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## SPRING IN THE CITY.

Spring's in the city! I saw her to day  
With her little pink bonnet cross over the way,  
Her dainty skirts lifted enough to disclose  
A stocking of silk, with a hand-painted rose!

Spring's in the city! I saw her go by  
By the little shop windows, and some were so bold  
As to cough and to wink and to flutter and sigh  
And invite a sweet glance from her beautiful eye!  
And the cop on the corner assisted her over  
From curb unto curb and from clover to clover!

Spring's in the city! Men turned as she strolled  
By the little shop windows, and some were so bold  
As to cough and to wink and to flutter and sigh  
And invite a sweet glance from her beautiful eye!

Her skirts were so dainty, her waist was so slim,  
And her ankles so graceful and dainty and trim,  
No wonder men startled, while all down the street  
Love felt on its heart the soft fall of her feet!

Whither? I know not—and why should I care?  
But every one knew that her spirit was there.  
And men turned their heads, as men will, I suppose,  
For a glimpse of silk stocking embroidered with rose!

—[*Baltimore Sun.*]

## MASONRY IN MAINE.

### Grand Lodge.

Tuesday, May 5, 1908.

The 89th annual communication was held at Masonic Hall in Portland, commencing at 9 A. M., Grand Master, Charles F. Johnson of Waterville, presided and all the Grand Officers were present except the Gr. Senior Deacon, some of the Gr. Chaplains and the Junior Steward. The eleven past Grand Masters were all present, including the Hon. Wm. P. Preble, now in his 90th year, who came on from his home in Staten Island, N. Y., to attend, and who was received by the Grand Lodge, all rising to welcome him. Nearly all the other permanent members were present, and all but 7 of the Grand Representatives.

Grand Master Johnson in his annual address reported a membership of 27,356, a gain over last year of 826. The death rate had been 19 1-2 in the thousand but no past grand officers had died. There are 201

lodges, the two lodges at Ellsworth having been consolidated during the year. The average lodge membership is now 136. The year has been a most prosperous one.

The other grand officers made their reports, which occupied a greater part of the forenoon, the reports in each case being referred to committees. At 11.30 the grand lodge adjourned until 2 o'clock.

### Tuesday Afternoon, May 5th.

The Grand Lodge resumed work at 2 o'clock. Reports of committees and routine business occupied the hour until 3 o'clock, when the following Grand Officers were elected:

Grand Master—E. B. Mallet, Freeport.  
D. G. M.—Rev. A. A. Smith, Belfast.  
S. G. W.—John Clair Minot, Augusta.  
J. G. W.—George W. Holmes, Norway.  
Gr. Treas.—Millard F. Hicks, Portland.  
Gr. Sec.—Stephen Berry, Portland.  
Committee on Finance—Albro E. Chase, Portland; George R. Shaw, Portland; Hugh R. Chaplin, Bangor.

Trustees Charity Fund—Charles I. Collamore, Bangor; Fessenden I. Day, Lewiston.

At 4:40 the Grand Lodge called off until 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

### Wednesday Afternoon, May 6th.

The Grand Lodge spent the afternoon in witnessing an exemplification of the 3d degree by Aurora Lodge of Rockland, Arthur S. Littlefield, Master.

### Thursday Morning, May 7th.

The Grand Lodge met at 9 A. M. Various committees reported.

The Grand Officers were installed by Past Grand Master Charles I. Collamore of Bangor, the following appointments being made;

Corresponding Grand Secretary—Herbert Harris, Portland.

### District Deputy Grand Masters.

Districts.

- 1 Charles G. Briggs, Caribou.
- 2 Irving W. Case, Lubec.
- 3 Forrest S. Stevens, Cutler.
- 4 Charles H. Hooper, Castine.
- 5
- 6 Clarence B. Swan, Old Town.
- 7 Sullivan L. Andrews, Clinton.
- 8 Joseph A. Sprague, Islesboro.
- 9 Enos E. Ingraham, Rockport.
- 10 Albert H. Hunter, Damariscotta.
- 11 Charles A. Knight, Gardiner.
- 12 Leon O. Tebbetts, Readfield.
- 13 Malon H. Patterson, Solon.
- 14 Wallace N. Prince, Richmond.
- 15 Frank L. Woodcock, Wilton.

- 16 Lee M. Smith, Norway.
- 17 Charles W. Carl, Westbrook.
- 18 Daniel B. Chaplin, Cornish.
- 19 John M. Burleigh, Berwick.
- 20 Daniel W. Ballantyne, Lincoln.
- 21 Andrew P. Havey, Sullivan.
- 22 Melvin W. Knowles, Cambridge.
- 23 Willie F. Ferguson, Springvale.
- 24 Lewis V. Winship, Lewiston.
- 25 Almon O. Nutter, Mars Hill.

Grand Chaplains—Revs. Wm. H. Fultz, Portland; Robert R. Morson, Yarmouth; Charles R. Tenney, Auburn; Albert E. Morris, Thomaston; George B. Nicholson, Waterville; Robert L. Sheaff, Newcastle, Lewis D. Evans, Camden; John M. Beiler, Machias.

G. Mar.—Freeman M. Grant, Freeport.  
G. S. D.—Silas B. Adams, Portland.  
G. J. D.—Frank J. Cole, Bangor.

Gr. Stewards—Convers E. Leach, Portland; Ralph H. Burbank, Saco; Clifford J. Pattee, Belfast; Eben K. Whitaker, Bar Harbor.

G. S. Br.—Levi C. Emery, Skowhegan.  
G. St. Br.—Albert H. Burroughs, Westbrook.

Gr. Pursuivants—Warren C. King, Portland; Carl M. Wiswell, East Machias.

