing circulars	1 50
December	1,	" " " " " and postals	2 50
		" C. P. C. Noble, printing postals	2 00
1883.			
January	11,	" Richmond, Backus & Co., stationery	75
		" Paid Grand Treasurer	16 00
			$537 00

The Grand Council was then called from labor until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, January 16, 1883.

The Grand Council resumed labor at 9 A. M. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

COMMITTEE ON VISITATIONS.

The Special Committee on Visitations, to whom was referred that portion of the M. I. G. Master's address, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

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

Your Committee on Official Visitation would respectfully report that we have had that portion of the M. I. G. Master's address under consideration, and would recommend that the M. I. G. Master appoint some suitable Companion near such Council as he may deem necessary, or may request such visitation at the expense of the Council visited.

In the present condition of the treasury of this Grand body, we do not deem it expedient to allow a Grand Lecturer, nor the M. I. G. Master to make such visits at the expense of this Grand body. All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID WOODWARD,
SAMUEL H. NORTON,
PETER F. BLOSSER,
Committee.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

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

COMPANIONS—I herewith submit my report of the transactions of my office for the preceding year.

As soon as possible, after the close of the last annual assembly, the proceedings thereof were printed and distributed as usual.

I also, under the instructions of the Grand Council, procured a suitable jewel for Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Rufus C. Hatheway, as a token of the high esteem entertained for him by the members of this Grand Council. Performed that duty, and presented the jewel to Most Illustrious Companion Hatheway on your behalf, receiving the following reply:

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 14, 1882.

GARRA B. NOBLE, ESQ.,
Ill. Grand Recorder, R. & S. M.,

MY DEAR COMP.—Permit me to exclaim, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." I received by express the P. M. Ill Grand Master's jewel, which the Grand Council, in their generosity, voted me at the last annual assembly.

This beautiful token from my esteemed Companions of the Craft is accepted with very many thanks, and through you I wish to tender my grateful acknowledgments of so fine a gift, and for the courtesy which has always been extended to me by the Order.

I trust my pilgrimage here will be such that no act of mine will ever tarnish its purity and lustre, and my posterity be honored with its possession.

Pledging fidelity to the Grand body, its officers and members,

I am, fraternally yours,

RUFUS C. HATHEWAY,
P. M Ill. Grand Master, R. & S. M.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT COUNCILS.

By direction of the M. I. Grand Master, I issued to the T. I. Masters of the several delinquent subordinate Councils in arrears for dues and reports, a circular containing a copy of the By-Laws, requesting them to report to me as soon as possible. Receiving no response, I reported the same to the M. I. Grand Master.

PROCEEDINGS BOUND.

I have collected and had bound two volumes (not being able to get more, being short of proceedings of 1871,) of the proceedings of the Grand Council from its organization to and including proceedings of 1882. I would respectfully ask permission to present, in behalf of this Grand Council, one volume to the Masonic Library of the City of Detroit.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

Three Rivers Council, No. 7, Hiram, No. 14, Dowagiac, No. 28, Reading, No. 31, and Centerville, No. 41, have surrendered their charters the past year, and are now in my possession.

The surrender of charters of subordinate Councils is to be regretted, yet I think it not so much a matter of regret as to have them stand in the way of other and more prosperous Councils. And I believe that the action of our M. I. Grand Master has had a beneficial effect in stimulating to greater exertion the remaining Councils.

It is with much pleasure I can report that I have received reports from every working Council of our jurisdiction for the past year, giving evidence of a more healthy and prosperous condition of Cryptic Masonry within our jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

G. B. NOBLE,
Grand Recorder.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

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

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the communication from Saginaw Council, No. 20, most respectfully report:

That the question submitted was fully settled by this Grand Council at the annual assembly held January, 1879, which is as follows, (see proceedings of 1879, page 35):

Resolved, That this Grand Council unequivocally condemns the action of any of our sister jurisdictions favoring the merging of the Cryptic Degrees with those of the Chapter, and declare that the successful advocacy of such a policy will be fatal to the perpetuation of the Cryptic Degrees, in their purity and sublimity, wherever such plan is adopted.

Resolved, That this Grand Council hereby enters its solemn protest against the merging of the Cryptic Degrees into the hands of any Grand Chapter, and will hold any Companion, who receives the Cryptic Degrees under such authority, as clandestinely made; and as such cannot be received with fraternal greeting within this Grand jurisdiction.

Resolved; That Subordinate Councils are hereby interdicted from receiving or holding any Masonic intercourse with such clandestine Royal and Select Masters. All of which is respectfully submitted.

And that the same be hereby affirmed.

We further report that the complaint of Jonesville Council, No. 5, having been honorably and satisfactorily settled between said Councils, no action is required by the Grand Council.

HUGH McCURDY,
DAVID WOODWARD,
WILLIAM WENT, JR.,
Committee.

Which was received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

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

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for the past year, together with the accompanying vouchers, and find them correct.

Your committee find that the Grand Recorder has paid over to the Grand Treasurer all the money received by him.

They find the amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer at the close of the last session was $279.85; amount received from Grand Recorder during the year, $491.00; making a total of $770.85. Amount paid out, as per vouchers, $445.00; leaving a balance on hand at the beginning of this session, $325.85, which shows that the Grand Council is in a prosperous condition.

Your committee recommend the payment of the following bills:

H. A. Edwards, for arresting charter of Dowagiac Council, No. 28, $4.20. Comp. Ira Carpenter, for arresting charter of Reading Council, No. 31, $5.00. Democrat Publishing Co., Monroe, printing receipts, $2.25.

Your committee also recommend that the Grand Recorder be paid the sum of $125 for his services, and that he be authorized to have the proceedings printed and distributed as usual, pay for the same, and that the

Grand Treasurer be instructed to repay the same to the Grand Recorder on presentation of the bills with his endorsement.

Your committee also recommend that the sum of $10 be paid the Grand Sentinel.

Your committee further recommend that the sum of $25 be allowed M. I. Grand Master Wm. G. Hudson, as a partial remuneration for his incidental expenses, and that a suitable jewel be procured and presented to him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL H. NORTON,
EDWIN M. ADAMS,
WILLIAM E. DOCKRY,
Committee.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted their report, which was adopted:

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

Your Standing Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully beg leave to report, that no applications or papers requiring their attention have been brought before them. They therefore ask to be discharged from further duty.

WM. P. INNES,
JAMES FINDLATER,
M. D. ELLIOTT,
Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The time fixed by special order for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the M. I. G. Master appointed as tellers Comps. Geo. Hill and Charles F. Gibson, who, after receiving and counting the ballots, reported the following Companions as having received a majority of all the votes cast, and who were thereupon severally declared duly elected, as follows:

Comp. GEORGE H. GREENE, Lansing ..... M. I. G. M.
" JAMES H. CUMMINS, Holly ..... D. G. M.
" GEORGE H. STEPHENSON, St. Johns ..... G. P. C. of W.
" H. SHAW NOBLE, Monroe ..... G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit ..... G. Recorder.
" ALFRED BALDRY, St. Joseph ..... G. Capt. of Guard.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY, South Haven ..... G. Con of Council.
" Rev. FRANCIS A. BLADES, Detroit, ... G. Chaplain.
" EDWIN M. ADAMS, Fenton ..... G. Steward.
" ALEXANDER McGREGOR, Detroit ..... G. Sentinel.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

The resolution submitted by the Committee at the annual assembly of 1882, to ratify and accept the Constitution, and laid over for action by the Subordinate Councils—no action having been reported by the several Subordinate Councils—On motion of P. M. I. G. M., H. Shaw Noble, it was laid over until the next annual assembly.

RETURNS.

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

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of the Subordinate Councils, and after making the necessary corrections would report as follows: Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30, 32, 33 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 49, 50, 51, 52 correct. Nos. 24 and 27 over-paid 25c. each, and No. 40, short 25c.

RICHARD ROWLAND,
D. D. BUCK,
A. B. AIKEN,
Committee.

Which was received and adopted and the Grand Recorder, by vote of the Grand Council, was directed to receive and refund the amounts as reported, "which was done."

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master D. B. Tracy—Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Hugh McCurdy acting as Grand Marshal—and conducted to their stations.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Grand Master appointed as Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Comp. Grand Recorder and Comp. Grand Treasurer H. Shaw Noble.

AMENDMENT.

P. M. I. Grand Master, David Woodward, presented the following amendment: To amend Article 1, Section 1 of the Constitution, by adding to the list of officers "Grand Lecturer," which was received and laid over until the next annual assembly for concurrence.

OBITUARY.

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

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. I. Grand Master's address as relates to the death of Comp. William V. Griffith, report:

Companion William V. Griffith died at his home in Detroit, Michigan, April 25th, 1882, and was buried on the 27th of April, 1882, by Zion Lodge, No. 1, of which he had long been a zealous and a valued member. At his funeral the different Masonic bodies of Detroit were largely represented, Monroe Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., appearing in the procession as a distinct body.

Companion Griffith was born in England, February 25th, 1815, in the town of Taunton, County of Somerset. At the age of 22 he enlisted in the 32d Regiment of English Infantry, where he distinguished himself as an eminent, faithful, industrious and trustworthy soldier.

He received the first three degrees of Masonry in the Lodge of Union, Peace and Concord, No. 396, First Royal Regiment, London, Ontario, June 8d, 1841.

The degrees of Mark Master and Past Master were conferred upon him in Chapter Concord, Honor and Fidelity, in Her Majesty's Second Battallion First Royal Regiment of Infantry, December 29, 1841, and was admitted a member of Zion Lodge, No. 1, Detroit, December 22, 1852. He received the degree of M. E. M. in Monroe Chapter, No. 1, Detroit, October 5. 1854, and was made a R. A. M. November 24, 1854. Bro. Griffith received the Order of the Red Cross May 12, 1865, and was Knighted May 19. 1865.

He was Tyler of Zion Lodge No. 1, Detroit, for about seventeen years.

He received the degrees of R. and S. M. in Monroe Council, 1855, and was Sentinel of the Council for about fifteen years prior to his death; he was also at the time of his death Sentinel of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of this State, and had been for many years Tyler of the Grand Lodge and Sentinel of the Grand Commandery, which positions he ever honored by a conscientious performance of every duty.

Companion Griffith was a true Mason, because he was a true man. If Masonry means anything it means the development of manhood. Bro. Griffith had been a soldier, he was a Mason because herein he found fullest scope for the expression of his natural desire to serve his fellow-men. To whatever position he was called, whether to defend his queen, or with drawn sword to guard the entrance to the temple in which he worshipped, and the throne before which as a true and upright Mason he bowed down, he was honest in the discharge of his duty.

It matters not to what post of duty one may be called as a Mason or as a man, he alone is worthy of the highest meed of praise who is faithful even in that which is least; and herein lies the test of true worth whether one occupy the highest or lowliest position in the gift of his fellow-man.

We have put him to the trial, to the proof; we have put his patience to the test, and we have found him noble, found that he failed not in the harder struggle, failed not in the greater trial. There is many a life made beautiful and noble by the sacrifice of self and self-restraint, whose pleasure is to serve, be that service only to stand and wait. Such lives may fail of the halo of glory which artists paint around the head of the saint, yet who will say that, in their ambition to serve, their lives were not complete. No blast of trumpet nor rustling of banners herald the presence of those silent protectors of man's dearest interests; no historian may record their service of watching for the highest good of man; but who will say that their deeds are not recorded in the enduring memories of those whose lives their silent service has blessed.

Our Companion, whom we deplore, was a man of iron nerve, a man ever to the occasion true; but his long life of silent watching and faithful service is over. No more as Tyler and watchful Sentinel will he greet his brethren with the challenge, and bend with listening ear to catch the answering word; but to each one of us to whom his challenge has so often come, will his faithful life ever be a challenge to be possessed of those higher virtues and nobler principles of manhood by which alone we shall be able to give honest and satisfactory answers to the questions required of us by the Grand Sentinel above; by which alone we shall gain an entrance to that Grand Council where the only test of admission is such a life as our departed Companion lived; a life of faithful service for the good of human kind; where the magic word, before which every door flings open wide, is the motto of our brother's life, "I serve."

Your Committee recommend that a page of our proceedings be set apart and dedicated as a memorial to our departed brother.

HUGH McCURDY,
FRANCIS A. BLADES,
WILLIAM P. INNES,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

On motion, the thanks of the Grand Council were extended to the fraternity of Detroit, for the free use of their beautiful hall during the present assembly.

On motion, the thanks of the Grand Council were tendered to Past Grand Master Wm. G. Hudson, for his able and impartial services as Grand Master during the past year.

CLOSING.

The Grand Council, having completed its labors, was then closed in ample and solemn form—prayer by Rev. Francis A. Blades, Grand Chaplain—to meet again in annual assembly in the City of Detroit, on the Monday preceding the third Tuesday of January (being the 14th), A. D. 1884, A. Dep. 2884.



GEORGE H. GREENE,
M. I. Grand Master.

ATTEST:

Grand Recorder.

RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE COUNCILS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1882.

Number.	NAME.	Location.	County.	T. I. Master.	Recorder.	Advanced.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Died.	Total Membership.	Dues Paid.	Regular Assembly Each Month.
1	Monroe	Detroit	Wayne	James Findlater	C. W. Maynard	23	..	..	3	..	1	4	212	$69 75	Monday after Full Moon.
3	Pontiac	Pontiac	Oakland	Samuel H. Norton	J. A. Harris	3	..	..	2	..	2	1	69	19 50	First Monday each month.
4	River Raisin	Monroe	Monroe	Alfred I. Sawyer	Chester Toll	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	7 00	Friday after Full Moon.
5	Jonesville	Jonesville	Hillsdale	R. G. Spaulding	Jasen W. Storm	5	..	2	1	..	..	..	33	11 75	Thursday after Chapter.
6	Mt. Moriah	Coldwater	Branch	N. Rosenbaum	David Bovee	5	..	..	1	..	..	3	78	22 75	First Thursday each month.
8	Romeo	Romeo	Macomb	Abijah E. Palmer	Dwight W. Lowell	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	4 50	First Tuesday each month.
9	Zabud	Battle Creek	Calhoun	D. D. Buck	Geo. F. Barrows	..	..	1	11	..	..	4	106	22 50	First Wednesday each month.
10	Tyre	Gra'd Rapids	Kent	R. C. Hatheway	John L. Curtis	5	2	..	4	..	..	..	47	14 75	First Thursday each month.
11	Union	Ypsilanti	Washten'w	C. F. R. Bellows	W. L. Pack	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	67	16 50	Third Wednesday each month.
12	Ionia	Ionia	Ionia	Peter B. Haight	Daniel L. Nash	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	46	14 00	.....
13	Sturgis	Sturgis	St. Joseph	Thomas J. Collins	Henry S. Church	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	5 00	Tuesday after Full Moon.
15	Mt. Ararat	Hillsdale	Hillsdale	Ira Carpenter	Lemuel S. Ranney	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	44	13 75	Second Monday each month.
17	Genesee	Fenton	Genesee	Edwin M. Adams	W. J. Fitch	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	20	4 75	Thursday on or succ'ding F.M.
18	Adrian	Adrian	Lenawee	John F. Kimball	Fred. A. Ferguson	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	57	15 25	Tuesday after Full Moon.
19	Niles	Niles	Berrien	Hiram A. Edwards	Geo. W. Timmons	6	..	1	1	..	..	..	49	16 75	Thursday after Full Moon.
20	Saginaw	East Saginaw	Saginaw	Fred. E. Hoyt	Geo. B. Gage	..	..	2	17	..	1	1	41	10 00	First Monday each month.
21	St. John	St. Johns	Clinton	G. H. Stephenson	J. M. Frisbie	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	53	15 00	Wednesday on or before F. M.
23	Portland	Portland	Ionia	F. G. Lee	W. E. Loomis	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	26	6 25	Wednesday preceding F. M.
24	Adoniram	Manchester	Washten'w	J. D. Van Duyn	Mat. D. Blosser	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	33	10 75	Tuesday after Full Moon.
25	King Solom'n	Big Rapids	Mecosta	Charlie Gay	Chas. D. Bronson	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	19	6 50	First Tuesday each month.
26	Clinton	Clinton	Lenawee	David Woodward	Danforth Keyes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	6 25	Wednesday on or before F. M.
27	Oceana	Pentwater	Oceana	Wm. E. Dockry	John H. Bouton	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	12 75	Second Monday each month.
29	Lansing	Lansing	Ingham	Josiah Bruno	Charles J. Davis	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	44	11 75	Thursday after Full Moon.
30	Northville	Northville	Wayne	Wm. Harlan	H. E. Lake	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	4 50	First Thursday each month.
32	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Thos. H. Williams	John Anderson	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	121	34 75	Second Tuesday each month.
33	Ithaca	Ithaca	Gratiot	J. F. Henry	J. M. Praste	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	24	6 00	Monday on or before F. M.
35	Union City	Union City	Branch	A. B. Aiken	Elmer Roe	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	26	6 75	Wednesday on or before F. M.
36	Charlotte	Charlotte	Eaton	E. T. Church	P. M. Thomas	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	21 75	First Tuesday each month.
37	Nebuzaraden	Constantine	St. Joseph	A. C. French	T. C. Langley	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	31	7 75	Monday on or before F. M.
38	Corunna	Corunna	Shiawassee	Chas. H. Cossett	J. D. Leland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	9 25	Third Thursday each month.
39	Holly	Holly	Oakland	J. H. Cummins	John M. Baird	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	46	15 25	Third Wednesday each month.

40	Bronson	Bronson	Branch	David Strachly	E. N. Billings	4	..	..	..	..	..	28	10	00	First Tuesday after Full Moon.
42	Lapeer	Lapeer	Lapeer	H. K. White	H. E. Hatch	4	..	..	..	..	1	43	13	25	1st Friday Dec., Mar., June, Sep.
43	Lawrence	Lawrence	Van Buren	G. A. Cross	A. H. Draper	16	..	1	..	..	1	67	28	50	Tuesday after Full Moon.
44	St. Joseph	St. Joseph	Berrien	Henry L. Pitcher	J. W. Brewer	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	6	25	First Monday after Full Moon.
45	South Haven	South Haven	Van Buren	Mortimer Hulet	Geo. S. Seaver	8	..	7	..	2	18	5	75	Friday on or before F. M.	
46	Manistee	Manistee	Manistee	Louis E. Morris	J. Kinsley	6	..	..	..	..	..	31	13	00	Third Friday each month.
48	Ludington	Ludington	Mason	F. P. Dunwell	Jacob Staffon	5	..	..	..	..	..	40	13	75	.....
49	Giblum	Hastings	Barry	A. P. Drake	John F. Goodyear	2	..	..	..	..	..	30	9	00	First Monday each month.
50	Leslie	Leslie	Ingham	A. C. Manly	James McDaniels	..	..	1	1	..	1	25	6	00	Second Thursday each month.
51	Grand Haven	Grand Haven	Ottawa	Geo. E. Hubbard	Chas. T. Pagelson	7	..	..	..	..	..	26	11	50	First Friday each month.
52	Petoskey	Petoskey	Emmet	Levi W. Cole	Jas. Buckley	2	..	..	..	..	..	18	5	75	First Monday each month.
						143	3	14	61	..	9	28	1868		
Received from River Raisin Council, No. 4, dues for 1881													7	25	
Received from Northville Council, No. 30, dues for 1881													4	50	
													$577	25	

LIST OF GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1858 TO 1882.

Year.	T. I. G. P.	D. I. G. P.	G. T. I.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards.
1858....	*N. B. Carpenter..	S. B. Brown	Frank Darrow....	R. W. Davis.....	Ezra Rood.....	*N. P. Jacobs.....	T. A. Flower.
1859....	*N. B. Carpenter..	S. B. Brown	Frank Darrow....	John Clark.....	" "	" "	A. J. Cummings.
1860....	*Frank Darrow.....	John Clark.....	D. B. Tracy.....	B. F. Doughty....	" "	" "	*S. B. Morse.
1861....	*John Clark.....	D. B. Tracy.....	*B. F. Doughty...	E. Sprague.....	" "	" "	S. L. Dart
1862....	D. B. Tracy.....	E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee.....	" "	Oliver Bourke....	C. H. Putnam.
1863....	*E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee.....	S. L. Dart	" "	" "	J. P. Whiting.
1864....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee.....	S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict....	" "	" "	" "
1865....	D. Bovee	S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict....	W. S. Edwards ...	" "	" "	" "
1866....	*S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict....	W. S. Edwards ...	W. Walker	J. T. Hayden.....	" "	W. F. King.
1867....	W. S. Edwards...	Wm. Walker.....	J. T. Hayden.....	W. F King	Wm. Barclay	" "	J. W. Champlin.
1868....	J. T. Hayden.....	O. L. Spaulding ..	J. W. Champlin...	M. Walter	" "	" "	H. Shaw Noble.
1869....	C. H. Putnam	O. L. Spaulding ..	E. Sprague	H. Shaw Noble...	" "	" "	J. E. Marvin.
1870....	O. L. Spaulding ..	E. Sprague.....	H. Shaw Noble...	Wm. Brown.....	" "	" "	J. B. Nixon.
1871....	E. Sprague	H. Shaw Noble...	Wm. Brown.....	A. I. Sawyer.....	" "	G B Noble..	E. M. Doan.
1872....	H. Shaw Noble...	Wm. Brown.....	M. Mansfield	E. M. Doan.....	*E. A. Elliott.....	" "	George Hill.
1873....	*Wm. Brown.....	M. Mansfield.....	E. M. Doan.....	George Hill.....	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED IN 1874.

Year.	M. I. G. Master.	Deputy G. Master.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards.
1874....	*Wm. Brown.....	M. Mansfield.....	George Hill.....	*E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	A. J. Utley.
1875....	M. Mansfield.....	George Hill.....	J. R. Everard.....	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.
1876....	George Hill.....	J. R. Everard.....	A. J. Utley.....	" "	" "	C. B. Reynolds.
1877....	J. R. Everard.....	A. J. Utley.....	C. B. Reynolds.....	" "	" "	C. W. Strait.
1878....	Andrew J. Utley.....	C. W. Strait.....	D. Woodward	" "	" "	W. S. Turck.
1879....	Hugh McCurdy.....	D. Woodward.....	R. C. Hatheway.....	" "	" "	W. G. Hudson.
1880....	David Woodward....	Rufus C. Hatheway..	William G. Hudson...	H. Shaw Noble.....	" "	Geo. H. Greene.
1881....	Rufus C. Hatheway..	William G. Hudson	George H. Greene ...	" "	" "	Jas. H. Cummins.
1882....	William G. Hudson...	George H. Greene....	James H. Cummins..	" "	" "	G. H. Stephenson.
1883....	George H. Greene....	James H. Cummins..	Geo. H. Stephenson..			Alfred Baldry.

* Deceased.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN NEAR SISTER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Representative.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	Benjamin Franklin Poke	Gadsden.
California	Wm. Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Connecticut	Fred. H. Waldron	New Haven.
England	Donald M. DeWar	8 Red Lion Square, London, W. C.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolikin	Albany.
Indiana	Walter R. Godfrey	Michigan City.
Kansas	E. D. Hillyer	Valley Falls.
Louisiana	Henry Hamberger	New Orleans.
Maine	Horace Burbank	Saco.
Massachusetts	Eugene A. Holton	Boston.
Maryland	Edward T. Schuetz	Baltimore.
Missouri	Joseph S. Browne	St. Joseph.
Minnesota	George W. Cooley	Minneapolis.
Manitoba	John Headly Bell	Winnipeg.
New Hampshire	Harvey L. Currier	Manchester.
New York	Thos. Gliddon	Rochester.
New Jersey	John Wolverton	Trenton.
Ohio	J. W. Chamberlin	Tiffin.
Pennsylvania	James S. Barber	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Horace K. Blanchard	Providence.
South Carolina	John E. Breazeale	Anderson.
Tennessee	Bradford Nichol	Nashville.
Vermont	Marsh Olin Perkins	Windsor.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF SISTER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN.

Grand Council.	Representatives.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	D. BURNHAM TRACY	Detroit.
California	Gen. WILLIAM P. INNES	Grand Rapids.
Connecticut	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
England and Wales	Gen. O. L. SPAULDING	St. Johns.
Florida	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Georgia	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Indiana	JOHN W. FINCH	Adrian.
Kansas	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Louisiana	Gen. O. L. SPAULDING	St. Johns.
Maine	WILLIAM S. TURCK	Alma.
Maryland	ALFRED I. SAWYER	Monroe.
Massachusetts	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Missouri	WILLIAM G. HUDSON	Ludington.
New Hampshire	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
New York	H. SHAW NOBLE	Monroe.
Ohio	J. L. MITCHELL	Jackson.
Pennsylvania	CHARLES H. AXTELL	St. Louis.
Rhode Island	SAMUEL H. NORTON	Pontiac.
South Carolina	JOHN L. MITCHELL	Jackson.
Tennessee	GEORGE HILL	Portland.
Vermont	THERON F. GIDDINGS	Kalamazoo.

GRAND RECORDERS.

State.	Name.	Post office Address.
Alabama	DANIEL SAYRE	Montgomery.
Arkansas	JAMES A. HENRY	Little Rock.
California	THOMAS H. CASWELL	San Francisco.
Connecticut	J. K. WHEELER	Hartford.
England and Wales	D. M. DEWAR	8 Red Lion Square, High Holborn, London, W. C.
Florida	JOHN CARLOVITZ	Milton
Georgia	ANDREW M. WOLIKIN	Albany
Illinois	GILL. W. BARNHARD	Chicago
Indiana	JOHN M. BRAMWELL	Indianapolis
Iowa	WM B. LANGRIDGE	Muscatine.
Kansas	JOHN H. BROWN	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	LORENZO D. CRONINGER	Covington.
Louisiana	RICHARD LAMBERT	New Orleans
Maine	IRA BERRY	Portland.
Maryland	GEO. L. MCCAHAN	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Boston.
Michigan	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Minnesota	WM. CHENEY	Minneapolis.
Missouri	W. H. MAYO	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	GEO. P. CLEAVES	Masonic Temple, Concord.
New Jersey	CHARLES BECHTEL	Trenton.
New York	GEO. VANVLEIT, West and Bethune sts.,	New York.
Nebraska	WM. R. BOWEN	Omaha
North Carolina	DANIEL W. BAIN	Raleigh.
Ohio	JOHN D. CALDWELL	Cincinnati.
Ontario	DANIEL SPRY	Barrie.
Pennsylvania	CHAS. E. MEYER	1717 Chestnut st., Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	WM. R. GREENE	Providence.
Scotland	ROBT. S. BROWN	5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.
South Carolina	D. D. MOORE	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	JOHN FRIZELLE	Nashville.
Vermont	ARTHUR E. BOSWORTH	Springfield.
Wisconsin	JOHN W. WOODHULL	Milwaukee.
G. G. Council	GEO. W. COOLEY	Minneapolis, Minn.



IN MEMORIAM.

Wm. P. Griffith,

Grand Sentinel of Grand Council

FROM

1859 TO 1882.

Born at Taunton, England, February 25, 1815.

Died at Detroit, Michigan, April 25, 1882.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Since our last annual assembly the proceedings of the following Grand Councils have been received:

Alabama.....1881
Arkansas.....1882
California.....1882
Connecticut.....1882
Florida.....1881
Georgia.....1881, 1882
Indiana.....1882
Illinois.....1882
Kansas (circular).....1882
Louisiana.....1882
Maryland.....1881
Minnesota.....1882
Missouri.....1882
Maine.....1882
New Jersey.....1882
North Carolina.....1882
New Hampshire.....1882
Ohio.....1882
Pennsylvania.....1882
Rhode Island (circular).....1882
South Carolina.....1881, 1882
Tennessee.....1882

ALABAMA—1881.

Forty-fourth annual assembly convened at the City of Montgomery, December 5, 1881. William Dwight Wadsworth presiding.

Nine Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief but to the point. In opening he says:

"Another year has been added to the historical rolls of Cryptic Masonry within our jurisdiction, which has been the most important during the two

score and four years that the zealous companions of our State have been permitted by an All-wise Being to assemble annually in the S.·. V.·.

"That we have been blest in the preservation of our beautiful Rite is known to many, and in our devotions to our Divine Master, let us remember those of our former companions who are still traveling in the darkness of doubt—contending against the prosperity that we are now enjoying—that they may soon see the light of truth, and again mingle with the *Select*, and pursue their regular labors; that they too may be prepared to receive the reward proposed to every Mason who has faithfully wrought his task."

Comp. Daniel Sayre submitted the report on correspondence, briefly reviewing the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, Michigan for 1881 included, in which he says:

"We regret that the Grand Council of Michigan did not deem it advisable to join the General Grand Council; but it is a matter solely at her option. We regret it, not so much on her account, for she has hitherto managed her affairs with consummate skill, prudence, and success; but we regret it because her joining would have had, as we think, a good effect on some other Grand Councils; and might have had a tendency to bring back even Mississippi herself."

Comp. William Dwight Wadsworth, Montgomery, re-elected Grand Master.

Comp. Daniel Sayre, Montgomery, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS—1882.

The twentieth annual assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Little Rock, November 25, 1882, by order of the Grand Master (there having been no assembly of the Grand Council since 1878).

Comp. Samuel W. Williams, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

Five Subordinate Councils represented.

We learn (from the report on Correspondence of Comp. Williams, of Ohio,) that the Grand Council was re-organized Nov. 19, 1881, and Grand Officers elected, and that resolutions were adopted informing the Grand Chapter that the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Arkansas had been re-organized, and had resumed control of the Royal and Select Masters in the State, and requested the Grand Chapter to relinquish all authority over the same, and the following resolutions adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Most Puissant Grand Master be requested to proceed to ascertain which of the Subordinate Councils were existing, and whose charters had not been forfeited and revoked at the time of the last assembly of this Grand Council, and take the necessary steps to re-organize, and go to work under their charters.

"2. That all Worthy and Select Masters made in Councils appended to the Chapters of this State may be healed in such constitutional modes as the Most Puissant Grand Master may direct; and, when so healed, may apply for affiliation with such Councils as they may select.

"3. That the Most Puissant Grand Master take the legal steps to cut off and revoke the charters of all Councils that do not re-organize, go to work, and comply with the provisions of the Constitution in making returns and paying dues.

"4. That the dues of Councils which were in arrears at the time of the adoption of the plan of consolidation, and whose charters were not forfeited or revoked at the time, be remitted, provided they promptly make returns and pay dues for the ensuing year."

The foregoing resolutions were continued, and the Grand Master requested to conform thereto.

No address and no report on Correspondence.

All proceedings perfecting and promoting their re-organization. Three Companions who had received the Council Degrees in Councils appendant to the Grand Chapter, were introduced and healed in the Grand Council.

Comp. Samuel W. Williams, Little Rock, re-elected Grand Master.

Comp. James A. Henry, Little Rock, elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA—1882.

The Grand Council commenced its twenty-second annual assembly, in San Francisco, April 13, 1882.

M. P. Edward Richard Hedges, Grand Master, presiding.

Seven Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief, but good. He says:

"Peace and harmony and a measurable degree of prosperity reign throughout our jurisdiction. We have made no retrograde movement during the year past; on the contrary 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. There seems to be nothing to discourage, but every reason to anticipate a bright future for Cryptic Masonry in our State. The adoption of the new or uniform work by all the Councils has had a very gratifying effect; inspiring the companions with greater interest and a better appreciation of our Cryptic Rite.

"Very cheering reports come from other Grand Jurisdictions also, showing that increased interest is being manifested among the several Councils, and a greater desire to penetrate farther into the secrets of our Royal V. The successful organization of the General Grand Council has been followed by very beneficial results. The "Mississippi plan," which at one time seemed about to engulf us, has been effectually killed. Some of the Grand

Councils even that had adopted the plan have retraced their steps, re-organized, and become constituents of the General Grand Council. Eighteen out of twenty-four Grand Councils have ratified the Constitution of the General Grand Council, and before many years, I think they will all wheel into line. So it would seem that the success and perpetuity of our beloved Cryptic Rite is now assured."

We also quote from his closing, as follows, and commend his sayings to all Subordinate Councils for example:

"Companions, before closing, permit me to urge upon your consideration the importance of a proper selection of officers in the Subordinate Councils—for upon them, in a great measure, depend the success and the life of the Institution—companions who are imbued with a genuine love and attachment for the Rite. If they are negligent and uninterested, the Councils are sure to decline; but with earnest, capable and zealous officers I have no fear for the ultimate success and permanence of the Cryptic Rite in California."

Companion Thomas Hubbard Caswell submitted the report on Correspondence, briefly reviewing the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, Michigan, 1881, included, and hope we will unite with our sisters in the General Grand Council.

Companion Caswell in closing says:

"We have good reason to feel encouraged, for there are unmistakable evidences of renewed zeal and returning prosperity all along the line, and the indications are that the formation of the General Grand Council has given Cryptic Masonry an impulse which will place it once more in honorable position among the Masonic Orders to which it is entitled."

Reports of nine Councils (one in Montana); membership, 582.

Comp. John William Beck, Sacramento, elected Grand Master.

Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell, San Francisco, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT.

The sixty-fourth annual assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Hartford, May 8, 1882.

Comp. Chester Tilden, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

Nineteen Subordinate Councils represented.

On the first page of the proceedings is the portrait of J. H. Barlow. Looking further on for some reference to him, find nothing except that he is Rt. I D. Master of Union Council, No. 27. But by reference to the proceedings of 1874, we find that he was Grand Master of the Grand Council. We like the looks of the venerable portrait.

Grand Master Tilden delivered a very good address. He says:

"The ceaseless wings of time in its onward flight have again brought us to the threshold of another year. * * * * * * *

"Companions, here let us pause, and think for a moment how rapid is the flight of time. Do we realize that another year has passed away forever since last we met in annual assembly; that the records of each of us for another year, whether of neglect or improvement, have been written? Have we remembered our solemn obligations towards each other, and have we fulfilled those obligations? Let each one answer for himself.

"Companions, you will expect me to communicate some intelligence that will cheer you on your way; that will stimulate you to more active labor in the noble work in which we are engaged. What better, what more pleasing message can I bring you, than the assurance that no ill-natured jealousies or grievances exist among us; no note of discord is heard throughout our jurisdiction to mar the peace of our fraternal society, and that union and harmony prevail among our ranks; and I believe the returns from the Subordinate Councils will show a large increase of membership."

The committee upon the General Grand Council appointed at the last annual assembly, 1881, reported adversely to becoming a member of General Grand Council under its present Constitution, which was unanimously adopted.

Companion William Wallace Lee submitted the report on Correspondence (brief, but, like all of his, concise and pithy), reviewing the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils, Michigan, for 1881, of the number.

Speaking of our action in relation to the General Grand Council, says "we give the project the cold shoulder," and gives the report of our committee in full. Companion Lee, not quite so bad; we only stopped to "look before we leap." He quotes Grand Master Woodward's opening, and says:

"He ought to have gone a little further back, and claimed the Fossil Man of Mentone as a Mason; for there is stronger proof that he was a Mason than there is in some of the cases he mentions, because in his case, (the Fossil Man) *they did find a skull and cross-bones, that the fellow had used when he laid down there and died;* and more, too, he might have claimed that the Cardiff Giant was a Mason. And this leads to a suggestion. On West Rock, near New Haven, are some large stones, which form a sort of cave, in which, tradition says, the Regicides were wont to find shelter when pursued by the officers of King Charles II. On the face of these rocks are many curious inscriptions, some nearly effaced by time (and more of them that ought to be), and of all curves and lines; more of them than you can shake a stick at, and just as good for guessing purposes as those found on the obelisk in Central Park. Now, I suggest that the New Haven Masons set up a claim that the Regicides were Masons (they are dead and can't dis-

pute it), and prove it by the inscriptions mentioned. That would give a flavor of antiquity to Masonry in Connecticut that no State in this country could surpass; charge a fee for looking at them, and give the money to the Masonic Charity Foundation Fund. (I charge nothing, however, for this suggestion.) You know I am an enthusiast upon this matter of the antiquity of Masonry, and will excuse this disgression. The Grand Master gave some half a dozen dispensations to ignore the law, and set aside its provisions, and yet we are told that upon the strict enforcement of the law depends the existence of the institution."

Companion, I think your suggestion a good one, and if carried out might produce a fund sufficient to found a hospital for antiquarians. We find much in Companion Lee's report that we should like to repeat, but we can only give his conclusion, because we like it, and wish every Companion would read it.

"I think there is no reason to doubt that the General Grand Council is as firmly established as the General Grand Chapter, and with a greater degree of unanimity than when that was organized, and it now remains for us to say whether we will be associated with it or not.

"Each succeeding year names of those that have long been prominent in our fraternity are called, and there is no response. Familiar forms are missed, and voices that have been often heard in Masonic gatherings are silent forever. Mention has already been made of Henry Chickering, of Massachusetts: Michigan mourns for the loss of William Brown; New York, John Ombony; Ohio, George Keifer; Tennessee, George S. Blackie; Vermont, Squire Marcy and Leverett B. Englesby; South Carolina, for Albert Mackey, but not South Carolina alone. No name among intelligent Masons in this country was more familiarly known or more frequently quoted; and it is a saddening instance of Masonic forgetfulness, if not ingratitude, that in the Proceedings which I have of the nine Grand Councils that have held their annuals since his death on the 20th of June last, in only three is his name even mentioned. It is no invidious distinction to say, that among all our Masonic leaders he towered above them all. Not that he was always perfect in writing or method. I think, for one, that he wrote too much, and sometimes printed that which had been better left out and taught in an esoteric manner only. He had great faith in written law, and thought it a sovereign remedy for all the differences and difficulties that now and then appear in Masonry; and succeeded, as well as any one could, in adapting the technicalities and methods of courts and lawyers to the government of a brotherhood of laborers.

"But I do not mention these things in disparagement. He fondly loved the institution to which he gave the zeal and fervency of youth, the strength

and vigor of stalwart manhood, and the gathered wisdom of maturing age. His hatred of insurrection and rebellion could not cause him to forget his Masonic vows. Loyal to his convictions, his country, and his God, even in the turmoil of war, the enemy found in him a friend; and there be some of our Connecticut Masons who remember his kindly ministrations to them when the misfortunes of war had changed their life from the camp to the prisoner's cell. Underneath that rough, homely countenance beat a heart as tender as a woman's, and that carried no malice to any human being. No man ever gave to Masonry a more willing service or a loftier devotion. We do well to honor the memory of such Masons.

"In some of these Proceedings mention is made of President Garfield as a distinguished Mason. I have never yet been able to learn that he took much interest in Masonry, or ever held any office therein except that of Chaplain—a modern office in the institution, and one to which little importance is attached in the practical work of a Masonic body. Most of our public men give but little time to the institution. Various causes operate to produce this result, nor do I know that we can expect it to be otherwise. It has seemed to me that there was a disposition on the part of some Masons to make capital for the institution out of the fact that the President was a Mason, as some politicians have tried to make capital for themselves or their separate cliques from the tragic manner of his death. Masonry is no better or worse for his membership than that of any other good man. Do not misunderstand me, and say that this is the carping of a fault finder, or the spleen of a disappointed man, because I take exceptions to what has been said and done. I was one of the President's heartiest supporters. If I had any first choice he was the man. I gave him one honest vote, and a large amount of eloquence (of my kind) in trying to induce my fellow-men to do the same thing, and mourn sincerely his tragic death; but I do not believe in a Masonic body, or in Masonic publications, we should make any reference to political questions, or the strife of parties or their results. It is safe to say that if the President had not been a Mason, or had he not been President, but little would have been said about his death, even had the same tragedy been enacted.

"I saw in the Grand Council of Ohio, in 1877, one of their Past Grand Masters, hoary and grim; and saw him at the head of his Commandery, as we rode past the long line. That empty sleeve told of the fierce conflicts of war; but when he died, two years later, the name of General John M. Barrere, the hero of half a hundred fights, was not even mentioned outside his own State, and yet he had given years of loyal and loving service to the Masonic institution. Perhaps it may be said that these remarks are out of place, and better not have been made. It is a delicate subject, I know, and one that requires careful handling; but I am sure you that have

known me so long, will give me credit for an honest purpose in all that I say and do in my connection with Masonry. I know well your warm hearts and kindly nature."

> "Once beneath our friendly arches, men have never gone astray
> For the lack of chart or compass, or the knowledge of the way.
> Penury cannot dismember; kings are but as peasants when
> They step within the circle of this brotherhood of men."

Comp. Dwight Waugh, Stamford, elected M. P. Grand Master. Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Subordinate Councils, 20; members, 2,164.

FLORIDA—1881.

The twelfth annual assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Pensacola, June 8, 1881. Comp. George S. Halmark, Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Three Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is lengthy, and, like all we get from him, good—devoted to the excellent teachings of Masonry. In speaking of the General Grand Council, he says: "The work is completed and has been ratified by the requisite number of Grand Councils, and trusts that they will enroll themselves among the number and perpetuate the independent existence of our loved and honored Order."

The Committee on doings of Grand Officers submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Council ratifies the acts of the Convention organizing the General Grand Council of the United States of America, held at Detroit, Michigan, August 23, A. D. 1880, and the Grand Recorder be instructed to communicate this action to the Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council of the United States of America.

No report on correspondence on account of the depleted treasury and the draft, by action of the Grand Council, to reprint the former proceedings.

Comp. George S. Halmark, of Warrington, re-elected Ill. Grand Master. Comp. John Carlovitz, of Milton, re elected Grand Recorder.

Subordinate Councils, 3; members, 72.

GEORGIA—1881, 1882.

The thirty-eighth annual convocation was held in the City of Macon, April 27, 1881. Comp. Charles R. Armstrong, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Four Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered verbally his address, promising to write it out after adjournment. The Grand Recorder states he waited twelve

months for the address, but was unable to get it, and at that late date published without it.

The Grand Recorder says he received the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils—Michigan, 1880—but we find no report of correspondence.

Comp. Armstrong re-elected Grand Master. Comp. Andrew M. Wolihin re-elected Grand Recorder.

1882.

Grand Council assembled in the City of Macon, April 26, 1882. Comp. Charles R. Armstrong, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Nine Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master made a verbal address, promising to write it out as he went home. The Grand Recorder says "he has written several times for it, but after waiting three months, was ordered by the (present) Grand Master, C. F. Lewis, to publish the proceedings without it."

The Grand Recorder reports having received the proceedings from twenty-one Grand Councils—Michigan, 1881, included—and that all, except New Jersey, Rhode Island, Michigan, North Carolina and Pennsylvania, have become constituents of the General Grand Council, and adds a foot note: "Since the close of the Grand Council, I see the Grand Council of Michigan has united with the General Grand Council."

A mistake, Comp. Wolihin. The Grand Council of Michigan has not yet become a constituent of the G. G. Council.

No report on correspondence.

Comp. Christopher F. Lewis, of Augusta, elected M. I. Grand Master. Comp. Andrew M. Wolihin, of Albany, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Nine Councils; 212 members.

INDIANA—1882.

The twenty-seventh annual convocation of the Grand Council was held in the City of Indianapolis, October 17, 1882. Comp. Perry W. Card, Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Representatives of thirty-four out of thirty eight Subordinate Councils were present.

Grand Master's address is short, relating to local affairs. By resolution of the last convocation he was directed to arrest the charters of four subordinate Councils for delinquencies; reports one paid its delinquency; two charters arrested; one capitulating.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the address relating to the arrest of charters, recommend that the three charters be arrested, which was adopted.

Com. W. W. Austin submitted a very excellent report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, including Michigan, 1882. He speaks of Grand Master Hatheway's address very generously, and copies his closing in full. In conclusion, thanks the members of the Grand Council for the kindness with which they have received his annual reviews, hoping that what had been presented of the condition of other Grand Councils might help to encourage them in pushing forward the grand work and maintaining the high ground Indiana has held, and we hope will ever continue to hold, in Cryptic Masonry.

Comp. Albert Hayward, Vincennes, elected Grand Master; Comp. John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis, elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1882.

The thirtieth annual assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Chicago, October 25, 1882. Th. Ill. John O'Neill, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

Twenty-two Councils represented.

The special committee appointed to confer with a similar committee on behalf of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M., in relation to the Rite, reported, and after a general expression from those present it was voted "that it is the sense of this Grand Council that it is expedient to resume control of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters."

The committee upon the disposition of the Council degrees reported as follows, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Illinois:

Your committee, to whom was referred the question of the disposition of the Council degrees, respectfully report that, after a full expression of opinion among themselves, and with the members of the committee appointed by the Grand R. A. Chapter of Illinois, for the same purpose, they believe that the interests of both Capitular and Cryptic Masonry can now be best promoted by the mutual abrogation of the treaty made in 1877 between the said two Grand Bodies. They therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be and is hereby instructed to memorialize the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois upon said subject, and ask them to take such steps as they may find necessary, to re-commit the care of and the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Illinois.

Fraternally,

JOHN M. PEARSON,
THEO. T. GURNEY,
LOYAL M. MUNN,
L. D. ROMBERGER,
Committee.

The following resolutions were also adopted:

Resolved, That upon the issuance of an edict by the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Illinois, returning to this Grand Council the authority conferred in them to authorize the conferring of the Council degrees, and the issuance of an order by the Most Puissant Grand Master to the Subordinate Councils of this State to resume work, all Royal and Select Masters made under the authority heretofore recited, be and are hereby declared regular non-affiliated Royal and Select Masters, entitled to all the rights and benefits of such.

Resolved, That all Chapter Councils that have conferred the degrees upon any Companions, be requested to certify over the seal of the Chapter the fact of the Companion having received the Royal and Select Masters' degrees in such Council, and such certificates shall be considered equivalent to a dimit, and be so accepted by all Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction.

We also received the following circular from the Grand Recorder, from which we see the Grand Master of Illinois has resumed the government of Cryptic Masonry in his jurisdiction:

To the Thrice Illustrious Masters, Officers and Companions of this Jurisdiction:

CHICAGO, December 26, 1882.

"*Whereas*, The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Illinois, at its annual Assembly, at Chicago, October 25, A. D. 1882, A. Dep. 2882, did by vote agree, "That it is the sense of this Grand Council that it is expedient to resume control of the degrees of Royal and Select Master," and,

"*Whereas*, The Special Committee appointed at the session of the Grand Council to confer with a similar Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter, presented the following Report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council R. and S. M. of Illinois:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the question of the disposition of the Council Degrees, respectfully report that, after a full expression of opinion among themselves, and with the members of the Committee appointed by the Grand R. A. Chapter of Illinois, for the same purpose, they believe that the interests of both Capitular and Cryptic Masonry can now be best promoted by the mutual abrogation of the Treaty made in A. D. 1877 between the said two Grand Bodies, they therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be and is hereby instructed to memoralize the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois upon said subject, and ask them to take such steps as they may find necessary, to recommit the care of and the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Master to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Illinois, and

"*Whereas*, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Illinois, at its annual Convocation, held at Chicago, October, 26, A. D. 1882, A. I. 2412, did receive the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Grand Council and the matter of the Council Degrees, would respectfully report that they have carefully considered the same in connection with the Committee appointed by the Grand Council. That it is the earnest desire of the Grand Council to again take charge of said degrees, and in furtherance of that request and desiring to comply with the same, we would submit the following amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Body, to-wit:

That the amendments to Sections 1 and 2, Article 2 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, adopted in 1878, be repealed, and that those as printed in the Proceedings of 1877 be adopted by this Grand Chapter.

The effect of which amendment, when adopted, will be to avoid all reference to the Council Degrees in our Constitution.

Your Committee would further recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That on and after January 1st, 1883, the Chapters of this jurisdiction cease to confer the Council Degrees, and that the Grand Council be requested to take such action in reference thereto as they may deem proper, and that the Grand High Priest issue his edict to that effect.

"In accordance with the above, by virtue of the power in me vested as Most Puissant Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Illinois, I do hereby grant this my dispensation, directing you to notify all the members, as far as possible, and open your Councils and proceed to the election of Officers for the ensuing Cryptic year; after the election of Officers you will proceed to work, under your by-laws and the Laws and Regulations of this Grand Council as formerly.

"You will notify the Grand Recorder of the date of your election and installation of Officers. If you do not desire as a Council to comply with this order, you will notify the Grand Recorder of your non-compliance, which will save him time, labor and expense in sending further communications.

"Hoping that the members of your Council will proceed zealously to work for the preservation of these beautiful and interesting degrees, so that at the annual assembly in October next, e may show by full and complete returns, that we are active, alive, and vigorous, and that the

number received into the Secret Vault this year is second to no other Jurisdiction in the United States, is my earnest and sincere desire.

"Given under my hand and seal, this 26th day of December, A. D. 1882, A. Dep. 2882.

JOHN O'NEILL,
Most Puissant Grand Master."

[SEAL.]

Attest: GIL W. BARNARD,
Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1882—CIRCULAR.

The annual assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Topeka, February 14, 1882.

The proceedings will not be published this year.

Comp. Andrew M. Callaham, Topeka, elected M. I. Grand Master.

Comp. John H. Brown, Wyandotte, elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA—1882.

The twenty-seventh annual assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of New Orleans, February 16, 1882.

Comp. George J. Pinckard, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Four Subordinate Councils represented.

Grand Master's address is good; he is a zealous worker in the Cryptic Rite.

In his opening, he says: "It is with feelings of unmixed pleasure I greet you on this our twenty-seventh annual assembly, for we meet under circumstances of a much more encouraging and re-assuring nature than for many years past." In conclusion, he says: (the six years he had presided over the Grand Council) "During the greater portion of this time a depressing influence held sway. I have often almost despaired of the Rite. Grand Council after Grand Council followed in swift succession the example set by the Mississippi Council, for which there was never the slightest reason."

But the tide has turned; the battle fought, the victory won. Henceforth, the "merger" becomes an historical phase in the record of the Cryptic Rite."

He declined a re-election.

Comp. Alfred Shaw, New Orleans, elected M. I. Grand Master.

Comp. Richard Lambert re-elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND—1881.

The eighth annual assembly was held in the City of Baltimore, November 9, 1881.

Comp. George W. Sheine, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Five Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master says, "While sister jurisdictions are mourning the loss of valued and beloved Companions of the order, we find our numbers are complete." No questions had been submitted for his decision.

"While Cryptic Masonry in the State during the past year has not made rapid strides forward, we certainly have not retrograded. We have worked harmoniously in the S. V., and while the success attained may not have been as great as we had wished, yet I feel assured, now that the question of the life of our Cryptic Rite is settled, and I hope finally, we may feel encouraged to look for renewed life and activity among the Companions of our several Councils."

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That non-affiliated Cryptic Masons of this jurisdiction in affiliating with the Subordinate Councils, be required to assume the O B. according to the revised work, as also that of allegiance to the G. G. Council of the United States.

The Grand Recorder, Companion George L. McCahan, submitted a very excellent report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty two Grand Councils, Michigan for 1881, briefly noticed. He says, in speaking of our action in refusing to become constituents of the General Grand Council:

"Having been out and out opposers of the 'Mississippi plan,' which is now a dead issue, we now find ourselves in opposition to the 'Michigan plan,' and we trust the expression, 'for the present at least,' will become a reality, and that 1883 will find Michigan a constituent of the G. G. body."

We copy his conclusion in full, because we like it, and meets our views fully:

"We close our review with a feeling of satisfaction that the present condition of the Cryptic Rite is more than satisfactory and much surpasses the expectation of the most sanguine; whilst there is no solid basis for enthusiasm, there is, except in a very few jurisdictions, a feeling of courage and hopefulness which has displaced the former doubt, vascillation and despondency, which existed more or less in every State jurisdiction. The prompt and general ratification of the work of the Detroit Convention having established the G. G. Council, order is thereby brought out of chaos, and the watchword "all is well" is reverberated throughout the land. As to the future, much, if not all, depends on the legislation of

the G. G. Council in 1883. If broad and liberal—and we have no reason to think it will not be so—the permanent existence and influence of the Rite will be assured. The prodigals must be welcomed; the term clandestine as applied to the past must be made void and inapplicable. In fact the work so happily begun must be completed, and no wiser course need be suggested than is recorded in the early history of the Grand Lodge of England.

"As to those Grand Chapter reporters who have wasted so much of their time and talent in the discussion of the Cryptic Rite, and so much of the means of their Grand bodies in publishing their effusions, it is to be hoped they will find a new field in which to exercise their benevolence or—dry up."

Comp. Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore, elected M. I. Grand Master.

Comp. George L. McCahan, Baltimore, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Councils, 5; membership, 244.

MINNESOTA.

The thirteenth annual assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of St. Paul, October 9, 1882. Comp. Grove B. Cooley, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Four Subordinate Councils represented.

The address is brief, but business. Of his official acts he says:

"I have but very little to report in regard to my official acts during the year. There has been no question of Masonic law submitted to me for decision, and no grievance that has come to my knowledge. All is peace and harmony. My correspondence has been quite extensive. I have been persistent in trying to gather all the information possible in regard to Cryptic Masonry, in every foreign as well as in my own jurisdiction."

We find from his extensive correspondence very much that we shall take the liberty, as heretofore, of copying, trusting Comp. Cooley will pardon us for taking the privilege.

He granted dispensations to form Subordinate Councils at Fergus Falls and Austin.

In conclusion, he says: "Companions, we have great reason to congratulate ourselves upon the success of our efforts in the cause of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction. All the obstructions that for a while seemed to impede its progress have been removed, and there is now a steady increase in membership as well as in interest."

The report on Correspondence is from Comp. Grove B. Cooley, M. I. Grand Master—as usual, poetical, humorous and good, through and through. In opening, he says he received the proceedings (or communi-

cations) from all the Grand Councils except Vermont, noticing thirty Grand Councils. Of Michigan, 1882, he says Grand Master Hatheway's address shows the office of Grand Master of Michigan is no sinecure; and copies from his report of jurisprudence the questions and answers received and disposed of by him during the year. Making no comments, we conclude he coincides with our G. M. He says we have got the Past Grand Master's jewel mania heavy; notes one to P. G. M. Woodward in 1881, and at this assembly one to P. G. M. Hatheway. "Thinks it a good thing to appreciate worth," but says, "go slow; don't use partiality." Now, companion, ain't this rather Cool-ey? Is it contagious? It must be. I see from your report, July 31, 1882, Past Grand Master George W. Cooley was presented a Past Illustrious Grand Master's jewel.

Of our report, he says: "There is not enough of it," and that we copied his report of the Grand Council of England and Wales and credited it to George W. Cooley. We beg pardon, companion; will lay it to the printer and try to do better hereafter.

Comp. Grove B. Cooley, of Minneapolis, re-elected M. I. Grand Master. Comp. William Cheney, of Minneapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Councils, 5; membership, 364; dues, $169.

MISSOURI.

The seventeenth annual assembly of the Grand Council assembled in the City of St. Louis, May 5, 1882. M. Ill. Grand Master John R. Parson presiding.

Six Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is very brief and of local importance only. Of his official acts, he constituted one Council, chartered at the last annual session, and visited two others, and appointed our M. I. Past Grand Master William G. Hudson representative of the Grand Council of Missouri near the Grand Council of Michigan, which was approved of by our Grand Council.

He recommended the following to the Grand Council: "A number of Royal Arch Masons in one of our towns are very desirous of organizing a Council, but there is but one member of the Order anywhere near them. As this is likely to occur in other places, I would recommend that the Grand Master be invested with authority to confer the degrees on a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons to organize a Council where no Council exists."

Referred to the Committee on Address, which reported as follows:

"We disapprove the recommendation 'that the Grand Master be in-

vested with authority to confer the degrees on a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons to organize a Council where no Council exists.'. It is not a prerogative of the Most Illustrious Grand Master to make Select Masters 'at sight,' and we are opposed to having such power given him by the Grand Council, as establishing a dangerous precedent, contrary to the ancient usages."

The report was adopted.

We cannot agree with the Committee. It is an old and ancient usage, a prerogative often exercised by Grand Masters for the benefit of the Order.

Comp. William H. Mayo submitted a brief review of eighteen Grand Councils, including Michigan, for 1882. In opening, he says:

"The pamphlets that we allude to in the foregoing are very creditable indeed. Some of them are quite large and full of interesting matter. Annual addresses are in many States well prepared documents, shewing that many Masonic master minds are taking an interest in the Rite which is now marching with rapid strides up the hill of prosperity, and the dark and ominous clouds that hovered so threateningly over the Cryptic world for several years have all been dispersed and driven out of sight. No sleeping sentinel now endangers our secrecy and security. All is bright; the sound of the Craftsman's trowel is heard on all sides; all over the land good, sound material is being worked into and through the S. V. Grand Recorders are giving us their printed Proceedings in better shape and more systematically arranged, so that we can learn a little about what our sister jurisdictions are doing. Oh, for a Cruft, a Berry, a Drummond or some other "statistical fiend" to stir them all up, so that we could present a thoroughly compiled table of Cryptic Masonry. We have looked in vain for several years for such a table and have not found it."

All right, Companion Mayo, keep the ball rolling and we will get statistics.

Comp. William B. Wilson, Cape Girardin, elected M. I. G. Master.

Comp. William H. Mayo, St. Louis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Councils, 8; passed the circle, 26; members, 304.

MAINE—1882.

Twenty-eighth annual assembly held at Portland, May 3, 1882, Comp. Arlington B. Marston, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Eight Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, relating to home affairs only.

He says: "For Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction the year has been one of unbroken quiet. Not a single question has been submitted to me during the year."

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond submitted the report on Correspondence, briefly reviewing the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils – our's for 1882 included. In opening, he says:

"Some discussion has arisen in reference to the position taken by the General Grand Council in relation to those who receive the degrees in Chapters or in "Councils appurtenant to Chapters." It seems to be understood that the declaration, that no Companions can be recognized as Royal and Select Masters who have not received the degrees in a regular Council, was first adopted by the General Grand Council, and that previously to its organization, Companions receiving the degrees in Chapters were quite generally recognized; and that this was done in view of the adoption, in some jurisdictions, of the "Mississippi Plan."

"The statement that up to the time of the attempt in Mississippi to transfer the degrees to the Chapters, those receiving the degrees in Chapters were not recognized, has been challenged as incorrect. We propose, therefore, to examine the grounds upon which that statement was based.

"In the Convention in New York, in 1872, the following resolution was introduced:

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Convention that the Cryptic degrees should be under the exclusive jurisdiction of Grand Councils, and that no one should be recognized as a regular Companion of the Rite who has not received the degrees under such jurisdiction."

"It was quite fully discussed, as there were some then present who had received the degrees under the authority of the Supreme Council of the A. & A. Rite, or in Councils chartered by such authority.