G. Lecturer—Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus.  
G. Organist—Walter S. Smith, Portland.  
Gr. Tyler—Warren O. Carney, Portland.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were returned to the retiring Grand Master, Charles F. Johnson, and at noon the Grand Lodge closed.

### Grand Chapter.

Tuesday Evening, May 5th.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met at 7:30, Dr. Edwin A. Porter of Pittsfield, Grand High Priest, presiding. The grand officers were all present excepting the Grand R. A. Captain, with a goodly attendance of delegates.

The committee on credentials reported 58 of the 59 chapters represented.

The address of Grand High Priest Porter showed a prosperous and busy year. There are 59 chapters and 8,964 members, a gain of 359. The following grand officers were elected:

G. H. P.—Franklin R. Redlon, Portland.  
D. G. H. P.—Thos. H. Bodge, Augusta.  
Gr. King—Charles B. Davis, Waterville.  
Gr. Scribe—Ralph H. Burbank, Saco.  
G. Treas.—Leander W. Fobes, Portland.  
Gr. Secretary—Stephen Berry, Portland.  
Committee on Finance—Millard F. Hicks, Portland; Warren C. King, Portland; Herbert W. Robinson, Portland.

At 9:20 the grand chapter called off until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.



*Wednesday Morning May 6th.*

The Grand Chapter met at 9 a. m.

Various committees reported.

The grand officers were installed by Past G. H. P. William N. Howe, of Portland, the following appointments being made:

*District Deputy Grand High Priests.*

Wilmer J. Dorman, Belfast; George W. Goss, Lewiston; Phineas B. Guptill, Cherryfield; DeForest H. Perkins, Skowhegan.

Grand Chaplains—Rev. Leroy W. Coons, Brunswick; Rev. Joseph B. Shepherd, Portland; Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Belfast; Rev. Wm. J. Taylor, Lewiston.

G. Capt. of Host—Frank J. Cole, Bangor. Grand Principal Sojourner—Albert W. Meserve, Kennebunk.

Grand R. A. Captain—Jarvis L. Taylor, Farmington.

Gr. Master 3d V.—Levi Seavey, Thomaston.

Grand Master 2d V.—William C. Libby, Belfast.

Grand Master 1st V.—John M. Burleigh, South Berwick.

Grand Stewards—Hugh R. Chaplin, Bangor; Silas B. Adams, Portland; Warren Skillin, Houlton.

G. Lecturer—Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus.

Gr. Sent.—Warren O. Carney, Portland.

The committees for the ensuing year were appointed, the minutes were read and approved, and at 11 o'clock the grand chapter was closed.

**Order of High Priesthood.***Wednesday Evening, May 6th.*

The Council of High Priesthood for Maine met at 7:30 p. m., Alfred S. Kimball of Norway, president, presiding. Twenty-five high priests from all over the State were received into the order. The following officers were elected:

President—Alfred S. Kimball, Norway. S. V. P.—Albert M. Penley, Auburn. J. V. P.—Henry R. Taylor, Machias. Treasurer—Millard F. Hicks, Portland. Recorder—Stephen Berry, Portland. M. of C.—James E. Parsons, Ellsworth. C.—James H. Witherell, Oakland. Chap.—William J. Burnham, Lewiston. S.—Benjamin L. Hadley, Bar Harbor. Warder.—Wilbur A. Patten, Portland.

At 9:30 the council was closed.

**Grand Council.***Wednesday Afternoon, May 6th.*

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters met at 2 p. m., Alfred S. Kimball of Norway, Grand Master, presiding.

G. Sidney Macfarlane, Grand P. C. of Work of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, was present as a visitor, and was received and welcomed.

The committee on credentials reported all of the 16 councils represented with a good attendance of permanent members.

The Grand Master's address showed a prosperous year and a diligent discharge of duties by the grand officers.

The committee on returns reported 16 councils, 4201 members, 416 candidates.

The following grand officers were elected and appointed:

G. M.—Convers E. Leach, Portland. D. G. M.—Murray B. Watson, Auburn. G. P. C. of W.—James H. Witherell, Oakland.

G. T.—Leander W. Fobes, Portland.

G. R.—Stephen Berry, Portland.

G. M. of C.—Daniel B. Belcher, Farmington.

G. C. of G.—Frank J. Cole, Bangor.

G. C.—Harry E. Larrabee, Gardiner.

G. S.—DeForest H. Perkins, Skowhegan.

G. S.—Willard C. G. Carney, Portland.

The officers were installed by Past Grand Master Albert M. Penley of Auburn.

The thanks of the Grand Council were extended to Past Grand Master Kimball, and the Grand Council was closed.

**Grand Commandery.***Thursday Afternoon, May 7th.*

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for Maine met at 2 p. m., Sanford L. Fogg of Bath, Grand Commander, presiding.

Freeman C. Hersey of Boston, representative of the Grand Master of the United States Grand Encampment, was present as inspecting officer and was received with due honors, as was also the Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment, Frederick C. Thayer of Waterville.

The committee on credentials reported 21 of the 23 commanderies represented, with a large number of permanent members.

The address of Grand Commander Fogg and the reports of other grand officers showed a prosperous year.

The report on returns showed 23 commanderies, 5099 members, 363 knighted and 98 deaths.

The following grand officers were elected:

G. C.—Arno W. King, Ellsworth.

D. G. C.—Harry R. Virgin, Portland.

G. G.—Warren C. Philbrook, Waterville.

G. C. G.—Albert H. Burroughs, Westbrook.

G. S. W.—Elroy H. Mitchell, Saco.

G. J. W.—Charles W. Jones, Augusta.

G. P.—Rev. James F. Albion, Portland.

G. T.—Leander W. Fobes, Portland.

G. R.—Stephen Berry, Portland.

The Grand Commander being absent, the remaining officers were not appointed. Those present were installed by Past Grand Commander Albion E. Chase of Portland.