"The resolution was then referred to a special committee, who reported a new draft thereof the next day, which, after full discussion, was unanimously adopted in the following terms:

"*Whereas*, in some jurisdictions the question has been mooted of surrendering the degrees to the Chapters, and

"*Whereas*, there are many Companions, who have received the degrees in Chapters, or from Sovereign Inspectors of the A. & A. Rite, therefore,

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Convention that the Cryptic degrees should be under the exclusive 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. & A. Rite previous to this date, or been lawfully healed."

And here gives the actions of the several Grand Councils to the time and says:

"The result of this examination is that the resolution was unanimously adopted by a National Convention, in which *fourteen* Grand Councils were represented by duly accredited delegates, and two others by Companions admitted to participate in its action; that it was allowed to stand without

objection by a National Convention in the following year, in which *seven* additional Grand Councils were represented; that it was published and sent to all the existing Grand Councils; that it was formally approved by very many of them, and that no Grand Council or Companion, throughout the country objected to it or dissented from it, so far as the published proceedings show.

"More than that, a careful examination of the Proceedings of all the Grand Councils, from 1872 to a time subsequent to the "merger" in Mississippi, fails to show a decision by any Grand Council or Grand Master in opposition to the resolution adopted by the Convention.

"The General Grand Council, in promulgating this doctrine was merely announcing the law as already settled; and we must repeat the language of our former report, and call upon those challenging its correctness to point out any instance in which, since 1872, a Grand Council or Grand Master has recognized as a regular Royal and Select Master a Companion who received those degrees in a Chapter."

And then gives briefly the condition of the several Grand Councils from the proceedings received, and closing says:

"We have still to report general improvement and increasing prosperity throughout the country."

Comp. Arlington B. Marston, Bangor, re-elected M. I. Grand Master.

Comp. Ira Berry, Portland, for the twenty-seventh time, re elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1882.

The twenty-fourth annual assembly was held at Trenton, January 17, 1882. Comp. Charles Belcher, Jr., M. I. Grand Master.

Four Subordinate Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master was wholly of a local character.

Comp. Charles Bechtel submitted a brief report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils, Michigan for 1881, included. Closing, he says: "We have been compelled to omit mention of many matters of interest to the Craft in this jurisdiction, being unwilling to entail expense this Grand Council is not able to bear We are aware that committees in other jurisdictions have not the fear of the printer's d—l before them, and consequently treat their Grand bodies to dissertations upon every subject within and without the body of Masonry. Your committee have refrained from enlarging *this time*, but won't promise to continue on this line."

Comp. John M. Knapp, Hackensack, elected M. I. Grand Master.

Comp. Charles Bechtel, Trenton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA—1882.

The Grand Council held its seventeenth annual assembly in the city of Wilmington, May 31, 1882. Comp. J. J. Macks, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Three Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master says, in his address, his official acts had been very few. He signed a charter for one Council; had been applied to to appoint a representative near the Grand Council of Vermont, and regretted he could not do so, the Grand Council of North Carolina not recognizing the representative system, and trusted the Grand Council would see fit to adopt the system this session. He acknowledged the receipt of the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, our's for 1881 and 1882, included. Comp. Macks is evidently a zealous and live worker; says it was his intention to visit the different Councils throughout the State, but was unable to do so, and trusted that all would redouble their exertions and make Cryptic Masonry in North Carolina a complete success.

Success attend you, Companion Macks.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address recommend that action be taken looking to the establishment of fraternal relations with other Grand Councils in America, by adopting the representative system, which was adopted. Also recommended that the Grand Council become a constitutent member, and acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand Council, which the Grand Council refused to concur in.

P. G. M., John Nichols, 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.

Which was laid over until the next annual assembly.

We trust North Carolina will not at this late date commit suicide or Mississippi-ide. If they cannot adopt the General Grand Council system, they can stand on their own bottom.

Comp. J. I Macks, Wilmington, re-elected M. I. Grand Master.

Comp. Donald W. Bain, Raleigh, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Councils, 3; members, 79.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1882.

The twenty-first annual assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Concord, May 15, 1882. Comp. Edward H. Carrier, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Seven Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address shows he is the right man in the right place. If there were more of such, we would see fewer weak and sickly Councils, both Grand and Subordinate. He visited every Subordinate Council in the State except two. He reports the death of the Grand Chaplain. He says: "Our venerable Grand Chaplain, Rev. James Adams, is no more. His chair is vacant. His voice is hushed in the solemn silence of death." He died Dec. 10, 1881, aged 73 years. A memorial page is set apart in the proceedings to his memory. His official acts very few. No questions presented for adjustment; no decisions called for; no controversy arisen. He says: "For the first time in the history of the Grand Council of New Hampshire, we have a report on Correspondence with our sister States. We are twenty-one years old to-day—we are of age—and the time has arrived when we will be expected to care for ourselves, and do something towards extending words of cheer and encouragement to the younger members of our great family. We can at last lift up our heads among those Councils who have so many times said in reviews of our diminutive proceedings, 'Only this and nothing more from New Hampshire.' The result of the reporter's labor enhances the value of proceedings a hundred fold; it is a very interesting and valuable addition, imparting much information and instruction, and should be read by every companion. While the gratuitous performance of this duty is perhaps to be commended, yet it is an arduous task, and necessitates the devotion of much time and labor. Time is money, and if proper recompense is made the committee, they will be encouraged, and the Grand Council have a right to expect a fair report every year."

He adds, many good things we would like to copy, but time and space do not permit, but cannot avoid copying the following. Every word suits us and we endorse it in full. He says:

"I believe that Councils greatly err in not requiring the better judgment of the members to scrutinize carefully those whom they propose to advance and reward, instead of electing to positions of honor and trust officers who not only never knew the work but never intended learning the same. A curious estimate some officers place upon the binding effect of their solemn obligations. They should feel that their duties do not begin and end when they have been installed into office, and obtained the Masonic rank which they have desired."

Comp. George P. Cleaves, Grand Recorder, submitted a good report on Correspondence (the first produced since the organization of the Grand Council), courteously reviewing the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils—Michigan, for 1881, of the number. He quotes from Grand Master Woodward's address, and says he is evidently a believer in the antiquity of Freemasonry, that portion to which our Brother Lee, of Connecti-

cut, so critically alludes. Doesn't say one word about Moses or Aaron, or Cain, not even Tubal; but copies the report of our Committee on General Grand Council in full.

We welcome Companion Cleaves into the reportorial brotherhood, and hope we may hear from him again next year.

Comp. Rensselaer O. Wright, Plymouth, elected M. I. Grand Master. Comp. George P. Cleaves, Masonic Temple, Concord, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Councils, 8; members, 798.

OHIO—1882.

The fifty-second annual assembly of the Grand Council was held at Newark, September 20, 1882. Comp. Jos. M Goodspeed, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Forty-five Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address—two pages only of his official doings. He granted a dispensation to form one Council; reported nine Councils dead and recommended that their charters be arrested.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made a report, which was adopted. We copy in full and believe it to be just and right:

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was submitted for consideration the following question, namely: A Companion received the Royal and Select Masonic Degrees in a Council in Kentucky; afterwards the Council and Chapter Degrees of that State were consolidated. At the time of the consolidation the Companion was absent from Kentucky. He received a dimit from the Chapter of which he was a member, certifying that he had received the degrees of Royal and Select Master. Can he, on application, be received as a member of a Subordinate Council of this jurisdiction? Respectfully report that, according to the statement contained in the question, the Companion received the Cryptic Degrees in a Council duly constituted under the jurisdiction of a Grand Council. It does not appear that in any way he has forfeited his Masonic standing. The fact that since he received the degrees the Chapter and Council have consolidated, and that since that time the Cryptic degrees in that jurisdiction have been conferred in the Chapter should in no way deprive the members of their rights; and the fact that his dimit comes from the Chapter which is now in possession of its records is only a matter of evidence, and a proper certificate from the custodian of the records is sufficient, and that there is no legal bar to his affiliation in a Council in Ohio."

Comp. S. Stacker Williams submitted the report on foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils, Michi-

gan for 1882, included. Like all his reports, good. He very kindly refers to Grand Master Hatheway's address, copying a portion of his remarks upon the death of our assassinated President; approves of his decision that we cannot entertain a petition for the degrees from a non-affiliated Master and Royal Arch Mason; but seems to be somewhat in doubt as to conferring the degrees at sight, saying: "Possibly the end justified the means." As to our report, says Ohio was not included. Why? Because we received no proceedings from Ohio for 1881, and received none for 1882 until we wrote Grand Recorder Caldwell for a copy. We think Companion Recorder mailed us the usual compliment of copies, but for some unaccountable reason we have not received any the last two years. In his comments upon Comp. Lee's report of Connecticut, he says: "As he had plugged away so furiously at some of the Grand Councils, we almost feared to see his review of Ohio; but we were more frightened than hurt. He let us off with just *four lines and five words.*" Look out, Comp. Williams; you may catch it next. I see your Grand Council took a recess to visit and inspect some ancient works, built at an unknown period of "antiquity."

Comp. Levi C. Goodale, Cincinnati, elected M. I. Grand Master. Comp. John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Councils, 48; membership, 2,405.

PENNSYLVANIA—1882.

The Grand Council of Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Masters held its thirty-sixth annual assembly at Lancaster, February 15, 1882. M. P. Grand Master George C. Johnson presiding.

Eight Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short—a report of his official acts only.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted a very brief report, acknowledging the receipt of the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, Michigan included. We copy the following and like it:

"It caused us the greatest pleasure to receive such a large number of proceedings, more particularly as among the number were several w 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 formation of the General Grand Council has resulted in much good; it is binding or bringing together more closely the Grand Councils of this country. Our views on joining the General Grand Council have not changed in the slightest—our feelings and love is as warm as when we wrote our last report. We then recommended this Grand Council not to become a part of this General Grand body for reasons we then explained. We believe that we can exert as much, yea, more influence without than within a Grand body, to join which we would have to surrender a portion, at least of our sovereignty."

Companion Charles E. Meyer is chairman of the Committee, and we credit him the report.

Companion James S. Barber, Philadelphia, elected M. P. Grand Master.

Companion Charles E. Meyer, 1,717 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, re-elected Right Puissant Grand Recorder.

Membership, 1,580.

RHODE ISLAND—1882—Circular.

The Grand Council held the twenty-second annual assembly in the City of Providence, March 13, 1882.

The Grand Council decided not to become a constituent of the General Grand Council.

It was decided not to publish the Proceedings of the Grand Council this year.

Companion Edwin Baker, Providence, elected M. I. Grand Master.

Companion William R. Green, Providence, elected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1881-1882

Are enclosed under one cover.

The Grand Council met in annual assembly in the City of Charleston, February 16, 1881.

Companion W. H. D. Gaillard, M. I. Grand Master.

At the annual assembly, 1880, the Grand Council decided to remand the control of the Council degrees to the Grand Chapter, and directed the Grand Master to surrender the control to the Grand Chapter, and the Most Illustrious Grand Master formally announced the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina finally dissolved.

The Grand Master in his address, 1881, says:

"COMPANIONS—When we last parted it was at the obsequies of our Grand Council, as we then formally dissolved, and supposed that the Grand Council of South Carolina had ceased to exist, having agreed to remand the control of the Council Degrees to the Grand Chapter. Since that time the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, at its twenty-fourth triennial convocation, held in Detroit, Michigan, on the 24th of August, 1880, adopted the following resolution:

"*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."

"Our own Grand Chapter of South Carolina has accordingly this day relinquished into the hands of your officers the trusts surrendered by your direction one year ago; and as your last Most Illustrious Grand Master, I have re-assumed control of the Degrees of Royal Master and Select Master in South Carolina, and announce that the Grand Council of South Carolina once again takes her place in the great sisterhood of Grand Bodies. God grant that, phœnix-like, she may arise from her ashes to put on new beauty and a more vigorous growth and life.

"I beg to notify you, that at the convention of Royal and Select Masters held in Detroit, Michigan, in August last, at which our Companion, C. F. Jackson, was present and represented us, it was decided to organize a General Grand Council, and they did so organize, and adopted a constitution, to go into effect whenever nine Grand Councils ratified and accepted the same. I am informed that the requisite number of Grand Councils have done so, and therefore the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America is an accomplished fact. I would therefore, respectfully recommend that this Grand Council do ratify and accept the same, and thus become a constituent member thereof."

The General Grand Council was ratified and accepted.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That such Companions as may have received the R. and S. M. Degrees in Chapters be requested to affiliate by letter and ballot with their nearest Councils and have the Degrees re-conferred, and that no further charge be made; and in case of refusal to do so, that no fraternal relations be allowed with them on the part of the Councils."

1882.

The Grand Council was held in the City of Charleston, February 15, 1882, Comp. W. H. D. Gaillard, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Eight Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is wholly of local import.

The Grand Recorder acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, but no report was made on Correspondence.

Comp. J. E. Braezeale, Anderson, elected M. I. Grand Master. Comp. D. D. Moore, of Rock Hill, elected Grand Recorder.

We hope Comp. Grand Recorder Moore will give us the full christian name of each officer, also some statistics. We like to know how many you have belonging in the Cryptic family. We heartily welcome South Carolina back. "Let us shake."

TENNESSEE—1882.

The thirty-second annual assembly of the Grand Council was held in the city of Nashville, February 3, 1882. Comp. Ewin Burney, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Ten Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is good. In opening he says:

"COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL—The gavel has sounded, our doors closed, and the hour has arrived for us to repair to our several stations and resume our labors. Then let us render thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for his kindness during the past year, and invoke his blessings upon our labors for the future.

"Cryptic Masonry in Tennessee is becoming more popular each year. With the other branches of the fraternity, we went to the bottom of the ladder, but I am glad to say now that with them we have again begun the ascent, are gradually rising higher and higher, and ere long will occupy the proud place so justly our due. Our Companions are becoming more and more enlightened each year, and now begin to recognize the fact that the Royal Arch Degree is not complete until the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees have been taken.

"Some of our Companions, R. A. Masons, get impatient to wear the gaudy trappings of the Knights Templar, and upon the advice of some poorly informed Sir Knight, that it is not necessary to take the Council degrees to become a Templar, hasten forward and assume vows which they no more understand or appreciate than their ignorant adviser.

"In accepting the office of Grand Master from you at your last annual assembly, the prospect was gloomy indeed! From the addresses of the last two of my illustrious predecessors I had only gloomy forebodings for the future, and could hear the dead limbs of which our last Grand Master spoke falling thick and fast around me. Determined to do all in my power for Cryptic Masonry, I went industriously to work on what I regarded a Herculean task."

He wrote twenty-one Councils whose charters had been declared for-

feited, and, with one exception, no answers had been received, and that one could give no encouragement. He wrote twenty other Councils and received answers from about half a dozen, and all expressed a desire to renew their work. He made several official visits to Councils, and reported good resulting therefrom. Was unable to find a quorum of the Council in the City of Chattanooga (though it was on the occasion of a banquet tendered the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter), there not being a quorum living in the city. He had been called upon to make but one decision during the year—the following:

QUESTION—"Is it necessary to heal a Companion who has received the Council Degrees in a Chapter, as they are conferred in Virginia and other States, to qualify him to sit in Council with us?"

ANSWER—"No one can visit or sit in a Council of Royal and Select Masters in Tennessee unless he has received the degrees in a Council holding a warrant or charter from the General Grand Council of the United States, or from some Grand Council working independently of any other branch of Masonry."

The Grand Master feelingly announces the death of Ill. Deputy Grand Master George S. Blackie, paying a glowing tribute to his memory. Also reported the death of P. I. Deputy Grand Master P. G. Stiver Perkins. Memorial pages are set apart to the memory of these Illustrious Companions.

The Grand Master regretted to say to the companions that he failed to find a Council Monitor to satisfy him.

In closing, he says: "While I may make suggestions and even prophesy on this subject, companions, the result depends to a great extent upon your endeavors. If you will take the proper interest in your Subordinate Councils they will flourish; if neglected, they will die. Then let us all, here and now, 're-pledge our faith and renew our vows;' let those pledges and vows be sacred, and when we return home let us assemble our companions and consult together, hold our meetings regularly, and learn and do our whole duty, and when another year has passed, and we assemble again, let the account we render be such an one as will reflect honor upon those who composed the Grand Council of 1882."

We wish every companion throughout the length and breadth of the Cryptic world would read and profit from the above.

M. I. Grand Master Burney submitted a condensed report of the proceedings of the twenty-one Grand Councils, Michigan, for 1881, included.

Comp. Ewin Burney re-elected M. I. Grand Master.

Comp. John Frizelle re-elected Grand Recorder.

Councils, 22; membership, 638.

FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.

In our last report we copied from the report of Grove B. Cooley, of Minnesota, in relation to

ENGLAND AND WALES.

We again copy from Comp. Cooley's report in full. He says:

"We have tidings from this Grand Council by way of a communication from the Illustrious Grand Recorder, D. M. DeWar, 8, Red Lion Square, London, W. C. He reports that the Cryptic Degrees are highly appreciated there.

"The Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, in London, is very prosperous and successful, numbering upward of 120 members, all of first-class position in Masonry and society, and the work is performed in the most correct and efficient manner, to the satisfaction and pleasure of all the members.

"In the country the progress has been but slow. There are ten Councils at work, but Comp. DeWar has no doubt of the future prosperity of Cryptic Masonry in England and Wales.

"They have representatives in eleven Grand Councils in the United States of America, all of which are represented near that Grand Council.

"No preceedings have as yet been printed.

"The Rev. G. R. Portal is M. P. Grand Master.

"Comp. D. M. DeWar, 8, Red Lion Square, London, W. C., is Grand Recorder."

We mailed our proceedings for 1882 to Comp. DeWar, but don't know that he received them; we will try again.

We also copy from same report the following from

SCOTLAND.

"We receive a report from this Grand Council by the courtesy of Comp. R. S. Brown, Illustrious Grand Recorder, who by letter dated August 31st, 1882, gives us a brief history of the proceedings of the Grand Council.

"The Grand Council was organized December 4th, 1880.

"There are three Subordinate Councils, one at Edinburgh, one at Aberdeen, and one at Glasgow.

"No proceedings have yet been printed, but the constitutions are in the printer's hands and will soon be out.

"The Grand Council is prosperous and hopeful.

"The present Grand officers are as follows:

"Capt. Charles Hunter, 32° Most Puissant Grand Master.

"Comp. R. S. Brown, 30° Grand Recorder.

"The Grand Recorder's address is No. 5, Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh, Scotland.

"The next Grand Assembly will be held October 28th, 1882."

We trust Comp. Cooley will pardon us, but we always try to give all the information we can get to our companions.

We place Scotland on our list of correspondence.

MALTA.

The information we have in relation to this Grand Council we obtain from Comp. S. Stacker Williams' report of Ohio. He says:

"The Grand Master of the Grand Council of England and Wales having established Subordinate Councils at Tunis and Malta, an alliance was formed, and these Subordinate Councils were organized into a *Provincial Grand Council*, on the 19th of October, 1880. Though of such recent planting, the Councils in this remote region begin to show good fruits. The aggregate membership at the time of the organization of the Provincial Grand Council was about fifty. All funds beyond current expenses and dues are devoted to aid the charitable funds of Craft Lodges in the district.

"The degrees controlled by this Grand Council are those of Excellent, Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master.

The following is the organization of this young Grand Council:

"R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, P. G. M.; R.W. Bro. C. E. Coffey, R.A. D. P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Major Ewing, S. W.; R. W. Bro. Dr. Mackinnon, J. W.; Bro. Rev. F. D. Backhouse, Chaplain; Bro. Dr. Walker, Secretary; Bro. Sir F. Blackwood, Bart., D. of C.: Bro. Dr. Greir, S. D.; Bro. Captain Bannister, J. D.; Bro. Captain Bridger, Organist; Bro. Captain Ford, R. A. Inner Guard; Bro. R. Beck, Tyler; Bro. Captain Sanford and Bro. Dr. Donovan, Grand Stewards."

NEBRASKA.

We learn from Companion Cooley's report that the Council degrees are still conferred in the Chapter, but at the Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter in 1881 the following resolution was offered and its consideration postponed until the second day of the next Convocation of the Grand Chapter which will be in December, 1882.

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that it is not proper for the Chapters of this jurisdiction to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master,"

The sober, second thought will prevail.

WISCONSIN.

We wrote Comp. Woodhull, of Milwaukee, for information, but have received no reply. We learn from Comp. Cooley's report that the Grand Council met in February, 1882, and that Comp. Fred. King. Jr., of La Crosse, is Grand Master, and Comp. John W. Woodhull, of Milwaukee, Grand Recorder, and that they "do not entertain a very exalted opinion in regard to the General Grand Council, and don't think they will take it in."

IOWA.

From the same source, (Comp. Cooley's report) we learn: "The Council degrees in Iowa are still resting in the bosom of the Chapter."

OREGON.

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, G. G. Master of the G. G. Council, in his report for Maine, says: "Two Councils U. D. have been organized in Oregon, and at last advices were vigorously at work."

CONCLUSION.

COMPANIONS—In concluding this, our report, we have endeavored to give you a summary sufficient to show the interest taken in Cryptic Masonry throughout the world. We believe that the organization of the General Grand Council has placed Cryptic Masonry upon as firm a foundation as that of Capitular and Templar. Many of the Grand Councils had become languid, whose Sentinels were sleeping, have aroused and re-organized; thrown off their lethargy and gone to work. Eighteen Grand Councils have ratified the Constitution and become constituents of the General Grand Council; those that have not ratified the Constitution and become constituents are not antagonistic to but work in harmony with them.

From the proceedings reviewed we are very much pleased to notice the general prosperity evinced by the increase of interest in the work. Statistics given in the several reports received show a satisfactory gain in membership.

We believe the outlook for the Cryptic Rite was never more flattering and hopeful throughout the world than at the present time.

Fraternally,



For the Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS

Twenty-sixth Annual Assembly, held at Detroit

COMMENCING MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1884.



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FORM OF PETITION FOR A NEW COUNCIL.

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

The undersigned petitioners, being Royal and Select Masters, having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, and being willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Cryptic Masonry, respectfully represent:

That they are desirous of forming a Council in the ——— ———, County of ———, and State of ———, to be named ——— Council, No.—.

They therefore pray for Letters of Dispensation, or a warrant of Constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal Council, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the regulations of the Grand Council.

They have nominated and do recommend, Comp. A. B., to be the first T. I. M.; Comp C. D., to be the first D. M.; and Comp. E. G. to be the first P. C. of W. of said Council.

If the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted, they promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council.

N. B.—The above petition must be signed by not less than nine Select Masters.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN assembled at Masonic Temple, in the City of Detroit, on Monday, January 14, being the Monday preceding the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1884, A. Dep. 2884, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. Ill. Comp. GEORGE H. GREENE.....Grand Master.
Ill. Comp. JAMES H. CUMMINS.....D. Grand Master,
" GEORGE H. STEPHENSON.....G. P. C. of Work.
M. Ill. Comp. H. SHAW NOBLE.....G. Treasurer.
" " GARRA B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
Comp. ALFRED BALDRY.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY.....G. Conductor of Council.
" REV. FRANCIS A. BLADES.....G. Chaplain.
" ALLEN McKEE.....as G. Steward.
" ALEXANDER McGREGOR.....G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. Ill. Comp. D. B. TRACY.....Past Grand Master.
" " E. SPRAGUE.....Past Grand Master.
" " GEORGE HILL.....Past Grand Master.
" " HUGH McCURDY.....Past Grand Master.
" " DAVID WOODWARD.....Past Grand Master.
" " RUFUS C. HATHEWAY.....Past Grand Master.
" " OLIVER L. SPAULDING.....Past Grand Master.
" " WM. G. HUDSON.....Past Grand Master.
" " WM. WALKER.....Past D. G. M.

The Grand Officers being present, and the representatives of a Constitutional number of Subordinate Councils, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was opened in ample form, with prayer by Rev. Francis A. Blades, Grand Chaplain.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Companions Garra B. Noble, M. D. Elliott and William H. White, a Committee on Credentials, who presented the following report:

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

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the Credentials submitted to them, and find the following members and delegates entitled to seats in the Grand Council:

Comp. GEORGE H. GREENE.....M. I. Grand Master.
" JAMES H. CUMMINS.....D. Grand Master.
" GEORGE H. STEPHENSON.....G. P. C. of Work.
" H. SHAW NOBLE.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
" ALFRED BALDRY.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY.....Grand Conductor of Council.
" REV. FRANCIS A. BLADES.....G. Chaplain.
" EDWIN M. ADAMS.....G. Stewart.
" ALEXANDER McGREGOR.....G. Sentinel.

Also the Past M. I. G. Masters, Past D. G. Masters, and Past G. P. Conductors of Work, and the following officers and delegates from Subordinate Councils:

Monroe Council, No. 1.

Comp. JAMES FINDLATER.....T. I. M
" RICHARD ROWLAND.....D. M.
" JOHN B. THOMPSON.....P. C. of W.

Pontiac Council, No. 3.

Comp. SAMUEL H. NORTON.....T. I. M.
" E. C. SMITH.....D. M.
" J. E. SAWYER.....P. C. of W.

River Raisin Council, No. 4.

Comp. A. I. SAWYER.....T. I. M.
" WM. F. HAIGHT.....D. M.
" ANDREW VIVIAN.....P. C. of W.

Jonesville Council, No. 5.

Comp. ROSWELL G. SPAULDING.....T. I. M.
" JAMES J. DENNIS.....D. M.
" CHARLES H. LEVINS.....P. C. of W., Proxy for Council.

Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.

Comp. N. ROSENBAUM.....T. I. M. and Representative of Council.
" C. E. FANNING.....D. M.
" J. S. CONOVER.....P. C. of W.

Romeo Council, No. 8.

Comp. ABIJAH E. PALMER.....T. I. M.
" JAMES GRAY.....D. M.
" CHARLES. F. NEWBERRY.....P. C. of W.

Zabud Council, No. 9.

Comp. D. D. BUCK.....T. I. M.
" CHARLES J. MILLER.....D. M.
" A. B. POWELL.....P. C. of W.

Tyre Council, No. 10.

Comp. RUFUS C. HATHEWAY.....T. I. M.
" GEO. VOORHIS.....D. M.
" GEO. LaBOUR.....P. C. of W.
" WM. P. INNES.....Proxy for T. I. M.

Union Council, No. 11.

Comp. C. F. R. BELLOWS.....T. I. M.
" C. F. ASHLEY.....D. M.
" P. W. CARPENTER.....P. C. of W.

Ionia Council, No. 12.

Comp. HENRY WHEADON.....T. I. M.
" JOHN T. PICKHAVEN.....D. M. and Proxy for Council.
" WM. HIGGINS.....P. C. of W.

Sturgis Council, No. 13.

Comp. CHARLES E. LANDON.....T. I. M
" HENRY L. ANTHONY.....D. M.
" IRA F. PACKARD.....P. C. of W.

Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.

Comp. EZRA CARPENTER.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE CARD.....D. M.
" MOSES KOCHENTHAL.....P. C. of W.
" E. T. BECKHART.....Representative of Council.

Genesee Council, No. 17.

(No returns.)

Adrian Council, No. 18.

Comp. JOHN F. KIMBALL.....T. I. M.
" DANIEL T. ANDERSON.....D. M.
" ORSMUS LAMB.....P. C. of W.

Niles Council, No 19.

Comp. HIRAM A. EDWARDS.....T. I. M.
" W. IRVING BABCOCK.....D. M.
" ENOCH FLEGAL.....P. C. of W.

Saginaw Council, No. 20.

Comp. FRED. E. HOYT.....T. I. M.
" D. B. REEVE.....D. M.
" H. H. CHEENEY.....P. C. of W.

St. Johns Council, No. 21.

Comp. GEO. H. STEPHENSON.....T. I. M.
" JOHN G. WATKINS.....D. M., and Proxy for Council.
" JOHN Q. HENDERSON.....P. C. of W.

Portland Council, No. 23.

Comp. GEO. HILL.....T. I. M.
" DUNCAN KENNEDY.....D. M.
" CHARLES SMITH.....P. C. of W.
" W. H. WHITE.....Proxy for T. I. M.

Adoniram Council, No. 24.

Comp. J. D. VAN DUYR.....T. I. M.
" ARTHUR CASE.....D. M.
" PETER F. BLOSSER, P. C. of W. and Representative of Council.

King Solomon Council, No. 25.

Comp. CHARLIE GRAY.....T. I. M.
" PETER McNAUGHTON.....D. M.
" B. ELIAL HUTCHINSON.....P. C. of W.

Clinton Council, No. 26.

Comp. DAVID WOODWARD.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE FISHER.....D. M.
" WILLIAM C. ROGERS.....P. C. of W.
" JOHN HOWES.....Representative of Council.

Oceana Council, No. 27.

Comp. WM. E. DOCKRY.....T. I. M.
" FREDERICK NEILSON.....D. M.
" GEORGE W. INNES.....P. C. of W.

Lansing Council, No. 29.

Comp. JOSIAH BRUNO.....T. I. M.
" L. H. BRIGGS.....D. M.
" M. B. CARPENTER.....P. C. of W.

Northville Council, No. 30.

Comp. WM. HARLAN.....T. I. M.
" JOHN E. WILCOX.....D. M.
" FRANK R. BEALS.....P. C. of W.

Jackson Council, No. 32.

Comp. SANFORD HUNT.....T. I. M.
" R. LIVERMORE.....D. M.
" A. E. BALL.....P. C. of W.

Ithaca Council, No. 33.

Comp. J. F. HENRY.....T. I. M.
" J. L. SINCLAIR.....D. M.
" W. C. BECKWITH.....P. C. of W.

Union City Council, No. 35.

Comp. A. B. AIKEN.....T. I. M.
" R. SIMONS.....D. M.
" R. E. McDONALD.....P. C. of W.

Charlotte Council, No. 36.

Comp. E. T. CHURCH.....T. I. M.
" DANIEL BAUGHMAN.....D. M.
" P. S. DeGRAFF.....P. C of W.
" SETH KETCHUM.....Proxy for T. I. M.

Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37.

Comp. THOS. G. GREENE.....T. I. M.
" A. J. TRUDALE.....D. M.
" L. B. HESS.....P. C. of W.

Corunna Council, No. 38.

Comp. HUGH McCURDY.....T. I. M.
" CHAS. H. COSSETT.....D. M.
" C. C. GILBERT.....P. C. of W.

Holly Council, No. 39.

Comp. JAMES H. CUMMINS.....T. I. M.
" THOMAS M. JOSLIN.....D. M
" MARCUS D. ELLIOTT, P. C. of W., Representative of Council.

Bronson Council, No. 40.

Comp. DAVID STRABLEY.....T. I. M.
" L. W. LEWIS.....D. M.
" J. E. PULLMAN.....P. C. of W.
" JASON SHEPARD.....Representative of Council.

Lapeer Council, No. 42.

Comp. W. F. DALEY.....T. I. M.
" F. J. JACKSON.....D. M.
" WM. COLERICK.....P. C. of W.

Lawrence Council, No. 43.

Comp. GEORGE A. CROSS.....T. I. M.
" W. L. BIDWELL.....D. M.
" J. F BARROWS.....P. C. of W.

St. Joseph Council, No. 44.

Comp. FREDERICK E. MINNES.....T. I. M.
" HIRAM W. RAY.....D. M.
" EDWARD F. PLATT.....P. C. of W.
" A. H. SCOTT.....Proxy for T. I. M.

South Haven Council, No. 45.

Comp. THOMPSON A. BIXBY.....T. I. M.
" JAMES S. DONAHUE.....D. M.
" SILAS M. TROWBRIDGE.....P. C. of W., Proxy for T. I. M

Manistee Council, No. 46.

Comp. LOUIS E. MORRIS.....T. I. M.
" D. W. MOWATT.....D. M.
" ALLEN McKEE.....P. C. of W.

Ludington Council, No. 48.

Comp. WILLIAM G. HUDSON.....T. I. M.
" G. N. STRAY.....D. M.
" F. P. DUNWELL.....P. C. of W.
" H. B. SMITH.....Representative of Council.

Giblum Council, No. 49.

Comp. A. P. DRAKE.....T. I. M.
" M. W. RIKER.....D. M.
" TRAVERSE PHILLIPS..... P. C. of W., and Proxy for T. I. M.

Leslie Council, No. 50.

Comp. ALLEN C. MANLEY.....T. I. M.
" EDWARD OLDMAN.....D. M.
" WM. HUTCHINGS.....P. C. of W., and Proxy for Council.

Grand Haven Council, No. 51.

Comp. GEORGE E. HUBBARD.....T. I. M.
" WM. J. H. SAUNDERS.....D. M.
" CHARLES N. DICKINSON.....P. C. of W.

Petoskey Council, No. 52.

Comp. LEVI W. COLE.....T. I. M.
" JOSEPH A. C. ROWEN.....D. M.
" WILBER F. LAWTON.....P. C. of W.

Bay City Council, U. D.

Comp. CHAS. F. GIBSON.....T. I. M.
" ELGIN M. SHARP.....D. M.
" ALLEN C. STEWART.....P. C. of W.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. B. NOBLE,
M. D. ELLIOTT,
W. H. WHITE,
Committee.

Report accepted and adopted.

The M I. Grand Master, George H. Greene, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL :

The wheels of time have rolled back another year in the annals of Cryptic Masonry, and added another year to the scroll of time, and to the history of our beloved Order. Do we fully realize that we are one year nearer "that bourne from whence no traveler returns," than when we last met as Select Masters in annual Assembly? And while we gather here to review the proceeding of the past, and legislate for the future advancement and prosperity of our Order, let us each pause a moment and review our own past lives, and see if our deeds and actions have been such as will prove that brotherly love reigns within us, and that our labors have been such as will stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square. If so, then indeed are we good Masons and true men, worthy the name we bear of *Select* Masters.

Permit me to congratulate you on the prosperity of our select institution and the peace and harmony that reigns throughout our jurisdiction; and it affords me great pleasure, on the return of this our annual Assembly, to recognize so many friendly faces, and grasp the hand of so many "familiar friends" with whom I have met from time to time in this place. And now as we deliberate upon such questions as may be brought before us, let us endeavor to maintain that same union and harmony which has been so marked in all our former annual deliberations, and which is so essentially necessary for the best good of our noble institution.

OFFICIAL.

My official acts, during the year, have been as follows:

On January 29th, 1883, for good and sufficient reasons, I granted a special dispensation to St. Johns Council, No. 28, to receive the petitions of four companion Royal Arch Masons, and pass the ballot for their advancement without the usual delay, at a meeting to be held January 31st, 1883; all the members

to be notified of the meeting, and of the names of the petitioners to be balloted for.

Also, on November 3d, 1883, to the same Council a special dispensation to hold a meeting November 5th, 1883, for the purpose of granting dimits to two companions, residents of Bay City, who were desirous of petitioning with others, for a dispensation to organize a new Council at that place.

On the 12th of November, 1883, I received the petition of Charles F. Gibson and ten other companions, Royal and Select Masters, all residents of Bay City, accompanied with their dimits and the required fee of twenty-five dollars, for a dispensation to empower them to assemble in the City of Bay City as a legal Council, "to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order and the regulations of the Grand Council." This petition was duly recommended by Saginaw Council, No. 20, the nearest Council. Bay City being a city of nearly or quite 25,000 inhabitants and no other Council nearer than East Saginaw, I deemed it for the best interests of the Order to grant their request, and on the 13th of November, 1883, I issued a dispensation to Companion Charles F. Gibson to be first T. I. M.; Companion Edgar M. Sharp first D. M., and Companion Allen L. Stewart first P. C. of W., with their associate companions, to assemble and work a Regular Council, designated as Bay City Council, No. ——.

I am informed by a recent letter from Companion Gibson that they are getting along finely; have exalted six companions, and have several petitions under consideration; that the officers have taken great pains to make themselves proficient in the work and that everything appears favorable to their having a good working Council. They will doubtless make return of their proceedings to this annual Assembly and ask for a charter, which I most heartily recommend be granted.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I had hoped during the year to make official visits to as many Councils as I could conveniently reach, but on account of

poor health, I have been unable to do so, except to that of my own Council, Lansing, No. 29, which I visited officially on the evening of February 22, and witnessed the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Master on seven candidates in a very creditable manner. I assure you that the work of this Council is in good hands.

QUESTIONS.

Since our last annual Assembly, few official questions touching the jurisprudence of the Order have been submitted, and none except those which are already answered in our constitution and standing edicts, which is good evidence that the companions who have charge of this branch of Masonry in this State, understand well the work and mysteries of the Secret Vault.

AT REST.

It is with sadness that I am compelled to report, that since we last met around this sacred altar, the angel of death has invaded our Secret Vault and taken from among us one of our most esteemed and honored companions. I allude to Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Mortimer Mansfield, who died at his residence in the city of Coldwater, Thursday, December 20th, 1883.

Companion Mansfield was well known to those of us who have attended the sessions of this Grand Council in years past. He was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master Jan. 19, 1875 and presided at the session held in Detroit, January 17th, 1876. I recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare an appropriate obituary to be published in our proceedings, and that a memorial page be set apart to his memory.

I would further recommend that a memorial page be set apart to the memory of the dead of our Grand Jurisdiction, containing their names, date of death and the Councils to which they belonged, which can easily be compiled from the returns of subordinate Councils.

REPRINT OF PROCEEDINGS.

At our last annual Assembly our Grand Recorder had provided us with a reprint of our proceedings from the organization to and including 1870, in order that any subordinate Council, which desired to do so, could supply themselves with a complete set from the organization, but in attempting to make up sets it was found that we were entirely out of 1871, and the Grand Recorder now informs me that up to 1876 he has only from ten to twenty copies of each year. Each subordinate Council should be able to provide themselves with a complete set, bound, if they desired to do so, but at present they could not, neither can we furnish to other Grand Councils all our proceedings when called upon to do so, therefore I would recommend that a reprint of the proceedings of 1871 to 1876, inclusive, be made of a sufficient number to supply what may be likely to be called for.

SISTER GRAND COUNCILS.

It affords me great pleasure to report that our relations with sister Grand Councils are of the most peaceful and harmonious character. Through the courtesy of our Grand Recorder, Companion Noble, I have received the proceedings of the following named Sister Grand Councils, the perusal of which has afforded me much satisfaction and material benefit: California, Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Vermont for the year 1883, and Alabama, Massachusetts, New York and Kentucky for 1882. This last named, Kentucky for 1882, is the first Grand Assembly since 1878, it having at that time surrendered its jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky. This Assembly was to receive back the trust committed to the Grand Chapter at that time, which they did, and Kentucky is again numbered among our Sister Grand Councils.

Illinois Grand Council, too, on the 27th day of October, 1882, resumed control of the Sacred Treasures, which it, by a committee, on the 23rd day of November, 1877 committed to

the care and custody of a foreign body, thereby virtually closing the Secret Vault during this interim. Her proceedings of 1883 show that she too is again in good working order. Kentucky and Illinois, we welcome you back again, and assign you a seat among our number.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

It is well known to you all that in 1880 the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the U. S., was organized in the city of Detroit, and a constitution adopted to become operative whenever nine Grand Councils should ratify and accept the same. Twice that number or more had ratified it prior to its holding its first Triennial Assembly, which was held in the city of Denver in August, 1883, the proceedings of which I have as yet been unable to obtain.

It is also well known to you that prior to its organization, Cryptic Masonry was fast going into chaos and confusion; quite a number of Grand Councils had already adopted the "Mississippi plan" and surrendered jurisdiction of these beautiful degrees to a foreign body, which cared little whether it survived or perished.

I am strongly in the belief that its organization and influence has been the means of staying these ruinous proceedings of *merging*, which, in my opinion, is equivalent to an abandonment. Already quite a number of those Grand Councils which had surrendered their jurisdiction to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of their respective States, have resumed control and are again in good working order and on a surer foundation than ever before.

Michigan's Grand Council, in whose jurisdiction this organization was made, has not yet ratified or accepted its constitution, nor in any way become a constituent part thereof. The propriety of doing so was presented to you in a very able manner two years ago in the Grand Master's address, and also in the report of a committee appointed to consider the matter and make recommendations. Permit me here to quote a few lines from

the report of this committee. In speaking of the dogma of merging or closing the Secret Vault, it says :

"Our jurisdiction has not been troubled with any dogmas or issues upon this subject. The true light of Cryptic Masonry has burned brightly upon our altars, and the workmen in the Secret Vault have worked their regular hours unmolested and undisturbed. "Peace has been within our walls and prosperity within our palaces." But not so with many of our sister Grand Jurisdictions. The sound of the working tools has been unheard; the Bible has been closed upon the altar; the lights extinguished in the temple; and sleepers found at their posts. Shall we permit this state of things to exist, or will we cast our influence in favor of order, God's first law, and assist in bringing order out of chaos and confusion; to re-light the extinguished tapers, and restore Masonic peace, happiness and prosperity among the workmen in the Ninth Arch? Your committee agree with the M. I. Grand Master, and are of the opinion that this Grand Body should become a constituent part of the General Grand Council, and submit this resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, hereby ratifies and accepts the constitution of the General Grand Council; and the Grand Recorder be and is hereby instructed to notify the General Grand Recorder of our action in the premises."

This resolution was laid over one year, and to be submitted to the subordinate Councils for their action, and at our last annual Assembly it was found that not a sufficient number of Councils had acted on it to warrant our taking any action and it was again laid over until this Assembly. It will doubtless come before you at this session for adoption or rejection, and from what I have been able to learn of the results of its organization, the order which is coming out of confusion, I can most heartily recommend its adoption.

AMENDMENT.

At our last annual Assembly the following amendment to the constitution was submitted, which, under the rules, was received and laid over until this session:

To amend Article 1, Section 1 of the Constitution, by adding to the list of officers, "Grand Lecturer."

This will come before you for consideration at this time, upon which I am not prepared to make any recommendations, but am very confident that in your wisdom you will do that which is for the best interests of the craft.

DELINQUENT COUNCILS.

Two years ago you instructed the Grand Master to see that article 6 of the by-laws of this Grand Council be strictly enforced, the result of which was the arrest of the charters of five dormant Councils. This left but one which could come under these instructions, of which M. I. G. M. William G. Hudson, in his address, says: "The charter of Newaygo, No. 47, I have not arrested for the reason that I have been unable, from pressure of my own affairs, to visit them in person, and could not find any companion in that vicinity to attend to the duty for me. The case is one that calls as loudly for discipline as any. No report has been made, and no dues paid since 1876."

Upon examination, I find that P. M. I. G. M. M. Mansfield granted them a dispensation Aug. 4, 1875. They made no returns to the following annual Assembly in January, 1876, and their dispensation was continued another year. In January, 1877, they made returns of their proceedings for 1876, and a charter was granted them. Since that time nothing has been reported from them.

During the past year I have written to two members of this Council, one of whom had represented it in this Grand Council and the other had been its Thrice Illustrious Master, asking them if there was not a possibility of resurrecting it and putting it again in working order, but received no reply from either.

I then concluded that it was past resurrecting and deputized Ill. Companion William P. Innes to repair to Newaygo and arrest their charter, and secure such other of their effects that he might find and report the same to me.

He reports that he found the charter and seal stowed away in an old garret, which he secured January 12th, 1884, and has turned them over to the Grand Recorder. He was unable to find any of their records or other effects.

CONCLUSION.

Companions, a twelve month ago, at the close of the first quarter of a century of our existence as a Grand Council, you elevated me to the head of the Grand Ninth Arch of Michigan, the highest honor in your power to confer. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of this honored position to the best of my ability. If I have failed, or in any way come short of my duty, I assure you it is of the head and not of the heart, and I trust you will overlook the error, and cover it with the "broad mantle of Masonic charity." My labor as your Grand Master is nearly completed, and I am soon to return to you the emblem of power which you have invested me with, and in doing so permit me to extend to you my most sincere thanks for the high honor which you have conferred on me, and for the uniform kindness I have received from every hand; and as I step again into the ranks, rest assured that I shall ever remember with gratitude this manifestation of your confidence and esteem.

GEORGE H. GREENE,
M. I. G. Master.

On motion of Companion Wm. P. Innes, the address of the M. Ill. Grand Master was referred to the following committee for subdivision and reference: Companions Wm. P. Innes, Richard Rowland and Chas. F. Gibson.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE.—P. M. I. G. M. Oliver L. Spaulding, Comps. Traverse Phillips and Wm. E. Dockry.

RETURNS.—Comps. Charles F. Gibson, William F. Daily and James Findlater.

JURISPRUDENCE.—P. M. I. G. M. Hugh McCurdy, P. M. I. G. M. David Woodward and P. M. I. G. M. Ebenezer Sprague.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.—Comps. Wm. P. Innes, Josiah Bruno and Samuel H. Norton.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their annual financial statements, which were referred to the Finance Committee:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. SHAW NOBLE, Grand Treasurer,

In account with Grand Council of R. & S. M.

1883. DR.

January	15,	To Cash on hand		$325 85
	15,	" " Grand Secretary		300 00
	17,	" " " "		150 00
Nov.	28,	" " " "		25 00.
				$800 85

1884.

January	14,	To balance on hand	$342 90
	5,	" Cash of Grand Secretary	111 25
	14,	" Balance on hand	$454 15

1883. CR.

January	16,	By receipt,	W. G. Hudson	$ 25 00
		" "	Alex. McGregor	10 00
		" "	I. M. Carpenter	5 00
	17,	" "	G. B. Noble	125 00
		" "	Dem. P. & P. Co	2 25
		" "	H. A. Edwards	4 20
		"	Pay Roll Receipts	162 00
May	9,	"	Roehm & Wright's bill	50 00
		"	Thompson, printing	74 60
		"	Balance on hand	342 90
				$800 85

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

G. B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder,

In account with Grand Council of R. and S. Masters.

January 15, 1888. DR.

For dues from	Monroe Council	No. 1		$ 69 75
" "	Pontiac Council	" 3		19 50
" "	River Raisin Council	" 4		7 00
" "	Jonesville Council	" 5		11 75
" "	Mt. Moriah Council	" 6		22 75
" "	Romeo Council	" 8		4 50
" "	Zabud Council	" 9		22 50
" "	Tyre Council	" 10		14 75
" "	Union Council	" 11		16 50
" "	Ionia Council	" 12		14 00
" "	Sturgis Council	" 13		5 00
" "	Mt. Ararat Council	" 15		13 75
" "	Genesee Council	" 17		4 75
" "	Adrian Council	" 18		15 25
" "	Niles Council	" 19		16 75
" "	Saginaw Council	" 20		10 00
" "	St. Johns Council	" 21		15 00
" "	Portland Council	" 23		6 50
" "	Adoniram Council	" 24		10 75
" "	King Solomon Council	" 25		6 50
" "	Clinton Council	" 26		6 25
" "	Oceana Council	" 27		12 75
" "	Lansing Council	" 29		11 75
" "	Northville Council	" 30		4 50
" "	Jackson Council	" 32		34 75
" "	Ithaca Council	" 33		6 00
" "	Union City Council	" 35		6 75
" "	Charlotte Council	" 36		21 75
" "	Nebuzaraden Council	" 37		7 75
" "	Corunna Council	" 38		9 25
" "	Holly Council	" 39		15 25
" "	Bronson Council	" 40		10 00
" "	Lapeer Council	" 42		18 25
" "	Lawrence Council	" 43		28 50
" "	St. Joseph Council	" 44		6 25
" "	South Haven Council	" 45		5 75
" "	Manistee Council	" 46		12 00
" "	Ludington Council	" 48		13 75
" "	Giblum Council	" 49		9 00
" "	Leslie Council	" 50		6 00
" "	Grand Haven Council	" 51		11 50
" "	Petoskey Council	" 52		5 75
" "	River Raisin Council	No. 4, for 1881.		7 25
" "	Northville Council	" 30, "		4 50
NOV. 17, for	Dispensation at Bay City			25 00
	Total			$602 25

1883			Cr.	
Jan.	15.	By paid,	Grand Treasurer	$300 00
"	17,	" "	" "	150 00
Mar.	3,	" "	Grand Recorder, bills, envelopes, etc	13 00
Nov.	25,	" "	Grand Treasurer	25 00
Dec.	1,	" "	Chas. C. Noble, postal cards and printing	3 00
1884.				
Jan.	4,	" "	Grand Treasurer	111 25
			Total	$602 25

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Herewith I submit a report of the transactions of my office for the preceding year.

The proceedings of the last annual Assembly were printed and distributed as usual, as soon as possible after the close of the Grand body.

I regret to say that many of the Recorders of our subordinate Councils neglect to acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings (although requested so to do) making it impossible to know if received.

In accordance with the resolution of the Grand Council, I procured and presented P. M. I. Grand Master Wm. G. Hudson, a suitable jewel on behalf of the Grand Council, receiving from him his acknowledgment, desiring me to tender to this Grand body his sincere thanks for this token of their esteem, trusting that he might wear it with pleasure to himself and honor to the Craft.

On the 1st of December last I issued a circular to the T. I. Masters of each subordinate Council, calling their attention to the resolution of this Grand Council, (proceedings of 1882, page 32) in relation to the acceptance and ratification of the Constitution of the General Grand Council, requesting them to report the action of their Council, from which I have received eleven reports - nine in favor, two against.

I find the proceedings of the Grand Council for the years 1871 to 1878 are nearly exhausted, should we reprint them for these years I could then get bound a sufficient number to give each subordinate Council a copy, as I have plenty of those of the other years to fill the set.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. NOBLE,
Grand Recorder.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway, the amendment presented at the last annual Assembly, as follows:

(To amend Article 1, Section 1 of the Constitution, by adding to the list of officers "Grand Lecturer"), was taken from the table, and on motion to adopt, the same was *lost.*

The M. I. Grand Master was authorized, upon application of a subordinate Council for a Lecturer, to appoint a competent companion to visit the Council and instruct them in the ritual as adopted by this Grand Council, the subordinate Council to pay all expenses.

COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE

Submitted the following report:

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, would fraternally report that they have had the same under consideration, and beg to say, that they fully endorse his official actions the past year, and testify to the able manner in which the arduous duties of his office have been performed; and would recommend that so much of the address as refers to the death of Most Illustrious Companion Mortimer Mansfield be referred to a special committee of three; that so much as refers to Charters and Dispensation be referred to the Standing Committee on Charters and Dispensation; that so much as refers to the reprint of the proceedings of 1871 to 1878, be referred to the Finance Committee, with recommendation to be adopted; that so much as refers to the General Grand Council be made the subject of action by this Grand Council, and that the same course be taken with reference to the election of Grand Lecturer; that so much as refers to the action of the Most Illustrious relative to delinquent Councils, be approved by this Grand body.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. P. INNES,
CHARLES F. GIBSON,
RICHARD ROWLAND,
Committee.

Which was received and adopted.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following special committee on the death of P. M. I. G. Master M. Mansfield: Comps. P. M. I. G. M. David Bovee, P. M. I. G. M. David Woodward, and Traverse Phillips.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway, the resolution submitted by the committee at the annual Assembly, 1882, (see proceedings 1882, page 32, and proceedings 1883, page 22) to ratify and accept the Constitution of the General Grand Council, was taken from the table, and, on motion, was indefinitely postponed.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the special order at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M. Oliver L. Spaulding, the bill of Comp. Wm. P. Innes, for expenses in obtaining the Charter and effects of Newaygo Council, No. 47, for eight dollars and twelve cents, was allowed.

The Grand Council was called from labor until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, January 15, 1884.

The Grand Council resumed labor at nine o'clock. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted a verbal report, which was adopted, congratulating the Grand Council that no business had been presented for their consideration.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

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

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

Your standing Committee on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to submit the following report:

They have had before them the books and papers in the case of companions from Bay City, praying for a charter to open a Council in said city. They find that a dispensation was granted by M. I. Grand Master Geo. H.

Greene, on 13th Nov., 1883, and that since which time the Council has pursued its labors in a legal and constitutional manner. By reference to the records, which are kept in a clean and accurate manner, we find that work has been done and many members been added to their numbers.

Your committee are satisfied that Cryptic Masonry will be much benefited by granting a charter to the companions, and would recommend that a charter be so issued, and that the Council be named and numbered as follows: Bay City Council, Number Fifty-three, (53) and that they be authorized to elect and install their officers at the first regular meeting after the adjournment of this Grand body.

WM. P. INNES,
JOSIAH BRUNO,
S. H. NORTON,
Committee.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was adopted except that portion relative to the reports of the proceedings, which was laid on the table:

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

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the reports and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and find them correct.

At the date of his last report the Grand Treasurer had on hand.....		$825 85
Received since of Grand Recorder.....		586 25
		$912 10
During the same time he has paid out.....	$457 95	
On hand.....	454 15	
		$912 10

Your committee have been unable, in the short time since the subject was committed to them, to ascertain the necessity or the expense of a reprint of the proceedings for the years 1871 to 1878. It is probable the expense would be between $300 and $400.

It is not clear to your committee that the benefit would be such as to warrant this expense. The subordinate Councils have all received copies of the proceedings, and if they desire they can have them bound. If it be urged that these proceedings have been lost, what assurance have we that the bound volumes would not share the same fate.

A sufficient number of the proceedings for present use are now in the office of the Grand Recorder.

By a much less expense than that of a reprint, in the opinion of your committee, a sufficient number of extra copies for future use could be obtained by voluntary contributions of companions and subordinate Councils. Such a course is recommended.

O. L. SPAULDING,
T. PHILLIPS,
W. E. DOCKRY,
Committee.

January 15, 1883.

On motion of Companion William P. Innes, the Grand Recorder was instructed to ascertain the expense of reprinting the proceedings from 1871 to 1878 inclusive, and report at the next annual Assembly.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M. Oliver L. Spaulding, the Grand Recorder was requested to correspond with the subordinate Councils, and obtain all the spare numbers of the proceedings from 1871 to 1878 that could be had.

RETURNS.

The Committee on Returns of subordinate Councils made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Returns would most respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the subordinate Councils, and report as follows: Councils making correct returns are as follows: Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 and Bay City U. D.; No returns, No. 17.

OBITUARY.

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

Your committee, to whom was referred the sad duty of expressing the sentiments and feelings of the Grand Council relative to the death of our late Illustrious Companion, Mortimer Mansfield, respectfully report the following:

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Mortimer Mansfield died at his home in the City of Coldwater, December 20, 1883, surrounded by his family and a large circle of friends. His funeral was attended with Knightly

honors on Sunday, Dec. 23d. Companion Mansfield was born in Barry, Orleans County, State of New York, October 23, 1826, where he resided until 1833, when he with his father (Hon. Clark Mansfield) moved to Bridgewater, Washtenaw County, Michigan, where he resided until 1850, when he removed to Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan, at which place he has since resided. Companion Mansfield received the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in Tyre Lodge, No. 18, of Coldwater, Mich., in 1851, receiving the first degree July 8th, the second degree August 19th, and the third degree August 26th, of which Lodge he has ever been a consistent, faithful and active member. At different times he filled important positions in the Lodge. In 1851, he was appointed and served as Senior Deacon. In 1852, he was elected Senior Warden, and in 1854, he was elected Worshipful Master, and served one year. Companion Mansfield received the Capitular degrees in Masonry in Temple Chapter, No. 21, of Coldwater, Mich., being exalted to the Royal Arch on the 20th of April, 1859, of which Chapter he was a zealous and efficient member, holding the office of Captain of the Host for a number of years The degrees of Cryptic Masonry were conferred on Companion Mansfield in Mount Moriah Council, No. 6, at Coldwater, Michigan, Dec. 9th, 1859. He was elected Thrice Illustrious Master of said Council, Dec. 24th, 1866, holding the office for eight consecutive years, discharging his duties with honor and to the entire satisfaction of his companions. January 19th, 1875, he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of this Grand Council.

In addition to the foregoing, Companion Mansfield was an honored member of other Masonic bodies, having received the orders of Knighthood in Jacobs Commandery, No. 10, K. T., of Coldwater, Michigan, January 22d, 1861, in which commandery he held from time to time responsible stations, having been elected Captain General several times successively. The Consistory degrees, up to and including the thirty-second, was conferred on him in the City of Detroit, February 22, 1871.

Companion Mansfield entered the army as first Lieutenant in company G., 9th Michigan Infantry, October 12, 1861—was promoted to the office of Captain, January 7th, 1862. He was taken prisoner at Murfreesboro, Tenn., July 13th, 1862, and remained as such until August 8th, following, when he was released, after which he remained in service until July 25th, 1865, when he was mustered out and honorably discharged.

After his return from the army he was appointed Revenue Collector, filling the position with credit for years.

In the death of our Illustrious Companion Mansfield, whose memory we revere, and whose loss we deeply deplore, the community loses a highly esteemed and upright citizen, his family a kind husband and father, and the several Masonic orders of which he was an honored member, a faithful

brother and companion. In his social relations he was cheerful and lively, rendering his society agreeable, and was seldom seen without a smile, indicating the warm feelings of a kind friend. He was genial and generous in every impulse of his nature, commanding the respect, love and esteem of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His sympathies as well as his purse, were at all times ready to assist in alleviating the sufferings of the poor and distressed. It can truly be said of him, he was a good man and true, strictly adhering to the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

His works on earth are now finished. We shall no more meet our companion on this side of the grave. May his faults and foibles be forgotten, his virtues imitated, and his memory revered and cherished by us all.

We recommend that a memorial page be suitably inscribed in our proceedings, and dedicated to his memory.

DAVID BOVEE,
TRAVERSE PHILLIPS,
D. WOODWARD,
Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The time fixed by special order for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the M. I. Grand Master appointed as tellers, Companions Geo. E. Hubbard and W. F. Haight, who, after receiving and counting the ballots, reported the following companions as having received a majority of all the votes cast, whereupon they were severally declared elected, as follows :

Comp. JAMES H. CUMMINS, Holly.....M. I. Grand Master.
" GEORGE H. STEPHENSON, St. Johns.....D. Grand Master.
" ALFRED BALDRY, St. Joseph.....G. P. Con. of Work.
" H. SHAW NOBLE, Monroe .....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit.....G. Recorder.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY, South Haven.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" ALLEN McKEE, Manistee.....G. Cond. of Council.
" REV. FRANCIS A. BLADES, Detroit..... G. Chaplain.
" THOMAS G. GREENE, Three Rivers.....G. Steward.
" ALEXANDER McGREGOR, Detroit.....G. Sentinel.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The grand officers elect were then installed by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Hugh McCurdy, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Rufus C. Hatheway as Grand Marshal, and conducted to their stations.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway, the Grand Recorder was allowed $125 for his services the past year; and that he be authorized to have the proceedings printed and distributed as usual, and that the Grand Treasurer pay for same on the presentation of the bills, duly certified by the Grand Recorder; also, that the Grand Sentinel be paid $10 for his services; and that the Grand Recorder procure a suitable jewel and present the same to P. M. I. G. M. George H. Greene, as a token of the respect and esteem of this Grand body.

On motion, the Grand Recorder was instructed to procure collars for the Grand Chaplain, Grand Conductor of Council, and Grand Steward.

The M. I. G. Master appointed Companions Garra B. Noble, Charles F. Gibson and George E. Hubbard, a Committee on Correspondence.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

On motion, the thanks of the Grand Council were extended to the fraternity of Detroit for the free use of their Temple during the present Assembly.

On motion, the thanks of the Grand Council were tendered to Past M. I. Grand Master, George H. Greene, for the able and efficient services rendered this Grand Council the past year.

CLOSING.

The Grand Council, having completed its labors, was then closed in ample and solemn form—prayer by Rev. Francis A.

Blades, Grand Chaplain—to meet again in annual Assembly in the City of Detroit, on the Monday preceding the third Tuesday of January (being the 19th), A. D. 1885, A. Dep. 2885.



JAMES H. CUMMINS,
M. I. Grand Master.

ATTEST:

Grand Recorder.

This Mourning Page

IS

DEDICATED

TO THE MEMORY

OF

Mortimer Mansfield,

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master,

GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

WHO WAS BORN

In Barry, Orleans County, State of New York, October 23, 1826,

AND DIED

In the City of Coldwater, State of Michigan, December 20, 1883.

"A generous Friend, a good Citizen, and a True Mason."

NECROLOGY.

DIED, 1883.

GEORGE C. MONRO	Jonesville Council, No. 5	August 16.
HARRY RANSOM	Jonesville Council, No. 5	Dec. 21.
MORTIMER MANSFIELD	Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6	Dec. 20.
WM. HIDDEN	Union Council, No. 11	——
FREDERICK HALL	Ionia Council, No. 12	April 26.
CHARLES E. BLACKWOOD	Sturgis Council, No. 13	Feb'y 17.
C. KNAPP	Adrian Council, No. 18	Feb'y 14.
SYLVESTER B. SMITH	Adrian Council, No. 18	Sept. 10.
ROBERT BEATIE	Niles Council, No. 19	Dec. 18.
HENRY BARTON	Portland Council, No. 23	Feb'y 22.
S. L. JENKINS	Portland Council, No. 23	Oct. 21.
JACOB O. ROSE	King Solomon Council, No. 25	Oct. 24.
B. J. GRIER	Charlotte Council, No. 36	Feb'y 9.
JAMES ANDERSON	Corunna Council, No. 38	Jan. —
C. M. JACKSON	Lawrence Council, No. 43	Sept. 21.
PAUL CANNIN	Manistee Council, No. 46	Nov. 9.
IRA HATCH	Giblum Council, No. 49	June —
JOHN FURLONG	Grand Haven Council, No. 51	Sept. 16.

LIST OF GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1858 TO 1883.

Year.	T. I. G. P.	D. I. G. P.	G. T. I.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards.
1858....	*N. B. Carpenter..	S. B. Brown.....	Frank Darrow...	R. W. Davis.....	Ezra Rood.... ...	*N. P. Jacobs.....	T. A. Flower.
1859....	*N. B. Carpenter..	S. B. Brown.....	Frank Darrow...	John Clark.....	" "	" "	A. J. Cummings.
1860....	*Frank Darrow....	John Clark.....	D. B. Tracy.....	B. F. Doughty...	" "	" "	*S. B. Morse.
1861....	*John Clark.....	D. B. Tracy.....	*B. F. Doughty...	E. Sprague.....	" "	" "	S. L. Dart.
1862....	D. B. Tracy.....	E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee	" "	Oliver Bourke. ..	C. H. Putnam.
1863....	*E. A. Elliott.. ..	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee	S. L. Dart.....	" "	" "	J. P. Whiting.
1864....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee...	S. L. Dart.....	E. D. Benedict...	" "	" "	" "
1865....	D. Bovee	S. L. Dart.....	E. D. Benedict...	W. S. Edwards..	" "	" "	" "
1866....	*S. L. Dart...	E. D. Benedict....	W. S. Edwards..	W. Walker.....	J. T. Hayden.....	" "	W. F. King.
1867....	W. S. Edwards...	Wm. Walker.....	J. T. Hayden....	W. F. King.....	Wm. Barclay.....	" "	J. W. Champlin.
1868....	J. T. Hayden. ..	O. L. Spaulding .	J. W. Champlin.	M. Walter.....	" "	" "	H. Shaw Noble.
1869....	C. H. Putnam ...	O. L. Spaulding..	E. Sprague.....	H. Shaw Noble..	" "	" "	J. E. Marvin.
1870....	O. L. Spaulding ..	E. Sprague	H. Shaw Noble..	Wm. Brown.....	" "	" "	J. B. Nixon.
1871....	E. Sprague	H. Shaw Noble...	Wm. Brown.....	A. I. Sawyer.....	" "	G. B. Noble.....	E. M. Doan.
1872....	H. Shaw Noble...	Wm Brown.....	M. Mansfield.....	E. M. Doan.....	*E. A. Elliott.....	" "	George Hill.
1873....	*Wm. Brown.....	M. Mansfield... ..	E. M. Doan.....	George Hill.. ...	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED IN 1874.

Year.	M. I. G. Master.	Deputy G. Master.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards.
1874....	*Wm. Brown.....	M. Mansfield.....	George Hill.....	*E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	A. J. Utley.
1875....	*M. Mausfield.....	George Hill.....	J. R. Everard.....	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.
1876....	George Hill.....	J. R. Everard.....	A. J. Utley	" "	" "	C. B. Reynolds.
1877....	J. R. Everard.....	A. J Utley.....	C. B. Reynolds.....	" "	" "	C. W. Strait
1878....	Andrew J. Utley.....	C. W. Strait.....	D. Woodward.	" "	" "	W. S. Turck.
1879....	Hugh McCurdy.....	D. Woodward	R. C. Hatheway... ..	" "	" "	W. G. Hudson.
1880	David Woodward.....	Rufus C. Hatheway..	William G. Hudson...	H. Shaw Noble.....	" "	Geo. H. Greene.
1881....	Rufus C. Hatheway..	William G. Hudson...	George H. Greene. ..	" "	" "	Jas. H. Cummins.
1882....	William G. Hudson...	George H. Greene....	James H. Cummins..	" "	" "	G. H. Stephenson.
1883....	George H. Greene....	James H. Cummins..	Geo. H. Stephenson..	" "	" "	Alfred Baldry.
1884....	James H. Cummins..	Geo. H. Stephenson..	Alfred Baldry.....	" "	" "	Alfred G. Gulley.

*Deceased.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1883.

NAME.	Number.	Location.	County.	T. I. Master.	Recorder.	Advanced.	Admitted.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Died.	Total Membership.	Dues Paid.	Regular Assembly Each Month.
Monroe	1	Detroit	Wayne	James Findlater	C. W. Maynard	29	..	1	11	..	1	12	230	$ 78 75	Monday after Full Moon.
Pontiac	3	Pontiac	Oakland	Samuel H. Norton	J. A. Harris	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	70	17 50	Monday on or before F. M.
River Raisin	4	Monroe	Monroe	A. I. Sawyer	Charles Toll	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	5 50	Friday after Full Moon.
Jonesville	5	Jonesville	Hillsdale	R. G. Spaulding	Jason W. Storm	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	30	8 00	Second Tuesday after F. M.
Mt. Moriah	6	Coldwater	Branch	N. Rosenbaum	David Bovee	1	..	3	1	1	..	1	73	18 00	First Thursday each month.
Romeo	8	Romeo	Macomb	Abijah E. Palmer	D. W. Lowell	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	6 50	.....
Zabud	9	Battle Creek	Calhoun	D. D. Buck	Eugene Glass	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	106	29 75	First Wednesday each month.
Tyre	10	Gra'd Rapids	Kent	R. C. Hatheway	John L. Curtis	46	1	..	..	..	2	..	96	58 25	First Thursday each month.
Union	11	Ypsilanti	Washten'w	C. F. R. Bellows	W. L. Back	11	..	..	..	..	..	1	77	27 25	Third Wednesday each month.
Ionia	12	Ionia	Ionia	Henry Wheadon	Daniel L. Nash	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	45	14 25	First Monday after Full Moon.
Sturgis	13	Sturgis	St. Joseph	Chas. E. Landon	Henry S. Church	5	1	1	..	..	..	1	25	11 00	Tuesday after Full Moon.
Mt. Ararat	15	Hillsdale	Hillsdale	Ira Carpenter	L. S. Ranny	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	10 75	Second Monday each month.
Genesee	17	Fenton	Genesee	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*20	.....	.....
Adrian	18	Adrian	Lenawee	John F. Kimball	Fred. A. Ferguson	1	..	..	12	..	..	2	42	11 25	Thursday after Full Moon.
Niles	19	Niles	Berrien	Hiram A. Edwards	Geo. W. Timmons	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	52	15 75	Thursday after Full Moon.
Saginaw	20	East Saginaw	Saginaw	Fred. E. Hoyt	Geo. G. Gage	6	..	6	..	..	5	..	46	17 25	First Monday each month.
St. Johns	21	St. Johns	Clinton	Geo. H. Stephenson	Joel H. Cranson	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	57	18 00	Wednesday on or before F. M.
Portland	23	Portland	Ionia	George Hill	S. K. Gates	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	25	8 25	Monday preceding Full Moon.
Adoniram	24	Manchester	Washten'w	J. D. Van Duyn	Mat. D. Blosser	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	8 00	Tuesday after Full Moon.
King Solom'n	25	Big Rapids	Mecosta	Charlie Gay	Chas. D. Bronson	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	17	4 00	First Tuesday each month.
Clinton	26	Clinton	Lenawee	David Woodward	Danforth Keyes	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	18 25	Wednesday on or before F. M.
Oceana	27	Pentwater	Oceana	Wm. E. Dockry	James Grover	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	41	41 16	Second Monday each month.
Lansing	29	Lansing	Ingham	Josiah Bruno	C. J Davis	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	16 75	Thursday after Full Moon.
Northville	30	Northville	Wayne	Wm. A. Harlan	H. E. Lake	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	27	8 75	First Thursday each month.
Jackson	32	Jackson	Jackson	Sanford Hunt	John Anderson	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	132	41 00	Second Tuesday each month.
Ithaca	33	Ithaca	Gratiot	John F. Henry	J. M. Trask	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	6 00	Monday on or before F. M.
Union City	35	Union City	Branch	A. B. Aiken	Elmer Roe	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	6 75	Wednesday before F. M.
Charlotte	26	Charlotte	Eaton	E. T. Church	P. M. Thomas	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	52	15 75	First Tuesday each month.
Nebuzaraden	37	Constantine	St. Joseph	Thos. S. Greene	A. D. Whipple	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	45	13 50	Monday on or before F. M.
Corunna	38	Corunna	Shiawassee	Hugh McCurdy	J. D. Leland	7	..	3	..	..	..	1	41	14 25	Third Thursday each month.
Holly	39	Holly	Oakland	Jas. H. Cummins	John M. Baird	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	42	10 25	Third Wednesday each month.

Bronson	40	Bronson	Branch	David Strabley	E. N. Billings	2	..	..	..	..	..	31	8	75	First Tuesday after F. M.
Lapeer	42	Lapeer	Lapeer	W. F. Daley	H. E. Hatch	1	..	..	..	..	..	43	11	25	1st Frid'y Dec., Mar., June, Sep.
Lawrence	43	Lawrence	Van Buren	Geo. A. Cross	A. H. Draper	5	..	2	..	1	1	69	20	75	Thursday after F.M. each m'h.
St. Joseph	44	St. Joseph	Berrien	Fred'k E. Minnes	J. W. Brewer	3	..	1	..	..	..	28	9	25	First Monday after Full Moon.
South Haven	45	South Haven	Van Buren	T. A. Bixby	Geo. L. Seaver	2	..	..	..	..	..	20	6	25	Friday on or before F. M.
Manistee	46	Manistee	Manistee	L. E. Morris	J. Kinsley	14	1	1	1	..	1	43	21	00	Third Friday each month.
Ludington	48	Ludington	Mason	Wm. G. Hudson	H. B. Smith	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	9	75	.....
Giblum	49	Hastings	Barry	A. P. Drake	J. F. Goodyear	..	..	..	..	..	1	29	7	00	First Monday each month.
Leslie	50	Leslie	Ingham	A. C. Manly	James McDaniels	7	..	..	..	..	..	32	13	25	Second Thursday each month.
Grand Haven	51	Grand Haven	Ottawa	Geo. E. Hubbard	Chas. T. Pagelson	15	..	1	1	..	1	39	21	00	First Friday each month.
Petoskey	52	Petoskey	Emmet	Levi W. Cole.	James Buckley	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	4	50	First Monday each month.
Bay City, U.D	..	Bay City	Bay	Chas. F. Gibson	Edgar M. Sharp	6	11	..	..	..	..	17	6	00	.....
						224	21	22	26	3	9	30	2059	$ 669	00

*Returns, 1882.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN NEAR SISTER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Representative.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	Benjamin Franklin Poke	Gadsden.
California	Wm. Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Connecticut	Fred H. Waldron	New Haven.
England	Donald M. DeWar.	8 Red Lion Square, London, W. C.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolikin	Albany.
Indiana	Walter R. Godfrey	Michigan City.
Kansas	E. D. Hillyer	Valley Falls.
Louisiana	Henry Hamberger	New Orleans.
Maine	Horace Burbank	Saco.
Massachusetts	Eugene A. Holton	Boston.
Maryland	Edward T. Schuetz	Baltimore.
Missouri	Joseph S. Browne	St. Joseph.
Minnesota	Grove B. Cooley	Minneapolis.
Manitoba	John Headly Bell	Winnipeg.
New Hampshire	Harvey L. Currier	Manchester.
New York	Thos. Gliddon	Rochester.
New Jersey	John Wolverton	Trenton.
Ohio	J. W. Chamberlain	Tiffin.
Pennsylvania	James S. Barker	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Horace K. Blanchard	Providence.
South Carolina	John E. Breazeale	Anderson.
Tennessee	Bradford Nichol	Nashville.
Vermont	Marsh Olin Perkins	Windsor.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF SISTER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN.

Grand Council.	Representatives.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	D. BURNHAM TRACY	Detroit.
California	Gen. WILLIAM P. INNES	Grand Rapids.
Connecticut	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
England and Wales	Gen. O. L. SPAULDING	St. Johns.
Florida	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Georgia	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Indiana	JOHN W. FINCH	Adrian.
Kansas	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Louisiana	Gen. O. L. SPAULDING	St. Johns.
Maine	WILLIAM S. TURCK	Alma.
Maryland	ALFRED I. SAWYER	Monroe.
Massachusetts	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Missouri	WILLIAM G. HUDSON	Ludington.
New York	H SHAW NOBLE	Monroe.
Ohio	J. L. MITCHELL	Jackson.
Pennsylvania	CHARLES H. AXTELL	St. Louis.
Rhode Island	SAMUEL H. NORTON	Pontiac.
South Carolina	JOHN L. MITCHELL	Jackson.
Tennessee	GEORGE HILL	Portland.
Vermont	THERON F. GIDDINGS	Kalamazoo.

GRAND RECORDERS.

State.	Name.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	DANIEL SAYRE	Montgomery.
Arkansas	JAMES A. HENRY	Little Rock.
California	THOMAS H. CASWELL	San Francisco.
Connecticut	J. K. WHEELER	Hartford.
England and Wales	D. M. DEWAR	8 Red Lion Square, High Holborn, London, W. C.
Florida	JOHN CARLOVITZ	Milton.
Georgia	ANDREW M. WOLIHIN	Albany.
Illinois	GILL. W. BARNARD	Chicago.
Indiana	JOHN M. BRAMWELL	Indianapolis.
Iowa	WM. B. LANGRIDGE	Muscatine.
Kansas	JOHN H. BROWN	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	LORENZO DOW CRONINGER	Covington.
Louisiana	RICHARD LAMBERT	New Orleans.
Maine	IRA BERRY	Portland.
Maryland	GEO. L. MCCAHAN	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Boston.
Michigan	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Minnesota	WM. CHEENEY	Minneapolis.
Missouri	WM. H. MAYO	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	FRANK. D. WOODBURY	Concord.
New Jersey	CHARLES BECHTEL	Trenton.
New York	GEO. VANVLEIT, West & Bethune sts.	New York.
Nebraska	WM. R. BOWEN	Omaha.
North Carolina	DONALD W. BAIN	Raleigh.
Ohio	JOHN D. CALDWELL	Cincinnati.
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Rhode Island	WM. R. GREENE	Providence.
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South Carolina	D. D. MOORE	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	JOHN FRIZELLE	Nashville.
Vermont	EDWARD E. GREENLEAF	Burlington.
Wisconsin	JOHN W. LAFLIN	Milwaukee.
G. G. Council	BENJ. F. HALLER	Memphis, Tenn.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. I. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your Committee respectfully report the review of the proceedings of the following sister Grand Councils, received since our last annual Assembly:

Alabama.....1882.	Maine.....1883.
California.....1883.	Missouri.....1883.
Connecticut.....1883.	Maryland (circular).....1882.
Georgia.....1883.	New York.....1882.
Illinois.....1883.	North Carolina.....1883.
Indiana.....1883.	New Hampshire.....1883.
Kentucky.....1882, 1883.	Ohio.....1883.
Kansas (circular).....1883.	Pennsylvania.....1883.
Louisiana.....1883.	Rhode Island.....1881 to 1883.
Massachusetts.....1882.	Vermont.....1882, 1883.
Minnesota.....1883.	

ALABAMA—1882.

The Forty-fourth annual Assembly was held in the City of Montgomery, December 6, 1882. Grand Master Wm. Dwight Wadsworth, presiding. Seven Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short. Giving account of his doings, he says:

"Called upon for only one decision, and that 'if it would be illegal or unmasonic to confer the Council Degrees on Sunday,' I answer, that after a candidate had been regularly elected to receive the Council Degrees, the

T. I. M. may at his discretion call a special Assembly of his Council to confer the degrees. *Held*—That it is not illegal or unmasonic to confer the Council Degrees on Sunday, or at any time that a subordinate Council may deem it for the good of the Craft."

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Daniel Sayer, reviewing briefly the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils. He speaks very gratifyingly of ours for 1882, and concludes by saying, "It is brief enough, but plenty of it unless it were better." True, it is short and concise; nevertheless, it is good for all that.

Comp. William Wallace McCollum, of Selma, elected Grand Master; Comp. Daniel Sayer, Montgomery, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA—1883.

The Grand Council commenced its twenty-third annual Assembly in San Francisco, April 12, 1883. Grand Master John William Rock, presiding. Eight subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master submitted an excellent address: he says, "The outlook is more cheering; the torpid state which we have been laboring under is gradually disappearing." We give his closing in full:

"On reviewing our work of the past few years, possibly it is better than if we had made more rapid strides, as our growth has been far more healthy. The semi-dormant state in which we have existed has given us time to devise means and view our progress in its proper light.

"The question has been mooted whether it is better for us to take passage on the vessel called the "I-Am-That-I-Am," or continue on the "Alpha and Omega," the one that has carried most of us since our birth. I say, by all means do not desert our ship. Stick to her as long as she will float. She will weather the storm and will bring us all safely to port. After she arrives, place her on the "Drummond Dock," give her such overhauling as may be required, fit her ready for sea, and I will venture to say we will have plenty of applicants that will be desirous to embark with us to Joppa. Let us by all means persue an independent course. We have had experience enough to map out our own chart and steer by it, and employ

such skillful pilots as will guide us safely to port. By so doing we will not only have passengers for the coast of Joppa, but also those valiant Knights who are desirous of landing at the Island of Malta. I think I utter the sentiment of this Grand body when I say that we should present to our Cryptic companions who will be with us during the coming Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar, a crew of select workmen from our subordinate Councils that will convince them that we mean business, and that our intentions are to arouse from our slumbers and work diligently and endeavor hereafter to keep pace with the balance of our fellow-workmen.

"Companions, let us one and all put our shoulders to the wheel and assist the officers we select as overseers in our respective Councils, as it is a well known fact that unless we render them aid it is impossible for them to push forward the work. To have your Council flourish you must attend its meetings, and I would recommend that they be held at least twice a month, if for nothing else than practice and drill and in order to make yourselves proficient and be of assistance to your Illustrious Master. Nothing is more humiliating to your officers than not giving them your assistance and support. It stimulates them to be zealous and watchful, and to have your best interests uppermost in their minds. By doing this you will see a marked change in your Council, the numbers will increase far more than you expect, and your secret vaults will be busy with the sound of the trowel and working implements of the Craft, and your edifice will attain that rank that it is justly entitled to. One of the principal complaints with a number of our companions who have received these degrees is that we do not meet often enough. A few of our subordinate Councils realizing this fact, called meetings twice a month and found that by so doing the work increased to such an extent that they were compelled to meet oftener. They were astonished themselves at the number of applicants for the degrees when it became known that they were a live body. It has become so now in several of the Councils that as soon as a companion has been exalted in the Chapter he sends in his petition for the Council degrees, which has been the means of causing a number of older members to do likewise. All that have taken them say they are far more beautiful and instructive than they expected, and that the missing link which has lain hidden for a period of over three thousand years is brought to view and the causes fully explained why the treasures were thus deposited by our three Grand Masters, and the precautionary measures they had taken in leaving a clue to be handed down to future generations, with all necessary explanations. The thoughtful and thinking man never fails to be deeply impressed by the sublimity of these degrees.

"In conclusion, companions, allow me to return my sincere thanks to this Grand Council for the honor which it saw fit to confer upon me, when

I was seven hundred miles away, by electing me to this exalted position, and to all my companions throughout this jurisdiction whenever I came in contact with them, particularly *California*, *Stockton*, and *Sacramento* Councils; and to the last named Council for the beautiful and costly Most Puissant Grand Master's jewel, of which I was the recipient at their hands, as a token of esteem and friendship.

"I now tender you my emblem of authority, knowing that you will place it in the hands of one who will wield it for the good of the Order, and who will be able to report one year hence that our Cryptic Rite is in a flourishing condition."

Companion Thomas Hubbard Caswell presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, covering twenty-two pages, and is good. He devotes three pages to us in the proceedings, quoting from Grand Master Rufus C. Hatheway's address as an able and interesting paper, copying his decision in full; also the report in full of the committee on the General Grand Council. He gives our report a fraternal notice, and bids us good-by until another revolution of time's cylinder shall bring us again to the surface.

Nine Councils; 648 members; balance in Grand Treasury, $548 29.

Companion Daniel P. Byster, Shasta, elected Grand Master; Companion Thomas Hubbard Caswell, San Francisco, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT—1883.

The sixty-fifth annual Assembly was held in the City of New Haven, August 7th, 1883, Companion Dwight Waugh, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Twenty subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is a good one. He says he visited a greater number of subordinate Councils than in any previous year during his connection with the grand body, and says:

"The general result of my visitations has been to satisfy me that a large number of our Councils are growing in strength, in proficiency in the

ritual, and in general knowledge of all that pertains to the Cryptic rite, and I cannot but believe that one of the principal agencies in this general advancement has been their frequent visitation by the Grand Officers . I think we have all become thoroughly satisfied of its good effect upon the Lodges and Chapters of this State, and I have no doubt an equally satisfactory result will be shown, when the same system has been as thoroughly applied to our Councils. As it now stands, however, our weakest Councils, those needing visitation, inspection and instruction the most, do not get visited. The Councils themselves feel unable or unwilling to bear the expense of a visitation, the Grand Officer to whom they are assigned, has a natural delicacy about intruding himself upon them, and especially when he is likely to be compelled to bear his own expense, and the consequence is no visitation is made, and the Grand Council remains as ignorant of the condition of some of its subordinates, as though they belonged to another jurisdiction. I know it has been urged that frequent exemplification of the work by the Grand Council would furnish all the instruction needed, and, doubtless, as far as the matter of ritual is concerned, they would be of great service. There are, however, numerous other matters of equal importance with the ritual, in which many of our Councils need that instruction and guidance, which can only be given within their own walls. It seems to me that the Grand Council must, upon mature consideration, view the subject in the same light, and I take occasion to renew the recommendation of my predecessor, that the Grand Council not only provide that each of its subordinates shall be visited by some one of the first four Grand Officers once in each year, but also provide that the necessary expenses incurred in such visitations shall be paid by this Grand body."

We fully concur with Grand Master Waugh, and think if his recommendation was more generally observed, the result would be for the benefit of the whole fraternity.

The report on correspondence is from the pen of the old champion, Companion William Wallace Lee, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-two sister Grand Councils, Michigan for 1882 and 1883 included. His opening is a rich, racy mixture of piety and poetry. We cannot cut it up with any satisfaction, but copy the whole:

"In coming before you with my report on correspondence, I have to make the old stereotyped complaint that from several jurisdictions I have been unable to obtain a copy of their proceedings, although I have written to every jurisdiction from which I have no proceedings, where there is a

Grand Council now in existence in this country. The general tone of those I have is more hopeful and cheery than it was a few years since. In many of the addresses of the Grand Masters there is a mixture of Masonry, piety, patriotism and business, that reminds me of the man who was running for Congress out west. In giving something of his personal history, he said: "Gentlemen, I was born at a very early age. My father died when I was young; I never had any mother; and if it hadn't been for the goodness of God and several other gentlemen, I should have grown up as ignorant as you are."

"I expected that my criticisms about the attempt of some Masons to make capital for the institution out of President Garfield's death would arouse some antagonism and elict some sharp replies. To my surprise it has been copied and cordially commended by Alabama, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Ohio; nor does any other jurisdiction object to it.

"Our action, last year, in adopting the report of Companion Tweedy and myself, upon the matter of uniting with the General Grand Council, has evoked some sharp criticism, wherein I am accused of inconsistency in having, as an individual, expressed an opinion in favor of uniting with that body, and as a committee reporting against it. To this I propose to reply farther on in this report. Some of the supporters of the General Grand Council champion it with abundant zeal and in a somewhat pugnacious manner. It is always well to keep cool in discussing matters of difference, for it is sometimes as true in Masonry as it is in religion:

> "The truth's worst foe is he who claims
> To act as God's avenger,
> And deems, beyond his sentry beat,
> The crystal walls in danger;
> Who sets for heresy his traps
> Of verbal quirk and quibble,
> And weeds the garden of the Lord,
> With Satan's borrowed dibble."

"Whatever action has been had by us has been after calm thought and deliberation, and in all that has been said by us, or by myself as your representative, there has not been one word used that we need to recall or apologize for. We have managed to keep cool and follow the advice of our first Grand Master, as found in the book of the Law. Proverbs xvii. 14.

"The principal topic of discussion, and which arouses the greatest ire, is the status of Cryptic Masons in those States where they have merged or consolidated with the Chapters, and whether they are regular or irregular. Well, this question of regularity has bothered a great many people in

the history of the human race. It has troubled sects, parties, churches, politicians and communities. It pestered the disciples of Jesus of Nazareth eighteen hundred years ago, and they went to him with their complaints, but they got small comfort, as any one can see by reading Luke ix. 49–50. It troubled the Pharisees, too, and they cast one poor fellow out because he had been healed of blindness in an irregular way, as told in John ix. I suppose this question of regularity will continue to trouble people until we get things so fixed that every man can have his own way in everything; but long before that time arrives it is safe to say that none of us will trouble the world in which we now live. And now, like the Irish orator, having said so much before I begin, I proceed with my report."

He gives us a couple of pages, and in speaking of Grand Master Hatheway's address for 1882, says, "it *Hath-a-way* about it that shows that he is a live man and efficient officer," and, at the risk of being tedious, he must copy a portion of this admirable address. Notices our report as being made up largely of extracts. Our proceedings for 1883 arrived when his report was nearly completed, and adds: "He has often noticed that the thoughts of great minds run nearly in the same channel." Why not extract from others when we find their sentiments correspond with ours, but more brilliant? I observe he extracts from New York a couple of pages of the Grand Master's address and Companion Osgoodby's report on correspondence, and devotes five pages in digesting it. Companion, keep cool a little longer, for I must copy your closing in full—can't extract it. He says:

"Thus I have given you all the information I possess as to the status of Cryptic Masonry at this time. I have made my report much more lengthy than usual, and fancy you will say it is like boarding-house coffee, 'very good for the kind, and plenty of it, unless the kind is better.' For twelve years I have prepared these reports, and with two exceptions—and those caused by my absence—they have been read in your hearing, explained, commented upon, approved, and adopted by you. Whatever merits or demerits they have possessed, I am responsible for. They have been made, as the fond mother said her son made his fiddle, "all out of his own head, and he had wood enough left to make another." I assumed the position with reluctance, for the noise and bustle of factory life are not conducive to calm thought and deliberation. The necessities of daily toil are upon

me, and amid the rumbling of machinery, the hissing of steam, the calls in every direction to see that this one is kept at work to advantage, and that some 'lunkhead' does not spoil things, one does not learn to round his periods or polish his sentences. I know my own deficiencies as well as any one, and my unfitness for this position. I do not wish to occupy it one moment longer than you desire it or I can be of service to our fraternity. This I can truthfully say: while I may have seemed at times irreverent, and punctured some venerable windbags or made fun of some Masonic 'flapdoodle,' I have never knowingly written a word or uttered a sentence the tendency of which was to lower the standard of Masonry in the slightest degree.

"I think our brotherhood a grand institution, every tenet and teaching of which tends to inculcate a lofty manhood, and have rejoiced, and rejoice again, that in my early manhood my steps were turned towards the tyled door. I have found within its precincts grand and true men, and think I have been made better, in every sense, by such associations. I think the man who can pass from the checkered floor through all our gradations, until he has reached the Ninth Arch, and not felt the manhood stirred within him, if he has not learned some new lessons of faith in God and fellowmen, has not resolved to live more nobly and manly than ever before, has spent his time for naught. He might better join a base-ball club or go on a fishing excursion. More than a score of years have passed since I became a member of this Grand Council, and I find myself pushed to the front as one of its older members.

"A few weeks since I saw in the daily papers that one of the older members of this body, whom we all loved, had been summoned from the scenes of earth, and henceforth he whom we knew as the embodiment of zeal, modesty, integrity, and steadfastness, Oliver P. Jacobs, becomes only a thing of memory.

> "'And shall we greet, in other spheres,
> The names that pleased our mortal ears.'

"The men of Uz, more than forty centuries ago, asked the question, If a man die, shall he live again? I think this question is many times repeated by those who, like myself, have passed the hill-top in life's journey, whose steps are towards the setting sun. Shall we know each other there? Shall the friendships, so rudely severed here, be renewed in that mysterious realm, of which we talk so much and know so little?"

> "Thus we walk amid the darkness, hungering, thirsting for the light,
> Though the sages tell us plainly, nevermore shall end the night;
> That the soul goes sweeping downward, on its plane of mortal breath,
> Till, at last, it plunges madly in the deep abyss of death.

"Far above the clouds and darkness, lo, the azure depths expand,
Till we stand in conscious self-hood, close upon that border land,
Where the pulse of the Eternal throbs upon the pregnant air,
And we hear the sounding anthems that forever echo there.

"What am I? again I question; clod of earth or spark divine?
Death, art thou indeed my master, and, at last, shall I be thine?
Hark! from o'er the mystic border, I am God! thus answers he;
I, the life! ye are my children; I in you and you in me!

"Thus I walk amid the darkness, yet by faith I boldly tread,
Fearing nothing, asking nothing, so that I am safely led;
Thou the life, O loving Father! I cling to thee alone,
And I'll trust death's lifting shadows to reveal the great unknown."

Twenty Councils; membership 2,265.

Companion Burton G. Bryan, Waterbury, elected M. P. Grand Master; Companion Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA—1883.

The twenty-seventh annual Assembly was held in the city of Atlanta, April 25th, 1883, Most Illustrious C. F. Lewis, Grand Master, presiding. Nine Councils represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, says:

"The present outlook for Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction, at least, presents little or no encouragement for the future. An apathy pervades the entire jurisdiction—a jurisdiction that, but a few years ago, numbered her subordinates by the score, and they healthful and prosperous, now reduced to a mere handful, and this handful with just life enough left to maintain their organization. To the so-called Mississippi plan, I doubt not, this adverse state of the Rite in our jurisdiction may be traced, for while it is true, we did not go into the plan, yet, it had its following among us, and that following was of influence sufficient to shake us from centre to circumference, inflicting upon us more injury, perhaps, than was experienced by most of our sister jurisdictions, and the tardiness of our recovery from its effects, may be owing to the fact that some of its *seed* still linger with us. Yet, I am not without hopes, the cloud that has been over and about us for so long, and even now darken our horizon, will, I feel confident, in the near future, be *riven*, and the sunshine of prosperity again illumine our pathway, if we be but true to ourselves, *few as we are*, and move forward, shoulder to shoulder, in the work before us; and to this end I would recommend

that action be taken at this Convocation that will reach the cases of our dormant Councils, thereby enabling them to *right up*, resume work, and their places again on the roll of this Grand Council."

The following question was propounded to him:

Question—Can *one* who has received the degrees of R.·. M.·. S.·. M.·. of 27, as conferred in a Chapter of R.·. A.·. Masons, be recognized by Companions of a Regular Council?

Answer.—*No.* Such are irregular, and must, by a Regular Council, be formally healed before they can be.

No report on correspondence.

The Grand Master acknowledged that he had received the proceedings of twenty-two sister Grand Councils; Michigan for 1882 of the number.

Companion C. F. Lewis, Augusta, re-elected Most Illustrious Grand Master; Companion A. M. Wolikin, Albany, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS—1883.

The thirty-first annual Assembly of this Grand Council, was held in the city of Chicago, October 24, 1883, Illustrious Companion John O'Neill, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Twenty-one subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a short address, reviewing his labors in resuming control of the Grand Council. In opening, he says:

"Permit me to welcome and greet you, on this re-union of what, speaking by the calendar, is, or should be, our thirty-first birth-day, because on the 23d day of November, one month after the twenty-fifth annual Assembly of this Grand body, which occurred on the 24th day of October, 1877, the committees appointed by the Grand Council and Grand Chapter did mutually agree by a conjectural virtue of the power in them vested, by an equally exceptional constitutional enactment, endeavor to legalize the closing of the S. V., and turning over the Sacred Treasures to the care and custody of a foreign body that had no interest in their preservation; reserving, however, the right to the Grand Council, to meet once a year, if they should think proper, or if such a step should be deemed necessary, and elect at

such Assembly a guardian of the S. V., and to look after the Sacred Treasures, and see that the trust conferred was faithfully carried out. This precautionary reservation by the Grand Council, makes this as mentioned above, our thirty-first annual Assembly. At the meeting of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, held on the 25th, 26th and 27th days of October, 1882. The Grand Chapter did, by resolution, agree to relinquish the trust confided to their keeping, the same to take effect January 1st, 1883; and the Grand Council did, on the 27th day of October, 1882, by resolution, agree to resume control of the Sacred Treasures, and open the S. V. which had for seven years been closed to Cryptic workmen. What prediction does this Divine number Masonic foretell? We hope the success of Cryptic Masonry; that it may be beyond the expectation of the most sanguine, is our dearest wish.

"For men may come, and men may go,
But it will go on forever."

"The flight of time, how rapid! seven years! and the hour glass of time has been turned seven times by the *Old Mower*, since last we met to legislate in our own right for the Cryptic craft. How short! it seems but yesterday! still what changes have taken place! How rapidly one follows the other, quick, sudden and transitory, as the kaleidescope, but leaving instructive lessons for our consideration, benefit and profit."

Comp. Theodore F. Gurney submitted the report on correspondence, briefly reviewing the proceedings of thirteen sister Grand Councils, including Michigan for 1883.

We copy his opening in full:

"COMPANIONS:—Late in the year, Comp. John O'Neil, Grand Master, asked us to prepare this report, at the same time reminding the writer to be moderate in *disquisition*, else its publication would be out of the question. The Grand body has been without resources, of any importance, since the "merging" of a few years since, consequently, anything done to place it in running order must be a labor of *love*.

"It was thought by a large majority of those most interested in the Cryptic Rite in Illinois, that the action of both Council and Chapter, the one conferring and the other accepting authority to confer its rituals, was the best thing to do under all surrounding circumstances. We were of that opinion, and assisted in consummating the arrangement.

"As some companions do not appear to understand the compact of 1877 we will state, briefly, its nature: With the assent of Grand Chapter, the officers of its constituent bodies were authorized by Grand Council to act as officers of Councils. When degrees were conferred, the Council was

regularly opened; but not in an instance did officers of Chapters, as such, assume control. In the meantime the Grand Council adhered to its organization, and has regularly held its annual communication, and transacted its routine business.

"The consolidation appeared to work satisfactorily; but, upon the organization of the General Grand Council, there has been a growing disposition by both Chapter and Council to abandon the arrangement. This feeling took practical shape in 1882, and whatever is left for a perfect separation will, doubtless, be accomplished at the coming Convocation of the Grand Bodies. The degrees of the Rite have not been conferred by officers of Chapters acting as officers of Councils since January last.

"It is a pleasure to say, that, notwithstanding differences of opinion have prevailed, there has never appeared a disposition to engage in acrimonious contest over the subject; but rather a desire by all parties to make such disposition of the alliance as would result in the best interests of all."

He gives our jurisdiction a fraternal notice, and says:

"Quite naturally we feel an interest in this jurisdiction. Thirty-five years ago, "light" was there unfolded to a rather skeptical vision. We had been slightly forninst secret institutions, but soon changed front, as the sequel has demonstrated.

"The twenty-fifth annual Assembly was held in Detroit, January 15. *Forty-one* Councils represented. We could not have been convinced except by the records before us, that there existed any such interest in the Rite—anywhere."

He copies the report of our Committee on Jurisprudence upon the communication from Saginaw Council No. 20, and resolutions, and says: "We do not feel worried, for we are a sample of the original "Hobensack." Please do not forget this when we apply to a Michigan Council for visitation. We have written our Grand Master upon this subject. He is wide awake, and, if necessary, will have an abundance of healing lotions prepared for our October Assembly."

Well, companion, you need not worry, we can freely forgive when we find a corresponding disposition.

Illustrious Companion George W. Curtis, Washington, elected MostPuissant Grand Master; Companion Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1883.

The twenty-eighth annual Convocation of this Grand Council was held in the city of Indianapolis, October 16, 1883, Companion Albert Hayward, Illustrious Grand Master, presiding. Thirty-nine subordinate Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master is short, relating only to matters of that jurisdiction and his official acts. He arrested the charter of one subordinate Council that had made no return or paid dues for two years.

Companion William W. Austin, presented a very interesting review of the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, each receiving a full notice, Michigan getting an ample portion.

In opening, he poetically says:

"This is the field where the gleaners
Have gleaned since the days of yore,
And gleaning after the gleaners,
I may gather one sheaf more.

And while birds fly southward singing
Of the faded flower and leaf,
I may chant a glad thanksgiving
For another *royal* sheaf."

And in conclusion, remarks:

"From what we can glean, we feel that the future outlook for the Royal and Select degrees in this country is cheering; that the apathy felt in late years is dying out; that the companions are recognizing the claim of Cryptic Masonry to be an independent body, and that all that it needs is a firm reliance on its rights, and a faithful effort upon the part of the Craft to put the Eighth and Ninth degrees again on a solid foundation.

"We much regret that the Craft has not been furnished, by this time, with the proceedings of the General Grand Council at its session in Denver. That body has become the *base line* for future action, and its deeds should have been made known by this time. Where the delay is we do not know; what they did of vital importance, history has not told. They seem to have met and went. We are reminded of the remark of the preacher at prayer-meeting: 'Brethren, our session this evening will be short, as the Sunday-school exhibition of our church will commence up stairs in a few minutes.'"

Subordinate Councils, 39; total membership, August 31, 1883, 1,693; deaths during the year, 23; increase in membership, 112.

Companion LaGrange Severance, of Huntington, elected Illustrious Grand Master; Companion John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1883.

A circular informs us that the annual Assembly was held at Topeka, February 20, 1883. No proceedings published this year. Companion Robert E. Torrington, Emporia, M. I. Grand Master; Comp. John H. Brown, Wyandotte, Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY—1882.

The Grand Council met in called Communication in the city of Louisville, November 21, 1883. Comp. Charles Erskin Dunn, Deputy Grand Master, presiding. Eight subordinate Councils represented.

This Grand Council, in October, 1878, surrendered to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky all right, title and interest to the Council degrees, the Grand Chapter accepting jurisdiction of the subordinate Councils, and for four years held the same.

OBJECT OF MEETING.

The Most Excellent Grand Master stated the Grand Council had been convened for the purposes indicated in the following circular, which had been sent to the various subordinate Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction:

GRAND COUNCIL OF KENTUCKY, R. AND S. MASTERS.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

Office of Grand High Priest, Mt. Sterling, Ky., October 27, 1882.

W. LARUE THOMAS, Esq., M.·. I.·. G.·. Master

Of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky:

MY DEAR BROTHER—I am instructed by resolutions of the Grand Chapter at its recent session, to request you to convene at an early day the officers and members composing the last Grand Council, that I may formally resign into their hands jurisdiction of the Council degrees; a trust confided to the Grand Chapter by you and your associates in 1878. The reasons for this action are fully set forth in the preamble and resolutions reported to the Grand Chapter last year, with which you are already familiar.

I hope to receive early notice of your action in the matter.

Faithfully and Fraternally,

H. R. FRENCH, Grand High Priest.

Lexington, Ky., October 28, 1882.

For reasons, I hereby authorize Companion CHARLES E. DUNN, Deputy Grand Master, to take the necessary steps to carry into effect the matter herein referred to.

W. LARUE THOMAS.

OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

Louisville, Ky., October 30, 1882.

To the Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, and Principal Conductors of the Work, of Subordinate Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Kentucky:

COMPANIONS—In compliance with the above request from Most Excellent H. R. FRENCH, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, you are hereby notified to attend a called Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Kentucky, to be held at Masonic Temple in the city of Louisville, on Tuesday, November 21, 1882, at 8:30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of receiving from the Grand High Priest, and officers of the Grand Chapter, the "trust" committed to their care at our annual Assembly in October, 1878, and for other important business.

Fraternally,

CHAS. E. DUNN,

Deputy Grand Master Gr. Council R. & S. M. for the State of Ky.

The Grand Council of Kentucky opened in due form, its offices all being filled pro tem. M. E. HOWARD R. FRENCH,

Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky, then addressed the Grand Council as follows:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, and Companions of the Grand Council of Kentucky:

Four years ago this Grand Council, possessing sovereign power, and exercising it only for wise and beneficent purposes, tendered to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, the same to be conferred in Councils opened by its subordinate Chapters.

The trust was accepted, and I doubt not has been executed faithfully. But the Grand Chapter has determined to resign jurisdiction over these degrees into your hands, and I and my associate Grand Officers were appointed to make formal surrender of the same. The reasons for this course are best expressed in the preamble and resolutions adopted by the Grand Chapter at its last session, held in the city of Louisville on the 18th of October, 1882, which I will read:

"INASMUCH as the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Kentucky did, on the 24th day of October, 1878, surrender all jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and this Grand Chapter, in the interest of the science of Speculative Masonry, did accept the trust conferred upon it, being convinced that in the assumption thereof lay the best means of preserving knowledge of almost inestimable value to the Craft, because of the difficulty of maintaining, in an agricultural section, flourishing Councils of the Cryptic rite; and

"INASMUCH as since that hearty and unanimous action on the part of both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, complications have arisen threatening confusion to the Craft, caused by ill-advised measures adopted in the vain hope of conserving the interests of the Rite, by persons aside from this jurisdiction, and which leaves us no alternative but that of conferring the degrees without privileges;

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter resigns its jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters into the hands of the officers and members composing the last Grand Council of such, which met in the City of Louisville, on the 24th day of October, 1878.

"*Resolved*, That the M. E. G. H P. and his associate Grand officers be instructed to fraternally request the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, last presiding, to convene, at an early day, the officers and members composing the last Grand Council, for the purpose of formally resigning into their hands the trust committed to them.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer, on proper notification that the above action has been carried out, be instructed to pay over into the hands of the person appointed by the Grand Council to receive the same, the sum

of $45.32, the amount received from the Grand Council on the 17th day of October, 1878, together with any personalty which may have likewise ccrued to this Grand Chapter.

"*Resolved*, That when the Grand Council shall have resumed its jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, the M. E. G. H. P. and Grand Secretary shall notify the subordinate Chapters to hold all paraphernalia, books, papers and property which may have been placed in their hands by subordinate Councils, subject to the order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or any person whom he may appoint to see to this matter, and shall further notify them to refrain from the conferring or communicating of the degrees of R. and S. M.

"*Resolved*, That in this action this Grand Chapter does not for one moment doubt the legality of the action of the two sovereign Grand bodies which resulted in the intrusting and assumption of the degrees of R. and S. M., in the month of October, 1878; but, on the contrary, enters its solemn protest against the ambitious and inconsiderate measures taken for the practical extinction of the Cryptic Rite, or the denial of its light to three-fourths of the Royal Craft; and further places itself on record as being compelled to this action only by the solemn duty, which it owes to its Chapters, to allow no conflicting element to disturb their harmony, and the equally solemn duty to refrain from conferring degrees which will not entitle their possessors to travel and receive the wages of fellowship and universal brotherhood.

"*Resolved*, That in the event that the Grand Council restores to her subordinates their charters, this Grand Chapter does affectionately invite and exhort her subordinates to strive in every way to render assistance and comfort to such Councils, by opening to them the asylum of their Chapter-rooms, and by lending their co-operation and affiliation to the extent of their ability."

"In comformity with this expressed will of the Grand Chapter, I have requested this Grand Council to convene, and as Grand High Priest I do formally resign the trust confided to the Grand Chapter in 1878, and surrender to this Grand Council the jurisdiction conferred at that time. The Grand Secretary, who is present, will deliver into your hands the seal and other property of which he has been the custodian.

"In performing this duty, permit me to leave evidence of the fact, that in accepting and executing this trust, and now in its surrender, no other motive has animated our action than a sincere desire to promote the best interests of the Cryptic Rite. Our private opinions have always been subordinate to the general harmony; and while, as Kentuckians, we are always jealous of our rights, as Masons we know no allegiance except to the common good of a universal brotherhood."

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TRUST RETURNED.

Comp. H. B. Grant then offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, This Grand Council—having exclusive jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky, and the inalienable right, within said State, to constitute Councils, commission any body of men, being also Royal and Select Masters, to convene Councils and confer said degrees—and revoke such authority.

In the exercise of its rights, prerogatives and supreme authority, this Grand Council did, on Oct. 23d, 1878, authorize and empower the Grand R. A. Chapter of Kentucky to supervise the conference of said degrees, by its subordinates, in Councils of Royal and Select Masters, whose records, etc., were to be kept separate and distinct from those of the Chapters.

The Grand R. A. Chapter, through its presiding officer now, in conformity with instructions it gave him, having formally tendered back the trust confided to it, with the jurisdiction and supervision over property and interest in said degrees of Royal and Select Masters; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the proposed surrender of the trust, jurisdiction, supervision, property and interest aforesaid, now made by the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Kentucky, be received and accepted, and the authority heretofore granted said Grand Chapter and its subordinates, herein before referred to, be hereby annulled, canceled, and no longer in force.

2. *Resolved*, That all Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Kentucky be requested, hereby, to resume labor, and are required to report without delay, to the Grand Recorder, a full and complete list of their officers and members, and annually, in October, to make returns, etc., according to the laws of this Grand Council and the instructions of its Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Recorder.

3. *Resolved*, That the Constitution be so amended, that until February 1st, 1883, subordinate Councils may confer the degrees upon companions who have, prior to this date, been elected by Chapters in Kentucky to receive them, for a sum not less than one dollar: *Provided*, Such companions petition and are regularly elected as in other cases.

NON-AFFILIATED R. & S. M.

The same companion offered the following, which was also adopted:

The Councils of Royal and Select Masters, under supervision of Chapters, having been dissolved by action of the Grand Chapter and this Grand Council,

Resolved, That Royal and Select Masters made in such Councils are hereby declared to be non-affiliated Royal and Select Masters.

PROPOSED REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Comp. Grant then presented the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted, and Companions H. B. Grant, L. D. Croninger and H. R. French appointed a committee for the purposes named therein:

Inasmuch as the constitution, by-laws and general regulations of this Grand Council are defective, contradictory in several parts, and unsatisfactory—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise said constitution, by-laws and general regulations, and report at the next meeting of this Grand Council.

SUPER-EXCELLENT MASTER.

Comp. Grant moved that subordinate Councils be permitted to confer the Super-Excellent degree as an honorary degree, if they shall so desire. Carried.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then issued the following proclamation:

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF KY., }
MT. STERLING, November 25, 1882. }

To the Most Excellent High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Companions of the Subordinate Chapters of Kentucky:

COMPANIONS—Notice is hereby given, that the Grand Council of Kentucky has resumed jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

You will therefore refrain from conferring or communicating the said degrees, and hold all paraphernalia, books, papers and property which may have been placed in your hands by subordinate Councils, subject to the order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The Grand Council by resolution declared the status of members of subordinate Chapters who received the Council degrees while the same were under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, to be that of non-affiliated Royal and Select Masters. I earnestly urge all such to immediately affiliate with the nearest subordinate Council, and I exhort them and

the subordinate Chapters to do all in their power to strengthen and maintain the subordinate Councils, and preserve the beautiful Cryptic Rite.

Witness my hand and seal of the Grand Chapter, this 25th day of November, 1882.

H. R. FRENCH,
Grand High Priest.

[L. S.]

Attest: JOSEPH H. BRANHAM,
Grand Secretary.

We welcome our sister Grand Council home again, and wish her long life and prosperity.

Companion Charles Erskin Dunn, Louisville, elected Most Illustrious Grand Master; Companion Lorenzo Dow Croninger, Covington, elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY—1883.

The Grand Council met in annual Assembly in the city of Louisville, October 17, 1883. M. Ill. Grand Master Charles Erskin Dunn, presiding. Eleven subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, relating to his labors in re-organizing the subordinate Councils. In his opening, he says:

"With pleasure I greet you on this our first annual Assembly around the fraternal altar since 1878. Let us with joyful hearts join in thanks to God for His ever kind and watchful care over us, and ask for His divine aid at this time, that we may have wisdom from on high, and our legislation may be such as will redound to His glory and that of our beloved order, and the result of our deliberations may revive and awake such interest in the Cryptic Rite as will strengthen and place it on a fixed and firm foundation throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

"I need not tell you of the apathy that has existed for some time in our subordinate Councils, for with this fact you are already familiar; but may I not urge, not only one, but all, to awaken from your slumbers and be saved from the penalty of 'sleeping upon your post.'"

The following question was asked:

"Will those who have received the Royal and Select Masters' degrees in the Chapter have to be elected and obligated again before they are considered members of the Council?"

His answer was: That it was only necessary for them to petition for membership to become members and not obligatory, as the Grand Council declared at its last Assembly in 1882, those companions who received the degrees in Councils under authority of the Grand Chapter to be non-affiliated Royal and Select Masters.

In his conclusion, he says:

"For the future new hopes are inspired; then let us press forward, feeling that our labors shall not go unrewarded. But we can not prosper without zeal and labor; therefore let each repair to their several stations, and with energy resume our labors, that we may return to our homes with the full satisfaction of having faithfully discharged our duty to the Craft."

A dispensation was granted for one new Council.

Companion Charles E. Dunn, Louisville, re-elected Most Illustrious Grand Master; Companion Lorenzo Dow Croninger, Covington, re-elected Very Illustrious Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA—1883.

The twenty-eighth annual Assembly of the Grand Council, was held in the city of New Orleans, February 15, 1883. Comp. Alfred Shaw, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Four subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief; simply a review of his official acts. Speaking of the condition of the Order, he says:

"Whatever of dormancy or stagnancy we must acknowledge in our subordinate Councils in this State, is owing to nothing in our Rite and its government, but to the condition of the bodies of the antecedent degrees from which we must draw our material. The past ten years have shown but little progress in them, but a reaction is preceptible, which though it has not yet reached the Cryptic bodies, will ultimately do so. It is our duty to hope and believe."

An assessment of one dollar per member was levied on the seven subordinate Councils to meet expenses. Four Councils having failed to make returns for two years and over, their charters were declared forfeited.

The report on Correspondence is by P. M. I. G. M. George J. Pinckard—and a good one it is—reviewing the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, our own for 1882 among the number, and the General Grand Council. He says of G. M. Hatheway's address, it is an excellent one, and quotes his closing remarks in full, tendering the following tribute to him:

"We take the present opportunity of offering our heartfelt sympathies to our Ill. Companion for the loss he sustained at the hands of a vile incendiary, applying the torch to his home while away on Masonic business, in which he lost everything but the clothing he had on, including his Masonic notes. We know by experience the desolation of a ruined home by fire, the numerous heirlooms and relics of long past days suddenly swept away, and the ever-recurring poignancy of unavailing regrets."

For our report he gives us a sweet little dose of "taffy." Thank you, Comp. Pinckard. Of the General Grand Council, he says:

"The Provisional General Grand Council became the Permanent General Grand Council on the 17th February, 1881, by the vote of Louisiana, being the ninth Grand Council to ratify the General Constitution.

"Since its existence *de facto* it has issued letters of dispensation establishing two Councils in Oregon and one in Kentucky; it has kept the Craft posted in regard to Cryptic matters by the issue of circulars, and the establishment of a system of district correspondence. In a few months this Grand body will hold its first Assembly; of course, much depends upon the wisdom manifested by it on that occasion; we have reason to believe its policy will be conciliatory; and we trust it will be so guided that its labors may tend to foster and cement the best interests of the Rite."

We find very much in Companion Pinckard's report we would like to quote, but must resist the temptation, except in fact his closing remarks:

"Nowe prai wee for ye Kriptick Rite
That it mai happie bee;
God Grante ye strife mai righte soone ende
In peace and harmonie."

"During the session of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, Comp. Horner, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter and a member of this Committee, stated in Grand Chapter, he had asked two or three prominent members how they liked the report on correspondence he had written the previous year. To his astonishment

they replied they had never read it; he concludes that a report on correspondence is of little value, except as a vehicle for conveying the thoughts and hopes, the feelings and aspirations of the writer, to the jurisdictions beyond. We were much struck with his remarks at the time, but have amply confirmed them since by asking the same question; not one we have asked has read his report. Hence we are assured of the pleasing certainty that what we have written will not have to run a very severe gauntlet, so far as Louisiana criticism is concerned.

"We feel, if we can only make peace with the auditing committee, we are all right.

"To the readers beyond our own jurisdiction, however, we wish to say, if we have spoken, as possibly, somewhat harshly of any of our companions in the discussion of the topics that have come under consideration, we desire to make the *amende honorable*. It is known we are committed to the cause of the ANTI-MERGERS, and the mergers who are handicapped with the dead weight of Cryptic opinion, so determinedly opposed to them, have our sympathies in the Herculean task they have before them. We only wish a tithe of the energy they display had been directed in the legitimate channel. We feel certain that the Rite would, under these circumstances be in a flourishing condition to-day. They deserve success; but success can never permanently inure to doctrines founded on false principles. We allude to the doctrine of certain parts or portions of the Rite taking action, affecting the whole body of the Rite, without the sanction of the body as a whole.

"We hope in due season to have the pleasure of welcoming them back to the legitimate fold. To the great body of the Cryptics we offer our congratulations; the unity we have already attained and the promises of the future, repay us a thousand fold for the anxiety we have all individually felt. Our work, however, like the work of Him of old, is not yet completed, although we labor faithfully to execute it.

"To all who may peruse our report we would say, it has been written hurriedly and under somewhat adverse circumstances; we have not had time to overhaul it; first impressions are usually somewhat crude, and doubtless if we were to go over it there is much that would come out. Such as it is, however, we present it, and ask the "corps reportorial" to criticise us gently. We assume, as Chairman of the Committee, all responsibility."

Companion Alfred Shaw, New Orleans, re-elected Most Illustrious Grand Master; Companion Richard Lambert, New Orleans, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS—1882.

A special Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Boston, May 25, 1882, for the purpose of exemplifying before the Grand Council by Boston Council the Select and Super-Excellent degrees, both of which being done in a correct manner and to the satisfaction of the Grand Council. The Grand Council was closed, and, by invitation of Boston Council, repaired to the Banquet Hall where refreshments were served and a happy season of social intercourse and speech making indulged in.

The annual assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Boston, December 13, 1883 Companion John Haigh, M. I. G. Master, presiding. Fifteen subordinate Councils represented.

The address was short and of a local character.

The Grand Master concluding, says:

"In conclusion, I am happy to say that the general outlook for Cryptic Masonry in the United States is brighter than it has been for many years, and it gives me pleasure to state that the Cryptic Rite is advancing, and its foundations are becoming more and more secure."

No report on correspondence. Twenty-two Councils; membership, 2,518.

Companion John Haigh, of Somerville, re-elected Grand Master; Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA—1883.

The fourteenth annual Assembly was held in the city of St. Paul, October 8, 1883, Companion Grove B. Cooley, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Four subordinate Councils represented.

Grand Master's address is short. He says:

"I have but little to report in regard to my official acts during the year. No question of Masonic law has been submitted to me for decision, and no grievance has come to my knowledge. All is peace and harmony.

"My correspondence has been very extensive. I have been in communication with all the Grand Jurisdictions in the world. For the result of my efforts, I beg leave to refer you to the Report on Correspondence."

M. I. Grand Master Grove B. Cooley, submitted the report on correspondence, reviewing in his usual poetic manner the proceedings of twenty-six Grand bodies, including the General Grand Council, covering thirty-eight pages, all good; Michigan for 1883, receiving a very favorable notice. He gives us a wrap for crediting "George" as Grand Representative of Michigan near the Grand Council of Minnesota, when it should be "Grove." Don't lay it to the printer, "I acknowledge the corn;" will make it correct hereafter. We find many good sayings that we would like to quote, but for want of time must forego the pleasure.

Companion Grove B. Cooley, Minneapolis, Grand Master; Companion Wm. Cheney, Minneapolis, Grand Recorder.

MAINE—1883.

The twenty-ninth annual Assembly was held in the City of Portland, May 2, 1883, Arlington B. Marston, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Eight subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a short address, reviewing his official acts the past year. He says: "Not a breath or ripple has disturbed the calm surface of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction during the year, and I might almost copy the model reports of our venerable Grand Secretary in making official report. No questions of any importance have been presented, and therefore I have no decisions to report."