A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring Grand Commander, Sanford L. Fogg, and at 9 o'clock the Grand Commandery adjourned.

At the supper, which was taken between 6 and 8 o'clock, speeches were made by several distinguished knights.

**Scottish Rite.**

Yates Lodge of Perfection, Portland. Jos. E. Henley, m; Frank C. Allen, dm; Howard B. Chandler, sw; Fred C. Tolman, jw; Fred H. Oliver, sec.

**MYSTIC SHRINE.**—Korah Temple will build a new hall at Lewiston this summer to cost \$100,000. The building will be 96 1-2 by 138 1-2 feet on Hospital square. The Temple has now 2,350 members. The architecture will be Saracenic.

**ST. JOHN'S DAY.**—Prominent Knights Templar representing the commanderies of Skowhegan, Waterville, Augusta and Gardiner, met in Waterville to make the preliminary plans for a field day of these four masonic bodies on St. John's Day. The plan is for the Sir Knights of these four commanderies to unite in an outing on Wednesday, June 24, making it not a formal pilgrimage with Templar pomp and dignity, but an outing to the sea-shore. It was voted to make Portland harbor the objective point of the day, and a sub-committee of four was named to make arrangements about the special train, shore dinner, music, etc. Most of the commanderies of the state will make excursions on that day. Those of Lewiston and Bath will be entertained by that at Rumford Falls; those of Rockland, Belfast and Camden and Vinalhaven will enjoy the day together at Rockland Breakwater; the two Portland commanderies will go the Bay of Naples; that at Biddeford will go to Rangeley, and so those of Waterville, Skowhegan, Augusta and Gardiner also propose to make it a red letter day in the summer. It is expected that between 200 and 300 Sir Knights of these four commanderies will take in the trip and the committee expects to make it an occasion to be remembered.

**Books, Papers, etc.**

—*The Masonic Ashler* is a new quarto magazine published fortnightly at Calgary, Alberta, Canada, price 10 cts. or \$2.40 annually, for the benefit of the Masonic Home and Schools, Edward Ross, editor. The first number was published April 1st and it promises to be a bright and interesting journal.

George C. Baker, editor of the Northern New Yorker of Whitehall, N. Y., died Feb. 1st, aged 39, and with him died that journal. It was an excellent paper and we shall miss it.

—*The Maine Register for 1907-8*, was received from the publisher, Grenville M. Donham, 390 Congress St., Portland. It is a little thicker, as it has to be every year, and, like the dictionary answers more questions than one could ever ask. This year it will be in request on account of the election tables. But it is always in request, for the more familiar one gets with using it the



more it is needed. Send \$2 to the publisher for a copy.

--*Templar Tactics and Manual*, by Langdon S. Chilcott. Bangor, Maine. A neat 12 mo. of 143 pages, bound in full morocco, price \$1.50. It is an attractive book and seems to contain all the military instruction which a Templar needs. The Manual of the Sword is illustrated with cuts of Knights in position, and the movements by plans.

The Asylum Tactics adopted by the Gr. Commandery follow the Military Tactics.

At the end are given the music of two pieces, "The Standard" and "Fling out the Banner," with the notes of the Trumpet Calls and Drill Signals.

We recommend this heartily to all who wish to study tactics.

---*Low Twelve*, by Edward S. Ellis, A. M., P. M. of Trenton Lodge, is a collection of Masonic Tales illustrating practical freemasonry. We have seen many thrilling incidents recorded in masonic papers, but this is the first group of them which we have met with in book form, and they are of the best. The author does not claim historical accuracy, but they bear the marks of authenticity, and we are willing to accept them as typical stories. One of them, "A Lively Time," refers to a Maine man, Capt. Henry S. Burrage, and we can avouch for that part of it. The first story, from which the book takes its title is about the Warm Spring Indians and is an exciting narrative. All are interesting, and will attract the general reader as well as the mason. It is published by F. R. Niglutsch, New York.

—*The Los Angeles Freemason* issues a double number for April and May in Magazine form, all devoted to a history of Freemasonry in Nevada. It will be of much historical value.

#### Our Thanks.

ALABAMA. Grand Chapter Dec. 2, 1907, from George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, G. Secretary. Lew Lazarus, Birmingham, G. H. P. 52 chapters, 2,689 members, 396 exalted.

Gr. Council Dec. 2, 1907, from Geo. A. Beauchamp, Gr. Rec. Wm. W. Ransom, Birmingham, G. M. 9 councils, 463 members, 63 candidates.

ARKANSAS. Grand Lodge Nov. 19, 1907, from Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, G. Sec. M. W. Greeson, Prescott, G. Master. 519 lodges, 18,293 members, 1,664 initiated.

Gr. Chapter Nov. 21, 1907, from John C. Bone, Batesville, Gr. Sec. Sam H. Davidson, Evening Shade, G. H. P. 83 chapters, 3,470 members, 389 exaltations.

CONNECTICUT. Gr. Com. March 17, 1908, from Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden, G. R. Geo. M. Long, New London, G. Com. 11 commanderies, 3,616 members, 238 knighted.

LOUISIANA. Gr. Lodge Feb. 3-5, 1908, from Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Gr. Sec. J. C. Drew, New Orleans, G. M. 183 lodges, 11,761 members, 1,203 initiates.

Gr. Chapter Feb. 4-5, 1908, from Richard Lambert, Gr. Sec. Chas. C. Kramer, New Iberia, G. H. P. 27 chapters, 2,489 members, 281 exalted.

Grand Commandery Feb. 6, 1908, from Richard Lambert, Grand Rec. George H. Smith, New Orleans, Grand Com. 9 commanderies, 679 members, 68 knighted.