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond submitted the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils. Michigan, for 1883, receiving a favorable notice. He resumes his table of statistics, but is quite imperfect; for the reason, that all Grand Recorders do not give a recapitulation of their returns; but hopes they will do so hereafter. Yet, what he has shown, assures us that in almost all jurisdictions the "gains" exceed the "losses." In conclusion, he says:

"In the large majority of the jurisdictions, the Rite has seen its worst days, and is now surely progressing. The doubts caused by the inauguration of the "Mississippi Plan" had a demoralizing effect in all jurisdictions. The utter dissipation of those doubts has caused a re-action, and the result

will be a closer bond of union between the several Grand Councils, a uniformity of polity and ritual, and the establishment of the Rite upon a foundation that cannot be again undermined.

"The total membership of the American Grand Councils must now be over 20,000; in the palmiest day of the Rite, with Iowa, Nebraska, Mississippi and Wisconsin to swell the number, it did not reach 30,000. This fact alone is conclusive evidence of our success."

Companion Marquis F. King, Portland, elected M. I. Grand Master; Companion Ira Berry, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI—1883.

The eighteenth annual Assembly was held in the city of St. Louis May 2, 1880. R. Ill. Wm. Hall, D. G. Master, presiding. Five Councils represented.

The Grand Master (Wm. B. Wilson) being unable to be present sent in a brief address. He announces the death of Companion Thomas M. Wannall, P. D. G. M., who for twenty-five years had been an active and efficient worker in all the Masonic bodies. In conclusion, he says: "The general outlook of the Cryptic Rite is favorable. In our own State, while we are plodding along slowly, we are doing so surely."

Comp. Wm. H. Mayo (under instructions) submitted a very short report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils—Michigan not mentioned, not having received our proceedings. Companion, we mailed three copies to your Grand Recorder; if not received let us know and will gladly re-mail you copies. He says:

"The pamphlets from the different States are rather an improvement over former years. The proceedings are short and of local interest. There is a noticeable want of statistics; very few Grand Recorders give a table showing name, number and location of Subordinates, with the work done, and showing number of membership. There certainly can be no excuse for such an omission, as it does not take much space or occupy very much time to prepare such a table, so one could tell at a glance the size and condition of the Rite in each State."

And, in conclusion, remarks:

"We have obeyed instructions and made our report short, but think we have culled from several jurisdictions some choice selections, by a careful perusal of which our readers may judge somewhat of the general feeling throughout the United States towards the Rite, and the General Grand Council, which is now in its infancy, but will convene in a few weeks. The prospects are a fine, healthy, well-developed child for its age.

"The general Grand Council is a fixed fact now beyond doubt. To the croakers and constitutional growlers, we say hold your tongues and pens, try to contain yourselves in peace for a short time, say for a decade, and let us see what will be the result; let the General Grand Council have a chance to give its plans a thorough test, it can result in no disaster or damage to the Rite, and may result in good."

Statistics—Councils, 9; membership, 320.

Comp. Wm. G. Hall, St. Joseph, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, re elected Grand Recorder.

MARYLAND—1882.

We received a circular saying proceedings would not be published this year.

Henry C. Larrabee, Baltimore, M. I. Grand Master; George L. McCahan, Baltimore, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK—1882.

The annual Assembly was held in the city of New York, September 5, 1882, Companion John J. Martin, M. I. Grand Master, presiding, and representatives of twenty-six Councils.

The Grand Master delivered a brief address. He announces the death of Comp. John R. Wiltsie, at Poughkeepsie, August 18, 1882; an "upright man and Mason," "leaving to his relatives that which is better than riches, a good name." He says: an interesting fact in connection with Masonic history is, that the several Masonic degrees from E. A. up, were conferred on him by his son, M. Ill. Fred. Wiltsie, P. G. Master of this Grand Council.

It is stated that the reports of the officers appointed to visit the Councils, made their report, showing the revival of two Councils and an increased interest in the Cryptic Rite throughout the State, but we find no reports.

Resolutions were adopted appointing committees for the purpose of securing a uniformity of work, the foundation of a Grand Council Library, and the re-printing of the early proceedings.

The report on correspondence was presented by Comp. George M. Osgoodby, covering forty pages, closely printed, composed of extracts and much good comment. We should like to quote very much from it, but must desist, because if we begin, could not tell where to stop. Michigan, for 1882, is fully noticed. He speaks of Grand Master Hatheway's address as a "most valuable document," and agrees with him in his decisions upon the question in relation to non-affiliated M. M. and R. A. M., and of their receiving the degrees of R. & S. M. in Chapters. He gives our Committee on G. G. C. a "wrap" in saying we were the first to plant ourselves on the question of non-intercourse with R. & S. M. Masons receiving the Council degrees under or by authority of a State Grand Chapter. Think they have been taking a "Rip Van Winkle nap," and refers to Grand Master Utley's address in 1879, saying nine Grand Councils had already passed similar resolutions; and says, "Take a back seat on this question." We will do so, Comp. Osgoodby; you are correct.

Comp. John J. Martin, re-elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Geo. Van Vliet, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA—1883.

The eighteenth annual Assembly was held in the city of Raleigh, May 17, 1883. Comp. Jacob I. Macks, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Three Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is very good. He reviews the proceedings of sixteen Grand Councils, Michigan for 1883 included. He says:

"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 committee appointed at the last annual Assembly to confer with the Grand Chapter on merging, reported that the committee had failed to agree upon any definite arrangement. The Grand Council then 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 face of all this action, the Grand Council, looking to a continued organization in the event of a failure to effect terms of consolidation, proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, and a resolution was adopted, that should the Grand Council hold its annual Assembly for the year 1884, Elizabeth City be designated as the place for such Assembly.

Comp. Jacob I. Macks, Wilmington, was re-elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Donald W. Bain, Raleigh, re-elected Grand Recorder.

May 30, 1883, the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council met and agreed upon the following transfer, which we give in full:

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.

3d. 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 Grand 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.

So the Grand Council of North Carolina has merged, or she thinks she has, but don't really know. Well, try it, and if it does not work to her liking she can back out and try it again. She started out in 1822 and 1823, ceased to exist, (went to sleep) roused up in 1860, re-organized, but failed to hold its annual Assembly until 1866; and from that time has sustained a regular existence. We hope she may see the error of her ways, reconsider her action and again open the door of the S. V. and set the craft at work.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1883.

The twenty-second annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Concord, May 14, 1883. Comp. Rensellaer O. Wright, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Seven Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief, relating to local affairs only. He decided that a Companion Royal and Select Master could become a member of a Council and be eligible to hold

office without receiving the S. E. M. degree, but the Grand Council reversed his decision. He decided also that the S. E. M. degree should be conferred in a Council of Select Masters, or in a Council of S. E. M. appended to a Council of Select Masters, which the Grand Council approved.

The report on correspondence was submitted by Comp. George P. Cleaves, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils. Michigan for 1882 and 1883 receiving a favorable notice.

Statistics—Eight Councils; membership, 837.

Comp. George P. Cleaves, Concord, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO—1883.

The fifty-third annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in Sandusky City, October 11, 1883. Companion Levi C. Goodale, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Forty-six Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a brief address, relating to local matters. He seemed to be the right man in the right place; takes great interest in the work and stimulates many others by so doing. If we had more live Grand Masters we would not have to record so many dead limbs hanging around. We find the frontispiece of the proceedings a very fine portrait of the venerable Grand Recorder, Comp. John D. Caldwell, placed there by the Grand Master in honor of the continued services rendered the Order in Ohio. He was elected a Mason in 1844, was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge in 1850, and has served continuously ever since. Was elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Council in 1851, and served continuously since. He served nine years as General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the same period. He has served twenty-one years as Cor-

responding Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and thirty-one years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. For thirty-two years he has been elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, and has now been elected for the thirty-third term, and by so honoring him they have also honored themselves.

Comp. S. Stacker Williams submitted the report on correspondence, noticing, as he says, every Grand Council in the world and reviewing all the proceedings which could be procured: a list of thirty-one Grand Councils, covering thirty-seven pages, including ours for 1883. He says, from our report for 1883, we found a Grand Council in Scotland, but does not know where we got it. Companion, we got it from Comp. Grove B. Cooley, of Minnesota, and gave him due credit for it. As you will find following, in same report, information from Malta, which we gave you credit for.

Comp. Levi C. Goodale, Cincinnati, re-elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, re-elected Grand Recorder, (the thirty-third term) He must therefore be an active 33°.

PENNSYLVANIA—1883.

The Grand Council of Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Masters, held its thirty-seventh annual Assembly in Titusville, February 2, 1883. Comp. James S. Barber, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Eight Councils represented.

Grand Master's address is brief, relating to local matters only. He notes a marked increase in the number of companions desirous of receiving the Council degrees.

The Committee on Correspondence presented a verbal report, which was received and adopted. We would be very glad to have a written report, and hope to see one published the coming year. Companion Meyer, try again.

Statistics—Councils, 22; membership, 1,170; Cash on hand, $1,847.21.

Comp. Vosburg E. Meyer, Phœnixville, elected Most Puissant Grand Master; Comp. Charles E. Meyer, 1717 Chestnut street, or Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, re-elected Grand Recorder.

RHODE ISLAND—1881 to 1883.

(IN ONE PAMPHLET.)

The twenty-first annual Assembly was held in the City of Providence, March 14, 1881. Comp. Amos A. Pevey, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Three Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered an oral address, in which he says the interest in the Rite is increasing in that jurisdiction. A committee was appointed to consider whether it was for the interest of the Grand Council to become a member of the General Grand Council, and report at the next annual Assembly.

The Grand Recorder reported returns of five subordinate Councils. Number advanced the past year, 19; died, 5; present membership, 720; dues, $64 00.

Comp. Edwin Baker was elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. William R. Greene, re-elected Grand Recorder.

1882.

The twenty-second annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Providence, March 13, 1882. Comp. Edwin Baker, Grand Master, presiding. Five Councils represented.

Also the representatives of the Grand Councils of Alabama, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ontario and Ohio.

The Grand Master (Baker) delivered an oral address, taking strong ground against joining the General Grand Council. The committee to whom was referred the subject of becoming a member of the General Grand Council, reported against the movement. They say as the Grand Chapter holds itself independent of the General Grand Chapter, they can see no reason

why the Grand Council cannot do so without any detriment to the Cryptic Rite. But entertaining the most respectful and fraternal sentiments towards the General Grand body, offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Rhode Island respectfully declines to become allegiant to and a member of the General Grand Council of the United States.

Councils, 5; greeted, 18; died, 7; membership, 730; dues, $64.00

Companion Edwin Baker, re-elected M. I. Grand Master; Companion Wm. R. Greene, re-elected Grand Recorder.

1883.

The twenty-third annual Assembly was held in the city of Providence, March, 12, 1883. Companion Edwin Baker, Grand Master, presiding. Four Councils represented. Also representatives of the Grand Councils of Connecticut, Florida, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Vermont and Michigan.

The Grand Master's address is brief. He says: "The most important item both to the Grand Council and to Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction is the establishment of a new Council within our borders." He granted a dispensation in June, 1882, to open and form a Council at Westerly. In referring to the General Grand Council, he says:

"The companions in other jurisdictions are at a loss to understand why Rhode Island refuses to join the General Grand Council, and their comments are in some instances unworthy of them, and are not calculated to influence us to change our mind or purpose.

"The Craft in Rhode Island are not in the main believers in the utility or necessity of General Grand bodies, and having refused for years to become a constituent of the General Grand Chapter, could not consistently become one of the General Grand Council, nor would they be to-day of the Grand Encampment of the United States if the option was with them. We are opposed to the Mississippi plan *in toto*; are in favor of preserving the integrity of the Cryptic Rite, and think we can do in this State as well without any General Grand body as with. The time may come when the Craft

in Rhode Island may be more enlightened with regard to the utility and necessity of General Grand bodies, until that time we hope that the work may prosper and that we may be at peace with all within or without our borders."

And that since the adoption of the convention work for the R. and S. Masters' degrees, a great improvement is noticeable in the rendering of the ritual, and think it will be well to prune and correct the Super Excellent Master's degree. A committee was appointed to revise and correct the ritual of the degree as suggested. A charter was granted for the Council at Westerly.

Councils, 6; greeted, 25; died, 9; membership, 742; dues, $74.00.

Comp. Rev. Wm. N. Ackley, of Warren, was elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Wm. R. Greene, of Providence, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT—1882 AND 1883.

The twenty-ninth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Burlington, June 13, 1882. Comp. Rev. Frederick S. Fisher, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Eighteen subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master delivered a very excellent address, from which we should like to quote many good sayings; but as there are so many, to commence, we should not know when to stop. He devotes considerable space to the Super-Excellent degree, and earnestly recommends its adoption by his Grand Council. Thereupon, permission was granted to the subordinate Councils to confer it as an honorary degree.

The report on correspondence was submitted by Comp. W. H. S. Whitcomb, briefly reviewing the proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils; Michigan, for 1882, receiving a favorable notice.

Comp. Rev. Frederick Shubael Fisher, of St. Johnsbury, was re-elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Elihu B. Taft, of Burlington, elected Grand Recorder.

1883.

The thirtieth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Burlington, June 12, 1883. Comp. Rev. Frederick S. Fisher, Grand Master, presiding. Sixteen subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address covers twenty closely printed pages, giving a brief account of duties performed, and offering good cheer and suggestions for the good of the Order and advancement of the Rite. He says, "I have nothing to give you but good news. The glad sounds of the rebuilding of the Arches are heard throughout the land and are echoed from abroad." There is very much that we would like to quote, but should we commence would not know when to stop; but we cannot refrain from quoting the following, as one of the most beautiful pictures of Cryptic Masonry we have ever read. He says:

"Above all these lessons, the highest that can be taught in any rite or ritual, is trust in God. And in no other degree or Order of the Craft can we find this Trust more fully and plainly taught. Consider the situation of our fellow workmen at the time our secret vault was constructed. Rising to its completion was the labor of many thousand workmen. Crowning the Mount rose the Temple of God, to be the pride and splendor of long years to the nation of Israel. Adorned with all the ornaments that skill and wealth could bestow, and yet concealing in its secret depths deposits laid there to await the time, centuries hence, when all this glory and beauty should be but ruins and rubbish. And this secret hidden place was built in nights of darkness and silence, in trust in the revealed will of God that the time would come when alone of all the works of man's hands on that Holy Mount would remain the Arches of Trust. Greater obedience is not taught in all our many degrees; and if other Companions wear proudly the words 'Holiness to the Lord,' unto Royal and Select Companions belong the promise and words 'Trust in God.'"

The thanks of the Grand Council were tendered to Most Illustrious Companion General Charles Roome, of New York, for the beautiful and impressive manner of his installation of the Grand Officers elect.

Companion W. H. S. Whitcomb submitted the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Councils, also the General Grand Council. Michigan, for 1883, is mentioned; in which he says no mention is made of Vermont, and asks if we have forgotten them. No, Companion Whitcomb, we had not received your proceedings when we made up our report.

Companion Frank Haven Bascomb, of Montpelier, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Edward E. Greenleaf, of Burlington, elected Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA—1882 AND 1883.

We learn from Companion Whitcomb, of Vermont, that the proceedings for 1882 and 1883, cannot be printed for want of funds. The Grand Council met in 1882 at Pensacola, in 1883 at Milton. All business was of a local nature.

Companion George S. Hallmark, of Warrington, Most Ill. Grand Master; Companion John Carlovitz, of Milton, Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1883.

We also learn from Companion Whitcomb, of Vermont, that the twenty-fifth annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Trenton, January 10, 1883. No report on correspondence.

Comp. Jerome B. Borden, of New Brunswick, M. I. Grand Master: Comp. Charles Bechtel, of Trenton, Grand Recorder.

ONTARIO—1882.

We learn also from Companion Whitcomb, that the Grand Council of Canada of the United Orders of Royal and Select Masters, Royal Arch Masons and of the Order of Rome and Constantine, met in London, July 13, 1882. M. Ill. G. M. Burns in the chair, and twelve Councils represented.

Comp. J. Ross Robinson, of Toronto, M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Daniel Spry, of Barrie, Grand Recorder

SOUTH CAROLINA—1883.

The last annual Assembly was held in Columbia, February 14, 1883.

No proceedings published; they do not publish but once in two years.

Comp. J. E. Brazeale, of Anderson, re-elected Grand Master; Comp. D. D. Moore, of Rock Hill, re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE—1883.

Proceedings will not be published till 1884.

Comp. Pitkin C. Wright, Nashville, M. I. Grand Master; Comp. John Frizzell, Nashville, Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN—1883.

We learn from Comp. Whitcomb's report that this Grand Council published no proceedings this year, but that we may look for a healthy report next year.

Comp. John W. Laflin, Milwaukee, Grand Recorder.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

What we have been able to learn in relation to the General Grand Council, we get from the address of Comp. George B. Cooley, of Minnesota. From a communication to him from Comp. George W. Cooley, G. G. P. C. of W. of the G. G. Council, we learn that "The first Triennial Assembly was held at Denver, August 14, 1883. Sixteen Grand and three Subordinate Councils under dispensation were represented, with a representation of fifty-eight members. The union was of great interest

and importance to the Rite, and adjourned to meet in Washington in August, 1886.

The following officers were elected:

GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, New York, G. G. M.
GEORGE J. PINKARD, Louisiana, D. G. G. M.
GEORGE W. COOLEY, Minnesota, G. G. P. C. of W.
O. A. B. SENTER, Ohio, G. G. Treasurer.
BENJ. F. HALLER, Tennessee, G. G. Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

From a circular received, as we suppose, from Comp. D. M. DeWar, Grand Recorder, post marked October, 1884, we learn, Grand Master's Council (No. 1) met on the 27th ult., at Masonic Hall, Red Lion Square, Holborn. Nine applicants were received, and the degrees of Most Excellent Master, Royal and Select Master and Super Excellent Master, conferred upon them, when the Council was closed in the Select Masters' degree.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters met subsequently. The M. P. Grand Master, Rev. Canon Raymond Portar, being absent, the chair was occupied by Rev. T. C. Walls, R. P. G. I. M. A highly satisfactory report was read by the Grand Recorder and adopted. The Grand Officers were duly installed into their respective offices, and the Council closed.

Comp. D. M. DeWar, 8 Red Lion Square, High Holborn, W. C., Grand Recorder.

SCOTLAND—1883.

We again learn from Comp. Grove B. Cooley's report that the Rite in this jurisdiction is making fair progress. Comp. Charles Hunter, of Anglesea, North Wales, is Grand Master, and Comp. R. S. Brown, 5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh, Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

COMPANIONS—In reviewing the proceedings received, we find a generally healthy re-action in the Cryptic Rite throughout the whole country; and, as we said last year, we still believe the organization of the G. G. Council has placed Cryptic Masonry upon solid footing. The statistics given all tend to show an advance in membership, and a disposition to place the Rite equal to Capitular or Chivalric Masonry.



For the Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS

Twenty-seventh Annual Assembly, at Detroit,

COMMENCING MONDAY, JANUARY 19th, 1885.



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FORM OF PETITION FOR A NEW COUNCIL.

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

The undersigned petitioners, being Royal and Select Masters, having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, and being willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Cryptic Masonry, respectfully represent:

That they are desirous of forming a Council in the ——— of ———, County of ———, and State of ———, to be named ——— Council, No. —.

They therefore pray for Letters of Dispensation, or a Warrant of Constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal Council, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the regulations of the Grand Council.

They have nominated and do recommend, Comp. A. B., to be the first T. I. M.; Comp. C. D., to be the first D. M.; and Comp. E. G., to be the first P. C. of W. of said Council.

If the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted, they promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council.

N. B. The above petition must be signed by not less than NINE Select Masters.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN assembled at Masonic Temple in the City of Detroit, on Monday, January 19, being the Monday preceding the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1885, A. Dep. 2885, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. Ill. Comp. JAMES H. CUMMINS.....Grand Master.
Ill. Comp. GEORGE H. STEPHENSON.....D. Grand Master.
" ALFRED BALDREY.....G. P. C. of Work.
Comp. H. SHAW NOBLE, P. G. M.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE, P. G. M.....G. Recorder.
" REV. FRANCIS A. BLADES.....G. Chaplain.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" ALLEN McKEE.....G. Cond. of Council.
" THOMAS G. GREENE.....G. Steward.
" ALEXANDER McGREGOR.....G. Sentinel.

Past Grand Officers Present:

M. Ill. Comp. D. B. TRACY.....Past Grand Master.
" " E. SPRAGUE.....Past Grand Master.
" " GEORGE HILL.....Past Grand Master.
" " HUGH McCURDY.....Past Grand Master.
" " DAVID WOODWARD.....Past Grand Master.
" " RUFUS C. HATHEWAY.....Past Grand Master.
" " GEORGE H. GREENE.....Past Grand Master.
" " WM. G. HUDSON.....Past Grand Master.

Grand Representatives Present:

Alabama,	California,	Connecticut,	Florida,
Georgia,	Kansas,	Maryland,	Massachusetts,
Minnesota,	Missouri	New York,	Rhode Island,
Tennessee.			

The Grand officers being present, and the representatives of a constitutional number of subordinate Councils, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was opened in ample form, with prayer by Rev. Francis A. Blades, Grand Chaplain.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Companions Garra B. Noble, David Woodward and Peter F. Blosser, a Committee on Credentials, who presented the following report:

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the credentials submitted to them, and find the following members and delegates entitled to seats in the Grand Council:

Comp. JAMES H. CUMMINS.....M. I. Grand Master.
" GEORGE H. STEPHENSON.....D. Grand Master.
" ALFRED BALDREY.....G. P. C. of Work.
" H. SHAW NOBLE.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
" Rev. FRANCIS A. BLADES.....G. Chaplain.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" ALLEN McKEE.....Grand Conductor of Council.
" THOMAS G. GREENE.....G. Steward.
" ALEXANDER McGREGOR.....G. Sentinel.

Also the Past M. I. G. Masters, Past D. G. Masters, and Past G. P. Conductors of Work, and the following officers and delegates from Subordinate Councils:

Monroe Council, No. 1.

Comp. RICHARD ROWLAND.....T. I. M.
" JULIUS A. DRESSER.....D. M.
" WILL P. HUTCHINS.....P. C. of W.

Pontiac Council, No. 8.

Comp. SAMUEL H. NORTON.....T. I. M.
" EDWARD C. SMITH.....D. M.
" JOSEPH E. SAWYER.....P. C. of W.

River Raisin Council, No. 4.

Comp. A. I. SAWYER.....T. I. M.
" WM. F. HAIGHT.....D. M.
" LEWIS GRANT.....P. C. of W.

Jonesville Council, No. 5.

Comp. ROSWELL G. SPAULDING.....T. I. M.
" JAMES I. DENNIS.....D. M.
" CHARLES H. SEVENS.....P. C. of W., and Proxy for Council.

Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.

Comp. NATHAN ROSENBAUM.....T. I. M.
" JEFFERSON S. CONOVER.....D. M., and Proxy for T. I. M.
" CHARLES E. FANNING.....P. C. of W.

Romeo Council, No. 8.

Comp. ABIJAH E. PALMER.....T. I. M.
" JAMES GRAY.....D. M.
" CHARLES F. NEWBERRY.....P. C. of W.

Zabud Council, No. 9.

Comp. D. D. BUCK.....T. I. M.
" CHARLES T. MILLER.....D. M.
" ALDEN B. POWELL.....P. C. of W.

Tyre Council, No. 10.

Comp. RUFUS C. HATHEWAY.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE VOORHIS.....D. M.
" GEORGE LABOUR.....P. C. of W.
" WILLIAM P. INNES.....Proxy for T. I. M.

Union Council, No. 11.

Comp. GEORGE N. FLOWERS.....T. I. M.
" P. W. CARPENTER.....D. M.
" A. F. BURBANK.....P. C. of W.

Ionia Council, No. 12.

Comp. HENRY WHEADON.....T. I. M.
" JOHN T. PICKHAVER.....D. M.
" WILLIAM HIGGINS.....P. C. of W.

Sturgis Council, No. 13.

Comp. CHARLES E. LANDON.....T. I. M.
" HENRY L. ANTHONY.....D. M.
" IRA F. PACKARD.....P. C. of W.
" HENRY S. CHURCH.....Proxy for T. I. M.

Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.

Comp. IRA CARPENTER.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE CARD.....D. M.
" MOSES KOCHENTHAL.....P. C. of W.
" EDWARD T. BURKHART.....Representative of Council.

Genesee Council, No. 17.

(No Returns.)

Adrian Council, No. 18.

Comp. ORSAMUS LAMB.....T. I. M.
" ROBERT MOORE.....D. M.
" JAMES GILLELAND.....P. C. of W.
" JOHN F. KIMBALL.....Representative of Council.

Niles Council, No. 19.

Comp. HIRAM A. EDWARDS.....T. I. M.
" W. IRVIN BABCOCK.....D. M.
" ENOCH FLEGAL.....P. C. of W.

Saginaw Council, No. 20.

Comp. FRED. E. HOYT.....T. I. M.
" D. B. REEVES .....D. M.
" CHARLES DOUGHTY.....P. C. of W.

St. Johns Council, No. 21.

Comp. GEORGE H. STEPHENSON.....T. I. M.
" JOHN G. WATKIN.....D. M., and Representative of Council.
" JOHN D. HENDERSON.....P. C. of W.

Portland Council, No. 23.

Comp. GEORGE HILL.....T. I. M.
" DUNCAN KENNEDY.....D. M.
" CHESTER SMITH.....P. C. of W.
" WM. H. WHITE.....Representative of Council.

Adoniram Council, No. 24.

Comp. ARTHUR CASE.....T. I. M.
" J. H. KINGSLEY.....D. M.
" PETER F. BLOSSER....P. C. of W., Representative of Council.

King Solomon Council, No. 25.

Comp. CHARLES GAY.....T. I. M.
" PETER McNAUGHTON.....D. M.
" CEYLON C. FULLER.....P. C. of W.
" E. P. CLARK.....Proxy for Council.

Clinton Council, No. 26.

Comp. DAVID WOODWARD.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE FISHER.....D. M.
" WILLIAM C. ROGERS.....P. C. of W.
" JOHN HAUSE, Jr.....Representative of Council.

Oceana Council, No. 27.

Comp. FREDERICK NIELSEN.....T. I. M.
" OSCAR H. DEAN.....D. M.
" GEORGE W. INNES.....P. C. of W.
" JACOB FISHER.....Proxy for T. I. M.

Lansing Council, No. 29.

Comp. JOSIAH BRUNO.....T. I. M.
" LELAND H. BRIGGS.....D. M.
" JAMES McCREA.....P. C. of W.

Northville Council, No. 30.

Comp. WILLIAM A. HARLAN.....T. I. M.
" JOHN E. WILCOX.....D. M.
" F. R. BEAL.....P. C. of W.

Jackson Council, No. 32.

Comp. SANFORD HUNT.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE H. COLLEY.....D. M.
" MARK H. SPENCER.....P. C. of W.

Ithaca Council, No. 33.

Comp. JOHN F. HENRY.....T. I. M.
" JOHN L. SINCLAIR.....D. M.
" WILLIAM C. BECKWITH.....P. C. of W.

Union City Council, No. 35.

Comp. A. B. AIKEN.....T. I. M.
" R. SIMONS.....D. M.
" R. E. McDONALD.....P. C. of W.

Charlotte Council, No. 36.

Comp. E. T. CHURCH.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE WARD.....D. M.
" P. S. DeGRAFF.....P. C. of W.

Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37.

Comp. THOMAS G. GREENE.....T. I. M.
" ALEXANDER TRUDALE.....D. M.
" LLOYD B. HESS.....P. C. of W.
" DAVID E. WILSON.....Representative of Council.

Corunna Council, No. 38.

Comp. HUGH McCURDY.....T. I. M
" CHARLES M. COSSITT.....D. M
" CALVIN C. GILBERT.....P. C. of W.

Holly Council, No. 39.

Comp. JAMES H. CUMMINS.....T. I. M.
" THOMAS M. JOSLIN.....D. M.
" MARCUS D. ELLIOTT..P. C. of W., Representative of Council.

Bronson Council, No. 40.

Comp. DAVID STRAEHLY.....T. I. M.
" LEWIS W. LEWIS.....D. M.
" I. E. PULLMAN.....P. C. of W.

Lapeer Council, No. 42.

Comp. W. F. DALEY.....T. I. M.
" G. B. ADAMS.....D. M.
" F. J. JACKSON.....P. C. of W.

Lawrence Council, No. 43.

Comp. GEORGE A. CROSS.....T. I. M.
" WILLIAM L. BIDWELL.....D. M., Representative of Council.
" NEWELL CRISSEY.....P. C. of W.

St. Joseph Council, No. 44.

Comp. FREDERICK E. MINNES.....T. I. M.
" HIRAM W. RAY.....D. M.
" ALFRED BALDREY.....P. C. of W.
" EDWIN F. PLATT.....Proxy for T. I. M.

South Haven Council, No. 45.

Comp. JAMES S. DONEHUE.....T. I. M.
" SILAS M. TROWBRIDGE.....D. M.
" GEORGE S. METCALF.....P. C. of W.
" JOSEPH LANNIN.....Representative of Council.

Manistee Council, No. 46.

Comp. H. P. SEYMOUR.....T. I. M.
" ALLEN McKEE.....D. M.
" TIM KEELEY.....P. C. of W.

Ludington Council, No. 48.

Comp. LEWIS C. WALDO.....T. I. M.
" DANIEL V. SAMUELS.....D. M.
" JOHN S. HARRINGTON.....P. C. of W.
" H. B. SMITH.....Representative of Council.

Giblum Council, No. 49.

Comp. M. W. RIKER.....T. I. M.
" TRAVERSE PHILLIPS.....D. M.
" A. P. DRAKE.....P. C. of W.
" DANIEL STRIKER .....Proxy for T. I. M.

Leslie Council, No. 50.

Comp. ALLEN C. MANLEY.....T. I. M.
" EDWARD OLDMAN.....D. M., Proxy for T. I. M.
" WM. HUTCHINGS.....P. C. of W.
" J. D. WOODWORTH.....Proxy for P. C. of W.

Grand Haven Council, No. 51.

Comp. GEORGE E. HUBBARD.....T. I. M.
" WILLIAM J. H. SAUNDERS.....D. M.
" CHARLES N. DICKENSON .....P. C. of W.

Petoskey Council, No. 52.

Comp. LEVI W. COLE.....T. I. M.
" JOSEPH A. C. ROWAN.....D. M.
" WILBUR F. LAWTON.....P. C. of W.
" BYRON W. STARK.....Representative of Council.

Bay City Council, No. 53.

Comp. EDGAR M. SHARP.....T. I. M.
" ALLEN L. STEWART.....D. M.
" FRANK O. GILBERT.....P. C. of W.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GARRA B. NOBLE,
DAVID WOODWARD,
PETER F. BLOSSER,
Committee.

Report accepted and adopted.

The M. I. Grand Master, James H. Cummins, then delivered the annual

ADDRESS.

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S. M. OF MICHIGAN:

Another year has been added to the scroll of time since our last Convocation, and would it not be well for us, Companions to take a glance back over the year just past, and see what account we could give of our stewardship, provided the Great Reaper had called for us? But the Allwise Providence has seen fit to pass most of us by, for a season, and for this we should offer up our sincere thanks for His preserving care over us.

It is with profound gratitude that I see so many familiar faces here assembled, and to note the fact that Father Time has dealt so kindly with us.

Peace and prosperity abounds throughout this beautiful land of ours; that we are on friendly relations with all the world, and that our beloved Cryptic Rite does not slumber or sleep within this Grand Jurisdiction. And while doing a large amount of work, we do no work but good work, such as will pass the scrutiny of the Grand Overseer.

I must also congratulate the Companions on their selection of such excellent Companions as officers for the subordinate Councils, who are so well versed in the law governing our Cryptic Rite, which is evinced by the fact that during the past year there has been no questions submitted to me. Such a record is one this grand body should feel proud of. But, Companions, it is not strange; cast your eyes back for the last twenty-six years and see the eminent Companions who have been at the helm, and then ask yourselves the question, how this Grand Council could have been otherwise than successful?

OFFICIAL.

My official acts during the year have been as follows:

On January 30th, 1884, I received from Companions of Bay City Council, No. 53, R. & S. M., a request to visit them and install their officers, they having been granted a charter at the

last convocation of this Grand Council. On Tuesday, February 5th, I visited them, and, with the assistance of Comp. H. E. Meeker, as Marshal, installed their officers. And when I say to you that Companion Charles F. Gibson is at the helm, I think that is sufficient. The Masonic fraternity of this State know full well that Masonry does not suffer or die in his hands.

On March 8th, 1884, I received a letter from P. I. G. M. George H. Groene, transmitting a letter of Comp. E. O. Shaw (dated January 29th, 1884), of Newaygo Council, No. 47, stating that the letter of P. I. G. M. Greene, of December 6th, 1883, had been mislaid and escaped his attention, but that their charter and records had been saved from the fire, and that they hoped to do some business during the coming year; but as their charter had been arrested by Ill. Comp. W. P. Innes, by authority from P. M. I. G. M. Greene, and is now in the custody of this Grand Council, I wrote Comp. Shaw to forward the records of Newaygo Council to G. B. Noble, Grand Recorder, at Detroit. I have heard nothing from Comp. Shaw in regard to them since.

On March 3d, I received a communication from Comp. L. W. Cole, T. I. M. of Petoskey Council, No. 52, R. & S. M., asking permission to go to Cheboygan, Mich., with the officers of his Council, to confer the degrees on several Companions at that place, so that they could apply for dispensation to start a new Council at Cheboygan. I refused to grant the request, as I considered the degrees of R. & S. M. of too much importance to be conferred in that migratory manner.

On the 25th of December, 1884, I received the petition of A. S. Parrish and eight other Companions, Royal and Select Masters, all residents of Muskegon, Mich., accompanied by their dimits, also the consent and recommendation of Grand Haven Council, No. 51. Their request being in the proper form, and accompanied by the required fee of twenty-five dollars, I deemed it for the best interest of Cryptic Masonry in this State that their request be granted. Muskegon is one of the live cities which Michigan is noted for, and if the enthusiasm displayed in the other Masonic bodies is any criterion to go by, we may

expect to see a very lively Council in Muskegon. On December 27th, 1884, I issued a dispensation to Comp. A. S. Parrish, to be first T. I. M.; Comp. P. P. Meisner, to be D. M., and H. J. Van Zalinger, P. C. of W., and their associate Companions to assemble and work. They requested their Council to be named Muskegon Council, No. —.

SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

It gratifies me, Companions, to be able to report that our relations with our sister Grand Jurisdictions are of the most friendly character. Through the courtesy of Comp. Grand Recorder Noble, I have received the proceedings of the several sister Grand Councils of the following States for 1883: New York, Massachusetts, Alabama; for 1883 and 1884, South Carolina and Tennessee; for 1884, Pennsylvania, Georgia, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, California, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana. In carefully perusing them, I find much of interest, and I have no doubt but that if every R. & S. M. in Michigan would carefully read the proceedings of the Grand Council of Michigan, together with the reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, they would be surprised at the amount of valuable information they would receive. The proceedings of the grand bodies are read too little. It is very seldom, indeed, that any but the presiding officers of the subordinate bodies know or have any idea of what the grand bodies are doing.

October 3d, I received from Ill. Comp. LeGrange Severance, Grand Master of the Grand Council of the State of Indiana, a letter containing several questions. I have the pleasure of presenting the same to this Grand Council for their action:

1st. Do you deem it desirable or possible to have the Cryptic degrees made pre-requisite to the Order of the Temple?

2d. If so, what is the best manner to obtain that end?

3d. Would making Cryptic Masonry pre-requisite to the Temple be detrimental to the latter?

On Sept. 4th, 1884, I received a communication from Ill. Comp. Grand Rec. G. B. Noble, enclosing letter from R. I. D. G. M. Dwight M. Baldwin, of the Grand Council of Minnesota, giving us official notice of the death of M. I. G. M. Grove B. Cooley, of the Grand Council of Minnesota. He was also the representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Minnesota. I copy the following from Ill. Comp. Baldwin's letter:

"It becomes my sad duty to inform your Grand Council of the death of our M. I. G. M., and your representative near the Grand Council of Minnesota, 'Judge' Grove B. Cooley, who died at his home in Minneapolis, on Wednesday, the 20th ult. The fraternity has lost one of its brightest and best lights. He was devotedly attached to Masonry, and especially the Cryptic Rite. He was a man and a Mason of the most noble and generous impulses. He had no enemies, but was honored and loved by all. Our Grand Council has suffered an irreparable loss. We had learned to look to him for instruction and advice in all things pertaining to it. His death was untimely, and the brethren mourn, but the will of the Supreme Grand Master is accomplished. So mote it be."

I would recommend that a memorial page be set apart to his memory.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

At the request of Ill. Grand Recorder G. B. Noble, I, on the 17th of November, 1884, commissioned Ill. Comp. William Cheney, of the Grand Council of Minnesota, the representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Minnesota, vice M. I. G. M. Grove B. Cooley, deceased. Of this appointment I respectfully ask your approval.

CONCLUSION.

And now, Companions, allow me to thank you for the high honor conferred on me, by electing me to the highest position in your gift to bestow; and I assure you, Companions, that the remembrance of it will ever be one of the brightest pages in

my memory. It has been my endeavor to fill the position to the best of my ability. In whatever I have come short of the standard of perfection established by our honored Rite, I hope you will cover with that broad mantle of Masonic charity; for we know that man, in his most improved state, is liable to faults, foibles and errors.

I have endeavored to return to you this signet of authority as unsullied as it was given me one year ago. If you are satisfied, I am sure I should be content. And to our worthy Comp. Grand Recorder, I wish to tender my most heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness extended to me during the past. And I sincerely hope that we may all be spared for many years, and be permitted to gather together in annual convocations to legislate for the benefit of our beloved Cryptic Rite.

And, to the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction, I have nothing but the kindliest feelings of Masonic love and esteem to offer. It has been with such uniform kindness that I have always been treated, that I can only say, God bless and prosper you one and all.

JAMES H. CUMMINS,
M. I. G. M.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway, the address of the M. Ill. Grand Master was referred to the following committee for subdivision and reference: Companions P. M. I. G. M. George Hill, Sanford Hunt and J. C. Barrows.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE—Comps. Daniel Striker, E. F. Platt, Traverse Phillips.

RETURNS—Comps. Samuel H. Norton, Richard Rowland, M. D. Elliott.

JURISPRUDENCE—P. M. I. G. M. Hugh McCurdy, P. M. I. G. M. Ebenezar Sprague, Comp. James Findlater.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS—P. M. I. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway, Comps. Edgar M. Sharp, J. H. Watkin.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their annual financial statements, which were referred to the Finance Committee:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. SHAW NOBLE, Grand Treasurer,

In account with Grand Council R. and S. M.

1884.		DR.	
January 14,	To balance on hand		$454 15
14,	" Cash of Grand Recorder		362 00
15,	" " " "		247 50
1885.			
January 10,	" " " "		63 22
	Total		$1,126 87
January 19,	To balance on hand		$667 12

1884.		CR.	
January 15,	By pay vouchers		$177 00
15,	" receipt G. B. Noble		125 00
15,	" " W. P. Innes		8 12
16,	" " A. McGregor		10 00
April 30,	" " Roehm & Wright		50 00
May 13,	" " W. H. Thompson		89 63
1885.			
January 19,	By balance on hand		667 12
	Total		$1,126 87

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

G. B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder,

In account with Grand Council of R. and S. M.

January 14, 1884. DR.

For dues received from	Monroe Council	No.	1	$ 78	75
" "	Pontiac Council	"	3	17	50
" "	River Raisin Council	"	4	5	50
" "	Jonesville Council	"	5	8	00
" "	Mt. Moriah Council	"	6	18	00
" "	Romeo Council	"	8	6	50
" "	Zabud Council	"	9	29	75
" "	Tyre Council	"	10	58	25
" "	Union Council	"	11	27	25
" "	Ionia Council	"	12	14	25
" "	Sturgis Council	"	18	11	00
" "	Mt. Ararat Council	"	15	10	75
" "	Adrian Council	"	18	11	25
" "	Niles Council	"	19	15	75
" "	Saginaw Council	"	20	17	25
" "	St. Johns Council	"	21	18	00
" "	Portland Council	"	23	8	25
" "	Adoniram Council	"	24	8	00
" "	King Solomon Council	"	25	4	00
" "	Clinton Council	"	26	18	25
" "	Oceana Council	"	27	16	00
" "	Lansing Council	"	29	16	75
" "	Northville Council	"	30	8	75
" "	Jackson Council	"	32	41	00
" "	Ithaca Council	"	33	6	00
" "	Union City Council	"	35	6	50
" "	Charlotte Council	"	36	15	75
" "	Nebuzaraden Council	"	37	13	50
" "	Corunna Council	"	38	14	75
" "	Holly Council	"	39	10	25
" "	Bronson Council	"	40	8	75
" "	Lapeer Council	"	42	11	25
" "	Lawrence Council	"	43	20	75
" "	St. Joseph Council	"	44	9	25
" "	South Haven Council	"	45	6	25
" "	Manistee Council	"	46	21	00
" "	Ludington Council	"	48	9	75
" "	Giblum Council	"	49	7	00
" "	Leslie Council	"	50	13	25
" "	Grand Haven Council	"	51	21	00
" "	Petoskey Council	"	52	4	50
" "	Bay City Council	U. D.		6	00
December 27, For Dispensation at Muskegon				25	00
Total				$ 694	25

1884.			Cr.	
January	14,	By paid,	Grand Treasurer	$362 00
"	15,	" "	" "	247 50
"	15,	" "	1 charter	5 00
February	14,	" "	50 P. O. envelopes	1 12
"	14,	" "	28 postage stamps	56
April	26,	" "	Express charges on jewel	50
Sept'ber	15,	" "	Richmond, Backus & Co., bill	2 00
Nove'ber	25,	" "	Richmond, Backus & Co., bill	1 75
December	1,	" "	Charles C. Noble, bill	6 50
"	1,	" "	Postage stamps	2 00
"	28,	" "	Richmond, Backus & Co	2 10
1885.				
January	8,	" "	Grand Treasurer	63 22
		Total		$694 25

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

The Grand Recorder presented the following report, which, on motion, was accepted, adopted and ordered printed with the proceedings:

To the M. I. G. M., Officers and Members of the Grand Council of R. & S. M. of Michigan:

Your Grand Recorder respectfully presents his annual report of the transactions of his office for the preceding year.

The proceedings of the last Annual Assembly were, without delay, printed and distributed as usual to each subordinate Council and Grand and Past Grand officer of this jurisdiction, and to sister Grand Councils, and to Representatives to sister Grand Councils.

At the last Annual Assembly, a charter was granted for a subordinate Council at Bay City. The charter was properly filled out, signed and delivered to the officers entitled to it.

The annual returns of the subordinate Councils have been received, and I am pleased to inform you that (notwithstanding the universal depression of business and great excitement incident to the Presidential election) they show a very fair state of prosperity of the Rite throughout this jurisdiction.

As directed by resolution of the Grand Council, I procured and presented P. M. I. Grand Master, George H. Greene, a suitable jewel on behalf of this Grand Council. Acknowledging receipt thereof, he says: "I desire, through you, to extend to the Companions of the Grand Council my grateful thanks for this rich token, so beautiful in design. I shall ever endeavor that my life shall be such, though my days be few or many, that the Companions may never have reason to regret their action. In wearing it, I shall always be reminded of the honors conferred, and the many courtesies received at their hands."

At the last Annual Assembly I was instructed to ascertain the expense of reprinting the proceedings of the Grand Council from 1871 to 1878 inclusive, and report at this Annual Assembly. I have made inquiries from several sources, and from all information I can get, it will, I think, not exceed $250.

I was also instructed to procure officers' clothing for Grand Chaplain, Grand Conductor of Council and Grand Steward. But, upon inquiry, I found the Grand Council has no official clothing for the officers of the Grand Council, and consequently did not procure the three.

I have corresponded throughout the jurisdiction for spare copies of the proceedings of the Grand Council for the year 1871 to present date, and have received six copies, for 1871, 1872 and 1878.

I would recommend that a committee be appointed to procure suitable clothing for the officers of the Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

GARRA B. NOBLE,
Grand Recorder.

COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE.

The Committee on Reference submitted the following report:

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

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. I. G. M., for division, would respectfully report:

That so much as refers to Newaygo Council, be referred to the incoming M. I. G. M.

That so much as refers to the request of Petoskey Council, be approved.

So much as refers to Dispensation of Companions at Muskegon, to Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

So much as refers to the questions of the M. I. G. M. of Indiana, to a special committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. HILL, P. M. I. G. M.,
SANFORD HUNT,
J. F. BARROWS,
Committee.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following special committee on the questions received from the M. I. Grand Master of Indiana: P. M. I. G. M. Hugh McCurdy, P. M. I. G. M. David Woodward, P. M. I. G. M. Ebenezer Sprague.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M., David Woodward, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Grand Council was called from labor until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, January 20, 1885.

The Grand Council resumed labor at 9 o'clock. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

RETURNS.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils made the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Returns would most respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the Subordinate Councils, and report as follows:

We find Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, correct. No. 17, no returns.

SAMUEL H. NORTON,
RICHARD ROWLAND,
MARCUS D. ELLIOTT,
Committee.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the reports, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, as presented, and find them correct.

The revenue of the Grand Council, as per report of Grand Recorder, was derived from the following sources:

Dues from Subordinate Councils	$669 25
Dispensations	25 00
Total	$694 25

By Paid Grand Treasurer, per receipts	$672 72	
One Charter	5 00	
Postage, Envelopes and Express	4 18	
Sundry bills paid	12 35	
		$694 25

At the date of his last report the Grand Treasurer had on hand	$454 15
Received since from Grand Recorder	672 72
Total	$1,126 87

Paid Vouchers	$459 75	
Balance on hand	667 12	
		$1,126 87

January 19th, 1885.

Fraternally submitted,

DANIEL STRIKER,
TRAVERSE PHILLIPS,
EDWIN F. PLATT,
Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

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

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. I. G. Master's address as relates to the questions of the M. I. G. M. of the Grand Council of the State of Indiana, respectfully submit the following report: The first question is—

1. "Do you deem it advisable or possible to have the Cryptic Degrees made pre requisite to the order of the Temple?"

Answer—Yes; as we believe it would tend to strengthen and build up the Cryptic Rite.

2. "If so, what is the best manner to obtain that end?"

Answer—To have the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States repeal its law upon the subject, and enact one, making the Council degrees a pre-requisite to the Order of the Temple.

3. "Would making Cryptic Masonry pre-requisite to the Temple be detrimental to the latter?"

Answer—In our opinion, it would not.

HUGH McCURDY, P. M. I. G. M.
D. WOODWARD, P. M. I. G. M.
E. SPRAGUE, P. M. I. G. M.
Committee.

Received and adopted.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

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

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

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the dispensation granted by M. I. Grand Master James H. Cummins, for a Council to be located at Muskegon, Michigan, beg leave to report that they have examined the papers in the case of the Companions of Muskegon, asking for a Charter to be issued to them to open a Council in said city.

We feel that the Companions are worthy of commendation for the great interest and zeal in which they enter upon their work, and that Cryptic Masonry will be benefited by granting a Charter to the Companions named

in the Dispensation; and we do cheerfully recommend that a Charter be so issued, and the Council named and numbered as Muskegon Council, No. Fifty-four (54); and they be authorized to elect and install their officers at their first regular meeting after the adjournment of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HATHEWAY, P. M. I. G. M.
EDGAR M. SHARP,
JOHN G. WATKIN,
Committee.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway, the Grand Recorder was instructed to re-print the proceedings of the Grand Council from 1871 to 1878 inclusive, at the expense of not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The time fixed by special order for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the M. I. Grand Master appointed Companions Josiah Bruno and Charles H. Cossitt, tellers.

After receiving and counting the ballots, reported the following Companions as having received a majority of all the votes cast, who were declared elected, as follows:

Comp. GEORGE H. STEPHENSON, St. Johns....M. I. Grand Master.
" ALFRED BALDREY, St. Joseph..... ...D. Grand Master.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY, South Haven.....G. P. Con. of Work.
" H. SHAW NOBLE, Monroe.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit.....G. Recorder.
" REV. FRANCIS A. BLADES, Detroit.....G. Chaplain.
" ALLEN McKEE, Manistee..... .....G. Capt. of Guard.
" THOMAS G. GREENE, Three Rivers.....G. Cond. of Council.
" SANFORD HUNT, Jackson.....G. Steward.
" ALEXANDER McGREGOR, Detroit.....G. Sentinel.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Hugh McCurdy—Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Rufus C. Hatheway as Grand Marshal —and conducted to their several stations.

P. M. I. G. Master Rufus C. Hatheway, offered the following resolutions, which on motion were accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be allowed $125 for his services the past year; that he be authorized to have the usual number of proceedings printed and distributed as is usual in such cases, including a copy to each of our Grand Representatives near Sister Grand Councils, and that the Grand Treasurer pay the bills for same, on their presentation of them to him, duly certified to by the Grand Recorder. Also that the Grand Sentinel be paid $10 for his services. That the Grand Recorder procure a suitable jewel and present the same to P. M. I. G. M. James H. Cummins, as a token of the respect and esteem of this Grand Body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council are hereby tendered to P. M. I. G. M. James H. Cummins, for the efficient services rendered this Grand Body during his official term.

On motion, Companions Garra B. Noble, Grand Recorder, Hugh McCurdy, P. M. I. G. M., and Rufus C. Hatheway, P. M. I. G. M., were appointed a Committee to procure suitable Jewels and Clothing for the Officers of the Grand Council.

On motion, the thanks of the Grand Council were extended to the fraternity of Detroit for the free use of their Temple during the present Assembly.

CLOSING.

The Grand Recorder announced that there was no further business to come before the Grand Council, whereupon the M. I. Grand Master, George H. Stephenson closed the Grand Council in *ample form.* Prayer by Rev. Francis A. Blades, Grand Chaplain.



GEO. H. STEPHENSON,
M. I. Grand Master.

ATTEST:

Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held on Monday preceding the third Tuesday of January next, (being the 18th day of January, 1886), at Masonic Temple, in the City of Detroit, commencing at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

We are pained to announce the death of our old and esteemed Companion, William Barclay, Past Grand Treasurer of this Grand Council, at his residence in Detroit, on January 22d, 1885, after a brief illness, in the 73d year of his age. He was a charter member of the Grand Council, and also of Monroe Council, No. 1. GRAND RECORDER

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1884.

NAME.	Number.	Location.	County.	T. I. Master.	Recorder.	Exalted.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Membership.	Dues Paid.	Regular Assembly, Each Month.
Monroe	1	Detroit	Wayne	Richard Rowland	C. W. Maynard	31	..	1	..	..	..	2	260	$ 87 50	Monday after Full Moon.
Pontiac	3	Pontiac	Oakland	Samuel H. Norton	J. A. Harris	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	72	19 25	Monday on or before F. M.
River Raisin	4	Monroe	Monroe	A. I. Sawyer		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22		
Jonesville	5	Jonesville	Hillsdale	R. G. Spaulding	Jason W. Storm	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	29	7 00	Second Thursday after F. M.
Mt. Moriah	6	Coldwater	Branch	N. Rosenbaum	David Bovee	1	..	1	5	3	..	1	66	17 00	First Thursday.
Romeo	8	Romeo	Macomb	Abijah E. Palmer	Dwight H. Lowell	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19		
Zabud	9	Battle Creek	Calhoun	D. D. Buck	Eugene Glass	3	..	..	6	..	..	3	100	27 00	First Wednesday.
Tyre	10	Gra'd Rapids	Kent	R. C. Hatheway	John L. Curtis	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	104	32 50	First Thursday.
Union	11	Ypsilanti	Washten'w	Geo. N. Flowers	W. L. Pack	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	75	18 50	Third Wednesday.
Ionia	12	Ionia	Ionia	Henry Wheadon	Daniel L. Nash	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	45	13 25	Monday after Full Moon.
Sturgis	13	Sturgis	St. Joseph	Chas. E. Landon	Henry S. Church	2	..	1	..	3	..	..	26	7 75	Tuesday after Full Moon.
Mt. Ararat	15	Hillsdale	Hillsdale	Ira Carpenter	L. S. Ranney	..	..	..	2	8	..	1	33	8 00	Second Monday.
Genesee	17	Fenton	Genesee			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	‡20		
Adrian	18	Adrian	Lenawee	Orsamus Lamb	John F. Kimball	..	2	1	..	7	..	..	38	9 25	Thursday after Full Moon.
Niles	19	Niles	Berrien	Hiram A. Edwards	Geo. W. Timmons	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	12 75	Thursday after Full Moon.
Saginaw	20	East Saginaw	Saginaw	Fred. E. Hoyt	O. J. Hetherington	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	48	12 50	First Monday.
St. Johns	21	St. Johns	Clinton	Geo. H. Stephenson	J. M. Frisbee	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	59	16 00	Wednesday on or before F. M.
Portland	23	Portland	Ionia	George Hill	S. K. Gates	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	6 00	Monday preceding Full Moon.
Adoniram	24	Manchester	Washten'w	Arthur Case	Mat. D. Blosser	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	29	7 00	Tuesday after Full Moon.
King Solom'n	25	Big Rapids	Mecosta	Charlie Gay	Chas. D. Bronson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	4 00	First Tuesday evening.
Clinton	26	Clinton	Lenawee	David Woodward	Danforth Keyes	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	81	13 50	Wednesday on or before F. M.
Oceana	27	Pentwater	Oceana	Frederick Nielson	James Grover	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	40	9 75	Second Monday.
Lansing	29	Lansing	Ingham	Josiah Bruno	C. J. Davis	1	..	1	15	..	..	1	34	9 00	Thursday after Full Moon.
Northville	30	Northville	Wayne	Wm. A. Harlan	H. E. Lake	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	29	9 25	—— Thursday.
Jackson	32	Jackson	Jackson	Sanford Hunt	Fred. Nestern	4	..	..	18	..	..	2	118	32 25	Second Tuesday.
Ithaca	33	Ithaca	Gratiot	John F. Henry	John M. Trask	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	6 00	Thursday on or before F. M.
Union City	35	Union City	Branch	A. B. Aiken	Elmer Roe	5	..	..	1	1	..	1	29	10 75	Wednesday before Full Moon.
Charlotte	36	Charlotte	Eaton	E. T. Church	F. M. Thomas	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	15 75	First Tuesday.
Nebuzaraden	37	Constantine	St. Joseph	Thos. G. Greene	John King	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	45	11 00	
Corunna	38	Corunna	Shiawassee	Hugh McCurdy	J. D. Leland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	9 75	
Holly	39	Holly	Oakland	Jas. H. Cummins	John M. Baird	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	18 25	Third Wednesday.

Bronson	40	Bronson	Branch	David Straehly	Jason Shepard	2		3			30	8 75	Tuesday after Full Moon.
Lapeer	42	Lapeer	Lapeer	W. F. Daley	H. E. Hatch						43	10 50	1st Tues'y Dec., Mar., June, Sept
Lawrence	43	Lawrence	Van Buren	George A. Cross	A. H. Draper					1	68	16 75	Thursday after Full Moon.
St. Joseph	44	St. Joseph	Berrien	Fred'k E. Minnes	Jos. J. Pearl	1					29	7 75	Monday after Full Moon.
South Haven	45	South Haven	Van Buren	Jas. S. Donahue	Geo. L. Seaver						20	4 75	Friday on or before Full Moon.
Manistee	46	Manistee	Manistee	H. P. Seymour	J. Kinsley	5	1				49	15 75	Third Friday.
Ludington	48	Ludington	Mason	L. C. Waldo	H. A. Scott	9					49	18 75	Second Monday.
Giblum	49	Hastings	Barry	M. W. Riker	Jno. F. Goodyear	5				1	33	11 75	First Monday.
Leslie	50	Leslie	Ingham	A. C. Manley	James McDaniels	4					37	12 00	Second Thursday.
Grand Haven	51	Grand Haven	Ottawa	Geo. E. Hubbard	Geo. T. Pagelson			4			30	7 25	First Friday.
Petoskey	52	Petoskey	Emmet	Levi W. Cole	Clay E. Call	14		1			32	18 25	First Monday.
Bay City	53	Bay City	Bay	Edgar M. Sharp	Isaac A. Gilbert	9	1				27	13 25	First Monday.
						134	4	8	32	55	20	2070	$596 00

‡ Returns, 1882.

LIST OF GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1858 TO 1885.