MASSACHUSETTS. G. Lodge Dec. 7, 1907, from Sereno D. Nickerson, Boston, G. Sec. John Albert Blake, Malden, Gr. M. 239 lodges, 52,260 members, 3,068 initiates.

MISSISSIPPI. Gr. Lodge Report of Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence 1908, from Fred. Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

Gr. Lodge Feb. 11, 12, 1908, from Fred. Speed, Vicksburg, G. Sec. Edwin J. Martin, Meridian, Gr. M. 329 lodges, 15,738 members, 1,057 raised.

Grand Commandery, Feb. 14, 1908, from Fred. Speed, Vicksburg, Gr. Rec. George C. Haskins, Brookhaven, Grand Com. 25 commanderies, 1,450 members, 216 knighted.

NEW MEXICO. G. Commandery Oct. 24, 1907, from Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, G. Rec. John C. Slack, Clayton, G. Com. 9 commanderies, 467 members, 52 knighted.

NOVA SCOTIA. Grand Lodge June 12, 1907, from Thomas Mowbry, Halifax, Gr. Sec. Charles R. Smith, Amherst, G. M. 66 lodges, 5,020 members, 453 initiates.

OHIO. Gr. Council Oct. 1, 1907, from Wm. E. Evans, Chillicothe, Gr. Rec. Edward H. Archer, Columbus, G. M. 68 councils, 10,261 members, 1,243 candidates.

PENNSYLVANIA. Grand Lodge Dec. 27, 1907, from Wm. A. Sinn, Philadelphia, Gr. Sec. Geo. B. Orlady, Philadelphia, G. M. 470 lodges, 84,341 members, 6,405 initiates.

Gr. Council Jan. 21, 1908, from Frank W. Martenis, So. Bethlehem, Gr. Recorder. John H. Lape, Altoona, G. M. 25 councils, 4,220 members, 518 candidates.

TENNESSEE. Gr. Chapter Jan. 27, 1908, from Wm. A. Clendening, Nashville, Gr. Sec. Charles Comstock, Crossville, G. H. P. 173 chapters, 4,179 members, 450 exalted.

Gr. Council Jan. 27, 1908, from Wm. A. Clendening, Nashville, Gr. Rec. R. Leslie Chiles, Knoxville, G. M. 20 councils, 802 members, 130 candidates.

TEXAS. Gr. Chapter Dec. 2, 1907, from John A. Bryan, Cleburne, Gr. Secretary. Charles F. Smith, McGregor, G. H. P. 210 chapters, 12,629 members, 1,389 exalted.

WEST VIRGINIA. Gr. Lodge Nov. 13, 1907, from H. R. Howard, Gr. Sec., Point

Pleasant. James A. Bryan, Parkersburg, G. M. 138 lodges, 11,778 members, 1,007 initiated.

UNITED STATES. Supreme Council N. M. J., September 17, 1907, from James H. Coddington, New York, Gr. Sec. Gen. Hon. Henry L. Palmer, Milwaukee, Sov. G. C. A portly volume, with a picture of the Brussels Conference and portraits of deceased members.

Maine Council of Deliberation will hold a meeting at Masonic Hall, Portland, Thursday evening, May 28th. After the meeting a banquet will be served at which several distinguished speakers are expected to be called upon, among them Rev. Josiah L. Seward, Grand Prior of the Supreme Council.

Friday, May 29th, Maine Consistory will hold a meeting to work the 21st degree, commencing at 3 o'clock. There will be a supper at 6, and work will be continued in the evening.

The Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star for Maine will hold its annual meeting at Portland in Masonic Hall May 20th and 21st.

#### Railroad to Mecca.

A railroad now being built to Mecca is expected to be completed in about two and a half years. It runs from Medina, where is situated Mahomet's burial place, crossing the Arabian Desert. The line is called the Hamidie and Hedjaz Railway, from the name of the founder, the Sultan Abdul Hamid, and the Hedjaz, the sacred territory of Islam, which is the central government of Mecca. The Nabateans, whose tombs lie on the line of the railway, were a people of Northern Arabia considered by some to be of pure Arab blood, but other authorities, identifying them with the Ishmaelite tribe of Nebaioth, regard them as having been closely akin to the Edomites, whose country they occupied in the third century B. C. They were the most powerful of the Arab tribes, and had an army of ten thousand fighting men. They were also carriers of merchandise between the East and the West. Antigonos, the general of Alexandria, attacked them unsuccessfully in 312 B. C. In the first century B. C. they shaped themselves into a kingdom under Aretas. In 105 A. D. Trajan put an end to the kingdom. They possessed a certain measure of culture derived from the Syrians. Mahomet, when he was driven from Mecca in 622 A. D., the year known to devout Moslems as the Hegira, fled to Medina, where he died in 632. The great mosque, Al Haram, stands on the reputed spot where Mahomet died. According to the legend his coffin hangs between heaven and earth.

#### Mister Bluebird.

Here comes Mister Bluebird,  
Sunshine on his breast;  
His song is mighty little,  
But he always sings his bes'!

He up dar on de wire  
A-chirpin' 'bout de May,  
"Thankful fer de sunshine,"  
Is de very word he say!

Whar' he been, I wonder,  
W'en snow wuz comin' down?  
Howdy, Mister Bluebird?—  
Glad you come ter town!

—[Atlanta Constitution.]



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Secretaries should instantly report the election of officers, if they have not done so, that communications, &c., may be sent to the proper addresses.

Any lodge officer or member of the Grand Lodge can obtain a copy of the Constitution by remitting the postage, a three cent stamp, to the Grand Secretary.

Any member of the Grand Chapter can obtain the Constitution of that body in the same way.

### The Annual Meetings.

Grand Lodge week was fair, and the big southern storm did not get along until Friday when the sessions were all over.