Year	T. I. G. P.	D. I. G. P.	G. T. I,	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G.Capt.of Guards
1858..	*N. B. Carpenter..	*S. B. Brown.....	Frank Darrow....	R. W. Davis.....	Ezra Rood.....	*N. P. Jacobs.....	T. A. Flower.
1859....	*N. B. Carpenter..	*S. B. Brown.....	Frank Darrow....	John Clark.....	" "	" "	A. J. Cummings.
1860....	*Frank Darrow....	John Clark.....	D. B. Tracy.....	B. F. Doughty....	" "	" "	*S. B. Morse.
1861....	*John Clark.....	D. B. Tracy.....	*B. F. Doughty....	E. Sprague	" "	" "	S. L. Dart.
1862....	D. B. Tracy.....	E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee.....	" "	Oliver Bourke	C. H. Putnam.
1863....	*E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee.....	S. L. Dart.....	" "	" "	J. P. Whiting.
1864....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee.....	S L. Dart.....	E. D. Benedict ...	" "	" "	" "
1865....	D. Bovee.....	S. L. Dart.....	E. D. Benedict....	W. S. Edwards...	" "	" "	" "
1866....	*S. L. Dart.....	E. D. Benedict	W. S. Edwards...	W. Walker.....	J. T. Hayden.....	" "	W. F. King.
1867....	W. S. Edwards. ..	Wm. Walker.....	J. T. Hayden.....	W. F. King.....	*Wm. Barclay.....	" "	J. W. Champlin.
1868....	J. T. Hayden.....	O. L. Spaulding..	J. W. Champlin..	M. Walter	" "	" "	H. Shaw Noble.
1869....	C. H. Putnam....	O. L. Spaulding..	E. Sprague.....	H Shaw Noble...	" "	" "	J. E. Marvin.
1870....	O. L. Spaulding..	E. Sprague.....	H. Shaw Noble...	Wm. Brown	" "	" "	J. B. Nixon.
1871	E. Sprague	H. Shaw Noble....	Wm. Brown	A. I. Sawyer.....	" "	G. B. Noble.....	E. M. Doan.
1872....	H. Shaw Noble. .	Wm. Brown	M. Mansfield.. ..	E. M. Doan.....	*E. A. Elliott.....	" "	George Hill.
1873....	*Wm. Brown.....	M. Mansfield.....	E. M. Doan.....	George Hill.....	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED IN 1874.*

Year.	M. I. G. Master.	Deputy G. Master.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards
1874....	*Wm. Brown.....	M. Mansfield.....	George Hill.....	*E. A. Elliott....	G. B. Noble	A. J. Utley.
1875....	*M. Mansfield.....	George Hill.....	J. R. Everard.....	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.
1876....	George Hill	J. R. Everard	A. J. Utley.....	" "	" "	C B. Reynolds.
1877....	J. R. Everard.....	A. J. Utley.....	C. B. Reynolds.....	" "	" "	C. W. Strait.
1878....	Andrew J. Utley.....	*C. W. Strait.....	D. Woodward.....	" "	" "	W. S. Turck.
1879..	Hugh McCurdy.....	D. Woodward.....	R. C Hatheway.....	" "	" "	W. G. Hudson.
1880. .	David Woodward.....	Rufus C. Hatheway..	William G. Hudson...	H. Shaw Noble	" "	Geo. H. Greene.
1881....	Rufus C. Hatheway...	William G. Hudson...	George H. Greene ...	" "	" "	J. H. Cummins.
1882....	William G. Hudson...	George H. Greene...	James H. Cummins..	" "	" "	G. H. Stephenson
1883....	George H. Greene....	James H. Cummins ..	Geo. H. Stephenson ..	" "	" "	Alfred Baldrey.
1884....	James H. Cummins...	Geo. H. Stephenson .	Alfred Baldrey	" "	" "	Alfred G. Gulley.
1885 ..	George H. Stephenson	Alfred Baldrey.....	Alfred G. Gulley.....	" "	" "	Allen McKee.

* Deceased.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN NEAR SISTER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Representatives.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	BENJAMIN FRANKLIN POKE	Gadsden.
California	WM. MONROE PETRIE	Sacramento.
Connecticut	FRED. H. WALDRON	New Haven.
Florida	JOHN CARLOVITZ	Milton.
Georgia	ANDREW M. WOLIKIN	Albany.
Indiana	WALTER R. GODFREY	Michigan City.
Kansas	E. D. HILLYER	Valley Falls.
Louisiana	HENRY HAMBERGER	New Orleans.
Maine	HORACE BURBANK	Saco.
Massachusetts	EUGENE A. HOLTON	Boston.
Maryland	EDWARD T. SCHUETZ	Baltimore
Missouri	JOSEPH S. BROWNE	St. Joseph.
Minnesota	WILLIAM CHENEY	Minneapolis.
Manitoba	JOHN HEADLY BELL	Winnipeg.
New Hampshire	HARVEY L. CURRIER	Manchester.
New York	THOS. GLIDDON	Rochester.
New Jersey	JOHN WOLVERTON	Trenton.
Ohio	J. W. CHAMBERLAIN	Tiffin.
Pennsylvania	JAMES S. BARKER	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	HORACE K. BLANCHARD	Providence.
South Carolina	JOHN E. BREAZEALE	Anderson.
Tennessee	BRADFORD NICHOL	Nashville.
Vermont	MARSH OLIN PERKINS	Windsor.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF SISTER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN.

Grand Council.	Representatives.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	D. BURNHAM TRACY	Detroit.
California	Gen. WILLIAM P. INNES	Grand Rapids.
Connecticut	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
England and Wales	Gen. O. L. SPAULDING	St. Johns.
Florida	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Georgia	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Indiana	JOHN W. FINCH	Adrian.
Kansas	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Louisiana	Gen. O. L. SPAULDING	St. Johns.
Maine	WILLIAM S. TURCK	Alma.
Maryland	ALFRED I. SAWYER	Monroe.
Massachusetts	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Missouri	WILLIAM G. HUDSON	Ludington.
New York	H. SHAW NOBLE	Monroe.
Ohio	J. L. MITCHELL	Jackson.
Pennsylvania	CHARLES H. AXTELL	St. Louis.
Rhode Island	SAMUEL H. NORTON	Pontiac.
South Carolina	JOHN L. MITCHELL	Jackson.
Tennessee	GEORGE HILL	Portland.
Vermont	THERON F. GIDDINGS	Kalamazoo.

GRAND RECORDERS.

State.	Name.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock.
California	Thomas H. Caswell	San Francisco.
Connecticut	J. K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Canada	J. G. Burns	Toronto.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolihin	Albany.
Illinois	Gill. W. Barnard	Chicago.
Indiana	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Wm. B. Langridge	Muscatine.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Lorenzo Dow Croninger	Covington.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Geo. L. McCahan	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Alfred F. Chapman	Boston.
Michigan	Garra B. Noble	Detroit.
Minnesota	Wm. Cheney	Minneapolis
Missouri	Wm. H. Mayo	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Charles Bechtel	Trenton.
New York	Geo. VanVliet, West & Bethune sts.,	New York.
Nebraska	Wm. R. Bowen	Omaha.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Pennsylvania	Chas. E. Meyer, 1717 Chestnut st.,	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Wm. R. Greene	Providence.
Scotland	Robt. S. Brown, 5 Marchmont Terrace,	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	D. D. Moore	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	John Frizelle	Nashville.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
G. G. Council	Benj. F. Haller	Memphis, Tenn.



TO THE MEMORY

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GROVE B. COOLEY,

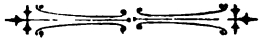
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA,

—) AND (—

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA.

Died in Minneapolis, August 20, 1884.

Faithful to all earthly trusts, he has gone to his reward.



NECROLOGY, 1884.

Wm. T. Aldouse	Monroe Council, No. 1.	June 10.
Rev. J. M. Arnold	Monroe Council, No. 1	December 8.
Rev. L. H. Corson	Jonesville Council, No. 5	February 23.
Mathew M. Fox	Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6	June 27.
C. W. Strait	Zabud Council, No. 9	
Alonzo Noble	Zabud Council, No. 9	
Warham M. Noble	Zabud Council, No. 9	
T. W. Robertson	Zabud Council, No. 9	
Fred H. Spring	Tyre Council, No. 10.	January 18.
Wm. G. Shipman	Union Council, No. 11	
Frederick Hall	Ionia Council, No. 12	April 26, '83.
Thomas M. Silver.	Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.	January 11.
Rev. J. S. Goodman	Saginaw Council, No. 20	November 12.
James Metlen	Lansing Council, No. 29	July 5.
John C. Emery	Northville Council, No. 30.	December 20.
B. F. Eggleston	Jackson Council, No. 32	January 15
Richmond Livermore	Jackson Council, No. 32	April 11.
Joseph R. Bonebright	Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37.	March 18.
Wm. M. Scudder.	Giblum Council, No. 49	May 14.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. I. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report the review of the proceedings of the following sister Grand Councils, received since our last annual Assembly:

Alabama	1883	Massachusetts	1883
Connecticut	1884	Minnesota	1884
Canada	1881, 1882, 1883	New Hampshire	1884
California	1884	New York	1884
Georgia	1884	New Jersey	1884
Illinois	1884	Ohio	1884
Indiana	1884	Pennsylvania	1884
Kentucky	1884	South Carolina	1883, 1884
Kansas	1882, 1883, 1884	Tennessee	1883, 1884
Louisiana	1884	Vermont	1884
Maine	1884	General Grand Council U. S.	1883

ALABAMA, 1883.

The forty-sixth annual Assembly was held in the City of Montgomery, December 3, A. D. 1883, A. L. 5883, A. Dep. 2883. Grand Master William Wallace McCollum presiding. Seven subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief, but he speaks encouragingly of the prospects of the Cryptic Rite within that juris-

diction. We quote the following, which we think will apply to other jurisdictions as well as his own. He says:

"Our country during the past year has been *reasonably* prosperous, and if the husbandman's returns have not been as large and exuberant as he could desire, at least the wolf has been kept from the door; and food and clothing for all have been sufficiently abundant. But Masonry only flourishes in prosperous times. We should keep this great fact in our mind always. When the fleecy staple is whitening in our fields; when the great ears of corn are bending over with their excess of grain; when the wheat, and the oats, and the other great food-crops of our country, are full and exuberant, then Masonry is in the ascendant; because, although Masonry is particularly the great thing for the poor, yet it only flourishes when times are rich. Brethren, I repeat, we should keep this great fact always in our minds, that so, when the wolf is at the door, when the keen North wind is whistling its melancholy anthems around the houses of the poor, when hunger perishes, and the faces of our brethren grow sharp with famishment, we may be able to relieve their necessities, to bind up their wounds, to clothe their limbs, and bid them to remember that there is One above, that is watching over them in their necessities; and whose hands are always stretched out to prevent their falling. Brethren, if for nothing else, if not for its social element, if not for the delightful intercourse of the lodge-room, we should cultivate Masonry for the great opening it gives us to do good."

The Committee on Grand Master's address made the following report, commending it to the careful perusal of Companions everywhere, and which we also fully recommend:

"Your Committee to which was referred the address of the M. Ill. Grand Master, beg leave to report that they have read the same with unalloyed pleasure They commend its perusal to the careful attention of the Companions everywhere. If his exertions to revive the spirit of the Cryptic Fraternity have not been as successful as he desired, the fault cannot be laid at his door. But your Committee are convinced that the time will come, and not far hence, when the love for our beautiful degrees, the most beautiful and impressive in the catalogue, will revive, and they will regain their early popularity. They have been crowded out by so many pseudo-masonic degrees, that are at present attracting public attention, that they have been left behind in the general race. But what is really valuable in Masonry can never be permanently lost. And so your Committee trust that the brotherhood in the State will never despair, but while doing their whole duty, leave the result to Providence."

The report on Correspondence is from Companion Daniel Sayre, and, as usual, is filled with many quaint gems that we should like to give, but time and space forbids. Michigan is kindly noticed. He says: "we do not belong to the G. G. Council, but are all right otherwise."

Grand Master William Wallace McCollum, of Selma, re-elected; Companion Daniel Sayre, Montgomery, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT, 1884.

A special Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Hartford, May 12, 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M., when the work was exemplified and the Grand Council closed.

The sixty-sixth annual Assembly was held there the same day, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M., M. P. Grand Master Burton C. Bryan presiding. Nineteen subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is wholly of local character.

A charter was granted for a Council at Mystic River

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from Companion William Wallace Lee, reviewing the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, and the General Grand Council—Michigan not of the number. We are sorry Companion Lee did not receive our proceedings. They were mailed as usual, and should have been received in time for a report. Companion Lee, if you do not receive these, notify us, and we will see that you get a copy every time. Your reports are always hailed with pleasure; we find something to refresh and instruct at all times. The last is no exception to the former.

Councils, 20; membership, 2,260.

T. I. Comp. Alex. B. Shumway, Litchfield, M. P. Grand Master; T. I. Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA, 1881, 1882 AND 1883.

We received the three year's proceedings under one cover, one of which contained an excellent portrait of M. Ill. Grand Master J. Ross Robertson.

CANADA, 1881.

The eleventh annual Assembly was held at Hamilton, July 13, 1881. M. Ill. Comp. Joshua G. Burns, presiding. Ten subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is hopeful for the future in Canada. In opening, he says:

"Like our three first Grand Masters, we are met to glean instruction from the past, to scrutinize our present position, and from each other derive encouragement and vigor for future action. The Grand Council being now firmly established, its permanency and durability secured, a wide field of usefulness has been opened; let our determination be to "go up" and possess the land. Lo! the fields are white to harvest; ours be the workers' task to secure the reward that awaits exertion. I am glad to be in a position to report that Cryptic Masonry is vigorous and healthy; that prosperity has marked our progress in the past year. The Councils have been working actively; some that have been dormant are awakening to new life. We want continued effort, renewed and increasing activity. * * * * * It affords me a great amount of satisfaction to learn that a number of sister Grand Councils of the United States have approved of the course taken by this Grand Council, in establishing over the Dominion the Grand Council of Rites. I regret that a few Grand Councils deemed it expedient to offer the control of their Councils, with the conferring of degrees, to the Grand Chapters in their respective States. The Supreme Grand Chapter of the United States has declined to accept the responsibility. I think this action was not necessary on the part of these Grand Councils. I believe after the years of commercial depression have entirely disappeared all our Grand Bodies will be lifted into a condition of prosperity and success. A new era of progression has already commenced; this prosperity affects first the lower grades and extends to the higher orders. The wave has reached Craft and Capitular Masonry; our time has come and is coming, and we will have a season of success greater than those of little faith have antici-

pated; let our gratitude be commensurate with the success, which is the only reward we desire or look for our years of labor in the cause of our beloved Order."

No report on correspondence.

M. Ill. Comp. Joshua George Burns, of Toronto, re-elected M. Ill. Grand Master; M. Ill. Comp. Daniel Spry, of Barrie, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA, 1882.

The twelfth annual Assembly was held at London, July 14, 1882. M. Ill. Grand Master Joshua G. Burns presiding. Twelve subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, says:

"I cannot say there is much room for loud congratulation. However, I have no fears for the future of the Rite in the Dominion, if but ordinary interest is taken in the working of the degrees."

He also says:

"Cryptic Masonry, if properly understood, and appreciated in all that true Masonry consists of, is second to none. Its ritual has no peer in our language; its work, if studied, is perfection, and Royal Arch Masonry is not complete without the degrees we confer. For here alone is the missing link supplied."

M. Ill. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, elected M. Ill. Grand Master; M. Ill. Comp. Daniel Spry, of Barrie, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA, 1883.

The thirteenth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held at Ottawa, July 12, 1883. M. Ill. Grand Master J. Ross Robertson presiding. Fifteen subordinate Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master shows that he is hopeful of the future of the Rite in Canada, but he places facts before

the Companions that they may not feel unduly encouraged or lax in their labors. He says:

"I find on looking over various addresses delivered in past years by my predecessors, that a vein of what may almost be called extravagant hopefulness runs through them. Hopefulness which I am sorry to say has not been realized. No careful observer of the condition of the Cryptic Rite in Canada, can have failed to observe that the progress it has made, is not at all in proportion to the claims which this Rite has on the Craft, or to the merits of the principles which it upholds. While other branches of the Order are steadily marching forward, Cryptic Masonry appears to lag behind. A frank explanation of the actual state of affairs will, although not so agreeable to members, yet be more beneficial to the Rite, and, perhaps be the means of enabling us to discover the weak points, and, may be, apply the remedy. Rose-colored statements sound well to the ears of the listener, and look well to the eye of the reader, but it is an injustice for the members of the Rite to deceive themselves, and it would be a still greater injustice for me, as the chief officer of the Body, to allow this pleasant dream to continue undisturbed. Let us be just. Some of our Councils are in good working order, and their members are slowly increasing; others are in a state of lethargy, and are not making any progress, while a few are practically dormant. I confess that I am at a loss to comprehend the causes which have led to this result, and yet, from general inquiries made, I fancy that the impetus which has been given to benefit Orders, and to the higher Rites in Masonry, in which direction the tide of Masonic feeling is flowing, partly explains the lack of interest shown in a Rite that certainly stands without a rival in the field of Masonry. I am afraid that some of the fault lies at the door of the Inspectors-General of the various divisions, who appear to have discharged their duties in a manner which would indicate that while content to receive the rank and honor at the hands of their Companions, they have looked upon their office as a sinecure, the duties of which need not necessarily be discharged. There is no justification for this, and I trust that in future the office will not be offered to any Companion who is not prepared to conscientiously fulfil its duties. While in the foregoing I have looked rather on the dark than on the bright side of the picture, I still have faith in the success of our Rite, and feel conscious that renewed and well applied energy and care will in a very short time produce the most beneficial results. He is a poor physician who only points out the evils without giving a remedy, and I should have hesitated to point out the defects had I not been prepared to at least recommend measures which should be adopted in removing them. In the first place, I think that an officer of the Grand Council should be specially detailed to at once visit

all Councils, examine the state of each Council, and report to the Grand Master, and if it appears that the Council so reported on is in a state of torpor, or actually dormant, that either means be taken to give it new life or withdraw the warrant and have it transferred to another district or returned to the proper officer of the Grand Council. There should be no drones in the hive of Cryptic Masonry. Better have a dozen working Councils than fifty in a state of coma. In the second place, greater care should be exercised in the selection of Inspectors-General. Only those who can give a positive pledge that they will faithfully perform their duties, should be installed. In the third place, an effort should be made to put the Cryptic Rite before our Royal Arch Companions in the proper light. It is the copingstone of Capitular Masonry, and the key-stone is not firmly set unless it has been placed in its position by the hands of a Cryptic Mason. Lastly, I recommend that the Grand Council meet every year in the City of Toronto. I am not an advocate of centralization in all things, although I think that Masonry would be more generally prosperous if it revolved round a pivotal point, but I am fully satisfied, not only from my own observation, but from conversation with leading members of the Rite, that the present system of following Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and the Great Priory in their perambulations from place to place, is not beneficial to the Grand Council. Our attendance at Grand Council is not increasing, in fact it has rather diminished, and there is not the interest taken in our annual meetings that there was when we in the olden times met annually in the Provincial Metropolis. I have sometimes thought that if the proposal made years ago in the United States, of making Cryptic Masonry a pre-requisite to Knights Templarism were carried out, it might bear good fruit, but while the rule would no doubt work well in the United States, where Knights Templarism flourishes so luxuriously, the result would be different here, where that branch is not so extensive or so full of vigor. I commend these remarks to the careful consideration of all who have the interest of the Rite at heart, and who desire to see it take the position to which it has a just claim."

M. Ill. J. G. Burns gave notice that he would at the next annual Assembly move that the degree of Red Cross be stricken from the list of degrees conferred by the authority of the Grand Council.

A step in the right direction. We cannot see what possible analogy can exist between the Red Cross degree and the Cryptic degrees.

M. Ill. Comp. J. Ross Robertson re-elected M. Ill. Grand Master; M. Ill. Comp. Joshua G. Burns, Toronto, elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA, 1884.

We learn that the annual Assembly was held at Toronto, July 10, 1884. The proceedings are not published. The annual Assembly is changed from July to January. M. Ill. Grand Master J. Ross Robertson, and M. Ill. Companion Joshua G. Burns, of Toronto, were both re-elected.

CALIFORNIA, 1884.

The twenty-fourth annual Assembly was held at San Francisco, April 10, 1884. M. P. Grand Master Daniel Potter Bystle presiding. Eight subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, relating to his official acts. He says the returns show an increased activity throughout the jurisdiction. Peace and prosperity prevail.

The Grand Recorder in his annual report says: "It is gratifying to report Cryptic Masonry more prosperous in this jurisdiction than for many years preceding, showing a net increase of membership of 77 for the year. Receipts, $388.

Companion Thomas Hubbard Caswell presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty sister Grand Councils—Michigan for 1883 and 1884; giving us a very flattering notice. In his notice for 1884, he gives us only twenty-seven subordinate Councils represented. (Companion, we will lay it to the printer, because our proceedings show we had forty-two of the forty-three subordinates of our jurisdiction represented. A typographical error doubtless).

He quotes from M. Ill. Grand Master George H. Greene's address, in relation to our action to ratify and accept the Constitution of the General Grand Council; and says he was much surprised to find the resolution to ratify submitted in 1882 was, on

motion of P. M. Ill. Grand Master Rufus C. Hatheway, indefinitely postponed. He trusts Comp. Hatheway will live long enough to see the error of his ways, and that the Grand Council of Michigan will exist long enough to learn better than to be guided by false prophets; and will yet cut loose from the teachings of a leader, who evidently Hath-a-way of his own, and join the fraternal band. In conclusion, he says:

"Our task is done. We have selected from the reports of our sister Grand Councils such items as we believe would be interesting to the companions of California, and made such comments upon them as we deem pertinent. In surveying the field of Cryptic Masonry we find much to encourage and enthuse its votaries, and very little to dishearten. We mourn the loss of North Carolina, who succumbed to a severe attack of Mississippi fever; but most of those attacked with it have fully recovered, and are now either in robust health or rapidly convalescing. A little patience, energy and enthusiasm, and the Cryptic Rite will be all *right*."

M. P. George Alex. McKenzie, Stockton, elected Grand Master; R. P. Thomas Hubbard Caswell, San Francisco, elected Grand Recorder.

Statistics—Councils, 9; membership, 725.

GEORGIA, 1884.

The forty-first annual Assembly was held in the City of Macon, April 30, 1884. M. Ill. Grand Master, C. F. Lewis, presiding. Nine subordinate Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master is much more cheerful than it was a year ago. He says:

"It affords me no small degree of satisfaction to say the present outlook for the Rite in this jurisdiction is much more favorable than when I addressed you a twelvemonth ago. The apathy of the past few years has been gradually giving way to the well-directed efforts of a few of the true and tried Companions who have never faltered in their devotion to the Rite, or grown weary of interest in the good work of invigorating, with new life and courage, the desponding; and while these efforts have not been crowned with the success deserved, or we could have wished for, yet we feel encouraged, the tide, as we believe, having turned. Much more

can, yea, will be done, if we but take the flood in continuing these efforts. Ere another year comes upon us the proud satisfaction will be ours of knowing there's life in the old land yet, and our beloved Rite, in its individuality, stands upon a firm foundation, with the happy cheer of the olden time for a future bright and prosperous. With this prospect before us, Companions, coming as you do, in your representative capacity fresh from your respective Councils, you are, I doubt not, well informed of their immediate wants, and are fully prepared with timely advice and counsel, one with the other, to take into consideration these wants as a whole, and by an interchange of views and opinions as to such local causes as go to prevent the successful workings of your several Councils, you may, by this unity of action, be enabled to shape the deliberations of this Convocation for good that will widen and deepen till its influence is made manifest in giving a new interest as well as renewed strength and usefulness to the Rite throughout the entire jurisdiction."

No questions had been submitted, therefore had no decisions to report. He says: "This, I think, augurs well, and shows the wisdom of the Companions of the subordinate Councils in the selection of their officers, * * * and gives evidence that the Councils are in the hands of competent and well informed officers; for, in my opinion, it only requires a live corps of officers and two or three earnest Companions, imbued with the same spirit, to keep up and continue the interest in our subordinate Councils, to make for the Rite that position its beauties and importance justly entitle it to." He had received, through the Grand Recorder, the proceedings of eighteen sister Grand Councils, and gives a short synopsis of them—ours for 1883 included. Received our proceedings for 1884, but not in time for review.

Steps were taken to have the proceedings of their Grand Council printed from 1871 to 1879 inclusive, they never having been printed.

M. Ill. Comp. C. F. Lewis, of Augusta, re-elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Right Ill. Comp. A. M. Wolihin, of Albany, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Nine subordinate Councils; membership, 195.

ILLINOIS, 1884.

The thirty-second annual Assembly was held in the City of Chicago, October 29, 1884. M. P. Grand Master, George W. Curtis, presiding. Twenty-one subordinate Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master was short, chiefly devoted to local matters. He announced the death of Ill. Comp. John P. Ferns, Grand Steward of the Grand Council, who died March 5, 1884, having been forty years in active service in every avenue of the Masonic vineyard.

Companion Theodore T. Gurney presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-one sister Grand Councils and the General Grand Council. In opening, he says: "My report, herewith, is necessarily brief. The finances of the Grand Body will not permit a review that embraces nought but the principal transactions of sister jurisdictions. As a rule, the Cryptic Craft is working harmoniously, and our former conclusions as to the necessity of a separate, independent existence, is growing in favor in the minds of Masons giving it critical attention."

Michigan for 1884 fraternally noticed. In speaking of G. Master Greene's recommendation, that we accept and ratify the General Grand Council, being indefinitely postponed, says: "We had supposed that our sister jurisdiction was excessively devoted to the General Grand Body. It is our opinion that no harm would come of such union." Not so, Companion.

He gives Companion H. Shaw Noble's name as Grand Recorder; an error, Companion Gurney, he is the *Grand Treasurer*.

Ill. Companion Harvey E. Huston, Monticello, elected Most Puissant Grand Master; Ill. Companion Gill. W. Barnard, Chicago, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Subordinate Councils, 26; membership, 1,295.

INDIANA, 1884

The twenty-ninth annual Convocation was held in the City of Indianapolis, Oct. 21, 1884. Companion LaGrange Severance, Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Thirty-six of the thirty-nine subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief, relating to local matters mostly. He announces the death of two venerable companions in a very feeling and affectionate manner. Ill. Companion Thomas R. Austin, Deputy Grand Master, died Feb. 5, 1884, in the 74th year of his age. Was made a Master Mason in 1853, and had conferred the Master's degree upon 611 members, and says, "it is safe to say that no one has conferred the degrees a greater number of times, and all those who have seen him in the East well know that his work was always impressive."

He granted a dispensation for a Council at Columbia City, which was concurred in and a charter granted by the Grand Council. He devotes a large portion of his address to the "pre-requisite" question; and, for the purpose of ascertaining the feeling among the prominent members of the different Grand Councils, asked the following questions of many of the Grand Masters throughout the United States:

1. Do you think it possible or advisable to have the Council degrees made pre-requisite to the Order of the Temple?

2. If so, what is the best plan to pursue to bring about that end?

3. Would the making the Cryptic degrees pre-requisite to the Temple, be detrimental to the latter?

He deemed it worth trying, and asked that a committee be appointed to consider the propriety of adopting the same. The matter was accordingly referred to a committee. Upon the whole, they deemed it desirable; yet, in view of the several attempts that have heretofore been made to accomplish the object, and the refusal of the Grand Encampment of the

United States to acquiesce therein, they believed it inexpedient at that time to take any further steps, which was concurred in.

Companion William W. Austin submitted the report on correspondence, which, as always, is replete with good things and full of interest. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-one sister Grand Councils—Michigan for 1884 included.

He says in reference to our action in indefinitely postponing the resolution of becoming a constituent of the General Grand Council: "It is hoped that after a year's reflection on this important question, the next annual Assembly will take it up, and, marching to the step of the union, will enter and take a front seat, being assured of a hearty welcome, and a feeling that they are entitled to insert on their banner, *mens conscia recti.*"

In conclusion, he says: "In concluding another annual review, after having endeavored to the best of our ability to mirror to our companions in Indiana the lights and shadows of the situation of Cryptic Masonry, we feel justified in saying that the prospect for the Royal and Select Master's degrees is highly encouraging. We, for one, are willing to bide our time when this noble Order will take its former stand, and again engage the attention of the bright and shining lights among its members.

The lessons of disinterested loyalty and of justice tempered with mercy, as taught in the crypt, are as beautiful and worthy the attention of the Craft as any of the lessons taught in the other Orders. "Cryptic Masonry, if properly understood and appreciated in all that true Masonry consists, is second to none. Its ritual has no peer in our language; its work, if studied, is perfection, and Royal Arch Masonry without it is not complete."

Ill. Companion Hezekiah R. Marlatt, of Richmond, elected Ill. Grand Master; Ill. Comp. John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY, 1884.

The Grand Council met in Louisville, October 23, 1884, Comp. Charles Erskine Dunn, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Eleven subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is very brief, relating only to his official acts. In opening, he says: "I regret that I cannot give you as cheering a report of the prosperity and success of the subordinate Councils as I would like; still, under the circumstances, we have every reason to be encouraged. Let us persevere in the good cause, and with earnest, vigorous work on the part of all, I feel confident the harvest will come in good time. Some of our subordinate Councils have been very prosperous, and if we can by some means cause the others to arouse themselves and put their hearts in the work, we can make our Grand Council vigorous and strong."

Charters were granted for two new subordinate Councils.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. H. B. Grant, who reviews the proceedings of twenty-three sister Grand Councils—ours for 1884 included. In his opening, he says:

"The writer was not apprised of his appointment as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence until after the Grand Council had adjourned. Now that his Companions on the committee seem disposed to look to him for a report, he has sharpened his pencils, feels embarrassed, makes a respectful bow, trusts that the Grand Council will not find him asleep on his post, presses his hat down firmly, and murmurs a seductive ditty from Holmes:

> "'When your old castor on your head you clap,
> Go off, you've mounted your percussion cap.'

"And he goes!

"If, in our zeal, we should now and then be too emphatic, we beg to assure our brethren that we harbor no malice, but entertain the kindest feelings for all.

"If we should appear too earnest in discussion, or fail in the *suaviter in modo* that distinguishes some of our Companions, pray do not judge us

by the rough exterior, but believe that it only conceals a heart full of love for the brethren and the sublime teachings of our fraternity."

In reference to the General Grand Council, he says:

"*The General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.*"

"The above is the constitutional title of a body of Royal and Select Masters that held its 'First Triennial Assembly' at Denver, August 14, 1883, 'pursuant to a call made by the Most Puissant General Grand Master.' Sixteen State Grand Councils were represented.

"If the length or weight of a name can kill, this young 'Masonic' body may have cause to exercise the greatest care for its health. The provisional meeting, or convention, that labored and brought forth the young giant was held at Detroit, August, 1880."

He is evidently not very favorably impressed with the General Grand Council, or the necessity of such a body, and criticises the action of M. P. G. G. M. Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, in granting authority to a Companion to assemble five Royal and Select Masters, and confer the degrees on not exceeding nine, in order to aid in forming a Council U. D., and calls it "Military Necessity vs. Mississippi Plan," and says:

"However desirable it may have been, we are unable to understand how a R. & S. M. could countenance or participate in such a Council. We turn to the Constitution of the General Grand Council for light, and find that a Council '*shall consist of* the following officers (nine of them named) and as many other members as may be convenient."

"So the new G. G. C. commenced by condemning the 'Mississippi plan' and adopting a military-necessity plan (which knows no law), setting aside its own constitution, made in conformity with the law universal, because 'it seemed to be very highly desirable.' Yet to recognize Royal and Select Masters made in 'Councils appurtenant to the Chapter,' though under authority of a Supreme State Grand Council, must never be done because 'it is a matter of principle' that probably did not seem 'very highly desirable' to those who were opposed to it, and who might nevertheless favor the *military-necessity* idea."

In the matter of Kentucky becoming a constituent of the General Grand Council, he says:

"The Grand Council of Kentucky adheres to her opinion that she was *right* in her position, but for the sake of peace and good fellowship has

formally abandoned her chosen plan. She has too much faith in the Masonic fairness of her Companions of other jurisdictions to believe that they will now insist that she shall stultify herself by declaring her own acts illegal, and that Companions made R. & S. M. by her authority, are clandestine! Such a course would, we fear, work mischief.

"If the Grand Council of Kentucky is not competent to determine who, in its jurisdiction, are Royal and Select Masters, it never possessed such power, and the 'sovereignty' of Grand Councils is a myth.

"If Grand Councils desire to form and adhere to a General Grand Council, Kentucky has no wish to hinder, but bids them *God speed*. She is not prepared to take that step, deeming it inexpedient, and for her unwise."

And closing, says: "We have opposed the General Grand Council, believing it to be unnecessary—a burden and a blunder. There are too many 'Masonic' appurtenances now."

Comp. Hiram Bassett, of Millersburg, elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. Lorenzo Dow Croninger, of Covington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS, 1882, 1883 and 1884.

1882.

The Grand Council assembled at Topeka, February 14th, 1882. Comp. Dwight Byington, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Seven subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is very brief, relating to his official acts. He granted a dispensation for one subordinate Council, at Fredonia.

P. M. Ill. G. M. A. J. Utley, of Michigan, was present, and was received with the honors due his official rank.

Comp. Edwin D. Hillyer, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Michigan, presented his credentials, which were received and acknowledged, and he invited to a seat on the dais.

No report on correspondence.

Ill. Comp. Andrew M. Callahan, of Topeka, elected M. Ill.

Grand Master; Comp. John H. Brown, of Wyandotte, re-elected, Grand Recorder.

1883.

The thirteenth annual Assembly met in the City of Topeka February 20th, 1883. Ill. Comp. Andrew M. Callahan, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Six subordinate Councils were represented.

The address was very brief, covering one page of the proceedings. He granted a dispensation to form a Council at Newton.

No report on correspondence.

Comp. Robert E. Farrington, of Emporia, elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. John H. Brown, Wyandotte, re-elected Grand Recorder.

1884.

The Grand Council assembled in the City of Lawrence, February 19, 1884. Comp. Robert E. Farrington, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Eight subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, relating to local affairs. He says: "It affords me pleasure to state that undisturbed peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction, and the Councils of Kansas are—generally speaking—in a healthy and prosperous condition. Nearly all of them have done more or less work during the year, and are apparently becoming more interested in the maintaining and building up of our Order."

He granted a dispensation to form a Council at Minneapolis, Ottawa county.

The Grand Recorder reported that it had been the custom of the Grand Council to print their transactions at the end of every third year—it was necessary to make provision to do so. He was instructed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of

the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas, so as to conform to the Constitution of the General Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of the United States, and be printed with the proceedings of the present annual Assembly.

No report on correspondence.

Comp. Jacob DeWitt, of Salina, elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. John H. Brown, of Wyandotte, re-elected Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA, 1884.

The twenty-ninth annual Assembly of the Grand Council, assembled in the City of New Orleans, February 14, 1884. Comp. Alfred Shaw, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is short. He says he sees nothing discouraging in the condition of Cryptic Masonry in Louisana. He patiently awaits a revival and increase of Royal Arch Masonry in that jurisdiction.

Comp. Geo. J. Pinckard, for Committee on Correspondence, says: "The small number of proceedings of sister jurisdictions that have reached us during the year, does not warrant us in publishing a review, but think we can promise in advance a full review next year."

We hope we may hear from Comp. Pinckard; he always gives us a good one.

Comp. Alfred Shaw, New Orleans, M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Recorder.

MAINE, 1884.

The thirtieth annual Assembly of the Grand Council assembled in Portland, May 7th, 1884. Companion Marquis F. King, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Ten subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is quite brief, relating to his official acts. In his closing, he says: "I desire to say that

whatever errors or incongruities there may be in the Masonry known as the American system, and I do not deny that there are many, they cannot, in my opinion, be corrected by transferring whole degrees from one body to another, or by entirely abandoning an integral part. I should rejoice to see a commission, competent and faithful, revise and prepare, in a series of degrees, that which is moral, religious and philosophical in Masonry, preserving with care the landmarks, legends and traditions, and discarding that which is known to be inconsistent with historical facts or admitted truths, together with all useless repetition and meaningless superfluities. This is a condition only to be hoped for. Until this comes, let us with one mind give our attention to the Masonry that has come to us from the fathers, and teach our children as it has been taught us, bearing in mind "that what there is that is truly valuable in Masonry can never be lost."

We heartily concur in the above, believing it would check the brainless infusions of many self-styled Masonic law-givers, who are ever ready to palm off some addition to a degree that will greatly add to the effect and sound pretty.

A resolution was adopted recognizing the Grand Council of Scotland, and that the M. I. G. M. request an exchange of representatives and fraternal correspondence with that Grand body.

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond submitted the report on correspondence reviewing the proceedings of twenty-four Grand bodies—Michigan for 1884 included. A brief abstract of the matters of interest in the proceedings reviewed, relieved from dryness by the interesting opinions and comments which we always get from Comp. Drummond's review, we should like to copy much from them but must cut short.

Comp. Horace H. Burbank, of Saco, elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. Ira Berry, of Portland, re-elected G. Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1883.

The annual Assembly was held in Boston, December 12, 1883. Comp. John Haigh, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Fifteen subordinate Councils represented.

The address is very brief. He says during the past year he had been called upon for very few decisions, none of sufficient importance to report.

He attended the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council at Denver, and thinks the formation of the General Grand Council has more than justified the expectations of its advocates, and has given new life to the Cryptic Rite all over the land.

No report on correspondence.

Comp. John Haigh re-elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA, 1884.

The fifteenth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of St. Paul, October 13, 1884. Comp. Dwight M. Baldwin, R. I. Deputy Grand Master presiding. Six subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address opens as follows:

"*Companions of the Grand Council*—With our Triangle broken, and our hearts full of sorrow, we have met to-day on the occasion of our fifteenth annual Grand Assembly. It becomes my sad duty to formally announce to you the untimely death of our late Most Illustrious Grand Master, Judge Grove B. Cooley, who died at his home in Minneapolis, on the 20th of August, 1884. He was born at Attica, N. Y., December 10, 1827. It is the first time since the organization of this Grand body that we have been called upon to mourn the death of our Grand Master while holding that office. His obsequies were

conducted by his companions and brethren with the honors that were justly his due, and in a manner evincive of their esteem and sorrow. By his death we have suffered an irreparable loss. We all know how earnestly and faithfully he has labored for the prosperity of the Cryptic Rite, and especially for this Grand Council and its constituents. With him it was a labor of love, and his works are before us and the Masonic world."

And follows with a report of official acts of local interest only.

The Grand Master was authorized to restore the charter to a suspended Council when a sufficient number of the former members applied for a revival. Also, the granting of a charter to a Council, U. D., was left to his discretion.

Companion George W. Cooley submitted the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of fifteen sister Grand Councils, ours for 1884 included, in which he quotes Grand Master Greene's address fully relative to the General Grand Council. Also the resolution submitted at the annual Assembly in 1882, to ratify and accept, which, on motion, was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

He then proceeds: "That settles Michigan, for the present, so far as the General Grand Council is concerned. Detroit was the birthplace of the G. G. C., and if we could have foreseen this we would have had the child born at home. But the Detroit Companions treated us royally in 1880, and we can only think of them in the most fraternal manner. An incident occurred there at that time which, for its novelty, requires notice. An exemplification of the work was had at their hall, in which the entire work was done by Grand Masters of the different States. Send out some more circulars, Companions of Michigan, and get a full expression from your subordinate Councils, so as to be ready to meet with us in Washington in 1886."

We hardly think, Companion, we will get votes sufficient to give us a seat in the Grand Council at Washington. He gives us a fraternal greeting upon our report; clipping, he says, from

our pages, news he had not been able to obtain, and would like to steal more.

Thanks, Companion Cooley, we are fully compensated if you find one paragraph worthy of being repeated.

Six Councils—membership, 402.

Companion Dwight M. Baldwin, of Red Wing, elected M. I. Grand Master; Companion William Cheney, Minneapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1884.

The twenty-third annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Concord, May 19, 1884. Comp. George P. Cleaves, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Nine subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is principally of local interest. He refers in fitting language to the decease of two Past Grand Masters during 1883.

John Robert Holbrook, P. M. I. Grand Master, died at Portsmouth, October 2, 1883. He was Master of the Lodge two years, High Priest of the Chapter five years, Master of the Council seven years, and Commander of the Commandery two years. In the Grand bodies he was Grand Master of Masons two years, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter one year, Grand Master of the Grand Council two years, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery one year. In all these positions he brought that industry that he applied to his business, and served the fraternity to their entire satisfaction. Truly he was honored by the fraternity, to which he was also an honor.

Companion Rensselaer Osborn Wright, Past M. I. Grand Master, died at Plymouth, October 24, 1883. "He was my immediate predecessor in this office, and of his interest in and zeal for the Cryptic Rite you are all familiar. He was a man of Christian character, amiable disposition, and beloved by all those who knew his real worth."

Memorial pages are set apart to their memory.

The Grand Master being unable to visit personally each of the Councils, appointed the D. G. Master and G. P. C. of Work to visit those he was unable to reach, a system, we think, that would be of great benefit to all Grand Councils, if adopted. One Council he visited, he says, labors under the disadvantage of having a membership widely scattered, many of them living a distance of seventy miles, two of the candidates of the evening having come that distance; the T. I. Master of the Council living eight miles from the place of meeting; notwithstanding which the attendance was fair and the work well done. One Council was resuscitated, and the Councils throughout the jurisdiction exhibit a fair degree of activity and prosperity.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Comp. George P. Cleaves, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-five sister jurisdictions, including Michigan for 1884. He quotes Grand Master Greene's remarks on the General Grand Council in full, and says: "Notwithstanding which, the Grand Council voted to indefinitely postpone the resolution to ratify and accept the constitution." This is not strange, Companion; we are not all of one mind, and the majority rules.

Nine Councils; membership, 881.

Comp. John Gillis, of Manchester, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. P. M. I. G. M. George P. Cleaves, elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK, 1884.

The Grand Council assembled in the City of New York, September 9th, 1884. M. Ill. Companion Thomas Gliddon, Grand Master, presiding. Twenty-three subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address was principally of local interest. He visited many of the Councils in his jurisdiction, and assigned to his associate Grand Officers those he was unable to

visit. He was sorely afflicted upon the question of the duty of Councils conferring the degree of Super Excellent Master; and acknowledges that he is unable to give any satisfactory reason for discarding from, or incorporating this particular degree into our Cryptic system. He then quotes the action of the Grand Council in 1880, giving any subordinate Council the power to confer the S. E. M. degree upon any R. and S. M.; which was referred to a Committee, who reported that, in their opinion, it was not a *regular degree* and could be conferred on any Companion whenever requested. We think the way for New York is to submit the question to the General Grand Council, being subordinate thereto. We, of Michigan, allow the privilege to our subordinates to confer the degree, exercising the supreme control of the Cryptic Rite in our jurisdiction. The question was referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, who recommended that the Constitution of the Grand Council be amended so as to recognize that degree as appendant to the R. and S. Master's degree, and recommends the subordidate Councils to work it in full as frequently as may be convenient, which was adopted.

In conclusion; he says:

"COMPANIONS—The record of the work of the year is before you. Perhaps but few of us have accomplished as much as we ardently desired, and it may be that we have met with serious discouragements in the duty of disseminating the doctrines of Cryptic Masonry, but we should never forget that in a righteous cause well-directed effort requires no feeble energy. Situated as we are in the framework of the grand Masonic institution, to our hands has been committed the especial privilege of keeping the flame in full combustion. Carelessness, lukewarmness, or indifference on our part, and the fire will be quenched, perhaps not to be rekindled in our day. Of course, we all realize that it is no trifling duty to which we have legitimately fallen heirs. The best we have received from our predecessors, we are bound by the most sacred obligations to transmit to our successors unimpaired, or else be judged as being unworthy of the honors that have been showered upon us by a confiding companionship. Look over the borders, and you will discover that our neighbors in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts have steadily kept the lights burning in the secret recesses of their S.·.V.·. With indomitable courage and unwavering devo-

tion the work has progressed in most of the Councils in those States. This certainly ought to be an incentive to more energy and labor in our own more extended jurisdiction."

Comp. George M. Osgoodby submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence. In opening, he says: "We have been scissoring around among the proceedings of such sister Grand bodies of the different jurisdictions in our own and other lands as have come to our hands. Where we have been unable to use our scissors, we have sought the best sources of information that it has been in our power to obtain, and we herewith present to you the result of our researches in the Crypt."

He "scissored" through some forty-one, and has given us one of the best reports we have yet received, and from which we find information relative to the Rite that we shall take the opportunity to copy, trusting Companion Osgoodby will not accuse us of plagiarism.

First, we find news from Arkansas. He says the proceedings are published in connection with the Grand Chapter proceedings of the State.

"The annual Assembly was held at Little Rock, November 30, 1883. M. Ill. Samuel W. Williams presided. Six Councils represented, one more than in 1882. Action was taken to re-organize Councils, and to heal such Companions as had had the Cryptic degrees conferred upon them in Chapters."

M. Ill. George Thornburg, G. M.; R. Ill. James A. Henry, Grand Recorder, both of Little Rock.

FLORIDA.

We also learn that the fifteenth annual Assembly of Florida was held at Pensacola, June 18, 1884, with a full representation of all the Councils, even to Monroe Council, No. 8, of Key West, being represented. M. I. George S. Hallmark, Grand Master, presided, and delivered an address that has the snap and ring of one who realizes the duties and obligations imposed,

more particularly by the higher degrees of Masonry. Comp. Osgoodby says he can hardly refrain from giving it entire, (quoting some four pages), from which we take the following:

"The flight of time, the march of events, with the sacred memories they enshrine, have added another year to the responsibilities and duties of our lives, which we may venture to hope have been well and truly fulfilled. As we once more meet together in solemn conclave this day to transact the business of our Order, and to review the history of our Masonic career for the past year, it behooves us to consider how we may 'best work and best agree' in promoting the interests of our time-honored and venerated Institution for the future. To our hands, through the lapse of ages, has been the sacred trust of guarding and preserving the Mystic traditions of our Order, and 'woe worth the day' that beholds our magnificent Temple in ruins, and its shattered wrecks and mournful monument of our indifference and neglect. We have seen it like the ark of revelation, floating proudly above the floods of time and the desolations and ruins of earth, and bearing in its sacred archives the germ seeds of the world's future moral life, and the treasured emblems of light and truth to its coming generations; and it is ours to watch its progress, and to waft it onward in its blessed mission of love and charity to the children of men, far down the ages to come.

"We are here to-day, my brethren, not only to exchange fraternal greetings, and to enjoy the pleasures of fraternal intercourse one with another, but we have met to take counsel together in the interest of one of the most sacred institutions outside of the Church of God—in the moral history of the world—the interests of Ancient Cryptic Masonry. The mission of this noble and almost holy order is a sacred one, and enshrines in its archæological records the solemn truths associated with its preservation of the Divine law, and the sacred emblems of the Ark of the Covenant, over which was strewn the dust of centuries, and where lingered the mists and haze of long-departed years. It had its origin amid the scenes and in the days of the grand old Temple builders, and of the grand old Temple itself—reared in the pious offerings and prayers and labors of the people of God—consecrated to the worship of the Infinite One, and the hallowed Monument, proclaiming His glory throughout all generations."

Companion George S. Hallmark, of Warrington, re-elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Companion John Carlovitz, of Milton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Companion Carlovitz, we would like to hear from you again; can't you this year give us a report as of yore?

IOWA.

He says: "Still dead—playing 'tag' in the bowels of the Grand Chapter. The movements are slow; an eruption may be expected any time, and resurrected, like Jonah from the body of the whale. Look for a Grand Council to spring into new existence in Iowa."

We hope your prophecy will be fulfilled.

And from the Indian Territory, he says: "A young bantlin has come forth under dispensation of the present General Grand Master at A-to-ka, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory. Its name is Ok-la-ho-ma (red men's) Council, and T. I. Comp. J. S. Murrow is its present Master. It was instituted during the present year, and already gives promise of growing into a strong body."

Of Mississippi, 1884, he gives a portion of the address of Most Excellent B. T. Kimbrough, G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter, upon the "merger," who says: "I do not feel at liberty to dodge or ignore so important a question as that of the merger or consolidation of Cryptic and Capitular Masonry. This is one of the questions that will not down." And says, the "merger" did not bring the results anticipated for it by its advocates. That all acted from the purest of motives, with one object in view—the good of Masonry—is equally true. And insists that it is their duty to review the question, and do what is right according to their convictions of duty, whether that action be considered consistent or inconsistent. Refers to the action of the Grand Council and Grand Chapter since the "merger," and says: "I earnestly believe the proper course for this Grand Chapter to pursue in the premises is to declare that it has no jurisdiction over the Council degrees."

The subject was referred to a special committee, who submitted the following report:

"We, the special committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Grand High Priest relative to the merger of Cryptic and Capitular degrees, fraternally submit the following report:

"We endorse the sentiments expressed by the Grand High Priest. We believe the advocates of the merger were actuated by the purest and best of motives; that the merger has not been attended with even temporary prosperity; that since said merger, the Chapters in Mississippi have not increased either in number, membership or proficiency, and that the consolidation of said degrees has not proved beneficial. We fraternally submit that sufficient trial has been had, and that the Cryptic degrees should be returned to the custody of the Grand Council, which we submit is still in existence, and cannot be dissolved save by the vote of the subordinate Councils. We recommend that whenever five subordinate Councils shall have signified to the M. I. Grand Master that they have reorganized and are ready for work, that the said M. I. Grand Master be requested to announce the fact to the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, who shall, within sixty days thereafter, declare that the merger of the Cryptic and Capitular degrees has been dissolved; and, thereupon, the said M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council shall declare, by proclamation, that the Grand Council has been restored, and the several Chapters in this Grand jurisdiction shall be barred from the right of conferring said degrees or communicating the substance of the same, and that it shall not be lawful for any Companion to receive them except within the body of a just and regularly constituted Council of R. & S. Masters."

After considerable discussion, Comp. Paxton offered the following (which was adopted by the Grand Chapter in 1882) as a substitute for the report of the committee, and the same was adopted:

"To THE GRAND CHAPTER—The undersigned of special committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry Companions in relation to the merger of Capitular and Cryptic degrees, would respectfully report that, in their judgment, no good reason exists for disturbing the action heretofore taken by this grand body."

We have faith that the Companions of Mississippi will yet see their error and retrace their steps, when we will all rejoice in the reorganization of the Cryptic Rite in Mississippi.

NEW MEXICO.

Under the exclusive jurisdiction of the General Grand Council, seeking after light from the Grand East, a movement is now on foot for the organization of a Council under dispensation of the G.·.G.·.Master, in Santa Fe.

OREGON,

He says, has no Grand Council, but it has three subordinate Councils, duly chartered by the General Grand Council at its first triennial

Pioneer Council, at McMinnville, Yamhill county;
Oregon Council, at Corvallis, Benton county; and
Washington Council, at East Portland.

These Councils have all been regularly instituted, and are in a prosperous condition.

In his review of Michigan, he noticed Grand Master Greene's remarks upon the General Grand Council, and says of the action of the Grand Council in indefinitely postponing the resolution to accept and ratify the constitution of the General Grand Council:

"Sorry to see Michigan take a back seat upon this subject. The birthplace of the General Grand Council, the jurisdiction which, in future years, we predict will delight in taking to itself honors from such fact, turning away from that which it concedes was the only way to be taken to keep the Cryptic Rite from utter chaos and ruin. Well, so be it. New Jersey and Rhode Island, and—the—the Providence plantations all unite in their action, join hands and swing the circle. But after a little the cry will be, "One, two, three, out goes (s)he." The G.·.G.·.C.·. will then have one more constituent, and the two may again repeat the circle and doggerel; but which one will be the "Titman?" Not a wolverine—or we miss our guess."

Comp. Thomas Gliddon, of Rochester, re-elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. George Van Vliet, New York City, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY, 1884.

The twenty-sixth annual Assembly was held at Trenton, January 15, 1884. Companion Jerome B. Borden, presiding. Five Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief, relating to local matters only. He says matters beyond his control prevented him from visiting the subordinate Councils as he wished, but from information received, is enabled to report that, while the Rite is not flourishing to any extraordinary extent, yet we may feel encouraged and look forward hopefully. In one locality, he says:

"It is well-known to all Ill. Companions that the Fraternity have been for a series of years passing through a very depressing crisis, in which all branches of the Masonic fold have suffered, but the Councils especially, because of its smaller membership. There is plenty of material, but the uncertainty of getting a sufficient number to work at the stated Assemblies, prevents candidates from coming forward. In view of this state of affairs, I suggest to this Grand Council whether it is not well to so modify the workings of the Rite that Councils laboring under such disadvantages may be permitted to confer the degrees with a less number than nine, say five members, and then by communication, until such time as they may have a sufficient number of interested members to work them in full. I leave this matter with you, believing that it is better to keep a Council alive, even if it requires extraordinary measures to do so, trusting that you will give it earnest and careful consideration."

Of other jurisdictions he says that he is much pleased that all report the Cryptic Rite in a flourishing condition.

Why the Grand Master should suggest the conferring of the degrees when only five members are present, and then by communication, is beyond our comprehension. He says he "was in Denver when the General Grand Council was in session, but did not attempt to visit, having no part or lot in that organization." And "judging from some of the proceedings, the formation of the General Grand Council is the one panacea for all the ills of the Cryptic Rite."

Perhaps if the Grand Master had made the attempt to visit the G. G. Council, he no doubt would have been admitted, and could possibly have found a panacea for the ills prevailing in a portion of his jurisdiction, otherwise they are stultifying their obligations. He acknowledges one commendable feature in the proceedings—"brevity;" and thinks perhaps New Jersey can wait a while longer and look for developments.

We are glad to find the committee, to whom the address was referred, which was adopted, report against the suggestion.

Companion Charles Bechtel submitted the report on correspondence, briefly reviewing the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils—Michigan for 1883 included.

Companion Leonard L. Grear, Passaic Ridge, elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Companion Charles Bechtel, Trenton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO, 1884.

The fifty-fourth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held at Tiffin, September 16, 1884. Comp. Levi C. Goodale, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Fifty-three subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master in his opening, says: "To me there is no more gratifying remembrance of the labors of the past year than the earnest co-operation of the Companions in this jurisdiction, and I think I do not overstate the fact when I say that during

the year past no branch of Masonry in Ohio exceeded the Cryptic for intelligent industry."

Last year (1883) he divided the State into districts, according to instructions from the Grand Council, and appointed a competent officer or Companion to each district, to promote the efficiency of the work, and adds, "In most instances the result of this districting and its consequent visitation has been very gratifying in practical results; that the reports justify the continuance of the practice of visitation."

In reference to the question of securing the recognition of Templar Masonry, he says:

"During the year, the question of securing the recognition of Templar Masons has been brought before me. I certainly desire to obtain for Cryptic Masonry the position to which it is entitled by birthright and tradition, and will do all I can to promote any legitimate undertaking looking to its early recognition; but I think the better plan for Councils to pursue to secure this recognition is to be living bodies. Then Templars will gladly seek their companionship, as Cryptic Masonry is to attain its proper place by absorption, and not by conquest.

"If Councils are officered by go-easy Companions, who have neither time nor inclination to interest its members or widen its field of usefulness, no matter how good men or Masons those officers may be, the Councils will not thrive, and you can rest assured Templar Masons, having neither opportunity extended or incentive given them to learn the beautiful lessons of the Cryptic rite, will never join the Council.

"On the other hand, make the Councils live ones; man them by electing energetic officers who will not neglect any opportunity to teach Masons, and sooner or later the Cryptic rite will have absorbed the Templar, and made them advocates for its recognition. This work is not difficult, nor the time to accomplish it long. Look well to whom you put into official position, and the realization is near."

Right, Companion, shake; these are our sentiments also.

The amendment to the Constitution, making it subordinate to the General Grand Council, submitted at its last annual Assembly, was taken up, and after a full and fair discussion was adopted—ayes, 42; nays, 2.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was submitted the following question: "A Companion who received the Council degrees from a Chapter in Texas, holds a dimit therefrom, and wishes to know what course to pursue to obtain Council membership in Ohio," reported as follows: "Your committee are of opinion that whenever a Council is satisfied that a petitioner for membership has received the Council degrees in a legal manner, and holds a dimit showing him to have been in good standing in the body having jurisdiction over the Council degrees of which he was last a member, and by ballot is found worthy, he is entitled to admission into a Council in Ohio."

How will this conform to the rules and regulations of the General Grand Council, of whom they are now subjects? (See proceedings of General Grand Chapter, 1883, page 23.) Circular B of the General Grand Master says: "The General Grand Council has determined that none can be recognized as Royal and Select Masters who are not made in regular Councils."

The Grand Recorder, Comp. J. D. Caldwell, feelingly announced the death during the year of the first Grand Recorder and early Grand Master of that Grand Council—the venerable Companion, General Wm. J. Reese, of Lancaster, Ohio; also, of the more recent Past Grand Master, Joseph R. Conrad, of Alliance, Ohio, whose death that day was announced by telegraph; and, on his motion, two chairs on the dais were ordered to be clothed in mourning, and a memorial page in proceedings and an obituary record of each to be prepared.

Companion S. Stocker Williams submitted the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Councils—Michigan for 1884 included, giving us a fraternal greeting.

Comp. D. P. Chamberlain, of Toledo, elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Annual Assembly at Cleveland, September 5th, 1885.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1884.

The thirty-eighth annual Assembly of the Royal, Super Excellent and Select Masters took place at Harrisburg, February 20, 1884. Comp. Vosburg N. Shaffer, M. P. Grand Master, presiding. Eight subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master in his address says: "The past year has been one of continued prosperity in Cryptic Masonry, and the prospects for the future are bright; as the Companions of the Royal Arch, searching after further light and knowledge, are unerringly guided to the entrance of the S. V.; that they may advance to the Ninth or Inner Arch, from among the less informed brethren, to the ranks of those who have solved the greater mysteries."

The Committee on Correspondence presented a verbal report, which was received and adopted. Why not write a report and give us some information of your doings in the Keystone State?

Sixteen Councils; membership, 1,406.

Comp. Andrew John Kauffman, of Columbia, elected M. P. Grand Master; Comp. Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia, re-elected Grand Recorder.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1883 AND 1884.

The annual Assembly was held in Columbia, February 14, 1883. Companion J. E. Breazeale, M. I. Grand Master, presiding. Four Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief, relating to the condition of the Rite in his jurisdiction. He says "at our last Assembly it was ascertained that there were only three regular Councils of Royal and Select Masters in the State; that all but these three have failed to meet and reorganize since our attempt to consolidate the Council degrees with those of the Chapter three years ago." Mentions many reasons for the condition of Cryptic Masonry there, and asks the question, "What is the remedy?

Our Assembly to-day is an important one, for on our action here, the future of Cryptic Masonry in this State depends."

Steps were taken to reorganize Councils, and a general stirring up of the sleepy ones was indicated.

Companion J. E. Breazeale, re-elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. D. D. Moore, Rock Hill, re-elected Grand Recorder.

1884.

The Grand Council assembled in Charleston, February 12, 1884. Companion J. E. Breazeale, M. I. G. Master, presiding. Four Councils represented.

The Grand Master is very brief. He says: "Since last we met, my official acts have been few. Cryptic Masonry does not seem to flourish in this State. While we are few in number, I am glad to say that Cryptic Masonry is not generally on the decline." And in closing, adds: "Companions, although we have now five subordinate Councils under this jurisdiction who have not lost their charters, I am induced to believe that with us the darkest hour is just before day. Several Companions have expressed a desire to re-organize their dormant Councils, and with a little encouragement the number of Councils in this State may be increased before our next Assembly. Where this is not done, I would suggest that members of dormant Councils be permitted to retain their membership by paying their dues to the Grand Council."

No report on correspondence.

Comp. A. H. White, Rock Hill, elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. D. D. Moore, Rock Hill, re-elected Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE. 1883 AND 1884.

The thirty-third annual Assembly was held in the City of Nashville, February 1, 1883. Comp. Edwin Burney, M. Ill Grand Master, presiding. Nine subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief, and principally of local interest. Upon the subject of the condition of the Rite, he says:

"From reports, the condition of Cryptic Masonry taken all together is rather encouraging. While in some sections they have not recovered from the lethargy with which they have been attacked, in others, earnest, energetic Companions are at the head and doing good work. In Memphis and Nashville, the Councils are the most prosperous of any of the bodies. Then, Companions, let me again urge upon you the necessity of holding stated assemblies regularly. Practice your ritual, and no intelligent Companion who learns it will fail to become interested. Impress upon them the truth that the Royal Arch degree is incomplete without the Royal and Select Masters' degree. Without your co-operation the Grand Officers can do absolutely nothing. They can lay out the most extravagant plans and draw the most beautiful designs upon the trestle board, but if the laborers fail or refuse to execute them, they are worthless. Then I hope, my Companions, that you will each return to your homes with a determination to ekindle the fires on your Council altars that have so long lain dormant."

We heartily concur in the above remarks, and think if practiced more would be of great service to the craft.

Nashville Council exemplified the work of the Super Excellent Master's Degree before the Grand Council.

No report on correspondence.

Comp. Wm. S. Mathews, Memphis, elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. John Frizelle, Nashville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

1884.

The thirty-fourth annual Assembly was held in the City of Nashville, January 28, 1884. Comp. William S. Mathews, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Nine subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is very interesting, and gives the status of the Rite in that jurisdiction. We quote from it the following:

"Nearly twenty-nine centuries since, three Masons, each Illustrious formed a secret compact in a sunless crypt arched in by solid stone, then deposited upon the foundation stone of Truth, the ark with the Law, the heavenly manna that fell as dew, and the budding root of promise; treas-

ures destined to influence mankind to the remotest times. These Founders and their acts stand in bold outline upon the roll of immortality, for the name of Solomon is synonymous for wisdom and his sayings are the intellectual treasures of the world. Hiram, the architect, the personification of integrity, he lived not for himself alone but for all who should come after him. His noble testimony to the truth, sealed with his blood, has enrolled his name with earth's most hallowed names—King Hiram, the pillar of strength and friendship! It was by his skill and energy that Tyre arose in grandeur, resting one foot upon the sea and the other on the land. Her arms and fleets sailed far beyond the blue Mediterranean, past the pillars of Hercules, even beyond lost Atalantis. Greece was not thought of; Homer had not sung; Rome was unknown; Cyrus nor Alexander had flashed their victorious swords over the nations.

"Our mystic art first quarried on the Nile and blossomed into beauty and works of art that have defied both time and man, as witness the Pyramids, then advanced along the Tyrian coast, through Gebal, and was crowned on gray old Moriah and wet with the dews of Zion.

"It was at the Temple that events, incidents and truths occurred that have *crystallized* into the present degrees. Masonry's forms and traditions are of human origin, but her genius, doctrines and principles are divine. Therefore, it is not strange that we should revert continuously to the temple and its Crypt, for it was the grandest thought of God ever wrought out by human hands. From there was issued the mandate to travel into foreign countries and dispense Masonic light and knowledge. With the book of the Law for its guide, Truth for its motto, Masonry has left its chisel marks indelibly indented upon every land where civilization extends. It has survived Temples, empires, names and deeds thought to be immortal that shone in the meridian dawn, and which, with wars and woes, have all been thrown into the chambers of the forgotten, wrapped with the mantle of oblivion and covered with the dust of ages. Egyptian, Assyrian, Greek and Roman have plundered and gathered tribute in the *cradle* of our art, and each in turn have been plundered and all have returned to the dust whence they came. Masonry is the offspring of Truth, that which survives through centuries and overcomes the hostile intellect of generations. It has within it more than the authenticity of vitality. It has kept pace with the marching millions upon billions that have journeyed in joy and in sorrow out of *mystery into mystery*.

'The founder of arts and sciences, the protector of the widow and orphan, the progress of intellect, was its progress. Thus, we see what operative and speculative Masonry was; for this we have given a retrospect of the past and gathered the thoughts of many. Should they inspire a purer thought or higher aim we are content.

"Although speculative Masonry has virtually given up architecture and is no longer the patron of the arts, her mission is the same as in the past, to teach her votaries, by traditions, allegories and secret rites, sublime Truths. Her work is the laudable object of doing good, teaching justice, mercy and fidelity to the right."

He attended the triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council, and says but little was accomplished. The session was too brief and hurried, and hopes they will give more deliberation to their actions hereafter.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted a report upon questions referred to them, as follows:

Question—A B receives the degrees in a Council in Tennessee, then dimits, removes to Mississippi and becomes a member of a Council which is subsequently merged into the Chapter:

1. Can he now visit a Council holding allegiance to the General Grand Council?

We answer—No.

2. Can he become a member of a Council holding allegiance to the General Grand Council?

We answer—Yes, upon proper petition.

3. Must he be healed?

We answer—Yes.

Which was adopted. We think the decision is right.

No report on correspondence.

Comp. Pitkin C. Wright, Nashville, elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. John Frizelle, Nashville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT, 1884.

The thirty-first annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Burlington, June 10, 1884. Comp. Frank H. Bascom, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Seventeen Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is not very cheerful. He says: "Harmony seems to prevail, and in some Councils considerable work has been done." He was unable to visit as many Councils as he wished, and depended upon the Recorders of the different Councils for information. Had written all and received reports

from eleven of nineteen Councils. "In several Councils no work has been done, while in a few meetings have been attended regularly and much interest manifested." He thinks the fees for the degrees are too low, and that the degrees should be a pre-requisite to the Order of Knighthood.

Owing to the state of the finances, it was voted that the correspondence report be printed triennially, beginning in 1887.

Comp. William H. S. Whitcomb, of Burlington, elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. Warren G. Reynolds, of Burlington, elected Grand Recorder.

Eighteen Councils; membership, 728.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

The first triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council of the United States was held at the City of Denver, commencing August 14th, 1883, at 8 o'clock P. M. Comp. George M. Osgoodby, of Buffalo, N. Y., G. Deputy Grand Master as M. P. G. G. Master, presiding. And representatives from sixteen Grand Councils.

In the absence of Most Puissant General Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond, his address was read by the General Grand Recorder. He says: "I have to congratulate you upon the success we have attained, which has demonstrated the wisdom of the course taken at Detroit by our convention in 1880." And gives a concise account of his doings from the organization of the G.·.G.·.Council.

Upon the subject of the standing of those Royal and Select Masters who have received the degrees in a Chapter, or in a Council appurtenant to a Chapter, he says: "The plea has been made that 'Masonic toleration' requires the recognition of these Companions. To my mind, the answer to this plea is brief and decisive. The Companions made in Chapters are either regular or irregular. If they are regular they have the *right* to demand recognition; if they are irregular, 'toleration' will not treat them. In any event, there is no call for 'Masonic toleration.' In Virginia, these degrees are conferred

upon Most Excellent Masters; would our Connecticut Companions admit to their Councils Most Excellent, Royal and Select Masters, who are not Royal Arch Masons? It was the fortune (good or bad) of many of us to receive the degrees in such a manner as to utterly preclude us from recognizing those receiving them in a Chapter. Toleration is a great virtue, but not great enough to justify recognition of irregular Masons, or violation of obligations."

In concluding, he said he "had intended to give a brief statement of the early history of these degrees, but did not for want of space." We regret he did not.

Eighteen Grand Councils had ratified the constitution of the G. G. Council and become constituents thereof, viz: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee and Vermont.

Comp. George M. Osgoodby, Buffalo, N. Y., M. P. G. Grand Master; Comp. Benj. F. Haller, Memphis, Tenn., G. Grand Recorder.

CONCLUSION.

Our work is done. We have endeavored to inform the Companions of Michigan what is doing elsewhere. We have in an imperfect manner reviewed the proceedings of all jurisdictions which have come to hand, confining our report to a digest of the views and opinions of the reportorial guild. Many of the selections are gems of thought, and are commended to the earnest perusal of the Companions. The general outlook of the Cryptic Rite is encouraging, and the membership steadily increasing.

Fraternally,



For the Committee.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS

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FORM OF PETITION FOR A NEW COUNCIL.

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

The undersigned petitioners, being Royal and Select Masters, having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, and being willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Cryptic Masonry, respectfully represent:

That they are desirous of forming a Council in the ——— of ——, County of ———, and State of ———, to be named ———Council, No.—

They therefore pray for Letters of Dispensation, or a Warrant of Constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal Council, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the regulations of the Grand Council.

They have nominated and do recommend, Comp. A. B., to be the first T. I. M.; Comp. C. D., to be first D. M.; and Comp. E. G., to be the first P. C. of W. of said Council.

If the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted, they promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council.

N. B.—The above petition must be signed by not less than NINE Select Masters.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN assembled at Masonic Temple in the City of Detroit, on Monday, January 18, being the Monday preceding the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1886, A. Dep. 2886, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. Ill. Comp. GEORGE H. STEPHENSON.....Grand Master.
Ill. Comp. ALFRED BALDREY.....D. Grand Master.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY.....G. P. C. of Work.
Comp. H. SHAW NOBLE, P. G. M.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE, P. G. M.....G. Recorder.
" REV. FRANCIS A. BLADES.....G. Chaplain.
" ALLEN McKEE.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" THOMAS G. GREENE.....G. Cond. of Council.
" SANFORD HUNT.....G. Steward.
" ALEXANDER McGREGOR.....G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. Ill. Comp. D. B. TRACY.....Past Grand Master.
" " GARRA B. NOBLE.....Past Grand Master.
" " OLIVER L. SPAULDING.....Past Grand Master.
" " EBENEZER SPRAGUE.....Past Grand Master.
" " H. SHAW NOBLE.....Past Grand Master.
" " HUGH McCURDY.....Past Grand Master.
" " DAVID WOODWARD.....Past Grand Master.
" " RUFUS C. HATHEWAY.....Past Grand Master.
" " WILLIAM G. HUDSON.....Past Grand Master.
" " GEORGE H. GREENE.....Past Grand Master.
" " JAMES H. CUMMINS.....Past Grand Master.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Alabama,	California,	Connecticut,	Florida,
Georgia,	Kansas,	Maryland,	Massachusetts,
Minnesota,	Missouri,	New York,	Rhode Island,
Oregon,	England and Wales,	Indiana,	Louisiana.
		Maine.	

The Grand officers being present, and the representatives of a constitutional number of subordinate Councils, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was opened in ample form, with prayer by Rev. Francis A. Blades, Grand Chaplain.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Companions Garra B. Noble, David Woodward and Peter F. Blosser, a Committee on Credentials, who presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the credentials submitted to them, and find the

following members and delegates entitled to seats in the Grand Council:

Comp. GEORGE H. STEPHENSON.....M. I. Grand Master.
" ALFRED BALDREY.....D. Grand Master.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY.....G. P. C. of Work.
" H. SHAW NOBLE.....G. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE.....G. Recorder.
" REV. FRANCIS A. BLADES.....G. Chaplain.
" ALLEN McKEE.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" THOMAS G. GREENE.....Grand Conductor of Council.
" SANFORD HUNT.....G. Steward.
" ALEXANDER McGREGOR.....G. Sentinel.

Also the Past M. I. G. Masters, Past D. G. Masters and Past G. P. Conductors of Work, and all Past Thrice Illustrious Masters who are members of subordinate Councils, and the following officers and delegates from subordinate Councils:

Monroe Council, No. 1.

Comp. RICHARD ROWLAND.....T. I. M.
" JULIUS A. DRESSER.....D. M.
" WILLIAM P. HUTCHINS.....P. C. of W.

Pontiac Council, No. 3.

Comp. EDWARD C. SMITH.....T. I. M.
" JOSEPH E. SAWYER.....D. M.
" L. F. BOSTWICK.....P. C. of W.

River Raisin Council, No. 4.

Comp. ALFRED I. SAWYER.....T. I. M.
" D. R. CRAMPTON.....D. M.
" LOUIS GRANT.....P. C. of W.
" JOSEPH CLARK.....Proxy for T. I. M.

Jonesville Council, No. 5.

Comp. ROSWELL G. SPAULDING.....T. I. M.
" JAMES S. DENNIS.....D. M.
" C. H. LEVENS.....P. C. of W.

Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.

Comp. J. S. CONOVER.....T. I. M.
" A. A. DORRANCE.....D. M.
" M. A. PARKER.....P. C. of W.

Romeo Council, No. 8.
(No Returns.)

Zabud Council, No. 9.

Comp. D. D. BUCK.....T. I. M.
" CHARLES J. MILLER.....D. M.
" L. L. LIVINGSTON.....P. C. of W.

Tyre Council, No. 10.

Comp. RUFUS C. HATHEWAY.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE VOORHIS.....D. M.
" GEORGE LABOUR.....P. C. of W.
" WILLIAM P. INNES.....Representative of Council.

Union Council, No. 11.

Comp. GEORGE N. FLOWERS.....T. I. M.
" P. W. CARPENTER.....D. M.
" A. F. BURBANK.....P. C. of W.

Ionia Council, No. 12.

Comp. JOHN T. PICKHAVER.....T. I. M.
" MIKEL STEEL.....D. M.
" HENRY WEISER.....P. C. of W.

Sturgis Council, No. 13.

Comp. CHARLES E. LANDON.....T. I. M.
" HENRY L. ANTHONY.....D. M.
" IRA F. PACKARD.....P. C. of W.

Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.

Comp. IRA CARPENTER.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE CARD.....D. M.
" MOSES KOCHENTHAL.....P. C. of W.

Genesee Council, No. 17.

Comp. E. M. ADAMS.....T. I. M.
" B. POTTER.....D. M.
" W. E. SMITH.....P. C. of W.

Adrian Council, No. 18.

Comp. ORSAMUS LAMB.....T. I. M
" ROBERT MOORE.....D. M.
" JAMES GILLELAND.....P. C. of W.
" JOHN F. KIMBALL.....Representative of Council.

Niles Council, No. 19.

Comp. HIRAM A. EDWARDS.....T. I. M.
" W. IRVING BABCOCK.....D. M.
" ENOCH FLEGAL.....P. C. of W.

Saginaw Council, No. 20.

Comp. FRED. E. HOYT.....T. I. M.
" D. B. REEVE.....D. M.
" CHARLES DOUGHTY.....P. C. of W.
" CHARLES STRAM.....Representative of Council.

St. John's Council, No. 21.

Comp GEO. H. STEPHENSON.....T. I. M.
" JOHN G. WATKIN.....D. M. and Representative of Council.
" JOHN D. HENDERSON.....P. C. of W.

Portland Council, No. 23.

Comp. FRANCIS G. LEE.....T. I M.
" DUNCAN KENNEDY.....D. M.
" CHESTER SMITH.....P. C. of W.

Adoniram Council, No. 24.

Comp. JOHN D. VAN DUYN.....T. I M.
" ARTHUR CASE.....D. M.
" PETER F. BLOSSER..P. C. of W. and Representative of Council.

King Solomon Council, No. 25.

Comp. CHARLIE GAY.....T. I. M.
" PETER McNAUGHTON.....D. M.
" B. ELIAS HUTCHINSON.....P. C. of W.

Clinton Council, No. 26.

Comp. DAVID WOODWARD.....T. I. M.
" WILLIAM C. ROGERS.....D. M.
" GEORGE CALHOUN.....P. C. of W.
" GEORGE RUNYON.....Representative of Council.

Oceana Council, No. 27.

Comp. D. C. WICKHAM.....T. I. M.
" FRED. NEILSEN.....D. M.
" O. H. DEAN.....P. C. of W.

Lansing Council, No. 29.

Comp. JAMES McCREA.....T. I. M.
" JOSIAH BRUNO.....D. M.
" L. H. BRIGGS.....P. C. of W.

Northville Council, No. 30.

Comp. WILLIAM A. HARLAN.....T. I. M.
" J. E. WILCOX .....D. M.
" F. B. BEAL.....P. C. of W.

Jackson Council, No. 32.

Comp. SANFORD HUNT.....T. I. M.
" HENRY HUNTINGTON.....D. M.
" MARCUS H. SPENCER.....P. C. of W.

Ithaca Council, No. 33.

Comp. JAMES M. McKEE.....T. I. M.
" WILLIAM C. BECKWITH.....D. M.
" ABRAM W. RUSSELL.....P. C. of W.
" WILLIAM S. TURCK.....Representative of Council.

Union City Council, No. 35.

Comp. A. B. AIKEN.....T. I. M.
" R. SIMMONS.....D. M.
" R. E. McDONALD.....P. C. of W.

Charlotte Council, No. 36.

Comp. E. T. CHURCH.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE WARD.....D. M.
" P. S. DeGRAFF.....P. C. of W. and Representative of Council.

Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37.

Comp. THOMAS G. GREENE.....T. I. M.
" ALEXANDER TWEEDALE.....D. M.
" L. D. HESS.....P. C. of W.
" DAVID E. WILSON.....Representative of Council.

Corunna Council, No. 38.

Comp. HUGH McCURDY.....T. I. M.
" CHARLES H. CROSSETT..D. M. and Representative of Council.
" CALVIN C. GILBERT.....P. C. of W.

Holly Council, No. 39.

Comp. M. D. ELLIOTT.....T. I. M.
" EMERSON M. NEWELL.....D. M.
" MILTON M. BURNHAM.....P. C. of W.

Bronson Council, No. 40.

Comp. DAVID STRACHLY.....T. I. M.
" LEWIS W. LEWIS.....D. M.
" JOSEPH E. PULMAN.....P. C. of W.

Lapeer Council, No. 42.

Comp. W, F. DALEY.....T. I. M.
" G. B. ADAMS .....D. M.
" F. J. JACKSON.....P. C. of W.

Lawrence Council, No. 48.

Comp. G. A. CROSS.....T. I. M.
" W. L. BIDWELL.....D. M.
" J. F. BARROWS.....P. C. of W.

St. Joseph Council, No. 44.

Comp. A. B. BISBEE.....T. I. M.
" ALFRED BALDREY.....D. M.
" EDWIN F. PLATT.....P. C. of W.

South Haven Council, No. 45.

Comp. JAMES S. DONAHUE.....T. I. M.
" SILAS M. TROWBRIDGE.....D. M.
" GEORGE L. METCALF.....P. C. of W.

Manistee Council, No. 46.

Comp. ALLEN McKEE.....T. I. M.
" WILLIAM WENTE.....D. M.
" TIMOTHY KEILEY.....P. C. of W.

Ludington Council, No. 48.

Comp. LOUIS C. WALDO.....T. I. M.
" D. V. SAMUELS.....D. M.
" J. D. HARRINGTON.....P. C. of W.

Giblum Council, No. 49.

Comp. M. W. RIKER.....T. I. M.
" F. PHILLIPS.....D. M.
" W. H. POWERS.....P. C. of W.

Leslie Council, No. 50.

Comp. ALBERT C. MANLEY.....T. I. M.
" EDWARD OLDMAN.....D. M.
" WM. HUTCHINGS..P. C. of W. and Representative of Council.

Grand Haven Council, No. 51.

Comp. GEORGE E. HUBBARD.....T. I. M.
" WM. J. H. SAUNDERS.....D. M.
" CHARLES N. DICKINSON.....P. C. of W.

Petoskey Council, No. 52.

Comp. LEVI W. COLE.....T. I. M.
" WILBUR F. LAWTON.....D. M.
" JOSEPH A. C. ROWAN.....P. C. of W.

Bay City Council, No. 53.

Comp. E. M. SHARP.....T. I. M.
" A. L. STEWART.....D. M.
" F. O. GILBERT.....P. C. of W.

Muskegon Council, No. 54.

Comp. GEORGE D. SMITH.....T. I. M.
" P. P. MISNER.....D. M.
" O. C. WILLIAMS.....P. C. of W.

Respectfully submitted,

GARRA B. NOBLE,
DAVID WOODWARD,
PETER F. BLOSSER,
Committee.

Report accepted and adopted.

The M. Ill. Grand Master, George H. Stephenson, then delivered his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

COMPANIONS—The months have flown so swiftly since we last met in this beautiful "City of the Straits," that it seems as but yesterday. Time has sped so rapidly that, to many of us, this seems as an adjourned meeting.

Companions, such is not the case. This is the Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan. And it is fitting that we should acknowledge our dependence on Him who orders all things wisely. This I trust we do, not only because it is custom at the commencement of our proceedings, but from a feeling of sincere reverence, due from intelligent creatures to their Creator.

These annual Assemblies serve other purposes than that of legislation; they arrest the tumultuous current of our lives, and compel us to pause a moment while we become conscious that another year has passed and that we are one year nearer the end of our earthly career than when we last parted.

Father Time marches on whether we wake or sleep, and it is well for us to have anniversaries of this kind; to call our minds

from the daily routine of care or pleasure, to the contemplation of our advancing age and our approach to the silence of the tomb.

The ceaseless ebb and flow of the ocean, the growth and development of the animal and vegetable kingdoms, the revolutions of the earth itself, all teach the great fact that everything in nature moves.

Let us then firmly resolve that our movement shall be upward and onward, and that we shall not be found, like the negligent sentry, "sleeping on his post."

One year ago, through your kindness, I was elected your Most Ill. Grand Master, and as all Grand Masters have done before me, I will now render an account of my stewardship.

The Grand Masters who have preceded me left our ship in such good trim that little remained for me to do but occasionally touch the helm. My labors have been light and no questions of importance asked, indicating the good sense shown by Subordinate Councils in electing officers *so well versed* in Cryptic lore.

On the 29th of March I received a communication from Past Ill. Grand Master Geo. Hill, at that time Ill. Master of Portland Council No. 23, setting forth that Lodge, Chapter, and Council had been destroyed by fire, and that the Council had lost everything but the record. On the 30th of December I received a letter from Companion T. G. Lee, who was elected their Thrice Ill. Master at their last annual meeting, stating they were again in good quarters, and their returns would go forward and their Council be represented at this session of the Grand Body. I would recommend that a duplicate Charter be granted them free of charge.

July 27 I granted permission to Zabud Council, No. 9, Battle Creek, to occupy their new hall.

On the 13th of October I received a communication from Ill. Comp. J. W. Chamberlain, our Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Ohio, stating that he was present at the session

of their Grand Council held in the city of Cleveland, October 6th and 7th, and was cordially received as a representative of this Grand Council. October 14th I granted permission to Niles Council No. 19, to occupy their new hall.

October 28th I received a communication from our Grand Recorder enclosing a circular from George M. Osgoodby, General Most Ill. Grand Master of the United States, stating that another link had been added to the chain of Grand Councils, and that link is Oregon. I would recommend that this Grand Council extend the fraternal hand to our young sister, and give her a cordial welcome into the sisterhood of Grand Councils and an exchange of invited representatives.

On the 13th of November I granted a dispensation to Muskegon Council No. 54, to receive the petitions of nine candidates and elect the same at other than a regular meeting. I subsequently learned that Muskegon Council had not been duly constituted. On the 22d of December I instructed my proxy, Past Ill. Grand Master, R. C. Hatheway, to proceed at his earliest convenience to Muskegon Council, constitute the same, install its officers and likewise heal all work done prior to its being constituted. On the 30th of December, Past Ill. Grand Master Hatheway informed me that he had carried out my wishes in relation to Muskegon Council, No. 54, and that he had duly constituted their Council, installed its officers and placed them in proper shape for business.

NEWAYGO COUNCIL NO. 47.

In the session of 1884, Most Ill. Grand Master George H. Greene informed this Grand Body that through his deputy, Comp. Wm. P. Innes, he had caused the arrest of their Charter, but the records could not be found.

At the last session of this Grand Body, Most Ill. Grand Master James H. Cummins informed us that he had received a letter from Comp. E. O. Shaw (March 8th, 1884), of said Newaygo Council, stating that he knew of the whereabouts of the records. Past Ill. Grand Master Cummins, during his incumbency, used

his best endeavors to have the records forwarded to the Grand Recorder, but without effect. At our last session the whole subject matter of Newaygo Council was referred to the incoming Grand Master, and the lot fell upon your humble servant.

On the 7th of December, I deputized Past Ill. Grand Master R. C. Hatheway to proceed to the ruins of Newaygo Council, delve among the rubbish and see what he could find. He succeeded in finding the records, and the same are now in the hands of the Grand Recorder.

On the 31st of December, I issued a dispensation to St. Johns Council, No. 21, to receive the petitions of five Companions and act upon the same at other than a regular meeting, feeling well assured that by my actions in regard to Muskegon and St. Johns Councils, the interests of Cryptic Masonry would not suffer.

Genesee Council, No. 17, not having made any returns to the Grand Body since 1883, I deemed it my duty to pay them a visit, which I did on the 13th inst., and found them in rather a weak state, their last Thrice Ill. Master, Recorder and many of their numbers having removed from their jurisdiction. I found, however, energy enough in the officers that still remained to raise funds sufficient to liquidate their indebtedness to this body, which I am pleased to state has been forwarded to the Grand Recorder, and it is their intention ere long to ask for a dispensation to elect their officers and place themselves again in proper shape for work.

VISITATION OF COUNCILS.

I had intended, and so expressed my desire to the several Councils in my vicinity, to pay them a visit and witness their work, but they not having any means at their command I was deprived of that pleasure. From what information I can gather, the Subordinate Councils generally in this jurisdiction are in a healthy state and prospering.

SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

Through the courtesy of our Grand Recorder I have been the recipient of proceedings of the several sister Grand Juris-

dictions as follows: Alabama and Massachusetts for 1884, Canada for 1884-5, Connecticut, California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Vermont for 1885, and from a review of these proceedings I find that peace and harmony reigns among them and they are in a prosperous condition, and as far as I can ascertain, our relations with our sister Grand Councils are of the most friendly character.

GONE BEFORE.

Death, in his meandering, and by way of reminder that he is ever present, has called three from this Grand Jurisdiction and from the toils and troubles of this world, and taken them to their celestial home where peace forever reigns; the first to receive the fatal mandate was Ill. Comp. William Barclay, of Monroe Council, No. 1, Detroit, of which he was a charter member. He was also a Charter Member of this Grand Council and Past Grand Treasurer. He departed this life January 22d, 1885, aged 73.

The second to receive the call was Ill. Comp. Samuel H. Norton, of Pontiac Council, No. 3, of which for the past ten years he had been their Thrice Ill. Master and Representative to this Grand Body. Although he never held an office in this Grand Council, he was an earnest co-worker with us, an exemplary Mason, and his counsel and advice will be sorely missed. In 1880, he held the exalted position of Grand High Priest, and at the time of his death, April 26th, was Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, under whose auspices, at his request, he was buried. In the loss of Comp. Norton the fraternity loose an ardent advocate, Pontiac a worthy citizen, and society a true gentleman. His age was 59.

On June 5th, Ill. Comp. Henry P. Seymour, Thrice Ill. Master of Manistee Council, No. 46, received the fatal summons to take his departure for the other shore. He was a zealous Mason in all its branches, and a noble hearted man. In the loss of Ill. Comp. Seymour, the fraternity lost an ardent advocate and Manistee one of her worthy citizens. His age was 56.

CONCLUSION.

Companions, before closing, I wish to express my appreciation of the many courtesies extended to me by the officers and companions of this Grand Body, and especially am I indebted to Past Ill. Grand Master R. C. Hatheway and our Grand Recorder for valuable assistance rendered me the past year in the discharge of my duty. And in retiring from this high official position, I assure you that the honors I have received at your hands shall stimulate me to advance the interests of Cryptic Masonry as the resources at my command will best permit.

GEO. H. STEPHENSON,
M. Ill. Grand Master.

Which on motion was referred to the following committee for subdivision and reference: P. M. Ill. G. M. Oliver L. Spaulding, P. M. Ill. G. M. E. Sprague, Companion Richard Rowland.

The M. Ill. Grand Master appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE—Comps. James H. Cummins, P. M. I. G. M., J. F. Barrows, Wm. S. Turck.

JURISPRUDENCE—Comps. Rufus C. Hatheway, P. M. I. G. M., D. D. Buck, George Hubbard.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS—Comps. Hugh McCurdy, P. M. I. G. M., Edward C. Smith, William Wente.

RETURNS—Comps. William G. Hudson, P. M. I. G. M., S. M. Trowbridge, John Kendall.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their annual financial statements, which were referred to the Finance Committee.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. SHAW NOBLE, Grand Treasurer,

In account with Grand Council of R. and S. M., Michigan.

1885.		DR.	
January	19,	To cash on hand	$667 12
	20,	" " of Grand Secretary	534 25
1886.			
January	6,	" " " "	42 77
		Total	$1,244 14

1886.			
January	18,	To balance on hand	$559 67

1885.		CR.	
January	20,	By receipt Alex. McGregor	$ 10 00
	20,	" " G. B. Noble	125 00
	20,	" 55 Pay Roll receipts	165 00
March	11,	" Roehm & Wright, receipts	50 00
April	3,	" W. H. Thompson, receipts	84 47
		" " " "	250 00
June	18,	" balance on hand	559 67
		Total	$1,244 14

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

The Grand Recorder submitted the following report, which on motion was received and ordered printed with the proceedings:

G. B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder,

In account with Grand Council of R. and S. M.

January 19, 1885. DR.

For dues received from	Monroe Council	No.	1	$	87 50
" "	Pontiac Council	"	3		19 25
" "	River Raisin Council	"	4		8 00
" "	Jonesville Council	"	5		7 00
" "	Mt. Moriah Council	"	6		17 00
" "	Zabud Council	"	9		27 00
" "	Tyre Council	"	10		32 50
" "	Union Council	"	11		18 50
" "	Ionia Council	"	12		18 25
" "	Sturgis Council	"	13		7 75
" "	Mt. Ararat Council	"	15		8 00
" "	Adrian Council	"	18		9 25
" "	Niles Council	"	19		12 75
" "	Saginaw Council	"	20		12 50
" "	St. Johns Council	"	21		16 00
" "	Portland Council	"	23		6 00
" "	Adoniram Council	"	24		7 00
" "	King Solomon Council	"	25		4 00
" "	Clinton Council	"	26		13 50
" "	Oceana Council	"	27		9 75
" "	Lansing Council	"	29		9 00
" "	Northville Council	"	30		9 25
" "	Jackson Council	"	32		32 25
" "	Ithaca Council	"	33		6 00
" "	Union City Council	"	35		10 75
" "	Charlotte Council	"	36		15 75
" "	Nebuzaraden Council	"	37		11 00
" "	Corunna Council	"	38		9 75
" "	Holly Council	"	39		18 25
" "	Bronson Council	"	40		8 75
" "	Lapeer Council	"	42		10 50
" "	Lawrence Council	"	43		16 75
" "	St. Joseph Council	"	44		7 75
" "	South Haven Council	"	45		4 75
" "	Manistee Council	"	46		15 75
" "	Ludington Council	"	48		18 75
" "	Giblum Council	"	49		11 75
" "	Leslie Council	"	50		12 00
" "	Grand Haven Council	"	51		7 25
" "	Petoskey Council	"	52		18 25
" "	Bay City Council	"	53		18 25
					$604 00

1885.			Cr.	
January 20,	By paid,		Grand Treasurer	$ 584 25
"	"	"	1 charter	5 00
March 10,	"	"	Express charges on Jewel	50
"	"	"	P. O. envelopes and stamps	9 53
Dec'mbr 1,	"	"	C. C. Noble, printing, etc	7 00
"	"	"	Richmond, Backus & Co	4 95
1886.				
January 5,	"	"	Paid Grand Treasurer	42 77
				$604 00

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the M. I. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council:

I herewith respectfully present the following report of the transactions of my office since the last Annual Assembly:

As soon as practicable after the close of the last Annual Assembly, the proceedings thereof were printed and the usual number distributed as follows: One copy to each of the Grand officers and Past Grand officers, one to each of our Representatives near Sister Grand Councils, three copies were transmitted to each of the Grand Councils with which we are in communication, and three to each Subordinate Council of our jurisdiction.

The Charter granted for a Council at Muskegon at the last Annual Assembly was duly executed and delivered to the proper officers of Muskegon Council.

I procured as directed by the resolution of the Grand Council and presented to P. M. I. Grand Master, James H. Cummins, a suitable jewel on behalf of this Grand Council. In acknowledging the receipt thereof, he says: "Please extend my thanks to the companions of the Cryptic Rite of this Grand Jurisdiction for the beautiful memorial of their kindness and esteem." I have also, as instructed at your last Annual Assembly, procured the reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Council from 1871 to 1878, inclusive, enabling us now to furnish full copies of our proceedings from its organization to the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

GARRA B. NOBLE,
Grand Recorder.

COMMITTEE ON REFERENCE.

The Committee on Grand Master's address submitted the following report which was received and adopted.

To the Grand Council R. and S. M. of Michigan:

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. I. G. Master for division and reference beg leave to report:

That so much of the address as recommends the granting of a duplicate Charter to Portland Council, No. 23, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much of the address as relates to the Grand Council of Oregon be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of the address as relates to Muskegon Council, No. 54, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of the address as relates to Newaygo Council, No. 47, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much of the address as relates to deceased Companions be referred to a special committee of three.

O. L. SPAULDING.
R. ROWLAND.
E. SPRAGUE
Committee.

The M. I. G. Master appointed the following Special Committee on Obituary: Companions Rev. Francis A. Blades, Grand Chaplain, Edward C. Smith, William Wente.

On motion of P. M. I. Grand Master Oliver L. Spaulding, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the special order for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The Grand Council was called from labor until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, January 19, 1886.

The Grand Council resumed labor at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

Officers and members in attendance same as yesterday.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

The Committee on Obituary submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

DETROIT, January 19, 1886.

To the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the deceased Companions of the Grand Council for the past year, beg leave to report:

The first name on the list is William Barclay, who was born in Bish, of Ayrshire, Scotland, on the 20th day of May, 1808. He came to this country about the year 1830, and on May 6, 1834, landed in Detroit. He was made a Mason in Detroit Lodge December 27th, 1842, and received the Chapter degrees in Monroe Chapter, No. 1, February 9, 1843. Received the Council degrees in Monroe Council, No. 1. Was a charter member of this Grand Council, and took an active interest in the work and prosperity of the Council

Companion Barclay was an earnest man and an earnest Mason. He belonged to the old school of hard workers in the interest of the Fraternity. No man ever heard William Barclay say, "I have done my share, now let some one else do his." His share was all he could do.

He rendered the Craft very eminent service in his untiring labor in superintending the construction of the old Masonic Hall on Jefferson avenue, and when the Craft afterward, in their desire to make some acknowledgment of his services, presented him a watch as a token of their esteem for him. While he accepted the present gratefully, he was afterward heard to say that he almost regretted the present, as it took away from him the pleasure of being able to say that he had done the work from a pure love of the Craft and without fee or reward.

Companion Barclay was a warm friend—a sturdy, sterling Scotch Mason—who tried to practice the teachings of Masonry and illustrate in his life the value of bonds most dear.

His death occurred on the 22d of January, 1885. He was buried in Elmwood cemetery by Detroit Lodge, No. 2, under escort of Detroit Commandery of Knights Templar. Remembering him we can but say, as one before has done—

> "Can storied urn or animated bust
> Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath?
> Can honors void provoke the silent dead,
> Or flattery soothe the dull, cold ear of death?"

No! but memory true can keep green the memories of departed worth, and so will we, his Companions, remember him.

The next to follow to the silent land was Companion Samuel H. Norton, of Pontiac Commandery, No. 3.

Companion Norton was born in Canandaigua, N. Y., January 26, 1825. He was made a Mason in Pontiac Lodge, No. 21, February 5, 1864; was exalted to the Royal Arch in Oakland Chapter, No. 5, May 10, 1864. Received the Council degrees January 5, 1865. He was Master of his Lodge, High Priest of his Chapter, and Thrice Illustrious of his Council, and at the time of his death was a past officer in all of these bodies. He was also Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State, and at the time of his death was Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

In civil life, his fellow citizens had not overlooked his modest worth, but had elected him as mayor of his city, which office he filled with credit to himself and satisfactorily to his constituents.

He was also a member of the Christian church, and a chosen counselor of his brethren in their official board deliberations.

Companion Norton was a very quiet, unpretending man, gentle in all his ways, yet in the discharge of duty he was a man of iron will. His conscience kept his principles—they were not in the market for love or money.

Among men there are meteors that flash, and shine, and dazzle; there are also fixed stars, that always shine, but never dazzle. The latter live in their influence long after the former are forgotten. Companion Norton was a fixed star in the Masonic heavens of Michigan.

Companion Norton died April April 26, 1885, at Pontiac, and was buried with full Masonic honors by the Grand Lodge of Michigan. We can only say of him—

"Friend and brother, farewell!
Rest weary head.
Lie down to slumber in the peaceful tomb:
Light from above has broken thro' its gloom.
Here in the place where once thy Savior lay,
Where He shall wake thee on a future day,
Like a tired child upon its mother's breast,
Rest, sweetly rest."

The next to answer to the roll call of death was Companion Henry P. Seymour, of Manistee Council, No. 46.

Your Committee has not been able to get the Masonic history of Companion Seymour.

He was T. I. of his Council, and took great pride in his work. He was highly esteemed by his Companions who were near him. A comparative stranger, as he had removed but a few years before to their town, he had won their confidence and love.

By profession he was a physician, highly esteemed for his skill and kindness of spirit.

We only regret that we have not the data for a more perfect history of his Masonic life.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. A. BLADES.
E. C. SMITH.
WM. WENTE.
Committee.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

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

To the Grand Council of R. and S. M. of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully report and recommend that a duplicate charter be issued to Portland Council, No. 23 in place of their charter, which was destroyed by fire March 29, 1885.

Your committee also approve of the course taken by the Grand Master in finding the records of Newaygo Council, No. 47, and placing them in the archives of this Grand Council. His efforts in this behalf are commendable, and are approved by your committee.

Respectfully,

HUGH McCURDY.
EDWARD C. SMITH.
WM. WENTE.
Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee submitted their report, as follows, which was adopted:

To the Grand Council of R. and S. M. of Michigan:

COMPANIONS—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report: We have examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Recorder and find them correct.

The Grand Treasurer had—

On hand January 19, 1885	$ 667 12
Received from Grand Recorder during the year	577 02
Total receipts	$1,244 14

Paid out during the year	$684 47	
On hand January 18th, 1886	569 67	
		$1,244 14

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. CUMMINS.
J. F. BARROWS.
W. S. TURCK.
Committee.

JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following report:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of R. and S. M. of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the address of the M. Ill. Grand Master as relates to the recognition of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oregon, and the exchange of Grand Representatives therewith, as also that part which relates to his action concerning Muskegon Council, No. 54, Royal and Select Masters, respectfully represent, that as far as your committee have been able to inform themselves, that the proceedings being regular, and the Grand Council of Oregon organized according to ancient custom, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Michigan hereby extends to the Grand Council of Oregon fraternal recognition, and welcome her to the sisterhood of Grand Councils; and that this Grand Council, through its Most Illustrious Grand Master, make the usual exchange of Grand Representatives.

That his action relative to Muskegon Council, No. 54, being properly instituted, was according to Masonic law and usage, and is approved by this Grand body.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HATHEWAY, P. M. I. G. M.
D. D. BUCK.
GEORGE HUBBARD.
Committee.

The Grand Recorder submitted the credentials of Past Thrice Illustrious Master Frederick W. Hawes, as Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oregon, and moved that the Companion be duly recognized as such Grand Representative, and welcomed to a seat in this Grand Council, which was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Grand Treasurer was authorized to pay P. M. I. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway his expenses in complying with the orders of the M. Ill. Grand Master to visit Muskegon Council.

JEWELS AND CLOTHING.

The committee appointed at the last annual Assembly (1885) to procure suitable jewels and clothing for the grand officers of the Grand Council, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. I. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council:

Your Committee, appointed at the last annual Assembly to procure jewels and clothing for the Grand officers, respectfully report that they have performed that duty to the best of their ability, and present them for your inspection, as a part of this report. There are ten Jewels, solid silver and plated with gold; there are ten aprons of lambskin and golden embroidered; the total cost $145, for which sum your committee ask that a warrant be drawn in favor of the Grand Recorder, with which to pay this bill, and file his receipts in the archives.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GARRA B. NOBLE, P. M. I. G. M.
HUGH McCURDY, P. M. I. G. M.
RUFUS C. HATHEWAY, P. M. I. G. M.
Committee.

RETURNS.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils made the following report:

To the M. I. Grand Council R. and S. M. of Michigan.

Your Committee on Returns would most respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the Subordinate Councils, and report as follows:

We find Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, correct,

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. G. HUDSON, P. M. I. G. M.
JOHN F. KIMBALL.
S. M. TROWBRIDGE.
Committee.

On motion, the M. I. Grand Master was authorized to return to Newaygo Council, No. 47, their charter, upon the payment of all dues (to the date of their suspension) to the Grand Council.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The time fixed by special order for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the M. I. Grand Master appointed Companions Charles H. Cossitt and Hiram A. Edwards tellers.

After receiving and counting the ballots, the tellers reported the following Illustrious Companions duly elected, as follows:

Comp. ALFRED BALDREY, St. Joseph.....M. I. Grand Master.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY, South Haven..... .D. I. Grand Master.
" ALLEN McKEE, Manistee.....G. P. Cond. of Work.
" H. SHAW NOBLE, Monroe.....Grand Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit.....Grand Recorder.
" Rev. FRANCIS A. BLADES, Detroit.....Grand Chaplain.
" THOMAS G. GREENE, Three Rivers.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" SANFORD HUNT, Jackson.....G. Cond. of Council.
" TRAVERSE PHILLIPS, Hastings.....Grand Steward.
" ALEX. McGREGOR, Detroit.....Grand Sentinel.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

On motion, the following companions were appointed a committee to report at the next annual Assembly upon the binding and disposition of the proceedings of the Grand Council: P. M. I. G. M. Hugh McCurdy, P. M. I. G. M. James H. Cummins, Companion J. S. Conover.

By request of M. I. Grand Master, P. M. I. G. M. Hugh McCurdy, assisted by P. M. I. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway, as

Grand Marshal, then installed the Grand officers elect for the ensuing year, and they were conducted to their several stations.

P. M. I. G. Master Rufus C. Hatheway offered the following resolution which, on motion, was accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be allowed $150 for his services the past year; that he be authorized to have the usual number of proceedings printed and distributed as is usual in such cases, including a copy to each of our Grand Representatives near Sister Grand Councils, and that the Grand Treasurer pay the bills for same, on their presentation of them to him, duly certified to by the Grand Recorder. Also that the Grand Sentinel be paid $10 for his services.

On motion of Companion Edward C. Smith, the Grand Recorder was directed to procure a suitable Jewel and present to P. M. I. G. M. George H. Stephenson, as a token of the respect and esteem of this Grand body.

On motion of Companion J. S. Conover, the thanks of the Grand Council were tendered to the Fraternity of Detroit for the free use of their Temple during the present Assembly.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed P. M. I. G. M. Garra B. Noble and P. M. I. G. M. H. Shaw Noble a Committee on Correspondence.

THANKS.

The thanks of the Grand Council were unanimously tendered to P. M. I. G. M. George H. Stephenson for his zealous efforts and efficient services rendered the Grand body during his official term.

CLOSING.

There being no further business before the Grand Council, after prayer by Rev. Francis A. Blades, Grand Chaplain, the

M. I. Grand Master, Alfred Baldrey closed the Grand Council in ample form.



ALFRED BALDREY,
M. I. Grand Master.

Attest:

G. B. Noble
Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council will be held in the City of Detroit, at Masonic Temple, on Monday preceding the third Tuesday in January next (being the 17th day of January, 1887), commencing at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1885.

NAME.	Number.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	T. I. MASTER.	RECORDER.	Exalted.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Demitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Membership.	Dues Paid.	REGULAR ASSEMBLY EACH MONTH.
Monroe	1	Detroit	Wayne	Richard Rowland.	C. W. Maynard	22	1	..	2	4	2	3	272	$ 84 25	Monday after Full Moon.
Pontiac	3	Pontiac	Oakland	Edward C. Smith.	I. A. Harris	2	..	1	..	11	..	3	61	17 00	Monday on or before Full Moon
River Raisin.	4	Monroe	Monroe	Alfred I. Sawyer.	Geo. R. Hurd	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	31	10 00	Friday on or before Full Moon
Jonesville	5	Jonesville	Hillsdale	R. G. Spaulding	J. W. Storm	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	28	7 50	Second Thursday after Full M.
Mt. Moriah	6	Coldwater	Branch	J. S. Conover	David Bovee	7	..	..	1	1	..	..	71	22 75	First Thursday each month.
Romeo	8	Romeo	Macomb	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	
Zabud	9	Battle Creek	Calhoun	D. D. Buck	Eugene Glass	3	..	..	1	5	..	..	97	26 25	First Wednesday each month.
Tyre	10	G'nd Rapids	Kent	R. C. Hatheway	Robert W. Innes	11	..	..	1	..	1	..	118	36 25	Last Thursday each month.
Union	11	Ypsilanti	Washt'n'w	Geo. N. Flowers	W. L. Pack	3	..	1	..	33	..	3	43	12 75	Third Wednesday each month.
Ionia	12	Ionia	Ionia	J. T. Pickhaver	Allen S. Wright	5	..	..	3	1	..	..	50	16 00	Wednesday after Full Moon.
Sturgis	13	Sturgis	St. Joseph	Chas. E. Landon	Henry S. Church	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	6 25	Tuesday after Full Moon.
Mt. Ararat	15	Hillsdale	Hillsdale	Ira Carpenter	Lemuel S. Ranney	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	33	9 50	Second Monday each month.
Genesee	17	Fenton	Genesee	E. M. Adams	W. J. Fitch	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	4 75	Thursday on or succeed'g F. M
Adrian	18	Adrian	Lenawee	Orsamus Lamb	Jno. F. Kimball	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	33	8 00	Thursday after F. M.
Niles	19	Niles	Berrien	H. A. Edwards	Geo. W. Timmons	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	49	14 50	Thursday after F. M.
Saginaw	20	E. Saginaw	Saginaw	Fred E. Hoyt	O. J. Hetherington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	11 75	First Monday each month.
St. Johns	21	St. Johns	Clinton	Geo. H. Stephenson	J. M. Frisbee	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	71	22 25	Wednesday on or preced'g F.M
Portland	23	Portland	Ionia	F. G. Lee	S. K. Gates	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	21	5 00	Monday preceding F. M.
Adoniram	24	Manchester	Washt'n'w	J. D. Van Duyne	Matt. D. Blosser	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	9 00	Tuesday after Full Moon.
King Solom'n	25	Big Rapids	Mecosta	Charlie Gay.	Chas. D. Bronson	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	16	3 75	First Tuesday each month.
Clinton	26	Clinton	Lenawee	David Woodward.	John Hause, Jr	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	9 75	Wednesday on or before F. M.
Oceana	27	Pentwater	Oceana	D. C. Wickham	J. H. Bouton	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	39	9 50	Second Monday each month.
Lansing	29	Lansing	Ingham	James McCrea	H. W. Walker	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	33	8 00	Thursday after Full Moon.
Northville	30	Northville	Wayne	Wm. A. Harlan	H. E. Lake	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	7 00	Thursday each month.
Jackson	32	Jackson	Jackson	Sanford Hunt	Fred. T. Western.	4	..	..	1	4	..	3	114	31 25	Second Thursday each month.

Ithaca	33	Ithaca	Gratiot	James M. McKee	J. M. Trask	10	1	..	..	2	..	..	34	15	75	Tuesday on or before F. M.
Union City	35	Union City	Branch	A. B. Aiken	Elmer Roe	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	27	6	50	
Charlotte	36	Charlotte	Eaton	E. T. Church	P. M. Thomas	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	55	18	00	First Tuesday each month.
Nebuzarad'n	37	Constantine	St. Joseph	Thos. G. Greene	Thomas Harrison	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	51	17	75	Monday on or before F. M.
Corunna	38	Corunna	Shiawas'e	Hugh McCurdy	Jeff. D. Leland	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	38	9	25	Third Thursday each month.
Holly	39	Holly	Oakland	M. D. Elliott	John M. Baird	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	15	25	Third Wednesday each month.
Bronson	40	Bronson	Branch	David Strachly	Jasen Shepard	..	..	..	1	3	..	3	28	5	50	Tuesday after Full Moon.
Lapeer	42	Lapeer	Lapeer	W. F. Daley	H. E. Hatch	..	..	..	..	1	..	.	42	10	25	1st Frid'y Dec., Mar., June, Sep.
Lawrence	43	Lawrence	Van Buren	G. A Cross	A. H. Draper	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	18	75	Tuesday after Full Moon.
St. Joseph	44	St. Joseph	Berrien	A. B Bisbee	Hiram W. Ray	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	29	7	75	Monday after Full Moon.
South Haven	45	South Haven	Van Buren	Jas. S. Donahue	Geo. L. Seaver	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	19	4	50	Friday on or before Full Moon
Manistee	46	Manistee	Manistee	Allen McKee	J. Kinsley	10	..	..	1	..	..	3	55	21	00	Third Friday each month.
Ludington	48	Ludington	Mason	Louis C. Waldo	H. A. Scott	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	52	15	00	Second Monday each month.
Giblum	49	Hastings	Barry	M. W. Riker	Jno. F. Goodyear	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	8	00	First Monday each month.
Leslie	50	Leslie	Ingham	A. C. Manley	James McDaniels	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	8	50	Second Thursday each month.
Grand Haven	51	G'd Haven	Ottawa	Geo. E. Hubbard	Chas. T. Pagelson	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	29	7	00	First Friday each month.
Petoskey	52	Petoskey	Emmet	Levi W. Cole	Will. Z. Searle	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	9	75	First Monday each month.
Bay City	53	Bay City	Bay	E. M. Sharp	E. E. Burroughs	13	..	..	..	..	..	1	39	19	25	First Monday each month.
Muskegon	54	Muskegon	Muskegon	Geo. D. Smith	Wm. McComb	13	..	..	1	..	..	..	21	14	75	Second Friday each month.
			Dues from	Genesee Council,	No. 17, 1883 and '84.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	50	
						140	2	3	17	77	3	30	2102	$630	00	

LIST OF GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1858 TO 1886.

Year.	T. I. G. P.	D. I. G. P.	G. T. I.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards
1858	*N. B. Carpenter	*S. B. Brown	*Frank Darrow	R. W. Davis	Ezra Rood	*N. P. Jacobs	T. A. Flower.
1859	*N. B. Carpenter	*S. B. Brown	*Frank Darrow	*John Clark	" "	" "	A. J Cummings.
1860	*Frank Darrow	John Clark	D. B. Tracy	*B. F. Doughty	" "	" "	*S. B. Morse.
1861	*John Clark	D. B. Tracy	*B. F. Doughty	E. Sprague	" "	" "	*S. L. Dart.
1862	D. B. Tracy	E. A. Elliott	G B. Noble	D. Bovee	" "	Oliver Bourke	C. H. Putnam.
1863	*E. A. Elliott	G. B. Noble	D. Bovee	*S. L. Dart	" "	" "	J. P. Whiting.
1864	G. B. Noble	D. Bovee	*S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict	" "	" "	" "
1865	D. Bovee	S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict	W. S. Edwards	" "	" "	" "
1866	*S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict	W. S. Edwards	W. Walker	J. T. Hayden	" "	W. F. King.
1867	W. S. Edwards	Wm. Walker	J. T. Hayden	W. F. King	*Wm. Barclay	" "	J. W. Champlin.
1868	J. T. Hayden	O. L. Spaulding	J. W. Champlin	M. Walter	" "	" "	H. Shaw Noble.
1869	C. H. Putnam	O. L. Spaulding	E. Sprague	H. Shaw Noble	" "	" "	J. E. Marvin.
1870	O. L. Spaulding	E. Sprague	H. Shaw Noble	*Wm. Brown	" "	" "	J. B. Nixon.
1871	E. Sprague	H. Shaw Noble	*Wm. Brown	A. I. Sawyer	" "	G. B. Noble	E. M. Doan.
1872	H. Shaw Noble	*Wm. Brown	*M. Mansfield	E. M. Doan	*E. A. Elliott	" "	George Hill.
1873	*Wm. Brown	*M. Mansfield	E. M. Doan	George Hill	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED IN 1874.

Year.	M. I. G. Master.	Deputy G. Master.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guards
1874	*Wm. Brown	*M. Mansfield	George Hill	*E. A. Elliott	G B. Noble	A. J. Utley.
1875	*M. Mansfield	George Hill	J. R. Everard	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.
1876	George Hill	J. R. Everard	A. J. Utley	" "	" "	C. B. Reynolds.
1877	J. R. Everard	A. J. Utley	C. B. Reynolds	" "	" "	*C. W. Strait.
1878	Andrew J. Utley	*C. W. Strait	D. Woodward	" "	" "	W. S. Turck.
1879	Hugh McCurdy	D. Woodward	R. C. Hatheway	" "	" "	W. G. Hudson.
1880	David Woodward	Rufus C. Hatheway	William G. Hudson	H. Shaw Noble	" "	Geo. H. Greene.
1881	Rufus C. Hatheway	William G. Hudson	George H. Greene	" "	" "	J. H. Cummins.
1882	William G. Hudson	George H. Greene	James H. Cummins	" "	" "	G. H Stephenson
1883	George H Greene	James H. Cummins	Geo. H. Stephenson	" "	" "	Alfred Baldrey.
1884	James H. Cummins	Geo. H. Stephenson	Alfred Baldrey	" "	" "	Alfred G. Gulley.
1885	George H. Stephenson	Alfred Baldrey	Alfred G. Gulley	" "	" "	Allen McKee.
1886	Alfred Baldrey	Alfred G. Gulley	Allen McKee	" "	" "	Thos. G. Greene.

* Deceased.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN NEAR SISTER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Representatives.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	Benjamin Franklin Pope	Gadsden.
California	Wm. Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Connecticut	Fred. H. Waldron	New Haven.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolikin	Albany.
Indiana	Walter R. Godfrey	Michigan City.
Kansas	E. D. Hillyer	Valley Falls.
Louisiana	Henry Hamberger	New Orleans.
Maine	Horace Burbank	Saco.
Massachusetts	Eugene A. Holton	Boston.
Maryland	Edward T. Schuetz	Baltimore.
Missouri	Joseph S. Browne	St. Joseph.
Minnesota	William Cheney	Minneapolis.
Manitoba	John Headly Bell	Winnipeg.
New Hampshire	Harvey L. Currier	Manchester.
New York	Thos. Gliddon	Rochester.
New Jersey	John Wolverton	Trenton.
Oregon	Christopher Taylor	Dayton.
Ohio	J. W. Chamberlain	Tiffin.
Pennsylvania	James S. Barker	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Horace K. Blanchard	Providence.
South Carolina	John E. Breazeale	Anderson.
Tennessee	Bradford Nichol	Nashville.
Vermont	Marsh Olin Perkins	Windsor.

GRAND RECORDERS.

State.	Name.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	DANIEL SAYRE	Montgomery.
Arkansas	JAMES A. HENRY	Little Rock.
California	THOMAS H. CASWELL	San Francisco.
Connecticut	J. K. WHEELER	Hartford.
Canada	J. Ross ROBERTSON	55 King St. West, Toronto.
England and Wales	CHAS. FITZGERALD MATIER	8a Red Lion Sq., London, W. C.
Florida	JOHN CARLOVITZ	Milton.
Georgia	ANDREW M. WOLIHIN	Brunswick.
Illinois	GILL. W. BARNARD	78 Monroe st. Chicago.
Indiana	JOHN M. BRAMWELL	Indianapolis.
Iowa	WM. B. LANGRIDGE	Muscatine.
Kansas	JOHN H. BROWN	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	LORENZO DOW CRONINGER	Covington.
Louisiana	RICHARD LAMBERT	New Orleans.
Maine	IRA BERRY	Portland.
Maryland	GEO. L. MCCAHAN	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	223 Washington st., Boston.
Michigan	GARRA B. NOBLE	359 Larned st. East, Detroit.
Minnesota	GEORGE W. COOLEY	Minneapolis.
Missouri	WM. H. MAYO	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	GEORGE P. CLEAVES	Concord.
New Jersey	CHARLES BECHTEL	Trenton.
New York	GEORGE VANVLIET,	Corner West and Bethune streets, New York.
Nebraska	WM. R. BOWEN	Omaha.
North Carolina	DONALD W. BAIN	Raleigh.
Ohio	JOHN D. CALDWELL	Cincinnati.
Oregon	FRELON J. BABCOCK	Salem.
Pennsylvania	CHAS. E. MEYER	1717 Chestnut st., Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	WM. R. GREENE	Providence.
Scotland	ROBT. S. BROWN	5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.
South Carolina	D. D. MOORE	Rock Hill.
Tennessee	JOHN FRIZELLE	Nashville.
Vermont	WARREN G. REYNOLDS	Burlington.
Wisconsin	JOHN W. LAFLIN	Milwaukee.
G. G. Council	BENJ. F. HALLER	Memphis, Tenn.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF SISTER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN.

Grand Council.	Representatives.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	D. BURNHAM TRACY	Detroit.
California	Gen. WILLIAM P. INNES	Grand Rapids.
Connecticut	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
England and Wales	Gen. O. L. SPAULDING	St. Johns.
Florida	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Georgia	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Indiana	JOHN W. FINCH	Adrian.
Kansas	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Louisiana	Gen. O. L. SPAULDING	St. Johns.
Maine	WILLIAM S. TURCK	Alma.
Maryland	ALFRED I. SAWYER	Monroe.
Massachusetts	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Missouri	WILLIAM G. HUDSON	Ludington.
New York	H. SHAW NOBLE	Monroe.
Ohio	J. L. MITCHELL	Jackson.
Oregon	FREDERICK W. HAWES	Detroit.
Pennsylvania	CHARLES H. AXTELL	St. Louis.
Rhode Island	SAMUEL H. NORTON	Pontiac.
South Carolina	JOHN L. MITCHELL	Jackson.
Tennessee	GEORGE HILL	Portland.
Vermont	THERON F. GIDDINGS	Kalamazoo.

NECROLOGY, 1885.