There was a good attendance and everything went off satisfactorily and pleasantly.

The Deputy Grand Officers were promoted in all four of the bodies, and the retiring officers gave up their charges with the knowledge that they had done their work well and that their services were gratefully appreciated.

In the Grand Lodge and Chapter the amendments permitting the giving the degrees by courtesy at the request of other bodies, were adopted. In the Commandery it is allowed by the Grand Encampment, and the Council will undoubtedly follow the Grand Lodge law as it has always done.

No charters were applied for, although movements have been made for new lodges and chapters which were not encouraged. It is well to move deliberately in the establishment of new bodies, so that none of the old ones shall die out. The larger the average membership, the stronger the Craft. This can be easily seen by observing the number of weak proxies on the English rolls.

Although the death rate was large no past grand officers were reported deceased.

All the past Grand Masters were present, and it was peculiarly gratifying to have the Senior Past Grand Master, Wm. P. Preble, present. He is now in his 90th year.

Judge Arno W. King, the Grand Commander-elect, was detained from coming by Supreme Court duties, but telegraphed his acceptance.

The Templar supper which comes so near the close of the meetings is always a pleasant affair, and this year was no exception. The speakers were very happy in their addresses and were warmly applauded.

Bro. Robert Freke Gould asks if he is the oldest masonic journalist, he having contributed to masonic journals since 1858. We think there may be older in the United States and Canada. The writer thinks he contributed to masonic journals earlier than 1858, but only claims from 1867 when the Token was established. Perhaps Martin H. Rice of Indiana commenced earlier. But we are willing to put Bro. Gould at the head unless some one proves earlier work, and certainly no one has done such valuable work so long a time.

The proceedings of the Sovereign College of Allied Masonic and Christian Degrees for America for 1907 and 1908 are received from Merton L. Kimball, Norway, Me., Assistant Recorder General, Alfred S. Kimball of Norway, Me., Sovereign Grand Master, Howard D. Smith, Norway, Grand Recorder General. The tableau of membership shows 28 members, mostly in Maine and Virginia. The headquarters of the rite were formerly in Richmond, Virginia.

Gen. John Corson Smith, Grand Sovereign, sends us the 1907 proceedings of the Grand Cross of Constantine. Edward S. Wyckoff of Philadelphia is Gr. Registrar. Gen. Millard F. Hicks is second officer, and he with Herbert Harris and Wm. J. Burnham are the Maine members.

CHARLES L. DRUMMOND, youngest brother of Josiah H. Drummond, died in Portland January 29th, aged 64 years, 2 months and 11 days. He was born in Winslow, and came hither 37 years ago to keep the books in his brother's office. Later he became head book-keeper for the Union Mutual. He was a past master of Portland Lodge, and a member of Greenleaf Chapter, Portland Commandery and other bodies. He left a wife, a son and a daughter. His wife was a daughter of Dexter Daniels.

The Grand Council of Texas has been reorganized and the work taken out of the hands of the Chapter, where it has been since 1864.

HERMANN KOTZSCHMAR died at his home in Portland April 15th, aged 78 years, 9 months and 11 days. He was born in Finsterwalde, Prussia, on July 4, 1829, and studied music in Dresden. He came to Portland in 1849, and has been the leading musician here ever since. He was initiated in Portland Lodge May 12, 1851, and became a charter member of Atlantic Lodge in 1855. He joined Portland Commandery in 1855, and was the oldest active member.

Lodge Hiram of New Zealand returned its charter to the Grand Lodge of England for cancellation, and it was reissued to a new Lodge Hiram. Instead of being returned, such charter should be indorsed by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and retained as the working charter.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has warned all its obedience against affiliating with the Cerneau Rite under penalty of expulsion.

The newly-elected Mayor of Rome, Ernesto Nathan, is a Jew, and the Past Grand Master of Masons in Italy.

The new masonic temple in Baltimore was burned out January 17th. Insured for \$300,000, and contents for \$35,000. Loss estimated at \$250,000. This is the second time, as it was burned Christmas, 1890.

Eastern Star Lodge of Perfection of Bangor held a lodge of sorrow for the dead of the year, Jan. 29th.

LIST OF REGULAR LODGES.—The Pantagraph Printing Co. of Bloomington, Illinois, has issued a new list of regular lodges of the English speaking world, revised to Jan. 1, 1908, and every lodge should have one. Send 75 cents to them.

A brilliant reception was given to Grand Master Henry W. Ruggat Providence, R. I., Jan. 23d, by St. John's Commandery, attended by 1,000 Knights and ladies of that Commandery, and 500 of Calvary Commandery, with many distinguished guests from other places, among them James M. Larabee of Gardiner, Maine, who knighted the Grand Master in 1864. It ended with a dance.

The Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Ohio will celebrate its centennial on the 20th and 21st of October next, in the city of Cincinnati. This will be a notable gathering of the fraternity, and the exercises will be very imposing. Centennial ceremonies will be held in the magnificent Music Hall of Cincinnati, and it is expected that there will be a parade of ten thousand Master Masons escorting the Grand Lodge. P. G. M. Wm. B. Melish is chairman of the committee of arrangements.



**Obituaries.**

WILLIAM H. S. WRIGHT, Gr. Commander of Minnesota in 1894, died in St. Paul Nov. 28, 1907. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, Oct. 21, 1842.

WILLIAM R. STUBBLEFIELD, Gr. Master of Missouri in 1880, Grand High Priest in 1877, and Grand Master Grand Council 1876, died in St. Louis Jan. 10, 1908. He was born in Greenfield, Illinois, May 8, 1835.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT, Grand Master of Virginia in 1873, died in Alexandria Dec. 7, 1907. He was born there April 22, 1829.

ROBERT V. HAMPSON, Gr. Commander of Ohio in 1897, and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at his death, died in Salem Jan. 14th. He was born in Carrollton June 20, 1836.

MATTHEW H. MAYNARD, of Marquette, Grand Master of Michigan in 1876, died in Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 27th. He was born in Brownsville, Indiana, April 10, 1832. He was a brilliant lawyer, and was educated in Vermont, his father's native state.

WILLIAM H. PARMELEE, Gr. Master of the Grand Council of Connecticut in 1893, died at Collinsville Nov. 28, 1907, aged 81. He was born at Agawam, Mass., Dec. 2, 1826. He was a major in the civil war.

JAMES DUNBAR, Gr. Master of Quebec in 1874 and in 1876, and Grand 3d Principal of the Grand Chapter in 1876, died at Quebec Aug. 5, 1907. He was a distinguished lawyer, and was Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine.

CHARLES DAVIS, Grand Commander of Texas in 1888, died at El Paso Jan. 28, 1908. He was born at El Dorado, Arkansas, Sept. 18, 1847.

DANIEL HUNTER RANDOLPH, Deputy Grand Commander of Texas, died at Laredo Jan. 20, 1908. He was born in Greenville, S. C., Dec. 8, 1854.

JAMES W. BOWERS, Grand High Priest of Maryland in 1873 and '74, died in Baltimore Jan. 8th. He was born in Kent Co. July 23, 1826. He was Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge from 1864 to 1884, President of High Priesthood from 1877 till death, Grand Master of the Grand Council 1875, and Grand Recorder of G. Council from 1901 until death.

EUGENE T. MURCHISON, G. High Priest of Texas in 1904, died in Vernon Feb. 12th. He was born in Jefferson, N. C., July 9, 1854. He was S. Warden of the Grand Commandery at the time of his death.

REV. EDWIN WHEELOCK, G. Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, died in Cambridge Dec. 18th. He was born in Cambridge Nov. 17, 1822, and was a Congrega-

tional minister. Grand Chaplain since 1868, he was much beloved and venerated.

DWIGHT WAUGH, Grand Master of Connecticut in 1884 and 1885, died in Stamford Feb. 29th. He was born in Litchfield Jan. 20, 1831. He was G. H. Priest in 1882, and Gr. Master Council in 1879.

WILLIAM A. SUTHERLAND, Gr. Master of New York in 1897 and '98, died in Rochester March 12th. He was born near Canandaigua May 30, 1849, and was a lawyer.

JOHN F. SELBY, Grand Master of North Dakota in 1891, died at Hillsboro Jan. 8th, aged 59. He was born in Millbrook, Penn., Dec. 24, 1849, and was a lawyer. He was mayor at the time of his death.

ROBERT M. CAROTHERS, Grand Master of North Dakota in 1897, died at Grand Forks Feb. 4, 1908. He was born at Swissvale, near Pittsburgh, Penn., April 16, 1859, and was a lawyer. He was Grand Commander in 1903.

ELI M. TURNER, Grand Master of West Virginia in 1902, died in Morgantown Feb. 29th. He was born in Harrison Co., Dec. 24, 1848.

JOHN S. TITCOMB, Grand High Priest of Colorado in 1880, died at Sunnymead, near Platte Cañon, March 18th. He was born in Somersworth, N. H., and was a captain in the civil war. He was a civil engineer.

JAMES S. BARBER, Grand High Priest in 1889 and 1890, and Grand Master of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania in 1882, died in Philadelphia April 1st. He was born in Bloomfield, Conn., March 22, 1837. He was Past Commander-in-Chief of Philadelphia Consistory, and had presided in all the subordinate bodies of both rites.

CARMIE DIBBLE, Grand High Priest of Washington in 1897, Grand Commander in 1898, and Gr. Master Gr. Council in 1899, died at Seattle Jan. 28th. He was born in New York May 24, 1842.

EDWARD R. KENT, Grand Commander of New Hampshire in 1888, died at Lancaster April 20, aged 68.

NORMAN C. DANIELS, Grand High Priest of Wisconsin in 1887, died in Milwaukee March 30th.

WM. H. H. HOLSWADE, Gr. Commander of West Virginia in 1895, died at Huntington March 27th. He was born in Lewis County Feb. 16, 1847.

JAMES E. CANTRILL, Grand Commander of Kentucky in 1881, died in Georgetown April 5th. He was born in Bourbon Co. June 25, 1838, and was a captain in the Confederate service. Afterwards he was Lieut.-Governor and judge of Circuit Court.

The Masonic Hall at Everett, Mass., was destroyed by fire Jan. 25th.

Very Em. Sir Wm. B. Melish, 33°, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templars U. S. A., was the guest of Champaign and Urbana Commanderies of Illinois on Easter Sunday. Sir Melish delivered an address in the new auditorium of the State University of Illinois to an audience of twelve hundred persons. Two hundred and fifty Knights Templar were in line in full uniform, and the occasion was one long to be remembered. The title of the address of V. E. Sir Melish was "The Risen Christ in the Life of Today." He spoke, from the standpoint of a layman, concerning the mighty force and influence of the Emmanuel of the Templars in every phase of modern life.

The question of the consolidation of the two Grand Commanderies of Indian Territory, and of what was Oklahoma Territory, is engaging the attention of Grand Master H. W. Rugg, of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. The situation is a unique one, and has not arisen heretofore in the history of the Grand Encampment. As is well known to all, the new State of Oklahoma was formed out of the two territories of Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory. This places two Grand Commanderies in one jurisdiction or State, and as under the universal law of American Masonry there can be but one governing Grand Masonic body in a State at one and the same time, it becomes necessary to consolidate the two Grand Commanderies, as well as the two Grand Lodges, and two Grand Chapters, into new Grand Bodies to have jurisdiction over the masonic bodies of the various grades in what is now the State of Oklahoma.