William Barclay	Monroe Council, No. 1	January 22.
Thomas J. Frary	Monroe Council, No. 1	November 6.
A. L. Dempster	Monroe Council, No. 1	November 16.
S. H. Norton	Pontiac Council, No. 3	April 26.
John Conway	Pontiac Council, No. 3	March 27.
Noah Tyler	Pontiac Council, No. 3	May 25.
S. L. Carpenter	River Raisin Council, No. 4	——
F. Sorg	Union Council, No. 11	——
M. Fleming	Union Council, No. 11	——
J. P. White	Union Council, No. 11	——
H. A. Colvin	Adrian Council, No. 18	——
Judson F. Wares	Niles Council, No. 19	——
William A. Wetherby	Niles Council, No. 19	November 8.
C. C. Merritt	St. Johns Council, No. 21	——
D. V. Bunnell	Jackson Council, No. 32	March 5.
J. A. Dyer	Jackson Council, No. 32	July 28.
J. R. Watson	Jackson Council, No. 32	September 17.
Elzy Hayden	Charlotte Council, No. 36	February 6.
Randolph Buck	Charlotte Council, No. 36	August 11.
Jonathan P. Drake	Nebuzaraden Council, No. 37	Dec. 11.
Marshal J. Dickinson	South Haven Council, No. 45	——
T. W. Ratzel	Manistee Council, No. 46	January 19.
O. O. Ward	Manistee Council, No. 46	October 27.
H. P. Seymour	Manistee Council, No. 46	June 4.
Charles B. Cottrell	Bay City Council, No. 53	August 8.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan.

COMPANIONS—Your Committee on Correspondence submit their report of the proceedings of the following Grand Councils received since our last report:

Arkansas.....1885	Louisiana. 1885
Alabama.....1884	Maine 1885
Connecticut 1885	Massachusetts.....1884, 1885
California.... 1885	Minnesota.....1885
Canada.....1884, 1885	New Hampshire.....1885
Georgia.....1885	New Jersey..... 1885
Georgia for 1872 to 1879, inclusive, never before printed.	New York 1885
	Ohio..... 1885
Indiana 1885	Oregon 1885
Illinois..... 1885	Pennsylvania.....1885
Kentucky 1885	Vermont..... 1885
Kansas..... 1885	England and Wales.....Circular.

ARKANSAS—1885.

We learn from Companion Meyers' report, of Pennsylvania, that the annual Assembly was held at Little Rock, March 30, 1885. Companion Samuel W. Williams, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Six Councils represented. Companion George Thornburgh elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Companion James A. Henry, Little Rock, Grand Recorder.

ALABAMA—1884.

The forty-seventh annual Assembly was held at Montgomery December 1, 1884. Companion William Wallace McCollum,

M. I. G. Master, presiding. Five Councils represented. The Grand Master's address covered nearly two pages. He says:

"My official labors, Companions, have not been heavy during the past year. This, I take it, is a favorable indication—favorable to the views that harmony and quiet are prevailing in the subordinate Councils. The Rite, doubtless, is not making such headway as we could desire. This Rite is dependent upon the one below, and as Capitular Masonry flourishes, so does the Cryptic; and as Capitular Masonry is now looking up in this jurisdiction, let us hope that Cryptic Masonry will also."

He noticed the death of the Grand Sentinel, Companion James Davidson, and recommended a suitable tribute to his memory. He had for fifteen years guarded the portals of the several Grand bodies of the State. Companion Daniel Sayre submitted a two-page review of the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils. He says: "In all of them the Cryptic Rite is more or less prosperous" Statistics, 000.

William Wallace McCollum, Briarfield, re-elected Grand Master.

Daniel Sayre, Montgomery, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT—1885.

A special Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of New Haven, May 11, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the exemplification of the degree of Super-Excellent Master, which was conferred upon a Companion of Council No. 1, by request and consent of said Council, when the Grand Council was closed.

The sixty-seventh annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of New Haven, May 11, 1885, commencing at 2 o'clock P. M., Comp. Alex. B. Shumway, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

Nineteen Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address was short, relating to his official duties. He says: "Notwithstanding the general business depression, I believe the returns from the Subordinate Councils will show a steady increase of membership."

The following question was submitted to him: "Can the

Super-Excellent Master's Degree be conferred upon a Companion Select Master, residing in another State, the Council to which he belongs not conferring that degree?"

He decided that it could not, without permission from the Council to which he belonged. That was approved by the Grand Council.

He announced the death of the Grand Sentinel, Companion George A. Smith. For the last eleven years he has been (on alternate years) Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. William Wallace Lee, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils—Michigan for 1884 and 1885, generously noticed. He devotes most of his fire to Kentucky and Comp. Drummond of Maine. (Like the Paddy who bent his gun so as to shoot around the hill, he shoots all around, hit or miss, no matter what is in the way.) Notwithstanding, it contains many good things and we should like to quote, but must refrain, for if we began we would not know when to stop.

Statistics—Councils, 19; membership, 2,283; dues paid, $302.10.

Companion Job F. Seaman, East Killingly, elected M. P. Grand Master.

Companion Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA—1885.

The twenty-fifth annual Assembly was held in the city of San Francisco, April 30, 1886, Franklin H. Day, D. G. Master, presiding.

Seven subordinate Councils represented.

Grand Master George A. McKenzie being absent, his address was read by the Grand Recorder, relating only to his official acts.

The Grand Recorder in his report says: "Cryptic Masonry is still prosperous in this jurisdiction, though in less degree than shown at the last Assembly." Although from the returns he

shows the net increase for the year, 65. Receipts from nine Councils, $443. The Grand Treasurer in his report shows a balance of $686.49 on hand.

Companion Thomas Hubbard Caswell presented the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils; Michigan for 1884 and 1885, included. In speaking of Grand Master Greene's address of 1884, recommending the adoption of the resolution to ratify and accept the constitution of the G. G. Council, he says he regrets to say it was indefinitely postponed, and he yet hopes to see the day when Michigan will join the majority of her sisters, and for the "good of the Order," become a constituent of the General Grand Council. The constitution was amended, and the Grand Council will hereafter meet annually the day preceding and same place of the annual meetings of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. A resolution was submitted and unanimously adopted, appropriating two hundred dollars to enable the Grand Master to visit the several Councils of the jurisdiction. A grand move, and one we think if it could be adopted by all Grand Councils, would greatly benefit the Rite at large.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report:

To the M. P. Grand Council of California:

"Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution that this Grand Council recognize the degree of Super Excellent Master, and permit the same to be conferred in the subordinate Councils, respectfully report that the degree of Super Excellent Master being incorporated in the constitution of the General Grand Council and conferred by many of the Grand Jurisdictions in the East, and believing it will tend to create an increased interest in Cryptic Masonry in our State, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the degree of Super Excellent Master be recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction as one of the Council degrees, and the conferring of the same be left optional with the several Councils."

Which was unanimously adopted.

Comp. Franklin Henry Day, San Francisco, elected M. P. Grand Master.

Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell, San Francisco, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA—1884.

The fourteenth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in Toronto, July 11, 1884. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Thirteen subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master in his address says:

"The year which has just closed has been one of activity in Masonic circles, and the Cryptic Rite has not lost, but I think rather gained some ground.

"The recommendations in my address of last year have been carried out, and I have endeavored during my term of office to enquire into the work of each Council with the object of strengthening their weak points and developing their strong ones. My examination shows that the best Councils in this jurisdiction are those of St. Thomas, Guelph, Toronto, and Maitland. The Orilla Council is, I am pleased to state, in a flourishing condition.

"If the Rite is to succeed, and be an ornament and an adjunct to Masonry, it behooves each and every member to make an effort in their respective localities, which will popularize the Rite.

"The proceedings for the past three years have been printed, and are now in your hands. The new certificates have been issued, and nothing remains to be done but for the members to fall into line and take a lively interest in forwarding what is really the culminating point of Capitular Masonry."

Comp. J. Ross Robertson, re-elected M. Ill. Grand Master.

Comp. Joshua G. Brown, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA—1885.

The fifteenth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held at Hamilton July 10, 1885, Companion J. Ross Robertson, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Eight subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master in his address says:

"A glance at the report of our officers in the various districts is encouraging. We have many Councils doing good work. In Manitoba

our success has been somewhat impaired by the recent troubles. Other districts are working efficiently, and I trust will show next year a development that will be creditable to the Rite. And notwithstanding the progress made, our Rite does not flourish as do other branches of Masonry. Our mysteries merit the fullest meed of success. Our degrees are unexcelled in beauty and sublimity. The key-stone of Royal Arch Masonry cannot be firmly cemented without the aid of the Cryptic trowel, and the testimony of all who have joined our ranks is in perfect harmony with the expressions that I have uttered. In other branches we see the great source of weakness in too many lodges and too many chapters. The young Hiramites, eager and zealous for Masonic rank, turn a deaf ear to those who, after years of work and experience, feel that the undue multiplication of lodges leads in many cases to discord and unrest. Disappointed juniors, and yet faithful craftsmen, feel that the treasured Gavel in the East will never be theirs. Presiding officers, who deserve by their true and faithful work a two years' term, are thrust aside. The craze for rank must be satisfied, and new lodges in turn are petitioned for and organized—and the manufacture of P. M.'s goes on *ad lib.* As in Craft Masonry so in Capitular. Chapters are formed with the best of intentions, the brightest of hopes. The acme of perfection is promised, but rarely accomplished. Three, four and five Chapters are located where one, two or three would be ample for the work, and consequently enthusiasm dulls; the attendance is small, a bare quorum in seven cases out of ten is all that can be secured, and the work that should be prosecuted with vigor is allowed to verge into the sere and yellow. From other causes our beloved Rite has suffered. The land teems with degrees. I do not question for a moment the absolute right of every man to take as many degrees as he may have a preference for, and yet I am satisfied that we have too many grades, and after all Masonry in its purity and simplicity is to be found in the Blue lodge. I express my views with the sincerest feelings to my Masonic brethren and in the interest of our Rite. We have to contend with many difficulties. We not only feel that those who enter Capitular Masonry show apathy to the Cryptic Rite, but that the Benefit organizations have materially retarded our progress. They boom from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and have not only a blighting effect on our own but on the other branches of the Masonic tree. When these reach their zenith we shall probably see the cloud with its silver lining. The darkness of to-day but hides the light beyond. The sun of Cryptic Masonry is not yet at high meridian, and those of us who are spared will yet see it illumine the sky with a golden brightness which will gladden the hearts of those who, after years of labor in the secret vault, are rewarded by that success so sweet to all who have worked wisely and well."

It was resolved, that the control now had over conclaves of Rome and Constantine and Lodges of Royal Ark Mariners, be dissolved, and that the Grand Council hereafter confine itself to the Cryptic Rite exclusively.

At the session of 1883 the Grand Council had made a surrender to the Preceptories of Knights Templar of the Red Cross order, and now having rid themselves of the above degree, their labors are hereafter to be applied to the Cryptic degrees.

The late trouble in Manitoba affected the progress of the order to a great extent throughout the dominion.

A vote of thanks was tendered by the Grand Council saying: "To the thousands of our countrymen who in the scene of trouble in the Northwest, have distinguished themselves in defense of the rights and liberties of the people of this fair land."

Comp. Robert Ramsey, Barrie, elected M. Ill. Grand Master.

Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Toronto, elected Grand Recorder.

The next annual Assembly will be held in the second week of July, 1886, at the town of Windsor, day and hour to be named by the M. Ill. Grand Master.

We have received since the annual Assembly of our Grand Council, from the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Canada, the sad announcement of the sudden death of Most Illustrious Grand Master Robert Ramsey, who died at Toronto, January 4, 1886, of heart disease. We tender our heartfelt sympathies to the Companions of Canada.

By this event Right Ill. Companion E. H. Raymour of St. Thomas, Ont., becomes Acting Grand Master.

GEORGIA—1872 to 1879.

We have received the proceedings of this Grand Council from the year 1872 to 1879, both inclusive, never before printed. Published by Comp. Austin A. Cassil, from the original records, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

GEORGIA—1885.

The Grand Council was held in the city of Atlanta, April 29, 1885. Most Ill. C. F. Lewis, Grand Master, presiding.

Nine subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is a good one. We extract some of the choice morsels. He says:

"It affords me much pleasure to report the present outlook throughout the jurisdiction; shows a marked improvement in all that pertains to the Rite; and gives much promise for the future. The several subordinate Councils are in a healthy condition. Some of them have done more or less work during the year, as the returns will show, and I can but congratulate you on the prospect now before us. Let us, therefore, Companions, one and all, with a due sense of our responsibility, continue the efforts of the past. More always remains to be done. What has been accomplished should count for little; we must not be content with the present, but exert ourselves to advance still further in the scale of improvement. Earnest and zealous, with forward as the watchword, let us push on the good work, and have an old time revival during the coming year.

"As I am now addressing the Thrice Illustrious Masters of the subordinate Councils, I would, as far as in my feeble way I can, impress upon you the great importance of making yourselves thoroughly acquainted with the rules and precepts which the Ritual teaches. Much of the character, respect and prosperity of your respective Councils depend upon your conduct and qualifications. Instruct the membership in the history of the Rite. Set the example of promptness in attendance upon the Convocations, stated or called, of your Councils; vary the routine of business as it may seem best, to add interest and attractiveness to the same; urge it upon the individual members, that they, too, have a part to perform in the services, and not the least of that part is, by their presence to aid and support your efforts in making the Convocations what they should be—conducive to the great interests of the Rite as well as giving it that position so justly deserved."

A Charter was granted for a Council located at Senvia.

The M. Ill. Grand Master, C. F. Lewis, presented the report on correspondence reviewing the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, Michigan for 1884, of the number, with a fraternal remembrance.

Comp. C. F. Lewis, Augusta, M. Ill. Grand Master.

Comp. A. M. Wolihin, Brunswick, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1885.

The thirtieth annual Convocation of the Grand Council was held in the city of Indianapolis, October 20, 1885. Companion Hezekiah R. Marlatt, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Thirty-eight out of thirty-nine subordinate Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master is short, relating to local matters only. A Charter was granted for a Council at Michigan City, and one for a Council at Auburn.

Companion William W. Austin furnished the report on correspondence, briefly reviewing the proceedings of fifteen Grand Councils, in which Michigan for 1885 is kindly noticed.

Comp. Augustus M. Sinks, Connorsville, elected M. Ill. Grand Master.

Comp. John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next annual Assembly will be held in the city of Indianapolis, October 19, 1886.

ILLINOIS—1885.

The thirty-third annual Assembly was held in the city of Chicago, October 28, 1885. Harvey E. Huston, Most Puissant Grand Master, presiding. Twenty-eight subordinate Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master announced the death of Past M. P. Grand Master, Hiram W. Hubbard, at his home in Centralia, January 20, 1885. Also the death of Comp. Arnold R. Robinson, for thirty-two years Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council, at his home in Springfield, August 28, 1885, in his seventy-seventh year, full of years and usefulness. He says:

"The year has been one of considerable activity in this jurisdiction, not so much in the way of up-building, but rather of clearing away the rubbish for the foundation of the new structure of the future. The first important measure after the close of the last annual Assembly was the division of the jurisdiction into districts, and assigning suitable Companions to the charge of the same for the more thorough supervision of the work. In a jurisdiction as large as Illinois, it is impossible for the Grand Master

to give that minute supervision of the affairs of the craft which their importance demands, without assistance from well qualified deputies in different parts of the State. These deputies should not necessarily be appointed from the grand officers, but as a successful administration depends in a great measure on their skill and assiduity, the Grand Master should be left entirely untrammeled in their selection. No Companion should expect or accept such an appointment unless he is ready and willing to devote all the time and attention to his district that may be necessary to a thorough supervision of the same."

A system, if adopted by the Grand Masters more generally, we think would produce more benefit to the Cryptic Rite than all the harping upon pre-requisition has or can do. We heartily coincide in this method. In reviewing the work of the year, the Grand Master gives a report of every Council in numerical order in the jurisdiction. He granted proxies to Companions in charge of the districts to heal Companions who have received the Cryptic degrees in Chapter Councils prior to January 1, 1883, and who have since united with a regularly organized Council. In closing he says:

"Historical research has demonstrated that Masonry in the past has been a progressive organization, advancing by slow and measured steps, it is true, proving all things and holding fast to that which is good, based upon certain fundamental truths, from which it has never varied, and can never vary with safety. It has been constantly advancing and improving in the number and character of its degrees, in its ritual and in all the details and non-essentials of its organization.

"This process must go on in the future as it has in the past. Our institutions must keep pace with the progressive spirit of the age, or we will be distanced in the mighty rush of events in which we are participating. We must eliminate all that is useless, false and unworthy, and assimilate all that is good, beautiful and true, and that tends to make men kinder husbands, fathers and neighbors, better citizens and wiser rulers, that tends to lift our common humanity to a higher moral and intellectual plane, near to the great fountain of life and light, worthy the companionship of the Grand Artificer of the Universe, in the undesolving eternal Council of the Hereafter."

A charter was granted to form Councils at Meredosia, Council, No. 68, and Carlinsville, Council, No. 69.

The Constitution of the Grand Council submitted to the last annual Assembly was adopted, changing the titles of the officers to conform to the titles as adopted by the General Grand Council for Grand Officers of State Grand Councils and Assemblies of subordinate Councils. No report on correspondence.

Thirty-one Chartered Councils; membership, 1391.

Harvey E. Huston, Monticello, re-elected M. Ill. Grand Master.

Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY—1885.

The annual Assembly was held in the city of Louisville, October 22d, 1885, Most Ill. Grand Master, Hiram Bassett, presiding.

Nine subordinate councils represented.

The Most Ill. Grand Master in his address says:

"I regret to report that, so far as I am advised, no Council has resumed work since our last Assembly, nor has a single response been made to the circular which the Grand Recorder issued by my direction. This leads me to conclude that the Councils which have not rehabilitated themselves are, if not absolutely defunct, in a slumber so profound as to similate a cadaverous state, and are beyond the power of resurrection. I therefore recommend that their charters be declared forfeited, and that the Grand Recorder be empowered to issue certificates of the fact to former members of such Councils upon the payment of a sum equivalent to the annual per capita dues to this Grand Council since its resumption of control, and a reasonable fee to the Grand Recorder for his services."

Which on report of the committee on Address was concurred in. The committee on Correspondence say: "That they presented a full report at the last annual Assembly, and not having observed anything in the doings of other Grand Councils requiring special notice, and being aware that the funds of the Grand Council was not in a plethorical condition, are of the opinion:

"1. That for the present a report once in two years, in the absence of matters of especial interest, is sufficient.

"2. That when a report is made it is better to have it full, rather than a meager statement of transactions reported in unsatisfactory generalities,

in which the correctness of law and usage different from our own may be fully discussed.

"8. That the greatest good in reports of the doings of Cryptic Bodies, is not only the statement of the things done, but with it the views of the committees; thus by the interchange of views, a construction and the practice thereof may happily become more uniform throughout the United States."

Therefore we may conclude we will have a report next year. We hope so, for reasons expressed above.

In relation to the General Grand Council, they congratulate the Grand Council in having kept from the alliance therewith, and say: "Let us do nothing to hinder it, but keep aloof for the present."

Statistics—Councils, 11; greeted, 55; members, 511.

Comp. James William Hopper, Lebanon, elected M. Ill. Grand Master.

Comp. Lorenzo Dow Croninger, Covington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KANSAS—1885.

The annual Assembly was held in the city of Emporia, February 17, 1885, Companion Jacob Dewitt, Most Ill. Grand Master presiding.

Eight Councils represented; eight Past Grand Officers present.

The Grand Master's address was brief, relating to home matters. He says: "The reports of our subordinate Councils show marked accessions to our numbers, yet it is worthy of notice that these accessions are mainly in our younger Councils, and the question arises, Why is this so?"

We presume, upon the principle that a new broom sweeps clean.

No report on Correspondence, although we find a committee was duly appointed. Why not give us a report, Companions? if nothing more, the announcement of the receipt of proceedings of sister Grand Councils.

Comp. Samuel Saylor Newton, M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. John H. Brown, Wyandotte, Grand Recorder.

The next annual Assembly at Topeka, February 16, 1886.

LOUISIANA—1885.

We find from Companion Osgoodby's report, of New York, that the annual Assembly was held at New Orleans, February 12, Most Ill. Alfred Shaw, Grand Master, presiding. The officers all re-elected.

MAINE—1885.

The thirty-first annual Assembly was held in the city of Portland, May 6, 1885, Most Ill. Grand Master Horace H. Burbank, presiding.

Ten subordinate Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master is brief. He says: "I can report no special progress nor activity in Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction during the year." In lieu of personal visitation, he deputized well-known Companions to inspect the work of the respective Councils, and submitted a summary of the reports. He recommends that grand visitations be made mandatory, and that necessary assessments be levied for the purpose. One Council, No. 9, surrendered its charter, and one, No. 12, dormant for eight years, has resumed labor and now is in a healthful and prosperous condition.

He announced the death of Companion Henry H. Dickey of Lewiston, Past T. I. M., who died May 21, 1884.

The address was submitted to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, who considered it desirable that the visitation should be made by the Grand Officers, and recommended the subject of the expense thereof in future years be referred to the Committee on Finance, which was adopted.

The report on Correspondence was submitted by Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand Councils, Michigan for 1885, included, and the General Grand Council circular.

We always look forward with much pleasure for Companion Drummond's report, for we find many times much information we get from no other source. We give his conclusion in full, that all who take the trouble or pleasure to read the report may see the status of the Grand Councils generally, and views of our correspondents. He says:

"While the proceedings of the Grand Councils give better than heretofore the statistics, still they are not complete enough to enable us to make a satisfactory table, especially this year, when so many of the Grand Councils do not print their proceedings. We hope another year to return to our custom of giving a table of statistics.

"The proceedings received in almost all cases, show an increase of membership and a steady growth. They show also a revival of the confidence in the future prosperity of the Rite, which was badly shaken by the attempted introduction of the "Mississippi Plan." Whatever may be said to the contrary, the organization of the General Grand Council has proved to be the pillar of support of the Rite. The 'Mississippi Plan' is still maintained in Iowa, Nebraska and North Carolina, while Virginia, Texas and West Virginia adhere to their system. We believe that all that prevents the return of the three first named to the Council system, is the hope that in consequence of the failure of certain Grand Councils to become constituents of the General Grand Council, the latter body will be dissolved and the 'Mississippi Plan' receive a new boom. We verily believe that if Connecticut, Michigan and New Jersey should give in their adhesion, they would be followed by Arkansas, Illinois and Kentucky, and that in a very short time Iowa, Mississippi and Nebraska would have Grand Councils, and the Rite be established on a firmer basis than ever before."

Statistics—Councils, 11; admitted, 33; members, 944.

Comp. Horace H. Burbank, Saco, re-elected Most Ill. Grand Master.

Comp. Ira Berry, Portland, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS—1884.

The annual Assembly was held in the city of Boston, December 10, 1884. Most Ill. Grand Master, John Haigh, presiding.

Representatives of fourteen subordinate Councils present. The proceedings contain the portrait of Grand Master Haigh.

The Grand Master's address was brief, relating to local matters. He granted one dispensation for a new Council. He says: "On May 29, an official visit was made to Boston Council, accompanied by a large delegation of the officers and Past officers and members of the Grand Council. The occasion was made doubly interesting by the presence of so large a number of candidates (66). The work of the Super-Excellent Degree being exemplified in full form, in a beautiful and interesting manner; Carter's Military Band (41 pieces) assisting."

He highly compliments T. Ill. Master James K. Odell of Boston Council, in his untiring zeal for the interest of his Council and unparalleled success---one hundred and ten candidates having received the degrees during the year. In closing he says: "To-day it seems to me almost impossible that it is three years since I was first honored with an election to this office. In these three years no officer of this Grand Council has been removed by death. Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout this jurisdiction."

Comp. John W. Dadmun, of the Committee on Correspondence, says: "Our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Seramus Bowen, requested us to write a short report this year, as the manuscript proceedings were already in the hands of the printer." He made the effort, and brought forth three pages, and says: "We will therefore call this an introduction to a review, *seriatim* another year (D. V.)"

Comp. Seramus Bowen, Roxbury, elected Most Ill. Grand Master.

Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS—1885.

A special Assembly was held in the city of Brockton, March 20, 1885, for the purpose of constituting Brockton Council and initiating its officers.

The annual Assembly was held in the city of Boston, December 9, 1885, Most Ill. Grand Master Seramus Brown, presiding.

Nineteen subordinate Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master is good, and shows that he has not been "sleeping at his post;" is full of truth and worthy of full attention: He says:

"On assuming the duties of this office one year ago, I found that six of the subordinate Councils were in arrears, and delinquent in making returns to the Grand Council. After much more correspondence than ought to have been necessary, I was able to get them, all but one Council in time to make the statistical table for the printed proceedings."

In the course of his correspondence he found that one Council had not held a meeting for several years, and that the T. I. M. had been living in a distant State for nearly two years. In his endeavors to infuse life into the Companions, and getting no response from his communications, he issued an order to the Deputy Master to call a special Assembly of the Council, summoning every member to be present, notifying them that the purpose was to ascertain if they desired to continue as a Council. The result was an application for permission to receive petitions and confer the degrees at the same Assembly, and for the Grand Master to bring Companions with him to work the degrees for them. He says: "Believing that if they were disposed to help themselves it would be wise for me to help them." He invited several Companions to accompany him and they gave an exhibition of the work, after which officers were elected and installed, and the Council placed in sound working condition. The Council reported at the annual Assembly the conferring of the degrees upon twelve candidates, a very creditable showing from a Council that had not worked a degree for six years. He says:

"Here was a Council in an active Masonic centre, with a membership, including a large number of good workers, hampered by officers who had become indifferent, and members who seemed to think that some one else should do the work, and the result was nothing done. Believing as I do, that a body which has no meetings is not only not an element of strength, but a positive injury to the Grand Body, I took the action as described, and the result has fully met my expectations."

A course, if adopted by Grand Masters more than it now seems to be, would result in great benefit to their subordinate Councils.

He says the question most usually asked is: "What can we do to strengthen the Cryptic Rite? And the reason most frequently assigned is: Make the degrees pre-requisite to the Order of Knighthood! This view is plausible, but no less erroneous." We think so too; let us stand upon our dignity. Much more he says, but we must stop ere we quote the address in full.

Comp. John W. Dadmun presented a review of eighteen Grand Council proceedings, Michigan for 1885, included. Last year he gave us his introduction (as he said) for a *seriatim* review this year, and he has given us a good one. In opening he says:

"It is said that 'brevity is the soul of wit,' but it is *not* said that wit is the soul of brevity; therefore, we shall not claim to be witty because of our brevity in making this report.

"We want to say to our associate 'drivers of the quill,' we must work for a revival of Cryptic Masonry. We have just passed through a wilderness of discouragements, which came near scattering us like sheep without a shepherd. Let us go out after those that may have been left in the desert, or 'on the mountain cold,' and bring them in, that we may have 'one fold and one shepherd.' Unity of purpose and effort will accomplish wonders in the Craft to which we belong. Work, work, work, should be the watchword."

We agree with Companion Dadmun. Work is the way to accomplish the result, not sit down and whine because some other Order will not help us. Help ourselves; be independent; we can if we will, and we will. In his notice of Michigan he quotes from Grand Master Cummins' address in relation to the proceedings of the Grand Councils and reports of Correspondence being so little read, and says the tone of the address is excellent, and the kind of spirit that must be infused into all Grand and Subordinate officers in every jurisdiction. He says: "The question of making the Council degrees pre-requisite to

the Order of the Temple, was favorably reported upon by a Committee, and adopted by Grand Council." A mistake, Companion. There was no question before the Grand Council on the pre-requisite matter. The report was from the Committee on the Grand Master's address, in answer to questions received by him from the Grand Master of Indiana. In speaking of our report, he lets us down very easy, agreeing with us very generally in the principal question before the Craft.

Statistics—Councils, 23; members, 2,832.

Most Ill. Comp. Seramus Bowen, Roxbury, re-elected Grand Master.

Most Ill. Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA—1885.

The sixteenth annual Assembly was held in the city of St. Paul, October 12, 1885. Most Ill. Grand Master, Dwight M. Baldwin, presiding. Five subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief, relating to local matters mostly. He says: "My official duties have been exceedingly light. * * * * * Generally speaking there has been no "boom" in work in any Masonic body in Minnesota during the year. * * * * But there is a brighter day coming."

Proceedings of a local character entirely. The pamphlet has for its title page the portrait of the first Most Ill. Grand Master of the Grand Council, John C. Terry.

Comp. Geo. W. Cooley presented the report on Correspondence. In the opening he says he regrets that he had not obtained a larger number of reports, and that a much more complete report might have been presented if the Ill. Grand Recorder had been appointed chairman of the committee. Notwithstanding, he has given us an excellent report of the proceedings of nineteen Sister Grand Councils. Michigan, for 1885, receiving a fraternal notice.

Comp. Dwight M. Baldwin, Red Wing, re-elected Most Ill. Grand Master.

Comp. Geo. W. Cooley, Minneapolis, elected Grand Recorder.

The next annual Assembly will be held at St. Paul, October 11, 1886, at 4 o'clock P. M.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1885.

The twenty-fourth annual Assembly was held in the city of Concord, May 18, 1885. Comp. John Gillis, Most Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Four subordinate Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master is brief; confined to local affairs. Returns from nine Councils show a healthy increase, 7 doing work, greeting 39, during the year, net gain 17, total membership, 898.

Comp. George P. Cleaves presented an interesting review of the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, Michigan for 1885, included. In closing his report he says: "There is but little to be said in regard to the condition of the Rite, further than can be seen in the extracts we have made. It certainly is in as good condition as one year ago, and in many jurisdictions great improvement has been made."

Elliott B. Hodge, Plymouth, elected M. Ill. Grand Master.

George P. Cleaves, Concord, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The twenty-fifth annual Assembly will be held at Concord, May 17, 1886, at 4 o'clock P. M.

NEW JERSEY—1885.

The twenty-seventh annual Assembly was held at Trenton January 27, 1885, Comp. Leonard L. Grear, Most Ill. Grand Master, presiding. Five subordinate Councils were represented.

Grand Master Leonard L. Grear, in his address, says: "By the report of the Grand Recorder you will see that it has been a year of exceptional prosperity in the increased number of Companions applying for admission in the Councils throughout the State."

He feelingly announced the death, by accident, of Most Ill. Frank A. Fenton, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council. He says:

"During the year I have visited nearly all the Councils in this jurisdiction. The T. Ill. Masters of those I have not visited inform me that the general condition of their Councils is good. The T. Ill. Master of one Council was not courteous enough to reply to my letter asking when it would suit his convenience for me to make my official visit. I have since learned from the Recorder that they have had no meeting since my letter was sent."

The Grand Recorder reported that he had returns from all the subordinate Councils in the jurisdiction, showing an increase in membership of 50.

Very appropriate designs for Past T. Ill. Masters and Past Grand Masters' jewels were presented by a committee for that purpose. A committee was appointed to present a Standard Ritual for this jurisdiction and report at the next annual Assembly.

Comp. Charles Bechtel submitted a brief report on Correspondence, regretting the finances of the Grand Council would not admit of making it longer and more intelligible, reviewing the proceedings of fourteen Grand Councils, and the General Grand Council, Michigan not included Why, Companion Bechtel, we mailed them to you; if not received let us know, and we will supply you. We always have enough to duplicate. He says: "The Cryptic Rite seems to be flourishing, for which the advocates of the General Grand Council claim all the credit; we will not dispute that claim, but assume the right to express our gratification also."

Companion Edward I. Mills, Camden, elected M. I. Grand Master; Companion Charles Bechtel, Trenton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next annual Assembly will be held January 26, 1886.

NEW YORK—1885.

The annual Assembly was held in the city of New York, September 8, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M. M. Ill. Thomas Gliddon, Grand Master, presiding.

Twenty-four subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief, relating to local matters. He resurrected one dormant Council, and visited others that were sleepy, stirring them up, showing what a live Grand Master can do. In closing, he says:

"Two years of service as Grand Master, and several years of preceding service in this Grand Council, has profoundly impressed me with the earnest work that can be done by a Grand officer in this jurisdiction in preserving the symbols and ceremonies of Cryptic Masonry. We go into the S.·.V.·. because of the conviction that in that dark recess we have a labor to perform that we, or only such as we, can accomplish. Close it, and it may be truly said that we have allowed a light to be extinguished for which it would be difficult for us to give a reasonable excuse. Companions, if we continue to work with unwavering assiduity, the Ninth Arch will be kept open for our deposits, and we will be able to sing, "Joy, joy to the world, the sacred word is found." This is a duty we owe to ourselves, and the ardent disciples of the symbolism and ceremonies of the grades of Royal and Select Masters admonish not to falter when everything looks so bright around us."

Which we commend to the consideration of all Royal and Select Masters. Proceedings are of local interest only. Amendments to the constitution were adopted, and the whole printed in the pamphlet received, together with forms and ceremonies for installation of officers of the Grand Council, and installing officers of subordinate Councils.

Comp. Geo. M. Osgoodby submitted the report, in which he says he has been out foraging in the lines of friends and skirmishing in the camps of those he would gladly hail as beloved Companions, but who have joined themselves unto strange gods and idolatry of their own choosing, which our obligations prohibit us from serving, and presents reviews from thirty-six

bodies, including four subordinates under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council: Arizona, District of Columbia, Indian Territory, and New Mexico.

In our last report we found much information relative to the Cryptic Rite that we copied from Comp. Osgoodby, and we find very much in the present report that we are unable to get otherwise, and we again copy largely from it.

FLORIDA, 1885—"The annual Assembly was held as usual. The officers all re-elected. Proceedings will not be printed at present."

IOWA, 1884—"Still dead, but is getting ready for that eruption. Nothing appears to be doing in or towards the advancement of the Rite. It is wedded to the Chapter." We hope that eruption when it comes will procure a divorce in full from bed and board.

MARYLAND—The proceedings have not been printed for the past three years. The annual Assembly of 1884 was held on November 12th. Three Councils represented. M. Ill. Henry C. Larrabee, elected Grand Master; Comp. Geo. L. McCahan, Baltimore, re-elected Grand Recorder. (We wish they would give us a card list of their officers elected yearly, if nothing more, that we may know where and who to address for information relative to the Rite.)

MISSISSIPPI—Still adheres to her "Morgan Plan." We find there is a still small voice sounding abroad there that we hope will eventually burst forth in loud tones and open the ears of the deaf to the words of truth and justice.

MISSOURI—He says: "The last Assembly was held May 3d, 1885. M. Ill. William H. Dale, Grand Master, and Companion William H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Recorder."

NORTH CAROLINA—Has gone over to the bosom of the Chapter, but from what we gather from Comp. Osgoodby's report, all things are not satisfactory, but badly mixed, and we may look for something to turn up in the future.

Under MICHIGAN, he comments upon the report of Grand Master Cummins to permit Petoskey Council to go to Cheboygan to confer the degrees upon Companions, to enable them to apply for a dispensation for a Council, and guesses we have got all the Councils we can handle in Michigan. Not by any means, Companion Osgoodby, we can handle many more than we have, but when we get them we want those that are legitimately brought into the fold, and encourage the proper and legal conferring of the degrees upon every Royal Arch Mason that enters the S.·.V.·. Migratory, or traveling Lodges, Chapters, Councils or Commanderies are not permitted in Michigan. A special committee, he says, was appointed upon the pre-requisite question. Mistaken, again, Companion! The special committee was appointed upon a portion of the Grand Master's address, to whom was referred three questions from the Grand Master of Indiana. (*See* Grand Master's address, Proceedings 1885, p. 13; also, p. 22, Committee's Report.) He kindly comments upon our report and generously consents to our copying from his reports, which we have copiously done in the present one.

In conclusion, he says:

"The Cryptic Rite is firmly fixed upon its solid foundations, the Temple approaches completion, and the fires are already lighted upon its Altars, and the incense is ascending upwards. There is no mistaking the present situation, and those who have stood aloof should read the writing upon the wall. The time approaches when to be *of* the select number will be an honor indeed; and to be in the distance a caviller and an idle spectator, unsought in the selection of the material with which it is destined to fill its proper position of honor in the fraternity, will be to occupy a place amongst the rubbish."

OREGON—1885.

An emergent convention of Royal and Select Masters was held at McMinnville, February 3, 1885, by authority of the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Council for the State of Oregon.

Three subordinate Councils, Pioneer, No. 1; Oregon, No. 2; and Washington, No. 3, represented. A constitution was

adopted, Grand officers elected, and adjourned to meet again when an installing officer is appointed by the General Grand Master. May 11, 1885, the Grand Master elect having received the authority from the General Grand Master, called the convention together and the Grand officers were installed, and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oregon was proclaimed legally organized and officers installed.

Comp. Asa H. Hodson, McMinnville, elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Comp. Frelon J. Babcock, Salem, elected Grand Recorder.

The Grand Council closed to meet at its first annual Assembly at Corvallis, the second Wednesday of January, 1886. We greet Oregon, and welcome her into the family of Grand Councils.

Since preparing the above we have received the proceedings of the first annual Assembly of the Grand Council held at Corvallis, January 13, 1886; too late for review at this time.

Comp. Wallace Baldwin, Corvallis, elected M. I. Grand Master; Comp. Frelon J. Babcock, Salem, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next annual Assembly will be held at East Portland, on Wednesday, January 12, 1887.

OHIO—1885.

The fifty-fifth annual Assembly was held in the city of Cleveland, October 6, 1885. Comp. D. P. Chamberlain, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Fifty-three subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, relating to his official doings. He says:

"Owing to the universal dullness prevailing in the business world, Masonry is more or less influenced, resulting in a quiet time, but it is not

necessarily injurious to the good of the Order, giving more time to look over the work, repair the weak places, and prepare the workmen for more active duties. The danger is not in doing too little in the acquisition of members, but from the rapid accumulation of unsound and defective material."

He further says:

"Representation of other grand bodies in this Grand Council, by the appointment of Companions residing in this jurisdiction by foreign Grand bodies, and the appointments made by this Grand Body of Companions to represent us in foreign jurisdictions, is a matter which should, I think, receive a share of your attention. Companions are appointed and receive their commissions, and the whole matter seems to end there. If this custom is one worth preserving, it should be put on a different footing. There should be an accurate account kept of these appointments, a list of all who are so appointed made each year and reported by Grand Recorder. Those who fail two years in succession to come here and report should be dropped from the list, that others may be appointed in their place. I would recommend this matter be referred to the committee on Condition of the Order, for them to report a plan for our guidance in the future."

Which was referred to the committee on the Good of the Order, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"Your committee are in full accord with the Grand Master in requesting that the Representatives of other Grand Councils residing near this Grand Council shall take an active interest in Cryptic Work, and would recommend that wherever the Representative of a sister Grand Council, accredited to this Grand Jurisdiction, omits to be present, either in person or by a report and excuse for such absence, for two successive annual meetings of this Grand Council, the Grand Master of the State Grand Council which such delinquent represents must be notified by the Grand Master that his Representative is delinquent, and courteously ask such Grand Master for permission to recommend for his appointment to that position some other Cryptic Mason who will take an active interest in Cryptic Work."

We are in full accord with the Grand Master, and also with the committee. Ohio adopted two or three years ago a plan of visitation by dividing the State into districts and appointing by the Grand Master a competent Companion as his proxy, to visit and report to the Grand Council the condition of the several

Councils in his district. The Grand Master divided the State into sixteen districts, no one having over five Councils to visit, many three or four. There were sixteen districts the past year, from which we find fifteen full reports, comprising all but four Councils in the State, showing the condition of each Council; a plan we think of great benefit to the Councils throughout the jurisdiction.

Companion S. Stacker Williams submitted the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Councils, Michigan included, being, he says, the fourth annual report, and like the previous ones, is a good one. Of Michigan, he copies the questions submitted by the Grand Master received from the Grand Master of Indiana in relation to the pre-requisite question, and the answer, and says: "We predict that this Committee will not live to see such a step taken by the Grand Encampment." We are very much of the same opinion, and think it will much sooner be accomplished by following the course mentioned by Grand Master Goodale, of Ohio, in his address of 1884, (that we copied last year; *see* our proceedings, 1885, p. 68.) He takes exception to our question in the action of Ohio in reference to a Companion from Texas asking for membership in Ohio, and illustrates by taking a Companion receiving them in a regular Council in Tennessee, and removing to Mississippi, becomes a member, then dimits and returns to Ohio, and asks for membership; can he visit a Council holding allegiance to the General Grand Council? No. Can he become a member? Yes; by petition. Must be be healed? Yes. Thinks it very complimentary to the Companion. We still think we are right, for the reason Mississippi is not a legal Council under this jurisdiction, and is not held to be in good standing by the Grand Council throughout the United States, neither is any Council holding authority from a Grand Chapter. If the Companion has strayed away and got into bad company and wants to recover himself, he must receive the glorious "healing" balm to cleanse himself. In conclusion, he says:

"In writing these reports we have been ambitious to review annually the proceedings of every Grand Council in the world, and we flatter ourselves that we have come as near the accomplishment in this as any other reviewer."

We think he has, and find much that we were unable to get elsewhere, and take the liberty to copy from his report, and trust Comp. Williams will excuse us for so doing.

Comp. D. P. Chamberlain, Toledo, elected Most Ill. Grand Master; Comp. John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Statistics—Councils, 52; membership, 2,641.

The next annual Assembly will be held at Toledo, October 7th, 1886.

PENNSYLVANIA—1885.

The thirty-ninth annual Assembly was held at Lancaster, February, 1885. Comp. Andrew J. Kauffman, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

Eight Councils represented.

Grand Master's address, one page, is simply a report of his doings. Comp. Charles E. Meyers submitted the report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of ten Grand Councils, Michigan of the number, giving a fraternal notice.

In reply to Comp. Austin, of Indiana, speaking of Comp. Meyers' verbal report on Correspondence last year, says: "When we have anything to say in writing, we say it." And says: "Now we feel so much pleased with the progress made during the past year, that we must tell it in writing to our Companions, so that they may enjoy it with us."

Under Kentucky, he takes up Comp. Grant on the subject of the Grand Master making Masons at sight, and Boy Masons, and says: "It is one of the prerogatives of Grand Masters to make Masons at sight, and youths under age, Masons." We have always held that an ancient right of Grand Masters, but have no recollection of the right to make Masons under lawful

age, or of its being exercised in any jurisdiction except Pennsylvania. Perhaps the question would arise, what is the lawful age? In conclusion, he says:

"Everywhere there are brighter hopes felt for the future of Cryptic Masonry, and it is a source of gratification for us so to report. We have the most profound respect and veneration for everything that is of Pennsylvania, and in such comments as we have made we have defended its customs and usages with all the power of words given us. We believe we are right, and will maintain that belief in that right with all our might."

The proceedings contained the revised constitution, adopted 1885, and is styled the Grand Council of Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Masters of Pennsylvania. The Grand Master's title is: "Most Puissant Grand Master;" "Right Puissant Deputy Grand Master," etc. Subordinate Council officers' titles are "T. I. Grand Masters;" "Deputy I. Grand Masters;" "P. C. of Work," etc.

Statistics—Councils, 14; membership, 1,274.

Comp. J. Lilond Lytle, Pittsburgh, elected M. P. Grand Master; Comp. Chas. E. Meyers, 1717 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, re-elected R. P. Grand Recorder.

The next annual Assembly will be held at Allentown, February 17, 1886.

VERMONT—1885.

The thirty-second annual Assembly was held in the city of Burlington, June 9, 1885. Comp. William H. S. Whitcomb, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Thirteen Councils represented and representatives of fourteen other Grand Councils, Michigan included.

The Grand Master's address is very brief, relating to matters of local interest only. He says:

"The Cryptic Rite in Vermont shows a steady movement forward. It has never had the sudden successes and sad reverses of other Masonic bodies in Vermont, but all the days of its years have been fairly prosperous. This I ascribe in a large measure to the fact that more than any body above the Blue Lodge, the membership is peculiarly voluntary;

they are unsought, men whom the glitter at that parade of other organizations have not been able to hold, but whom the quiet beauty of the Cryptic Rite has held steadfast."

Grand Master Thomas Glidden, of New York, accompanied by Comp. R. C. Christiance, the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Vermont, near the Grand Council of New York, being announced, were received and welcomed with appropriate honors.

Under the head of committees, we find Comp. Warren G. Reynolds, chairman of Committee on Correspondence, but find no report. Can't you give us something, Companion? Let us hear from you next year.

Comp. William H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington, re-elected M. I. Grand Master.

Comp. Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next annual Assembly will be held at Burlington, June 8, 1886, 7:30 P. M.

TENNESSEE—1885.

We find from Companion S. Stacker Williams', of Ohio, report, the only information we have as to the doings of the jurisdiction. He says:

"The proceedings of this Assembly are not printed, and our information is derived from a circular kindly sent us by the Grand Recorder. "The minimum *fees* for the degrees to be charged by Subordinate Councils was increased to *fifteen* dollars." This Grand Council has for years indulged a number of delinquent Subordinates. This year she declared the Charters of *ten* Councils *forfeited*. Correct. If they were dead already, why make them *appear* alive by carrying them on the roll?"

Just so, we say.

Henry C. Hensley, elected M. I. Grand Master; John Frizzelle, elected Grand Recorder.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

We have nothing from this body since our last report. We learn from Comp. Geo. M. Osgoodby's report on Correspondence to the Grand Council of New York, that the General Grand Council of the United States will be held at Washington, D. C., September 28, 1886, which is the date fixed for the next Triennial of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, to which he would be pleased to welcome all Representative Royal and Select Masons from Grand Councils holding to the faith, but which are not constituents of the General Grand Council.

Geo. M. Osgoodby, Buffalo, N. Y., M. P. General Grand Master; Benjamin F. Haller, Memphis, Tenn., P. General Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

We have received a circular from Comp. Charles Fitzgerald Matier, P. D. G. M. Grand Recorder, saying:

The annual meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales was held at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, London, W. C., January 7, 1886. Owing to the absence of M. P. Comp. the Rev. Canon Portal, Grand Master, Comp. F. C. Walls, M. P. D. G. M. presided. An election was held and Most Ill. Companion, Rev. Canon G. Raymond Portal was duly re-elected M. P. Grand Master. It appears that the Grand Master holds his office three years, and appoints the Grand officers of the Grand Council yearly, which was done at this time. Companion Charles Fitzgerald Matier, P. D. G. M. Grand Recorder, 8a Red Lion Square, London, W. C. We copy from the report received as follows:

"Grand Council having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Most Ill. Comp. the Rev. Canon G. Raymond Portal, M. A., the only nomination for the office of M. P. G. M., was declared duly elected, and was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

"The Council have great pleasure in announcing that the Most Illustrious Grand Master, the Rev. Canon Portal, M. A., has consented to allow himself to be nominated for a further period of three years.

"The D. G. M., Comp. T. C. Walls, said that he had received the commands of the M. P. G. M. to appoint the following companions and Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and those of them who were present were invested and saluted accordingly.

"The State Grand Councils of America are on terms of amity and concord with this Grand Council, and the Most Ill. G. M., Rev. Canon Portal, M. A., has accepted the office of Representative of the General Grand Council of the United States. This Grand Council is at present represented near the following Grand Councils:—General Grand Council, U. S. A., Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Michigan, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Scotland, and the cordial thanks of the Grand Council are due to these Grand Bodies for copies of their proceedings."

CONCLUSION.

Companions, our labor is finished, and with a sigh of relief we offer this our report for your approval.

We have endeavored to review carefully and fraternally points which seem to be of interest and benefit to the Rite.

To make judicious and necessary selections from the various reports we obtain, requires much time and thought, and if we have quoted and commented upon much which seemed to demand no attention, and omitted that which required notice—we admit our error—for the large field of intelligence before us places us in doubt as to what is most necessary to all, and what points of discussion require comment. And now, Companions, with the kindest and most fraternal feelings toward all, we close our work for another twelve months—yea—perhaps forever.



For the Committee.

NEBRASKA.

We have received (since writing our report) a circular from Comp. Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, saying that the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter was authorized at the annual Convocation in December last, 1885, to release all authority of the Grand Chapter over the Cryptic degrees of Royal and Select Masters upon the request of any Grand or Subordinate Council; such release to include surrender of funds and property. The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Nebraska having requested such release, the Grand High Priest issued his proclamation, saying:

"That all control and jurisdiction over the Cryptic degrees of Royal and Select Masters by the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, and its subordinate Chapters, cease on the 31st day of March, 1886, and said degrees be not thereafter confered by, or in connection with any Royal Arch Chapter of Nebraska."

We greet the Grand Council of Nebraska, and welcome her into the fold of the Cryptic Rite once more.

G. B. NOBLE,
Grand Recorder.

MASONIC CALENDAR.

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling *Anno Lucis* (A.·.L.·.), "in the year of light."

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS—Same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish Chronology is used, *Anno Mundi* (A.·.M.·.), "in the year of the world."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS—Date from the year the second Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, *Anno Inventionis*, (A.·.Inv.·.), "in the year of the discovery."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, *Anno Depositionis* (A.·.Dep.·.), "in the year of the deposit."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—Commence their era with the organization of their order, *Anno Ordinis* (A.·.O.·.) "in the year of the Order."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES.

1. ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—Add 4,000 years to the common time; thus, 1886 to 4000, equal to 5886.

2. SCOTTISH RITE MASONS—Add 3760 years to the common era; thus, 1886 to 3760, equal to 5646.

3. ROYAL ARCH MASONS—Add 530 years to the vulgar era; thus; 1886 to 530, equal to 2416.

4. ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—Add 1000 years to the common time; thus, 1886 to 1000, equal to 2886.

5. KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—From the Christian era take 1118 years thus, 1118 from 1886, equal to 768.

Year of the Lord, A.·.D.·. 1886—Christian Era.
Year of the Light, A.·.L.·. 5886—Ancient Craft.
Year of the World, A.·.M.·. 5646—Scottish Rite.
Year of the Discovery, A.·.Inv.·. 2416—Royal Arch.
Year of the Deposit, A.·.Dep.·. 2886—Royal and Select Masters.
Year of the Order, A.·.O.·. 768—Knights Templar.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS

Twenty-Ninth Annual Assembly, at Detroit,

COMMENCING MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1887.



DETROIT:
WM. F. MOORE, PRINTER, 44 LARNED STREET WEST.
1887.

FORM OF PETITION FOR A NEW COUNCIL.

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

The undersigned petitioners, being Royal and Select Masters, having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, and being willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Cryptic Masonry, respectfully represent:

That they are desirous of forming a Council in the ——— of ———, County of ———, and State of ———, to be named ——— Council, No.——

They therefore pray for Letters of Dispensation, or a Warrant of Constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal Council, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the regulations of the Grand Council.

They have nominated and do recommend, Comp. A. B., to be the first T. I. M.; Comp. C. D, to be first D. M.; and Comp. E. G., to be the first P. C. of W. of said Council.

If the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted, they promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council.

N. B.—The above petition must be signed by not less than NINE Select Masters.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN assembled at Masonic Temple in the City of Detroit, on Monday, January 17, being the Monday preceding the third Tuesday in January, A. D. 1887, A. Dep. 2887, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

Comp. ALFRED BALDREY.....M. I. Grand Master.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY.....D. I. Grand Master.
" ALLEN McKEE.....G. P. Cond. of Work.
" H. SHAW NOBLE.....Grand Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE.....Grand Recorder.
" REV. FRANCIS A. BLADES.....Grand Chaplain.
" THOMAS G. GREENE.....G. Capt. of Guard.
" SANFORD HUNT.....G. Cond. of Council.
" TRAVERSE PHILLIPS.....Grand Steward.
" ALEX McGREGOR.....Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. Ill. Comp.	D. B. TRACY	Past Grand Master.
" "	GARRA B. NOBLE	Past Grand Master.
" "	OLIVER L. SPAULDING	Past Grand Master.
" "	EBENEZER SPRAGUE	Past Grand Master.
" "	H. SHAW NOBLE	Past Grand Master.
" "	HUGH McCURDY	Past Grand Master.
" "	DAVID WOODWARD	Past Grand Master.
" "	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Past Grand Master.
" "	WILLIAM G. HUDSON	Past Grand Master.
" "	GEORGE H. GREENE	Past Grand Master.
" "	JAMES H. CUMMINS	Past Grand Master.
" "	GEORGE H. STEPHENSON	Past Grand Master.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Alabama,	California,	Connecticut,	Florida,
Georgia,	Kansas,	Maryland,	Massachusetts,
Minnesota,	Missouri,	New York,	Louisiana.
Oregon,	England and Wales,		Indiana,

The Grand officers being present, and the representatives of a constitutional number of Subordinate Councils, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was opened in ample form, with prayer by Rev. Francis A. Blades, Grand Chaplain.

The M. I. Grand Master appointed Companions Garra B. Noble, David Woodward and Peter F. Blosser, a Committee on Credentials, who presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the M. I. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the credentials submitted to them, and find the following members and delegates entitled to seats in the Grand Council:

Comp. ALFRED BALDREY.....M. I. Grand Master.
" ALFRED G. GULLEY.....D. Grand Master.
" ALLEN McKEE.....Gr. P. C. of Work.
" H. SHAW NOBLE.....Grand Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE.....Grand Recorder.
" Rev. FRANCIS A. BLADES.....Grand Chaplain.
" THOMAS G. GREENE.....Gr. Capt. of Guard.
" SANFORD HUNT.....Gr. Cond. of Council.
" TRAVERSE PHILLIPS.....Grand Steward.
" ALEXANDER McGREGOR.....Grand Sentinel.

Also, the Past M. I. Gr. Masters, Past D. Gr. Masters, and Past Gr. P. Conductors of Work, and all Past Thrice Illustrious Masters who are members of Subordinate Councils, and the following officers and delegates from Subordinate Councils:

Monroe Council, No. 1.

Comp. JULIUS A. DRESSER.....T. I. M.
" WM. M. BAILEY.....D. M.
" CHAS. R. BAGG.....P. C. of W.

Pontiac Council, No. 8.

Comp. EDMUND C. SMITH.....T. I. M.
" JOSEPH E. SAWYER.....D. M.
" LAFAYETTE BOSTWICK.....P. C. of W.

River Raisin Council, No. 4.

Comp. A. I. SAWYER.....T. I. M.
" C. W. SCOTT.....D. M.
" LEWIS GRANT.....P. C. of W.
" JOSEPH CLARK.....Proxy for T. I. M.

Jonesville Council, No. 5.

Comp. R. G. SPAULDING.....T. I. M.
" J. I. DENNIS.....D. M.
" CHARLES H. LEVENS.....P. C. of W.

Mt. Moriah Council, No. 6.

Comp. NATHAN ROSENBAUM.....T. I. M.
" ALBERT A. DORRANCE.....D. M.
" MARCELLUS H. PARKER.....P. C. of W.

Romeo Council, No. 8.

(No Returns.)

Zabud Council, No. 9.

Comp. D. D. BUCK.....T. I. M.
" CHARLES I. MILLER.....D. M.
" L. L. LIVINGSTON.....P. C. of W.

Tyre Council, No. 10.

Comp. RUFUS C. HATHEWAY.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE W. LABOUR.....D. M.
" JAMES ROWSON.....P. C. of W.
" WM. P. INNES.....Proxy for T. I. M.

Union Council, No. 11.

Comp. HOWARD STEPHENSON.....T. I. M.
" P. W. CARPENTER.....D. M.
" A. S. TURNBULL.....P. C. of W.

Ionia Council, No. 12.

Comp. PETER B. HAIGHT.....T. I. M.
" MICHAEL STEELE.....D. M.
" R. H. BEDFORD.....P. C. of W.

Sturgis Council, No. 13.

Comp. THOMAS J. COLLINS.....T. I. M.
" HENRY L. ANTHONY.....D. M.
" IRA F. PACKARD.....P. C. of W.
" HENRY S. CHURCH.....Proxy for T. I. M.

Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15.

Comp. IRA CARPENTER.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE CARD.....D. M.
" MOSES KOCHENTHAL.....P. C. of W.

Genesee Council, No. 17.

(No Returns.)

Adrian Council, No. 18.

Comp. ORSAMUS LAMB.....T. I. M.
" ASA P. SECORD.....D. M.
" FRED. A. FERGUSON.....P. C. of W.
" JOHN W. FINCH.....Representative of Council.

Niles Council, No. 19.

Comp. HIRAM A. EDWARDS.....T. I. M.
" WILLIAM DRAKE.....D. M.
" ENOCH FLEGAL.....P. C. of W.

Saginaw Council, No. 20.

Comp. FRED E. HOYT.....T. I. M.
" CHARLES STRAW.....D. M.
" CHARLES DOUGHTY.....P. C. of W.
" MORRIS KITCHEN.....Proxy for T. I. M.

St. Johns Council, No. 21.

Comp. JOHN G. WATKIN.....T. I. M.
" ALBERT THOMAS.....D. M.
" JOHN D. HENDERSON.....P. C. of W.

Portland Council, No. 23.

Comp. BENJAMIN F. WILLEY.....T. I. M.
" DUNCAN KENNEDY.....D. M.
" CHESTER SMITH.....P. C. of W.
" WM. H. WHITE.....Representative of Council.

Adoniram Council, No. 24.

Comp. JOHN D. VAN DUYNE.....T. I. M.
" ARTHUR CASE.....D. M.
" PETER F. BLOSSER...P. C. of W., Representative of Council.

King Solomon Council, No. 25.

Comp. CHARLIE GAY.....T. I. M.
" PETER McNAUGHTON.....D. M.
" B. ELIAL HUTCHINSON.....P. C. of W.

Clinton Council, No. 26.

Comp. DAVID WOODWARD.....T. I. M.
" JAMES BENHAM.....D. M.
" WM. C. ROGERS.....P. C. of W.
" GEORGE RUNYAN.....Representative of Council.

Oceana Council, No. 27.

Comp. D. C. WICKHAM.....T. I. M.
" FRED NEILSEN.....D. M.
" O. H. DEAN.....P. C. of W.

Lansing Council, No. 29.

Comp. JOSIAH BRUNO.....T. I. M.
" EDWARD GRAHAM.....D. M.
" LELAND H. BRIGGS..P. C. of W., Representative of Council.

Northville Council, No. 30.

Comp. WM. A. HARLAN.....T. I. M.
" J. E. WILCOX.....D. M.
" FRANCIS R. BEAL.....P. C. of W.

Jackson Council, No. 32.

Comp. SANFORD HUNT.....T. I. M.
" HENRY HUNTINGTON.....D. M.
" LEWIS P. GAUGER.....P. C. of W.

Ithaca Council, No. 33.

Comp. JAMES M. McKEE.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE RICHARDSON.....D. M.
" W. W. COMSTOCK....P. C. of W., Representative of Council.

Union City Council, No. 35.

Comp. A. B. AIKIN.....T. I. M.
" R. SIMONDS.....D. M.
" J. F. McINTYRE.....P. C. of W.

Charlotte Council, No. 36.

Comp. E. T. CHURCH.....T. I. M.
" GEORGE WARD.....D. M.
" P. S. DEGRAFF.....P. C. of W.