We have completed and published the index for Volume 4 and will soon forward it to those who have ordered it. We beg all who have saved the volume to send for one before binding. It is furnished free.

We have some copies of volumes 2, 3 and 4 for sale at \$1.50 each or \$2.50 bound, and we wish that lodges would secure them for preservation. They contain the history of Masonry in Maine for the last 30 years, as well as an outline of that of Masonry outside the state, and now is the time to secure them. As Bro. Drummond used to say: "The time to get cake is when it's a passin'."

Grand Master Mallet has made us promise to complete the 5th volume, because he wants the round 50 years of it; but it is a hard promise to make in a climate where we have such cold winters, and for one who has often envied his ancestors because they do not have to get up mornings.

The General Grand Officers have fixed upon Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1909, as the meeting of the General Grand Chapter at Savannah, Georgia.



**THE HEART OF THE HILLS.**

There's a wonderful country lying  
Far off from the noisy town,  
Where the windflower swings  
And the veery sings,  
And the tumbling brooks come down.  
'Tis the land of light and of laughter,  
Where peace all the woodland fills,  
'Tis the land that lies  
'Neath the summer skies,  
In the heart of the happy hills.

The road to that wonderful country  
Leads out from the gates of care,  
And the tired feet  
In the dusty street  
Are longing to enter there.  
And a voice from that land is calling  
In the rush of a thousand rills,  
"Come away, away  
To the woods to-day,  
To the heart of the happy hills."

Far away in that wonderful country  
Where the clouds are always blue,  
In the shadows cool  
By the foaming pool  
We may put on strength anew,  
We may drink from the magic fountains,  
Where the wine of life distills,  
And never a care  
Shall find us there.  
In the heart of the happy hills.

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What lodge shall be next added?	

The new postal regulations oblige us to cut off some of our free list. The regulation is that papers can only be mailed to paid up subscribers. We regret it but perhaps the paper will not be missed, since most people have more reading than they can attend to. We have indulged ourselves by sending to many whom we thought needed to be reminded of Masonry once in a while, but our Uncle Samuel is peremptory although he means well.

Albert H. Hunter, D. D. G. M., in January, installed his son as Master of Bristol Lodge, an unusual happening.

Bro. Wm. Abraham Davies, Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder of California, sent out announcements of the 81st anniversary of his birth February 5th. We tender our congratulations.

Medinah Temple of Chicago sends out a very handsome report of its annual meeting.

We are indebted to Julius F. Sachse, Grand Librarian of Pennsylvania, for a copy of the fac-simile edition of Franklin's Constitution, the first masonic book printed in the western world. A valuable and interesting volume.

**PREMIUMS.**—Any brother who will procure subscribers for us, remitting not less than \$1 at a time, may retain one-fourth of the money for his services. Those who wish to assist us, without caring for the premium, can gratify some indigent brother by sending him a paper free. It is better to take subscriptions for two years.

**VALLE DE MEXICO.**—Bro. Joseph Robins of Illinois says:

"All masonic jurists agree that it requires the concurrent action of at least three lodges to create a grand lodge; and certain it is that no grand lodge has been formed without that number in the last one hundred and sixteen years.

"Our information is that the body under consideration was formed by the unauthorized splitting up of one lodge into three divisions and calling these divisions lodges—although two of them must have lacked that indispensable pre-requisite to the making of a lodge, a charter—for the avowed purpose of securing the three lodges necessary to form a grand lodge."

**Gen. Charles B. Hall.**

*From the Army and Navy Journal of Jan. 25, 1908.*

"The public installation of Gen. Charles B. Hall, U. S. Army, as worshipful master of Hancock Lodge, No. 311, A. F. & A. M., at the new lodge rooms on Meade Avenue, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Jan. 11, was a brilliant and impressive event. The large room, with its glittering chandeliers and great luminous archway and the decorations of ferns and potted plants and cut flowers, was a scene of imposing beauty. A special feature of the evening was the music arranged by Captain Conger, assisted by Leavenworth talent. After the ceremony of installation, refreshments were served."

General Hall, is a native of Maine, having entered the Army as a Second Lieutenant 25th Maine Volunteer Infantry; he entered the regular army the 22d of January, 1867, became a Colonel in 1903, and was appointed Brigadier General, United States Army, the 11th of April, 1907.

Hancock Lodge is the only masonic lodge located on a Military Reservation. It was organized by dispensation from the Most Worshipful Watson M. Lamb, Grand Master of Kansas, May 15, 1888, by Brother Carle A. Woodruff, (now Brig. General U. S. Army, retired); received its charter in February, 1889.

**MY DEAR BROTHER BERRY:**—The above may interest you. When I organized this lodge, the masons of the City of Leavenworth thought it would not live long. It has lived twenty years, has accomplished much good and is destined to live for many years to come.

Hope that neither you nor the Fraternity suffered by the recent fire. With best wishes I am, sincerely yours,

CARLE A. WOODRUFF.  
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 30, 1908.

The Chelsea fire, April 12th, burned the masonic building.

**Grand Secretary General.**

Less than three months ago Ill. Bro. Fred Webber, 33°, the dean of the Southern Supreme Council for many years, passed on to the great beyond, ripe with years. Bro. Allison Nailor of Washington, D. C., was appointed as his successor, and after only a short term of service, he, too, was gathered to the rest everlasting. For quite a number of years the assistant of Bro. Webber was Ill. Bro. A. B. Chamberlain, 33°, Inspector General for Texas, who relieved the venerable Secretary-General of much of the drudgery of the office, and is perfectly familiar with the nature of its duties.

After the demise of Bro. Nailor, it was perfectly natural that our honored Inspector-General should be called upon to take the arduous task, and he was appointed as Secretary-General Jan. 10, 1908, by the Grand Commander of the Supreme Council.

A brief résumé of the life and masonic history of Bro. Chamberlain may be of interest to the many members of the Rite in Texas. He was born and educated in Maine, and graduated from the University of Tennessee as a physician in 1867, practicing in Arkansas and Texas. In 1871 he was appointed quarantine officer at Sabine, Texas, which office he held for six years. In 1882 he moved to Galveston, which has since been his home.

He was made a Mason in 1869, exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in 1883, and knighted a Templar the same year. He took the Scottish Rite degrees in 1881, and was crowned as 33° honorary Oct. 29, 1884, and made an active member of the Supreme Council in October, 1893.

Under his able administration Texas has achieved the distinction of not only attaining a wonderful growth in the Scottish Rite, but as the first jurisdiction in the world in which all the degrees of the rite are worked in full without a ritual. May his extended sphere of usefulness be as fruitful of good results as those which have crowned his past is the sincere wish of his many friends in the Lone Star State, who take pride in his merited promotion. — [Texas Freemason.]

**RIGHT WORSHIPFUL.** An epithet applied in most jurisdictions of the United States to all Grand Officers below the dignity of a Grand Master. — [Encyclopædia of Freemasonry—McClenachan.]

**Our Masonic Exchanges.**

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# DIED.

GEORGE W. NEWBEGIN, in Bridgton, Jan 14, aged 84. A member of Oriental Lodge.  
 CHARLES L. DRUMMOND, in Portland, Jan. 29, aged 64 yrs. 2 mos, 11 d. (See editorial.)  
 EBEN E. RAND, in Leeds, Jan. 30, aged 67. A member of Acacia Lodge, Durham, and of St. Alban Commandery, Portland. He was appraiser in Portland Custom House for several years.  
 THOMAS S. LAUGHLIN, in Portland, by accidental drowning Feb. 15, aged 65. A member of Ancient Land Mark Lodge, Greenleaf Chapter, Portland Council, Portland Commandery and the Scottish Rite,  
 HERBERT G. BRIGGS, in Boston, Feb 16, aged about 60. He was a Royal Arch mason and had been post master of Portland  
 PETER S. NICKERSON, in Portland, suddenly, Feb. 19, aged 51 yrs. 6 mos. 4 da. A member of Portland Lodge, Greenleaf Chapter, St. Alban Commandery and other bodies.  
 FREDERICK HAMLEN, in Pittsfield, Mass., Feb

23, aged 73. The first master of Augusta Lodge in 1867.  
 ISAAC KNIGHT SEYMOUR, in Norfolk, Va., Feb 24, aged 44. He was Commander in the navy, an ordinance expert. He was a son of Denison E. Seymour, M. D., late of Calais. He left a wife. He was a member of Hugh de Payens Commandery and other bodies at Calais.  
 EMILIUS W. BROWN, in Melrose, Mass., Feb. 23, aged 65. A member of Washington Lodge, Lubec.  
 NICHOLAS DRINKWATER, at Prince's Point, Yarmouth, Feb. 23, aged 82. He was Master of Casco Lodge for 12 years and lodge historian.  
 CHARLES P. WALDRON, in Portland, Feb. 27, aged 63. A member of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge.  
 BERTRAM E. BRETT, in Portland, March 13, aged 33. A member of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge, Greenleaf Chapter, Portland Commandery, the Council and Scottish Rite.  
 JAMES DEMPSEY, in Houlton, March 10, aged 65. A member of St. Aldemar Commandery. He dropped dead of apoplexy when marching with the commandery to a funeral.  
 ALBERT R. HAWKES, in Windham, March 24, aged 74. He was a member of Presumpscot Lodge and Portland Commandery  
 A. G. TINKHAM, in Mechanic Falls, March 24, A member of Tyrian Lodge.  
 WILLIAM P. STEARNS, in Portland, March 26, aged 57. A member of Atlantic Lodge.  
 JOHN W. STOCKWELL, in Philadelphia, March 19, aged 75. A member of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge and Greenleaf Chapter. He was for a long time engaged in the cement pipe business in Portland.  
 HERMANN KOTZSCHMAR, in Portland, April 15, aged 78 yrs. 9 mos. 11 d. (See editorial.)  
 FRED J. STEVENS, in Lewiston, April 18, aged 41. A member of Portland Commandery.  
 RENSSELEAR GREELY, in Worcester, Mass., April 24, aged 76.  
 FRANK CHASE, in Waterville, April 26, aged 61. A member of Waterville Lodge and a leading manufacturer.  
 THOMAS A. ESTES, in Campbell, Iowa, April 13, aged 83, formerly of Harpswell.  
 EDWARD N. GREELY, in Portland, May 3, aged 73. A member of St. Alban Commandery.

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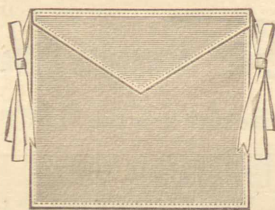
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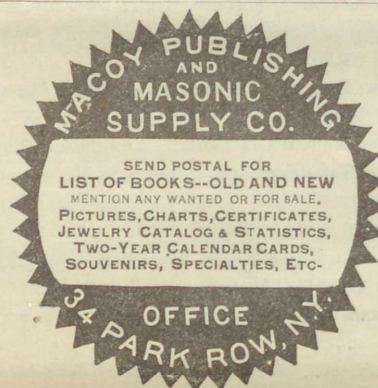
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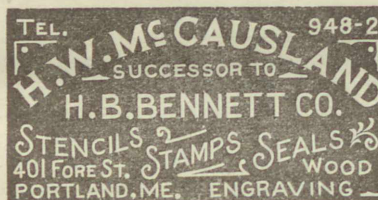
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