Nebuzaradan Council, No. 37.

Comp. THOMAS G. GREENE.....T. I. M.
" ALEXANDER TWEEDALE.....D. M.
" L. B. HESS.....P. C. of W.
" DAVID E. WILSON.....Representative of Council.

Corunna Council, No. 38.

Comp. HUGH McCURDY.....T. I. M.
" CHAS. H. COSSETT.....D. M. and Representative of Council.
" CALVIN P. GILBERT.....P. C. of W.

Holly Council, No. 39.

Comp. E. M. NEWELL.....T. I. M.
" CHAS. T. COLLIER.....D. M.
" D. D. HADLEY.....P. C. of W.

Bronson Council, No. 40.

Comp. DAVID STRACHLEY.....T. I. M.
" LEWIS W. LEWIS.....D. M.
" JOSEPH E. PULMAN.....P. C. of W.

Lapeer Council, No. 42.

Comp. H. E. HATCH.....T. I. M.
" BOBERT B. CONKLIN.....D. M.
" WM. F. DALEY.....P. C. of W.

Lawrence Council, No. 43.

Comp. G. A. CROSS.....T. I. M.
" W. L. BIDWELL.....D. M.
" J. F. BARROWS .....P. C. of W., Representative of Council.

St. Joseph Council, No. 44.

Comp. A. B. BISBEE.....T. I. M.
" ALFRED BALDREY.....D. M.
" EDWIN F. PLATT .....P. C. of W.
" ALEXANDER H. SCOTT.....Representative of Council.

South Haven Council, No. 45.

Comp. JAMES S. DONAHUE.....T. I. M.
" SILAS M. TROWBRIDGE....D. M., Representative of Council.
" GEORGE L. METCALF.....P. C. of W.

Manistee Council, No. 46.

Comp. ALLEN McKEE.....T. I. M.
" WILLIAM WENTE .....D. M.
" TIMOTHY KEELEY.....P. C. of W.

Ludington Council, No. 48.

Comp. GEORGE N. STRAY.....T. I. M.
" D. V. SAMUELS.....D. M.
" J. D. HERRINGTON.....P. C. of W.
" H. A. SCOTT.....Representative of Council.

Giblum Council, No. 49.

Comp. BENJAMIN R. ROSE.....T. I. M.
" TRAVERSE PHILLIPS .....D. M.
" A. PHILO DRAKE.....P. C. of W

Leslie Council, No. 50.

Comp. ALBERT C. MANLEY .....T. I. M.
" J. A. LANDFAIR.....D. M.
" WM. HUTCHINGS.....P. C. of W.

Grand Haven Council, No. 51.

Comp. WILLIAM J. H. SAUNDERS.....T. I. M.
" THOMAS H. PARISH.....D. M., Representative of Council.
" GEO. E. HUBBARD.. .....P. C. of W.

Petoskey Council, No. 52.

Comp. WILBUR F. LAWTON..... .....T. I. M.
" JOSEPH A. C. ROWAN.....D. M.
" SYLVESTER B. CALKINS.....P. C. of W.
" CLAY E. CALL.....Proxy for T. I. M.

Bay City Council, No. 53.

Comp. F. O. GILBERT.....T. I. M.
" A. L. STEWART.....D. M.
" GEORGE ANNAND.....P. C. of W.

Muskegon Council, No. 54.

Comp. GEORGE D. SMITH.....T. I. M.
" P. P. MISNER.....D. M.
" O. C. WILLIAMS.....P. C. of W.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GARRA B. NOBLE,
DAVID WOODWARD,
PETER F. BLOSSER.
Committee.

Report accepted and adopted.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Alfred Baldrey, then delivered his

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Companions of the Grand Council.—Since last we met in Annual Assembly, Time, with ceaseless tread has traversed another cycle, and, with out-stretched hand resting upon the dial of our lives, silently admonishes us that we have advanced another stride in our march toward eternity, and that the moment appointed for our Twenty-Ninth Annual Assembly has arrived. In welcoming you, one and all, to this gathering, it affords me great pleasure to see so many of the old familiar faces again present, faces around which cluster some of the happiest hours of many years of my life. Dear Companions, may you all be spared yet these many years to add to, and participate in the pleasures and benefits of our meetings.

The year which has gone by since we parted, though fraught with happiness and prosperity to many of us, has brought trials and troubles, sickness and suffering to others. It has been prolific of disasters throughout the world—storms, earthquakes and floods have laid waste and destroyed in many places; accidents by rail and water have been frequent and disastrous; many valuable lives have been lost and much property destroyed. Let us, my Companions, all join in thanks to the Supreme Grand Master above for his manifold mercies in exempting ourselves and our beloved State from these disasters, and, while we extend our earnest sympathy to all those who have been so afflicted, let us implore "Him who doeth all things well" to comfort and succor them in their distress.

Cryptic Masonry has been very quiet during the year, and the occasions requiring the exercise of my official functions have been few and of little importance.

May 15th I examined, and, after making a slight alteration, approved the By-Laws of Muskegon Council, No. 54.

JURISPRUDENCE.

But two questions involving points of Masonic law, have been propounded to me during the year, which are as follows:

QUESTION.—Does the suspension of a Companion from a Chapter for N. P. D. affect his standing in a Council of R. and S. M.?

ANSWER.—Yes. The degrees of R. and S. M. can be conferred only upon R. A. M. in good standing, hence suspension from membership in the Chapter suspends from the Council.

QUESTION.—Can a Council suspend, by motion, a Companion who is two years or more in arrears, he having been several times notified of such arrearage?

ANSWER.—See Section 7, Article 2 of Constitution. It is the duty of the Council to provide in their By-Laws for such emergencies, and if so provided for, it will be lawful for the T. I. M. to order the Recorder to enter "Suspended" against the names of all such delinquents.

In regard to the decision on question number 1, our Constitution contains nothing in regard to such occurrences, I therefore gave a decision according to what I believe to be sound Masonic doctrine, and if the Grand Council approves my action I recommend that the necessary steps be taken at this meeting to supply the want by an amendment to the Constitution.

DISPENSATIONS.

February 11th, I issued dispensation to P. M. I. G. M. R. C. Hatheway, T. I. M. of Tyre Council, No. 10, to receive petitions of a number of R. A. M. from Superior County, act upon the same and confer the degrees at a special meeting to be held for that purpose February 12th, release of jurisdiction and consent of Petoskey Council, No. 52, having already been granted. The Companions were temporarily at Grand Rapids in attendance upon a meeting of the Consistory, and, as there is no Coun-

cil of R. and S. M. within accessible distance of their home, I deemed it for the welfare of Cryptic Masonry to thus form the nucleus of a future Council.

December 10th, I granted dispensation to Portland Council, No. 23, and December 30th, to Pontiac Council, No. 3, to hold special meetings, elect and install officers for the ensuing year, both Councils having failed to do so at the proper time.

Through the courtesy of our Grand Recorder, I have received reports of proceedings from sister Grand Councils as follows: Massachusetts, Ohio, Indiana, Alabama, Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas for 1885. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Georgia, Illinois, California, and Oregon for 1886. They contain much valuable information, which can be made to render essential service to Cryptic Masonry, and I hereby extend my thanks for the courtesies shown.

COMMUNICATIONS.

March 20th, I received, through the Grand Recorder, a letter from Ill. Comp. Christopher Taylor, D. G. M. of Oregon, acknowledging receipt of his commission as Representative of the Grand Council of Michigan near the Grand Council of Oregon, and expressing his thanks for the same.

October 28th, I received a communication from Ill. Comp. J. W. Chamberlain, Representative of this Grand Council, near the Grand Council of Ohio, stating he was present in that capacity at the Annual Assembly held in Toledo, October 7th and 8th, and was cordially received as such.

I am informed by our Grand Recorder that some Companions who have been appointed Representatives of sister Grand Councils near the Grand Council of Michigan, have for several years past neglected to perform those duties. This is "scant courtesy" indeed. It would seem but justice to the Grand Councils to whom such representatives are accredited that a

change should be made, and some one appointed who will give the duties the attention they merit. I recommend the subject to your consideration and action.

GRAND COUNCIL OF NEBRASKA.

The Grand Chapter of Nebraska having, on March 18th, 1886, relinquished all jurisdiction over the Cryptic rite, the Grand Council of R. and S. M. re-assembled and on the 31st day of March assumed exclusive control and jurisdiction over these degrees in that state, and thus another bright star is placed in the firmament of Cryptic Masonry, and we are one step nearer the fulfillment of our earnest desire, which is, to see these beautiful and instructive degrees under the control of a Grand Council in every state in the Union. Let us, with open arms and hearts, extend a cordial and earnest welcome to this our youngest sister Council, and invite her to exchange Representatives with us, and while we are about it, let us congratulate the General Grand Council upon this additional tribute to its powers of resuscitation.

December 27th, I received a communication from Comp. David Strachley, T. I. M. of Bronson Council, No. 40, stating that owing to the small membership and lack of interest manifested by its members, the Council had failed to hold regular meeting to elect officers, and stating further "that most of them would rather surrender the Charter than pay their dues," and he asked if I could suggest a remedy. In reply I wrote Companion Strachley requesting him to see each member of his Council individually, and strive to induce them to take such action as would repair the wrong their inaction was calculated to inflict upon the fraternity with which they have voluntarily united and bound themselves to uphold. Not having heard from the Companion since, I am unable to say what success he had, but from the fact that their annual report and dues have been received by the Grand Recorder, I think the prospects are that the Council will be revivified.

Companions, the time is at hand when the degrees of R. and S. M. can no longer be looked at as a species of "side degrees." They are fast taking their place in the fabric of Masonic traditions, to which their beauty and instructiveness entitles them, as the culmination of Ancient Craft Masonry.

The Grand Council of Michigan, organized at Detroit on January 13th, 1858, with a constituency of three Subordinates, to-day consists of 44 Councils, having a membership of over 2,100. Grand Councils are now organized and working in 29 different states of the Union, and if every Companion will do his duty there can be no question of our ultimate success.

In considering the subject of impediments to our progress, and the best remedies for them, the question of making the degrees pre-requisite to the Commandery frequently assumes first place. I am of the opinion that this can and will eventually be accomplished through the influence of the General Grand Council. But, while I recognize the full value of such action and will do anything in my power to secure its accomplishment, I, at the same time, do not consider it of vital importance to us. The true remedy is in our own hands. We, and we only, can infuse the life-giving material into this organization which will make it perpetual. If the Subordinate Councils will hold monthly instead of quarterly, semi-annual or annual meetings; if the officers will qualify themselves to confer the degrees as they should be conferred, if they will adopt such other means of enjoyment as the case will admit of, they will make their meetings both a pleasure and a profit to all participating, and my word for it, they will have no more cause to complain of the apathy evinced by their members. It sometimes seems strange to those who already possess the secrets of the Crypt, that so many R. A. M. neglect to secure them, but, Companions, don't blame the Commanderies for it. How can you expect those outside to take an interest in the rite if *you*, who already possess them, can hardly get up enough enthusiasm to hold a meeting once or twice a year?

No R. A. M. who is actuated by that fervency and zeal which should influence every seeker after true and full Masonic Light, should be without the degrees of R. and S. M., nor will he if the Councils will make their value so apparent that they will be sought instead of shunned, as, without them he cannot find what he seeks.

The organization of the General Grand Council has proved of so great value to the Rite throughout the whole country, that it is worthy of our respect and support. Organized in 1880, with but three Grand Councils as its supporters, it to-day is supported by 21 Grand Councils, several of whom it has rescued from apparent death in the abyss of Mississippi-ism. While Michigan will, perhaps, derive no benefit from the G. G. Council, yet we should be willing to give our support and countenance to anything that will advance the good of the Rite we all so love, and I recommend that this Grand Council now take steps to become a constituent part of the General Grand Council.

The question of Grand Visitor, or Lecturer, has once before been brought before this Grand Council and decided adversely, but from the fact that so many Councils are nearly dormant and are unable to do the work properly, I deem it my duty to bring the question before you once more.

The Grand Recorder informs me to-day that but thirty Councils have reported so far, and that ten of those have done no work during the year. This leaves less than one-half of the Subordinate Councils in good working order, and it is for this Grand Council to adopt a plan whereby the idle workmen can be set at work again. I believe no plan will prove more profitable than the appointment of a Grand Lecturer. I therefore recommend such action to your consideration.

In conclusion, my Companions, permit me to tender you my sincere and earnest thanks for the many proofs of esteem and confidence which have been bestowed upon me by this Grand

Council, and especially for the high honor you conferred in electing me your Grand Master. I assure you the remembrance will ever be treasured as one of the brightest and happiest of my life.

I trust our business will be conducted in that spirit of brotherly love and forbearance which have always characterized our meetings, and that when we have finished we may return to our own homes with the proud satisfaction of having faithfully discharged our duty.

ALFRED BALDREY,
Grand Master.

Which, on motion, was referred to a special committee, viz: Past Grand Masters George H. Stephenson, George H. Greene and Companion Louis E. Morris, for subdivision and reference, who made the following

REPORT.

To the M. Ill, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the division and reference of the address of the T. I. G. M., would most respectfully report as follows:

1st. That so much of the address as refers to the two decisions, together with the recommendations thereon, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

2d. So much as refers to representatives from sister jurisdictions and recognition of Nebraska, to a special committee of three.

3d. The matter of the General Grand Council to a special committee of three.

4th. The matter of Grand Lecturer to a special committee of three.

G. H. STEPHENSON.
GEO. H. GREENE.
LOUIS E. MORRIS.
Committee.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

JURISPRUDENCE—P. G. M. Hugh McCurdy, P. G. M. William G. Hudson, Comp. William Wente.

FINANCE—P. G. M. James H. Cummins, Comps. Peter F. Blosser and Richard Rowland.

RETURNS—P. G. M. David Woodward, Comps. Charles R. Bagg and J. S. Conover.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS—P. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway, P. G. M. Oliver L. Spaulding, Comp. S. M. Trowbridge.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their annual financial statements, which were referred to the Finance Committee.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. SHAW NOBLE, Grand Treasurer,

In account with Grand Council R. & S. M., State of Michigan

1886.		DR.	
January 18,	To balance on hand		$ 516 90
6,	" Cash of Grand Secretary		42 77
19,	" " " "		434 75
19,	" " " "		181 00
	Total		$1,175 42
	Disbursements		618 50
1887.			
January 17,	To Balance on hand		$556 92

1886.		Cr.	
January 19,	By Cash, paid Armstrong		$ 55 00
19,	" " " Roehm & Wright		90 00
19,	" " " G. B. Noble		150 00
19,	" " " R. C. Hatheway		6 00
19,	" " " A. McGregor		10 00
19,	" " " Fifty-five Pay-Roll Receipts		165 00
March 26,	" " " Wright, Kay & Co		50 00
May 4,	" " " L. D. Harris		77 50
Decemb'r 6,	" " " W. F. Moore		15 00
	Total		$618 50
	Balance on hand Jan. 17, 1887		556 92
			$1,175 42

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

To the M. I. G. Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council:

I herewith respectfully submit report of the transactions of my office since our last annual Assembly.

The usual number of the proceedings were printed and distributed as directed by the Grand Council.

I procured, as directed by the resolution of Comp. Edward C. Smith, a suitable Jewel, and presented it to P. M. Ill. Grand Master George H. Stephenson, on behalf of this Grand Council, as a token of their esteem and respect, the receipt of which was duly acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

GARRA B. NOBLE,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

G. B. NOBLE, Grand Recorder,

In Account with Grand Council of R. & S. M.

January 18, 1886. DR.

For dues received from			Monroe Council	No.	1	$ 84	25
"	"	"	Pontiac Council	"	3	17	00
"	"	"	River Raisin Council	"	4	10	00
"	"	"	Jonesville Council	"	5	7	50
"	"	"	Mt. Moriah Council	"	6	22	75
"	"	"	Zabud Council	"	9	26	25
"	"	"	Tyre Council	"	10	36	25
"	"	"	Union Council	"	11	12	75
"	"	"	Ionia Council	"	12	16	00
"	"	"	Sturgis Council	"	13	6	25
"	"	"	Mt. Ararat Council	"	15	9	50
"	"	"	Genesee Council	"	17	14	25
"	"	"	Adrian Council	"	18	8	00
"	"	"	Niles Council	"	19	14	50
"	"	"	Saginaw Council	"	20	11	75
"	"	"	St. Johns Council	"	21	22	25
"	"	"	Portland Council	"	23	5	00
"	"	"	Adoniram Council	"	24	9	00
"	"	"	King Solomon Council	"	25	3	75
"	"	"	Clinton Council	"	26	9	75
"	"	"	Oceana Council	"	27	9	50
"	"	"	Lansing Council	"	29	8	00
"	"	"	Northville Council	"	30	7	00
"	"	"	Jackson Council	"	32	31	25
"	"	"	Ithaca Council	"	33	15	75
"	"	"	Union City Council	"	35	6	50
"	"	"	Charlotte Council	"	36	13	00
"	"	"	Nebuzaraden Council	"	37	17	75
"	"	"	Corunna Council	"	38	9	25
"	"	"	Holly Council	"	39	15	25
"	"	"	Bronson Council	"	40	5	50
"	"	"	Lapeer Council	"	42	10	25
"	"	"	Lawrence Council	"	43	18	75
"	"	"	St. Joseph Council	"	44	7	75
"	"	"	South Haven Council	"	45	4	50
"	"	"	Manistee Council	"	46	21	00
"	"	"	Ludington Council	"	48	15	00
"	"	"	Hastings Council	"	49	8	00
"	"	"	Leslie Council	"	50	8	50
"	"	"	Grand Haven Council	"	51	7	00
"	"	"	Petoskey Council	"	52	9	75
"	"	"	Bay City Council	"	53	19	25
"	"	"	Muskegon Council	"	54	14	75
						$630	00

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January	19,	By paid Grand Treasurer	$434 75
	19,	" " " "	181 00
March	9,	" " Express charges on Jewel	50
	9,	" " P. O. envelopes and stamps	9 09
Dec.	1,	" " C. C. Noble, printing, etc	2 00
	22,	" " Richmond, Backus & Co., bill	2 66
			$630 00

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the following

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL—P. G. M. Oliver L. Spaulding, Comps. Daniel Striker, L. H. Briggs.

GRAND LECTURER—P. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway, P. G. M. William G. Hudson, Comp. Julius A. Dresser.

NEBRASKA—Comps. J. W. Finch, C. W. Scott, D. D. Buck.

On motion of P. G. M. Oliver L. Spaulding, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow (Tuesday) morning.

The Grand Council was called from labor until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, January 18, 1887.

The Grand Council resumed labor at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Officers and members in attendance as yesterday.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee submitted their report, as follows, which was adopted:

To the M. Ill. Grand Council of R. & S. M. of Michigan:

COMPANIONS—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer and find them correct.

The Grand Treasurer had on hand January 18, 1886....	$ 559 67
Received from Grand Recorder during the year.....	615 75
Total receipts on hand.....	$1,175 42
Paid out during the year on vouchers.....	618 50
Leaving balance cash on hand January 17, 1887.....	$556 92

Your committee would respectfully recommend that the Grand Recorder be allowed $150 for his services during the past year.

Also, that the Grand Sentinel be paid $10 for his services for the present Assembly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES H. CUMMINS.
PETER F. BLOSSER.
Committee.

BINDING PROCEEDINGS.

The Committee on binding proceedings of the Grand Council made the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. Ill. Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your special committee on binding the proceedings of this grand body respectfully report, that we recommend that the Grand Recorder cause to be bound one hundred copies, like sample, at not to exceed fifty cents per copy, and distribute the same as follows:

1st. One to every Subordinate Council; and

2d. One to each P. M. I. Grand Master, free of charge.

3d. That the Grand Recorder be authorized to sell to any R. & S. M. in good standing, copies for $2.

HUGH McCURDY.
JAS. H. CUMMINS.
J. S. CONOVER.
Committee.

JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following report:

To the M. Ill. Grand Council of the State of Michigan:

Your committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the decisions on jurisprudence of the M. I. G. M., respectfully report that we have examined the same, and recommend that the decisions be approved. In order to avoid any misunderstanding in the future in regard to the suspension of a Companion who has been suspended in his Chapter, we recommend the adoption of this edict:

Whenever a Council shall have Masonic information that a Companion has been suspended in his Chapter, it shall be the duty of the Council to cause a like sentence to be entered in the Council, and a reinstatement in the Chapter shall be equivalent to a reinstatement in the Council.

The second decision of the M. I. G. M. is correct upon the subject matter involved; still, in order to avoid any complications upon the subject in the future, your committee recommend the adoption of this edict:

No Companion shall be suspended for non-payment of dues except upon charges and specifications duly filed in the Council and trial had thereon.

HUGH McCURDY.
WM. G. HUDSON.
WM. WENTE.
Committee.

Which report and edicts were adopted.

NEBRASKA.

The following report was submitted by the Special Committee on Nebraska:

To the M. Ill. Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred, that portion of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's address referring to the organization of a Grand Council in the State of Nebraska, would unanimously recommend that this Grand Council send Greetings to her youngest sister, the Grand Council of Nebraska, and acknowledge receipt of their communication.

That we do most heartily congratulate the Grand Council of Nebraska, and through her, all Royal and Select Masters within her jurisdiction,

upon their action lately taken whereby they have severed the Council Degrees from the Degrees of the Chapter and have instituted and established their independent Grand Body.

That we will cordially welcome a Representative from their Grand Council to a seat in this Grand Body, and that we will with pleasure select a Representative to their Grand Body.

And your committee would recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand Council recognize the Grand Council of the State of Nebraska, and welcome her to the Cryptic Sisterhood.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. SCOTT.
D. D. BUCK.
Committee.

Which was adopted.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATION.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted the following report :

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, of Michigan.

Your committee on Charters and Dispensations would most respectfully state, that as the M. I. G. Master has not granted Dispensations for any new Councils, and as no papers or requests in connection with same have been presented to us for our attention, therefore your committee have nothing upon which to frame a report in compliance thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HATHEWAY, P. M. I. G. M.
O. L. SPAULDING, P. M. I. G. M.
S. M. TROWBRIDGE.
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

The committee on Returns submitted the following report:

To the M. Ill. Grand Council of Michigan.

Your committee on Returns of Subordinate Councils respectfully

report, we have examined the returns from the following Subordinate Councils and find them correct as follows.

Nos.—1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27. 29, 30, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54.

DAVID WOODWARD, P. G. M.
CHARLES R. BAGG.
J. S. CONOVER.
Committee.

Which was adopted.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

The committee on General Grand Council submitted the following report:

To the M, Ill. Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of Michigan:

Your Special Committee to which was referred so much of the M. I. Gr. Master's address as relates to the General Grand Council of the United States, respectfully report, that in the opinion of this Grand Body, it is not advisable that it become a constituent of the General Grand Council.

O. L. SPAULDING,
DANIEL STRIKER,
L. H. BRIGGS.
Committee.

Which was adopted.

GRAND LECTURER.

The committee upon appointment of Grand Lecturer submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your special committee appointed to look into the feasibility and necessity of this Grand Council adding to its list of Grand Officers that of Grand Lecturer, would most respectfully report that many of the Sister Grand Jurisdictions have Grand Lecturers and they find it has worked largely to the interest of such Grand Bodies in increased membership, as

well as to a greater interest in our beautiful Cryptic degrees. We think such an addition to our Grand Body would prove of essential service to the Craft and bring our work into more uniformity among our Subordinate Councils and would greatly increase the interest in Cryptic Masonry in our jurisdiction. We would strongly recommend that such a resolution be adopted by this Grand Body, and that the said officer—Grand Lecturer—be paid the same per diem, while in the exercise of his official duties, as is paid to the officers and delegates to this Grand Council.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

R. C. HATHEWAY, P. G. M.
WM. G. HUDSON, P. G. M.
J. A. DRESSER.
Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The special order for election of officers for ensuing year having arrived, the M. I. Grand Master appointed Companions Alexander H. Scott and Clay E. Call, tellers, who, after receiving and counting the ballots, reported the following Illustrious Companions duly elected, as follows :

Comp. ALFRED G. GULLEY, South Haven.....M. I. Grand Master.
" ALLEN McKEE, Manistee.....D. I. Grand Master.
" THOMAS G. GREENE, Three Rivers....Gr. P. Cond. of Work.
" H. SHAW NOBLE, Monroe..... Gr. Treasurer.
" GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit.....Gr. Recorder.
" REV. FRANCIS A. BLADES, Detroit.....Gr. Chaplain.
" SANFORD HUNT, Jackson.....Gr. Capt. of Guard.
" TRAVERSE PHILLIPS, Hastings.....Gr. Cond. of Council.
" M. D. ELLIOTT, Holly.....Gr. Steward.
" ALEX. McGREGOR, Detroit..... ..... Gr. Sentinel.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

P. M. I. Grand Master Rufus C. Hatheway submitted the

following amendment to the Constitution, which was received and laid over for consideration until the next annual Assembly:

Add to Section 1, Article 1, in list of officers, after Grand Recorder, "Grand Lecturer."

By request of M. I. Grand Master Baldrey, P. M. I. G. M Hugh McCurdy, assisted by P. M. I. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway, as Grand Marshal, the grand officers elect for the ensuing year were duly installed and conducted to their respective stations.

P. M. I. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway presented the following resolution, which was accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be authorized to have the usual number of proceedings printed and distributed, and that the Grand Treasurer pay the bill for same upon presentation to him, duly certified by the Grand Recorder.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway, the Grand Recorder was directed to procure a suitable Jewel, and present to P. M. I. G. M. Alfred Baldrey, as a token of respect and esteem of this grand body.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The M. I. G. M. appointed P. M. I. G. M. Garra B. Noble and P. M. I. G. M. H. Shaw Noble, a committee on correspondence.

THANKS.

On motion of P. M. I. G. M. Rufus C. Hatheway, the thanks of the Grand Council were unanimously tendered to P. M. I. G. M. Alfred Baldrey for his earnest and efficient services rendered the Grand Body during his official term.

On motion, the thanks of the Grand Council were tendered the fraternity of Detroit for the free use of their Temple during the present Assembly.

CLOSING.

There being no further business before the Grand Council, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Francis A. Blades, the M. I. G. M., Alfred G. Gulley, closed the Grand Council in ample form.



ALFRED G. GULLEY,
M. I. G. Master.

ATTEST:

Grand Recorder.

The next annual Assembly of the Grand Council will be held in the City of Grand Rapids, on Monday preceding the third Tuesday of January, 1888 (being the 16th day of January, 1888), commencing at 7½ o'clock, P. M. (solar time).

LIST OF GRAND ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1858 TO 1887.

Year.	T. I. G. P.	D. I. G. P.	G. T. I.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guard.
1858....	*N. B. Carpenter..	*S. B. Brown	*Frank Darrow . .	R. W. Davis.....	Ezra Rood.....	*N. P. Jacobs.....	T. A. Flower.
1859....	*N. B. Carpenter..	*S. B. Brown	*Frank Darrow ...	*John Clark.....	" "	" "	A. J. Cummings.
1860...	*Frank Darrow....	John Clark.....	D. B. Tracy.....	*B. F. Doughty....	" "	" "	*S. B. Morse.
1861....	*John Clark.....	D. B. Tracy.....	*B. F. Doughty....	E. Sprague... ..	" "	" "	*S. L. Dart.
1862....	D. B. Tracy.....	E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee.....	" "	Oliver Bourke.....	C. H. Putnam.
1863 ...	*E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee.....	*S. L. Dart	" "	" "	J. P. Whiting.
1864....	G. B. Noble.....	D. Bovee.	*S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict....	" "	" "	" "
1865...	D. Bovee.....	S. L. Dart.....	E. Benedict	W. S. Edwards...	" "	" "	" "
1866....	*S. L. Dart	E. D. Benedict....	W. S. Edwards. .	W. Walker.....	J. Hayden.... ..	" "	W. F. King.
1867....	W. S. Edwards...	Wm. Walker.....	J. T. Hayden. ...	W. F. King	*Wm. Barclay.....	" "	J. W. Champlin.
1868....	J. T. Hayden.....	O. L. Spaulding..	J.W. Champlin ..	M. Walter	" "	" "	H. Shaw Noble.
1869	C. H. Putnam....	O. L. Spaulding..	E. Sprague.....	H Shaw Noble ...	" "	" "	J. E. Marvin.
1870 ..	O. L. Spaulding..	E. Sprague.....	H. Shaw Noble...	*Wm. Brown.....	" "	" "	J. B. Nixon..
1871 ..	E. Sprague.....	H. Shaw Noble...	*Wm. Brown.....	A. I. Sawyer.....	" "	G. N. Noble	E. M. Doan.
1872....	H. Shaw Noble...	*Wm. Brown.....	*M. Mansfield.....	E. M. Doan.....	*E. A. Elliott.....	" "	George Hill
1873....	*Wm. Brown.....	*M. Mansfield.....	E. M. Doan.....	George Hill.....	" "	" "	A. J. Utley.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED IN 1874.

Year.	M. I. G. Master.	Deputy G. Master.	G. P. C. of W.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Recorder.	G. Capt. of Guard.
1874....	*Wm. Brown.....	*M. Mansfield	George Hill.....	*E. A. Elliott.....	G. B. Noble.....	Andrew J. Utley.
1875....	*M. Mansfield....	George Hill.....	J. R. Everard..... ...	" "	" "	Andrew J. Utley.
1876....	George Hill.....	J. R. Everard.....	Andrew J. Utley	" "	" "	C. B. Reynolds.
1877....	J. R. Everard.....	Andrew J. Utley.....	C. B. Reynolds	" "	" "	C. W. Strait.
1878	Andrew J. Utley.....	*C. W. Strait	D. Woodward....	" "	" "	W. S. Turck.
1879....	Hugh McCurdy.....	D. Woodward	R. C. Hatheway.....	" "	" "	W. G. Hudson.
1880....	David Woodward	Rufus C. Hatheway...	William G. Hudson...	H. Shaw Noble ..	" "	George H. Greene.
1881....	Rufus C. Hatheway.....	William G. Hudson....	George H. Greene.....	" "	" "	J. H. Cummins.
1882....	William G. Hudson..	George H. Greene.....	James H. Cummins. .	" "	" "	G. H. Stephenson.
1883....	George H. Greene.....	James H. Cummins...	Geo. H. Stephenson...	" "	" "	Alfred Baldrey.
1884....	James H. Cummins	Geo. H. Stephenson...	Alfred Baldrey.... ..	" "	" "	Alfred G. Gulley.
1885....	George H. Stephenson...	Alfred Baldrey.....	Alfred G. Gulley.....	" "	" "	Allen McKee.
1886....	Alfred Baldrey.....	Alfred G. Gulley.....	Allen McKee.....	" "	" "	Thos. G. Greene.
1887....	Alfred G. Gulley.....	Allen McKee..:.....	Thos. G. Greene..	" "	" "	Sanford Hunt.

*Deceased

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1886.

NAME.	Number.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	T. I. MASTER.	RECORDER.	Exalted.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Memb'rship.	Dues Paid.	REGULAR ASSEMBLY EACH MONTH.
Monroe	1	Detroit	Wayne	Julius A. Dresser	Henry Stewart	20	2	1	3	2	1	5	284	$ 85 75	Monday after Full Moon.
Pontiac	3	Pontiac	Oakland	Edward C. Smith	J. A. Harris	..	..	1	1	4	..	2	55	13 75	Monday on or before Full Moon
River Raisin.	4	Monroe	Monroe	Alfred I. Sawyer	Joseph Clark	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	84	10 50	Friday on or before Full Moon
Jonesville	5	Jonesville	Hillsdale	R. G. Spaulding	J. W. Storm	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	22	5 25	Second Thursday after Full M.
Mt. Moriah	6	Coldwater	Branch	N. Rosenbaum	David Bovee	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	17 50	First Thursday each month.
Zabud	9	Battle Creek	Calhoun	D. D. Buck	Eugene Glass	3	..	..	1	9	..	1	89	24 25	First Wednesday each month.
Tyre	10	G'nd Rapids	Kent	R. C. Hatheway	W. L. Freeman	22	2	..	1	8	..	..	128	48 25	Last Thursday each month.
Union	11	Ypsilanti	Washt'n'w	H. Stephenson	W. L. Pack	..	..	12	2	..	..	1	52	12 75	Third Wednesday each month.
Ionia	12	Ionia	Ionia	Peter B. Haight	Allen S. Wright	..	..	1	1	7	..	1	42	10 25	
Sturgis	13	Sturgis	St. Joseph	Thos. J. Collins	Henry S. Church	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	24	6 50	Tuesday after Full Moon.
Mt. Ararat	15	Hillsdale	Hillsdale	Ira Carpenter	Lemuel S. Ranney	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	31	7 50	Second Monday each month.
Adrian	18	Adrian	Lenawee	Orsamus Lamb	D. T. Anderson	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	41	14 50	Thursday after F. M.
Niles	19	Niles	Berrien	H. H. Edwards	Ed. M. LaPierre	4	..	..	..	..	1	1	51	15 50	Thursday after F. M.
Saginaw	20	E. Saginaw	Saginaw	Fred E. Hoyt	O. J. Hetherington	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	50	15 25	First Monday each month.
St. Johns	21	St. Johns	Clinton	Jno. G. Watkins	G. H. Stephenson	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	48	11 75	Wednesday on or before F. M.
Portland	23	Portland	Ionia	B. F. Willey	S. K. Gates	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	24	5 75	Monday preceding F. M.
Adoniram	24	Manchester	Washt'n'w	J. D. Van Duyne	Matt. D. Blosser	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	12 50	Tuesday after Full Moon.
King Solom'n	25	Big Rapids	Mecosta	Charlie Gay.	Chas. D. Bronson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	3 75	First Thursday each month.
Clinton	26	Clinton	Lenawee	David Woodward	John Hause, Jr.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	9 25	Wednesday on or before F. M.
Oceana	27	Pentwater	Oceana	D. C. Wickham	J. H. Bouton	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	12 50	Second Monday each month.
Lansing	29	Lansing	Ingham	Josiah Bruno,	E. P. TenEyck	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	8 00	Thursday after Full Moon.
Northville	30	Northville	Wayne	Wm. A. Harlan	H. E. Lake	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	28	6 75	Thursday each month.
Jackson	32	Jackson	Jackson	Sanford Hunt	Frank S. Clark	4	..	..	1	5	..	1	112	31 75	
Ithaca	33	Ithaca	Gratiot	James M. McKee	J. M. Trask	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	8 25	Tuesday after Full Moon.
Union City	35	Union City	Branch	A. B. Aiken	Elmer Roe	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	22	5 50	Wednesday before Full Moon.

Charlotte	36	Charlotte	Eaton	E. T. Church	P. M. Thomas	2	..	..	..	..	1	54	14	75	First Tuesday each month.
Nebuzarad'n	37	Constantine	St. Joseph	Thos. G. Greene	Thomas Harrison	2	1	..	1	..	2	51	14	00	Monday on or before F. M.
Corunna	38	Corunna	Shiawas'e	Hugh McCurdy	Jeff. D. Leland	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	9	25	Third Thursday each month.
Holly	39	Holly	Oakland	E. M. Nevell	John M. Baird	1	..	..	..	..	..	54	14	00	Third Wednesday each month
Bronson	40	Bronson	Branch	David Strachley	Jasen Shepard	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	5	50	Tuesday after Full Moon.
Lapeer	42	Lapeer	Lapeer	H. E. Hatch	H. W. Hinman	..	..	..	2	..	1	39	9	50	1st Frid'y Dec., Mar., June, Sep.
Lawrence	43	Lawrence	Van Buren	G. A Cross	A. H. Draper	1	..	..	6	..	1	64	16	50	Thursday after F. M.
St. Joseph	44	St. Joseph	Berrien	A. B. Bisbee	Hiram W. Ray	1	..	..	..	..	..	30	8	00	Monday after Full Moon.
South Haven	45	South Haven	Van Buren	Jas. S. Donahue	Geo. L. Seaver	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	4	50	Friday on or before Full Moon
Manistee	46	Manistee	Manistee	Allen McKee	J. Kinsley	1	..	..	..	..	..	56	14	50	Third Friday each month.
Ludington	48	Ludington	Mason	Geo. W. Stray	H. A. Scott	1	..	..	1	..	..	52	13	50	Second Monday each month.
Giblum	49	Hastings	Barry	B. R Rose	John Lechty	..	..	..	1	..	1	31	7	50	First Monday each month.
Leslie	50	Leslie	Ingham	A. C. Manley	James McDaniels	6	..	..	..	..	..	43	15	00	First Thursday each month.
Grand Haven	51	G'd Haven	Ottawa	W. J. H. Saunders	Chas. T. Pagelson	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	7	00	First Friday each month.
Petoskey	52	Petoskey	Emmet	W. F. Lawton	Will. Z. Searle	2	..	..	..	..	..	36	10	25	First Monday each month.
Bay City	53	Bay City	Bay	F. O. Gilbert	E. E. Burroughs	7	..	..	..	..	..	46	16	50	Second Monday each month.
Muskegon	54	Muskegon	Muskegon	Geo. D. Smith	Wm. McComb	13	1	..	..	..	..	35	18	25	Second Friday each month.
						113	7	16	33	37	2	24	2104	$601	75	

1885.....44 Chartered Councils.....2,102 Members.
1886.....41 " " .....2,143 "

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GRAND RECORDERS.

State.	Name.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	DANIEL SAYRE	Montgomery,
Arkansas	JAMES A. HENRY	Little Rock.
California	THOMAS H. CASWELL	San Francisco.
Connecticut	J. K. WHEELER	Hartford.
Canada	J. ROSS ROBERTSON	55 King St. West, Toronto.
England and Wales	CHAS. FITZGERALD MATIER	8a Red Lion Sq. London, W. C.
Florida	JOHN CARLOVITZ	Milton.
Georgia	ANDREW M. WOLIHIN	Macon.
Illinois	GILL. W. BARNARD	78 Monroe st. Chicago.
Indiana	JOHN M. BRAMWELL	Indianapolis.
Iowa	WM. B. LANGRIDGE	Muscatine.
Kansas	JOHN H. BROWN	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	LORENZO DOW CRONINGER	Covington.
Louisiana	RICHARD LAMBERT	New Orleans.
Maine	IRA BERRY	Portland.
Maryland	GEO. L. MCCAHAN	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	223 Washington st., Boston.
Michigan	GARRA B. NOBLE	359 Larned st. East, Detroit.
Minnesota	WM. CHENEY	Minneapolis.
Missouri	WM. H. MAYO	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	GEORGE P. CLEAVES	Concord.
New Jersey	CHARLES BECHTEL	Trenton.
New York	GEORGE VAN VLIET	Corner West and Bethune streets, New York.
Nebraska	WM. R. BOWEN	Omaha.
North Carolina	DONALD W. BAIN	Raleigh.
Ohio	JOHN D. CALDWELL	Cincinnati.
Oregon	FRELON J. BABCOCK	Salem.
Pennsylvania	CHAS. E. MEYER	1717 Chestnut st., Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	WM. R. GREENE	Providence
Scotland	ROBT. S. BROWN	5 Marchmont Terrace. Edinburgh.
South Carolina	ZIMMERMAN DAVIS	Charleston.
Tennessee	JOHN FRIZELLE	Nashville.
Vermont	WARREN G. REYNOLDS	Burlington.
Wisconsin	JOHN W. LAFLIN	Milwaukee.
G. G. Council	HENRY W. NORDHURST	Fort Wayne, Ind.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN NEAR SISTER GRAND COUNCILS.

Grand Council.	Representatives.	Post Office Address.
Alabama	Benjamin Franklin Pope.	Gadsden.
California	Wm. Monroe Petrie	Sacramento.
Canada	Daniel Spry	Barrie, Ont.
Connecticut	Fred. H. Waldron	New Haven.
Florida	John Carlovitz	Milton.
Georgia	Andrew M. Wolihin	Albany.
Indiana	Walter R. Godfrey	Michigan City.
Kansas	E. D. Hillyer	Valley Falls.
Louisiana	Henry Hamberger	New Orleans.
Maine	Horace Burbank	Saco.
Massachusetts	Eugene A. Holton	Boston.
Maryland	Edward T. Schuetz	Baltimore.
Missouri	Joseph S. Browne	St. Joseph.
Minnesota	William Cheney	Minneapolis.
Manitoba	John Headly Bell	Winnipeg.
New Hampshire	Harvey L. Currier	Manchester.
New York	Peter Forsters	N. Y. City.
New Jersey	John Wolverton	Trenton.
Oregon	Christopher Taylor	Dayton.
Ohio	J. W. Chamberlain	Tiffin.
Pennsylvania	James S. Baker	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Horace K. Blanchard	Providence.
South Carolina	John E. Brazeale	Anderson.
Tennessee	Bradford Nichol	Nashville.
Vermont	Marsh Olin Perkins	Windsor.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF SISTER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN.

Grand Council.	Representatives	Post-office Address.
Alabama	D. BURNHAM TRACY	Detroit.
California	Gen. WM. P. INNES	Grand Rapids.
Canada	ALFRED BALDREY	St. Joseph.
Connecticut	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
England and Wales	Gen. O. L. SPAULDING	St. Johns.
Florida	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Georgia	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Indiana	JOHN W. FINCH	Adrian.
Kansas	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Louisiana	Gen. O. L. SPAULDING	St. Johns.
Maine	WILLIAM S. TURCK	Alma
Maryland	ALFRED I. SAWYER	Monroe.
Massachusetts	RUFUS C. HATHEWAY	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	GARRA B. NOBLE	Detroit.
Missouri	WILLIAM G. HUDSON	Ludington.
New York	H. SHAW NOBLE	Monroe.
Ohio	J. L. MITCHELL	Jackson.
Oregon	FREDERICK W. HAWES	Detroit.
Pennsylvania	CHARLES H. AXTELL	St. Louis.
Rhode Island		
South Carolina	JOHN L. MITCHELL	Jackson.
Tennessee	GEORGE HILL	Portland.
Vermont	THERON F. GIDDINGS	Kalamazoo.

NECROLOGY, 1886.

Wm. H. Rodda	Monroe Council, No. 1	January 24.
Richard S. Dillon	Monroe Council, No. 1	March 4.
John Thompson	Monroe Council, No. 1	April 25.
James E. Brewster	Monroe Council, No. 1	November 22.
James D. Weir	Monroe Council, No. 1	December 6.
Adam Shaft	Pontiac Council, No. 8	October 14.
John P. Foster	Pontiac Council, No. 8	November 5.
Ezra J. Hodges	Jonesville Council No. 5	February 19.
G. W. Miller	Zabud Council, No. 9	Unknown.
Wm. Wilson	Union Council, No. 11	Unknown.
Henry Wheeden	Ionia Council, No. 12	January —.
Amasa C. Allen	Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15	May 31.
O. H. Gillam	Mt. Ararat Council, No. 15	August 14.
Henry Rounds	Niles Council, No. 19	March 18.
Anthony Cook	St. Johns Council, No. 21	November —
Charles Derbyshire	Portland Council, No. 23	Unknown.
C. M. Sly	Northville Council, No. 30	July 18.
Frank L. Smith	Jackson Council, No. 32	December 5.
G. Cogsdell	Charlotte Council, No. 36	October 11.
George Pashby	Nebuzar'd'n Council, No. 37	March 15.
Eli Howser	Nebuzar'd'n Council, No. 37	October 16.
Robert S. Hutton	Lapeer Council, No. 42	June 26.
D. Chidester	Lawrence Council, No. 43	February 19.
Z. B. Wietern	Giblum Council, No. 44	Unknown.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON

Foreign Correspondence.

To the M. I. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

Your Committee have received since the last annual Assembly proceedings of the following sister Grand Councils:

Arkansas	1885, 1886	Massachusetts	1886
Alabama	1885	Minnesota	1886
California	1886	New Hampshire	1886
Connecticut	1886	New York	1886
Canada (Circular)	1886	New Jersey	1886
Georgia	1886	Oregon	1886
Indiana	1886	Ohio	1886
Illinois	1886	Pennsylvania	1886
Kentuck	1886	Vermont	1886
Missouri	1885	England and Wales (Circular)	
Maine	1886	G. G. Council, U. S. (Circular)	

ARKANSAS, 1885.

The twenty-third annual Assembly was held at Little Rock,

November 26, 1885, Comp. James M. Harkey, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

Six Councils were represented.

Logan H. Roots, Little Rock, elected Grand Master, and James A. Henry, Little Rock, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS, 1886.

The twenty-fourth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held at Little Rock, November 25, 1886, Comp. Logan H. Roots, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

Seven Councils were represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, says: "In this, as in sister jurisdictions, we are stronger since divorced from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. The fact of an increase of fifty per cent. in the membership of Councils within this jurisdiction is evidence in itself of progress beyond that of recent preceding years. He recommended that the Grand Council take the necessary steps to participate in the General Grand Council.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be directed to take such steps as are necessary for this Grand Council to become a member of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.

Comp. George L. Kimball, Dardanelles, elected M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. James A. Henry, Little Rock, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ALABAMA, 1885.

The forty-eighth annual Assembly was held in the City of Montgomery, December 7, 1885, William Wallace McCollum, Grand Master, presiding.

Five Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address was quite short and not very encouraging, but he hopes the blackness of night will give way for the rosy light of day.

Companion William Wallace McCollum, Briarfield, re-elected Grand Master and Comp. Daniel Sayre, Montgomery, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Since receiving the above proceedings, notice has been received from Ill. Comp. Henry W. Nordhurst, General Grand Recorder of the G. G. Council, that the Grand Council of Alabama has ceased to exist.

CALIFORNIA, 1886.

The twenty-sixth annual Assembly was held in San Francisco, April 26, 1886, M. P. Franklin H. Day, Grand Master, presiding.

Eight Councils were represented.

The Grand Master in his address recites his official acts, and reports the Cryptic Rite in California in a prosperous condition.

Grand Recorder Thomas H. Caswell submitted the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils, Michigan for 1886 included.

Councils, 9; membership, 852.

Comp. Charles Lord Field, San Francisco, elected Grand Master, and Comp Thomas Hubbard Caswell, San Francisco, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT, 1886.

The sixty-eighth annual Assembly was held in the City of Hartford, May 10, 1886, Comp. Job F. Seamans, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

Nineteen Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address was brief, relating to his official acts.

Comp. William Wallace Lee submitted the report on correspondence of one-half page, which was read by the Grand Recorder. He says "he has received the proceedings of nine Grand Councils, and on looking them over, found they did not amount to much, requiring no special notice, and concluded to make his report short, if not sweet."

Councils 19; Members 2,243.

Comp. Frank G. Bassett, of Seymour, elected M. P. Grand Master, and Comp. J. K. Wheeler, Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CANADA, 1886.

Circular received announcing that the annual Assembly was held July, 1886. Most Ill. Comp. E. H. Raymour, St. Thomas, elected Grand Master, and Most Ill. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Toronto, elected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA, 1886.

The forty-third annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held at Macon, April 28, 1886, Rt. Ill. Henry C. Burr, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Eight Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, reciting his official acts, and also stating that he had received from the Grand Recorder the proceedings of eighteen sister Grand Councils, Michigan for 1885 included, of which he submitted a brief review, fraternally mentioning Michigan.

Councils, 9; membership, 227.

Comp. C. F. Lewis, Augusta, elected M. I. Grand Master, and Comp. A. M. Wolihin, Macon, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA, 1886.

The thirty-first annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Indianapolis, October 19, 1886, Companion Augustus M. Sinks, Grand Master, presiding.

Thirty-eight Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief. He says: "It has been a prosperous year for the Rite, their membership increasing and the treasury not empty."

Comp. Albert P. Charles, chairman, submitted a report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty sister Grand Councils, Michigan for 1886 of the number.

Councils, 42; membership, 1,706.

Comp. Orlando W. Brownback, Pendleton, elected Grand Master, and Comp. John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS, 1886.

The thirty-fourth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Chicago, October 27, 1886, Ill. Harvey E. Huston, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master says the past year has been a quiet one in Cryptic matters, which he attributes to the preparations for the triennial parade of Knights Templar at St. Louis, but thinks it will blow over this year.

Owing to the ill health of Comp. Gurney, the report on correspondence was submitted by Comp. L. R. Jerome, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-two sister Grand Councils. Michigan for 1885 and 1886 was fraternally noticed.

He says in opening: "The lateness of the time when it was ascertained that Comp. Gurney would be unable to furnish the report, and his inexperience in matters of this kind, would be excuse sufficient for any deficiency that might occur." We have searched diligently for the deficiency and find none, but,

on the contrary, found a full and interesting report, from which, were we expecting to give details, we would like to freely quote.

Number of chartered Councils, 23; membership, 1,129.

Comp. Nathaniel Bowditch, Aurora, elected Most Ill. Grand Master, and Comp. Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, re-elected Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY, 1886.

The annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in Louisville, October 21, 1886, Comp. James William Hopper, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Nine Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address was very brief. He granted one dispensation to elect officers in September and had an application from one Council to elect officers in October, but their constitution requiring officers to be elected annually at the stated Assembly in September, he refused.

An amendment was offered to strike out September, and allowing the Grand Master to grant dispensation to elect at any other time.

Thirteen Councils; membership 540.

Comp. H. B. Grant submitted a very excellent and spicy report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty Sister Grand Councils, ours for 1885 and 1886 included. He lets us down very easy. We thank you, Companion Grant. If we were expecting to give a report of the general proceedings as usual, we would most assuredly quote very many of your sayings, but we do not intend to at this time.

Companion Charles H. Fiske, Covington, elected Grand Master and Companion Lorenzo Dow Croninger, Covington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI, 1885.

The twentieth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in St. Louis, May 6, 1885, M. Ill. Comp. Wm. H. Dale, Grand Master, presiding.

Five Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address was very short, relating to his official acts only.

The committee to whom the address was referred say: "We congratulate the Grand Council that while we are not in as prosperous condition as might be desired, we are yet doing well. Your committee see no cause to feel discouraged at the condition of our beloved rite in Missouri."

Comp. Wm. H. Mayo submitted the report on correspondence, consisting of two pages, saying he had received the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Jurisdictions since August, 1884, including Michigan, and, having examined them says he is much pleased to notice a marked improvement in them all.

Nine Councils; 334 members.

Comp. P. R. Flitcraft, St. Louis, elected M. I. Grand Master, and Comp. Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MAINE, 1886.

The thirty-second annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in Portland, May 5, 1885, Comp. Horace H. Burbank, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Ten Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is short, giving a resume of his doings only. He visited seven of the twelve subordinate Councils and gave a brief report of their condition.

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond submitted the report on correspondence, reviewing in his usual instructive and happy manner the proceedings of twenty sister Grand Councils, our own

receiving a fraternal notice. Concluding, he says: "We are disappointed in not having the material for a table of statistics. While some proceedings contain a full and complete table, many have none. A careful examination of the proceedings show an increase and growth."

Returns—Eleven Subordinate Councils; 961 members.

Comp. Charles W. Haney, Belfast, elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Comp. Ira Berry, Portland, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1886.

The annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in Boston, December 8, 1886, Seramus Bowen, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Twenty Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address was good, giving much excellent advice to the subordinate officers, particularly the Recorder, in relation to keeping the records, etc. Harmony and good fellowship prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and prosperity seems stamped upon its banner.

Companion J. W. Dadmun, of the committee on correspondence, says adverse circumstances beyond his control compelled him to forego the pleasure of making a detailed report. He received the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Councils including Michigan for 1886.

Returns from twenty-three Councils; membership, 2,930.

Comp. Seramus Bowen, 322 Warren street, Roxbury, was re-elected M. Ill. Grand Master, and Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, 223 Washington street, Boston, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA, 1886.

The seventeenth annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of St. Paul, October 11, 1886. Past M. Ill. Grand Master Wm. S. Combs, presiding.

Five Councils were represented.

Grand Master Dwight M. Baldwin having been detained by sickness, presented through the Grand Recorder an abstract of his address relating to his doings during the past year.

Comp. George W. Cooley, M. Ill. Grand Master, submitted the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen sister Grand Councils, Michigan not included. I know know not why. I sent the Grand Recorder three copies of our proceedings a year ago. Possibly he may not have received them. In conclusion he says: "In regard to the Rite, there is no cause to be dissatisfied."

Six Councils; 444 members. Passed, 38; dimitted, 8; died, 3; stricken from the roll, 4; net gain, 21.

Comp. John W. Carey, Duluth, elected Grand Master; Comp. Wm. Cheney, Minneapolis, elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1886.

The twenty-fifth annual Assembly was held in the City of Concord, May 17, 1886, Comp. Elliott B. Hodge, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Eight Councils were represented.

Grand Master Hodge in his address says the past year has been a most prosperous one. He visited all but one of the Subordinate Councils. I think this accounts for the prosperity of the Rite in New Hampshire. If the Grand Masters will devote more time to visiting the Subordinate Councils we would see a vast improvement in the interest of the Cryptic Rite, we think. Comp. George P. Cleaves submitted the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-three Sister Grand Councils, ours for 1886 fraternally noticed.

Councils 9; membership 906. Greeted past year, 71.

M. I. Elliott B. Hodge, Plymouth, re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. George P. Cleaves, Concord, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK, 1886.

The annual Assembly was held in the City of New York, September 7, 1886, M. Ill. John W. Coburn, Grand Master, presiding.

Twenty-two Councils were represented.

Grand Master Coburn says in his address: "From reports of Grand officers and personal observation, the Rite in New York is in a prosperous condition."

M. Ill. Comp. George M. Osgoodby presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing in his usual full and interesting manner the proceedings of twenty-eight sister jurisdictions, among which Michigan is kindly noticed. In conclusion he says: "We can only add, the prospects of the Cryptic Rite were never more bright, never resting on such a firm basis as they are today."

Twenty-four Councils. Dues received from 21 Councils, $1,004.50. No report of membership.

[Will the Grand Recorder in his next report give us the number of members of the Subordinate Councils ?]

Comp. John W. Coburn, Morrisania, re-elected Grand Master, and Comp. George Van Vliet, New York City, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY, 1886.

The twenty-eighth annual Assembly was held at Trenton, January 26, 1886, M. Ill. Edward Mills, Grand Master, presiding.

Five Councils were represented.

The Grand Master says: "The condition of the Rite in our State appears to be strong and healthy, some Councils showing a marked improvement, others maintaining their strength and efficiency."

Comp. Charles Bechtel presented the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of seventeen sister Grand Councils, Michigan for 1885, among the number. He says: "Most of the Grand Councils show a healthy increase, and the Cryptic Rite seems to be flourishing."

Five Councils; 273 members—a gain of nineteen the past year.

Comp. Daniel Demarest, Passaic, elected Grand Master, and Comp. Charles Bechtel, Trenton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

OREGON, 1886.

The first annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held at Cornwallis, January 13, 1886, Comp. Asa H. Hodson, M. I. Grand Master, presiding.

Three Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief, being mostly a record of his official doings. One thing he says we think worthy of particular notice At the organization of this Grand Council in May, 1885, a committee was appointed to report a uniform work for this jurisdiction. They will report at the next General Assembly. He hopes that the report will be satisfactory, and if adopted, "Then let an ukase like that of the Medes and Persians emanate from the Grand Council that will forever after prohibit, with the strongest penalties, this thing of ritual tinkering."

Comp. Wallace Baldwin, for the committee on correspondence, submitted a brief report of the proceedings of seven sister Grand Councils, ours for 1885 included.

Three Councils; 94 members.

Comp. Wallace Baldwin, Cornwallis, elected M. I. Grand Master, and Comp. Frelon J. Babcock, Salem, elected Grand Recorder.

OHIO, 1886.

The fifty-sixth annual Assembly was held at Toledo, October 7, 1886, Comp. D. P. Chamberlin, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Forty-three Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address is brief. He divided his jurisdiction into four divisions, and appointed the Deputy Grand Treasurer, the Grand P. C. of Work and the P. M. Ill. Grand Master, and one district in his own charge, as visitors to visit each Council in their respective districts, and their reports show the Cryptic Rite in Ohio in a flourishing condition.

Comp. S. Stacker Williams presented the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty sister jurisdictions. Michigan for 1886 fraternally noticed.

Councils, 51; 2,902 members.

Comp. David C. Winegarner, Newark, elected M. Ill. Grand Master; Companion John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, re-elected Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The fortieth annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal, Super-Excellent and Select Masters was held at Allentown, February 17, 1886, J. Lilond Lytle, M. P. Grand Master, presiding.

Eleven Councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address was very short, relating to local matters only.

No report on correspondence.

Seventeen Councils; 1,319 members.

Comp. George W. Kendrick, Philadelphia, elected M. P. Grand Master; Comp. Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT, 1886.

The thirty-third annual Assembly of the Grand Council was held in the City of Burlington, June 8, 1886, Comp. William H. S. Whitcomb, M. Ill. Grand Master, presiding.

Sixteen Councils were represented.

The Grand Master in his address says: "I take great pleasure in informing you of the prosperous condition of the Rite. It has fallen to the lot of a Grand Master of this Grand Council to report a large number added to our circle; the treasury is in good condition"

[We congratulate Vermont on its prosperous condition.]

No report on correspondence, but the committee was ordered to prepare a report for the proceedings in 1887. We hope it will be a good and full one.

Eighteen Councils; 812 members.

Comp. William H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington, re-elected M. I. Grand Master; Companion Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, re-elected Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES—(CIRCULAR).

Grand officers elected January 7, 1886—M. P. Comp. the Rev. Canon Portal, Grand Master; Comp. Charles Fitzgerald Matier, Grand Recorder.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL—(CIRCULAR.)

The second triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council was held in the City of Washington, D. C., September 28, 1886. M. P. George J. Pinckard, New Orleans, was elected General Grand Master; Comp. Henry W. Nordhurst, Fort Wayne, Ind., elected General Grand Recorder.

The proceedings have not been received.

CONCLUSION.

Companions, we again place before you our report.

We do not attempt to give you an extended report, owing to the lateness of the receipt of many of the proceedings of our sister jurisdictions. The annual Assemblies of a majority are held the latter part of the year, consequently we do not receive their proceedings until it is time to make up our own report, and the time to carefully review them is too short to be satisfactory. We have only given date of the annual Assembly, the officers elect, statistics of such as have given them, and regret that many Grand Recorders do not give us *statistics*. Please give us a list of your Subordinates and the number of your members—it is very little trouble. Our examination of the different proceedings received shows a healthy increase and growth. Some few do not show any increase, but gains in others overbalance losses and give a net gain. We think the Cryptic Rite to-day is more prosperous and rests on a firmer basis than ever before.



For the Committee.

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